

Fasting 101

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Nutrition in the News



Harvard Takes on Fat



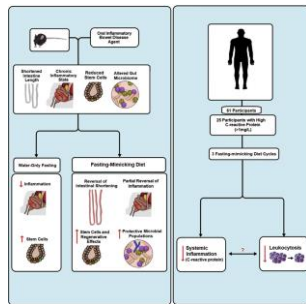
David S. Ludwig, Walter C. Willett, Jeff S. Volek, Marian L. Neuhouser. Dietary fat: From foe to friend? *Science*. 2018; 362 (6416): 764



One or more servings of fried chicken a day was linked to a 13% higher risk of death from any cause and a 12% higher risk of heart-related death compared with no fried food.

Similarly, one or more servings of fried fish/shellfish a day was linked to a 7% higher risk of death from any cause and a 13% higher risk of heart-related death compared with no fried food.

Fasting Mimicking Diet and Inflammation



Peter Bergin, Yinying Chen, Min Wei, Gerardo Nuñez, Sara Gal, Sebastian Brandhorst, Nohel Enjuy, Gabi Pilon, David Kribben, Vanessa Cruz, Steve Schickel, Victor D. Longi. Fasting-Mimicking Diet Modulates Microbiota and Promotes Intestinal Regeneration to Reduce Inflammatory Bowel Disease Pathology. *Cell Reports*. 2019; 28 (10): 2704

A clinical trial shows reduction of inflammation in humans and in mice, the diet appears to reverse Crohn's and colitis pathology

- FMD cycles partially reverse IBD-related pathology compared to water-only fasting
- FMD cycles reduce intestinal inflammatory and immune and increase regenerative markers
- FMD cycles promote the expansion of Lactobacillaceae and Bifidobacteriaceae
- FMD cycles can reduce systemic inflammation and consequent leukocytosis in humans

Food and Mood: supplements not the same as food



MooDFOOD prevention trial

(the largest randomized clinical trial to study the effects of nutritional strategies on the prevention of major depressive disorder).

Food behavioral therapy only works if the participants get sufficient exposure and are able to sufficiently improve their diet and dietary behavior.



In a large observational study, women who reported drinking more than one diet soda or other artificially sweetened drink a day had a higher risk of strokes caused by a blood clot

Original Contribution

Artificially Sweetened Beverages and Stroke, Coronary Heart Disease, and All-Cause Mortality in the Women's Health Initiative

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Background and Purpose—We examine the association between self-reported consumption of artificially sweetened beverages (ASB) and stroke and its subtypes, coronary heart disease, and all-cause mortality in a cohort of postmenopausal US women.

Methods—The analytic cohort included 41 714 women from the Women's Health Initiative Observational Study, a multicenter longitudinal study of the health of 92 000 postmenopausal women of ages 50 to 79 years at baseline who enrolled in 1993 to 1998. This prospective study had a mean follow-up time of 11.9 years (SD of 5.3 years). Participants who completed a follow-up visit 3 years after baseline were included in the study.

Results—Most participants (64.1%) were infrequent consumers (never or <1 week) of ASB, with only 5.1% consuming ≥2 ASBs/week. In multivariate analyses, those consuming the highest level of ASB compared to never or rarely (<1 wk) had significantly greater likelihood of all end points (except hemorrhagic stroke), after controlling for multiple covariates. Adjusted models indicated that hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals were 1.23 (1.02–1.47) for all stroke; 1.31

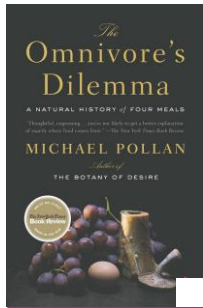
Artificially Sweetened Beverages and Stroke, Coronary Heart Disease, and All-Cause Mortality in the Women's Health Initiative Stroke 2019

Aging well is dependent on lifestyle choices



- 1. Something that comes from nature
- 2. Was fed from nature
- 3. Will eventually rot

-Michael Pollan



Food



Not Food



Food



Not Food



FASTING 101



Calorie restriction lets monkeys live long and prosper



Calorie restriction improves health and survival of rhesus monkeys

by a team of researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Madison

MONDAY, April 22, 2013

MONKEYS THAT EAT LESS LIVE LONGER AND PROSPER, according to a new study from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The study, published in the journal *PLoS One*, shows that rhesus monkeys that were fed a diet with 30 percent fewer calories than those that were fed a standard diet lived significantly longer and had fewer health problems.

The study was led by researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for the Study of Biological Complexity. The researchers found that the monkeys that were fed a calorie-restricted diet had lower levels of insulin, a hormone that is associated with obesity and diabetes. They also had lower levels of triglycerides, a type of fat in the blood that is associated with heart disease.

The researchers also found that the calorie-restricted monkeys had a lower incidence of cancer and other diseases. They also had a higher survival rate than the monkeys that were fed a standard diet.

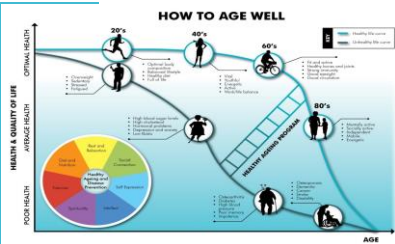
The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The researchers plan to continue their work on calorie restriction and its effects on health and survival.

