

EYE HEALTH: GlaucomaNutritional Support Protocol

Lifestyle Recommendations:

- 1. Termination of cigarette/ cigar habit is critical to the reduction in Glaucoma risk.
- 2. Reduce salt and chlorine intake by altering the seasoning and cooking of food to minimize the addition of salts.
- 3. Minimize caffeine consumption.
- 4. Maintenance of normal body fat (BMI < 30) will reduce risks across the board.
- 5. Correct abnormal blood glucose, lipid, blood pressure, circulation, and homocysteine levels through diet, exercise, supplementation, and pharmacologic interventions if necessary.
- 6. Consume a diet high in a variety of fruits and vegetables while adding fish oils and flaxseed to your meal choices or preparations.
- 7. Avoid highly refined flours and sugars, oxidized fats, beer consumption, and smoked meats.
- 8. Control carbohydrate type and amount for patients with metabolic disorders.
- 9. Seek alternative methods to reduce stress in the lifestyle.
- 10. Begin an exercise program under professional and committed supervision.

Dietary Recommendations:

- 1. Consume foods high in lutein and zeaxanthin such as spinach, kale, corn, turnip greens, and egg yolks.
- 2. Emphasize omega-3 fatty acids in the diet by consuming salmon, mackerel, herring or sardines on a regular basis. Omega 9 fatty acids can be found in olive oil, almonds, hazelnuts, avocados, macademia oil, and coconut oil.
- 3. In order to receive a broad spectrum of antioxidants, eating 5-9 servings of a variety of fruits and vegetables is strongly advised. Adding one heaping teaspoon of PaleoGreens and PaleoReds to a favorite beverage is another alternative.
- 4. Aim to get more zinc and copper in your diet. Good food sources of zinc include: Beef, pork, lamb, fish, chicken (especially dark meat), peanuts, peanut butter and beans. Good sources of copper include crab, lobster, shrimp, oysters, beans, nuts, and white potatoes.
- 5. Drink at least 64 ounces of filtered, bottled or non-chlorinated water every day.
- 6. Limit or avoid trans fatty acids such as hydrogenated vegetable oil, margarine, or shortening. Avoid fried foods and cook with olive oil at a low heat.
- 7. Substitute complex carbohydrates, primarily whole grains such as brown rice, for refined and simple carbohydrates.

Supplement Recommendations:

In addition to the core nutrient program recommended by your Health Care Professional and/ or from the results of your most recent Designs for Health Metabolic Profile:

OcuForce: 2- 4 capsules daily with meals 1 capsule three times per day

Magnesium Glycinate

Chelate: 1 capsule three times per day with meals

Glucosamine Sulfate: 1 capsule three times per day

OmegAvail Synergy: 2 softgels daily

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