Our culture is one of overeating, obesity, disease and increased mortality

The most recent NHANES statistics show that almost 40% of Americans are obese and over 70% of Americans are overweight

The Western dietary pattern accelerates aging pathways





(US Census National Population Projections 2012)
CDC, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey
2010
CDC, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion 2012

A History of Fasting



What is Fasting?

- Absence of food for a specific period of time
- Comparison of Fasting and starvation
- What is a Biologic Fast



Fasting is the Forgotten Balance for Living Healthier, Longer

"the body has everything in it to fix itself. Due to the rejuvenation and regeneration aspects of fasting, it is clear that a fasting regimen, and especially a fasting mimicking diet can help to prolong life and "fix" the body."

-Valter Longo, PhD, one of the world's preeminent fasting and longevity experts and TIME Magazine's 50 Most Influential People in Health Care of 2018

How diet leads to rapid acceleration of aging

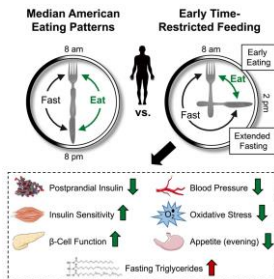
Types of fasting



Types of Fasting

- **Time Restricted Feeding (TRF)**
 - A type of intermittent fasting, refers to studies in mice
- **Time Restricted Eating (TRE)**
 - A type of intermittent fasting, refers to studies in humans
- **Intermittent Fasting (IF)**
 - Fasting for 24 hours but less than 2 days
- **Short Term Fast (ST)**
 - 2-3 consecutive days
- **Alternate Day Fasting (ADA):**
 - Fasting every other day
- **Prolonged Fasting**
 - Fasting for 4 days or longer
- **Fasting Mimicking Diet (FMD)**
 - Mimics prolonged Fasting, done with food and supplements

Time restricted eating



Sutton EF, Selvaraj S, Coates KT, Coates WT, Ravussin E, Peterson CM. Early Time-Restricted Feeding Improves Insulin Sensitivity, Blood Pressure, and Oxidative Stress Even without Weight Loss in Men with Prediabetes. Cell Metabolism. 2018;8(10):212-221. doi:10.1016/j.cmet.2018.04.009

Impact on Health Factors

Category	Weight Loss	Lean Body Mass Protection	Cholesterol Impact	Fasting Blood Glucose	Rejuvenation & Regeneration
Calorie Restriction	✓		✓	✓	
Intermittent Fasting	✓✓		✓	✓✓	
Time-Restricted Feeding	✓		✓	✓	
Periodic Fasting	✓✓✓		✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
Fasting Mimicking Diet	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓

Water Only Fasts

Water only fast limit all food and Drink except water. Usually done over The course of 24 hours or more, this Fast is difficult to sustain and requires Medical supervision

Health benefits:
Triggers autophagy
Reduces risk for certain chronic diseases



Risks of Water Only Fasts

- Loss of Lean Muscle
- Dehydration
- Unsafe drop in blood pressure
- Can make existing conditions worse
- Slows metabolism
- Malnourishment



Consumer Application of Fasting

1. Determine if fasting is a good option for your patient
2. Determine which fasting type would make the most sense given the following factors
 - Overall goals
 - Risk factors
 - Social factors

- Contraindications**
- Symptoms**
- Labs**
- Protocols**

Certain Populations Should Abstain from Fasting Mimicking Diets

- Pregnant Women
- People who are underweight, have very low body mass <18.5 or suffer from anorexia
- People over the age of 70, WHO LOOK FRAGILE OR HAVE SOME COMORBIDITY (unless in superior health)
- Type 1 Diabetes
- Heart failure
- People with liver or kidney disease
- People affected by pathologies, unless they have prior approval from their specialized Doctor

Certain Populations Should Abstain from Fasting Mimicking Diets



- In the cases of serious or relatively serious illness (cancer, diabetes, autoimmune disease, cardiovascular disease, neurodegenerative disease)
- individuals on medication
- Individuals with certain rare genetic mutations
- Patients with low blood pressure or on medication for hypertension
- Athletes during training or competition

Possible Side Effects of Prolonged Fasting / FMD

Please be aware of and inform the user of all potential side-effects associated with a low calorie, low carbohydrate and low protein meal program, which may include:

- Fatigue
- Weakness
- Headache (including caffeine withdrawal)
- Dry mouth
- Memory impairment
- Muscle pain

Laboratory Testing Before / After Fasting Regimen

Testing can be done before and after 3 cycles of FMD

Blood Tests

- Cholesterol (total, HDL, LDL)
- Triglycerides
- hs-CRP
- Insulin Like Growth Factor (IGF)
- fasting blood glucose
- Insulin resistance (HOMA test)

Non Blood Tests

- Weight
- Blood pressure
- Waist circumference
- Body Mass Index (or a proxy for waist circumference)

Other subjective measurements which reflects the stem cell spike are high level of energy which starts by end of day 4, and increase on day 5-10; sharp mental focus, physical performance
