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PRETZELS

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DAIRY SUBSTITUTES

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DESSERTS:

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RESEARCH

TWO NEW ARTICLES SAY MILK CAUSES DIABETES

"Environmental Factors in Childhood IDDM" by Charles Verge in the December 1994 issue of Diabetes Care (17:1381) found an association with early exposure to cow's milk-containing formula, short duration of exclusive breast feeding, and a high intake of cow's milk in the recent diet as dietary factors pointing to dairy products as the cause of childhood-type diabetes. In the same issue of Diabetes Care appeared the article "Relationship Between Dairy Product Consumption and the Incidence of IDDM in Childhood in Italy" by Danila Fava which found a .84 correlation between fluid milk consumption and the incidence of childhood diabetes in 9 regions in Italy (17:1488). (IDDM is insulin dependent diabetes mellitus.)

COMMENT:

The scientific literature is pointing the guilty finger at cow's milk for causing childhood (type I) diabetes. The evidence includes:

- Animal experimental models where cow's milk triggers diabetes.
- Worldwide the incidence of childhood diabetes is directly, and very strongly, correlated with cow's milk consumption (comparing different countries and populations within countries).
- The incidence of diabetes has risen in several European countries; too rapidly to be explained by a change in genetics.
- Increased incidence in migrant populations compared with people living in their countries of origin. (Showing this is an environmental disease.)
- Protective effect of breast feeding in multiple studies; the longer a child is breast-fed the, the less the risk of diabetes.
- Early introduction of cow's milk-formula associated with increased chance of developing diabetes.
- Children with newly diagnosed diabetes have higher levels of antibodies (IgG anti-bovine serum albumin) to cow's milk proteins than matched controls. Furthermore, the antibody is made to attack a small segment of amino acids on the cow's milk protein. Unfortunately, the same sequence of amino acids is also present on the insulin producing cells of the pancreas.
- Recent analysis of the data finds the incidence of childhood diabetes would be reduced by 40% if cow's milk was eliminated from children's diets during the first 3 months of life

(References for these facts are provided in the above two articles and also Diabetes 42:288, 1993)

Immune Mimicry

Childhood diabetes happens when the body attacks itself, more specifically, attacks the insulin producing cells of the pancreas. In susceptible children, because of a compromised intestinal barrier, cow's milk protein passes intact through the intestinal wall into the blood stream. The intestine may fail to provide an effective barrier for several reasons, including; inherited weaknesses, immaturity, infection-caused alterations of the intestine, and environmental damage to the intestinal wall caused by reactions to foods or chemicals.

Once inside the body the cow's milk protein is viewed as an invading organism, like a virus or bacteria. Antibodies are made to the cow's milk protein. Unfortunately, the antibodies are made against a small segment of protein consisting of a sequence of amino acids that is also represented on the surface of the insulin producing cells of the pancreas (N Engl J Med 327:302, 1992). Because of this copy of amino acids from the cow's milk being present on the pancreas cells, the disease process is known ac immune mimicry. The body now is attacking itself in an effort to defend against bottlefuls of formula, glassfuls of milk, spoonfuls of ice cream, and platefuls of cheese. And the child destroys his or her pancreas over a period of 5 to 7 years.

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HOMOCYSTEINE POINTS TO ARTERY DISEASE

Association Between Plasma Homocysteine Concentrations And Extracranial Carotid-Artery Stenosis" by Jacob Selhub in the February 2, 1995 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine (332:286) found high blood levels of homocysteine and low levels of folate and vitamin B6 were associated with an increased risk of atherosclerosis in the carotid arteries (large blood vessels in the neck that supply the brain). They studied 1041 elderly people from the Framingham Heart Study and found significant closure (greater than 25%) of the carotid arteries in 43 percent of men and 34 percent of women. Those with the highest levels of homocysteine had twice the chance of having serious artery disease compared with those with the lowest levels (after adjusting for other risk factors for artery disease including age, cholesterol, blood pressure, and smoking). Also after adjusting for these other risk factors the blood concentration of folate and vitamin B6 were low in those with the artery disease.

COMMENT:

Are you confused again about what causes heart disease? Is it elevated blood cholesterol or homocysteine? Actually both are the result of consuming a rich diet, which leaves you with the same solution for preventing heart diseaseeating a starch-based diet, and avoiding rich foods.

Elevated homocysteine levels were originally suspected to be important in atherosclerosis because of a group of rare metabolic diseases known as the homocystinurias, where the sulphur containing amino acid, homocysteine, is greatly elevated in the blood. The condition occurs in 1 in 200,000 births. People with severe homocystinuria have dislocation of the lens of their eyes, mental retardation, osteoporosis, and severe atherosclerosis of the coronary, kidney, and cerebral arteries. Nearly one-quarter of people with this disease die of coronary artery disease before the age 30. Treatment for these very sick people is based on a synthetic diet deficient in methionine and the supplementation of vitamin B6.

Damage to the arteries has been produced in experimental animals by infusing homocysteine. Apparently it has a toxic effect on the inside linings of the arteries (N Engl J Med 332:328, 1995). Furthermore, it seems to stimulate growth of the muscle cells of the artery walls--a key component in the development of atherosclerosis. It also increases the clotting tendency of the blood increasing the chance of thrombosis formation in the arteries.

A positive association with only slightly elevated levels of homocysteine has been found with coronary, peripheral, and cerebral artery disease in "normal" people. Homocysteine levels only 12 percent higher than normal are associated with a 3.4 fold risk of artery disease. Of further interest is people with artery disease have an exaggerated rise in their homocysteine levels when challenged with a test dose of oral methionine.

The metabolism of methionine to cysteine requires B12, B6, and folate. If this metabolism is inadequate then an

intermediary product, homocysteine, accumulates. Previous investigations have found that the addition of these vitamins will lower homocysteine levels in people (Atherosclerosis 81:51, 1990; Am J Clin Nutr 57:47, 1993). However, inadequate folate intake is the primary determinant of homocysteine-induced artery damage (JAMA 270:2693, 1993). Approximately 40% of our population consumes inadequate folate to keep the homocysteine levels at a safe, low level. The addition of a daily vitamin supplement containing 1 to 2 mg of folate will reduce high homocysteine levels (N Engl J Med 332:328, 1995).

But, wouldn't it make more sense to eat the right foods? The principle source of folate in our diet is from plant foods, especially green leafy vegetables and fruits. Protracted cooking and processing, such as canning, destroys folate in plant foods. Refining removes folate from foods. Thus, the rich western diet is folate deficient. The authors of an accompaining editorial recommended, "...it will be prudent to ensure adequate dietary intake of folate" (N Engl J Med 332:328, 1995).

Further elevation of homocysteine levels is caused by consuming a diet high in methionine. Fruit and vegetables are low in methionine, where as red meat, poultry and fish are high in methionine. For example, consuming 225 calories (6 oz) of boiled kidney beans provides 230 mg of methionine; where as, 225 calories (3 oz) of ground extra lean beef provides 565 mg of methionine. Therefore, most Americans are doing a provocative test for elevated blood homocysteine with large doses of methionine three times a day--breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

So modern medicine finds still another coffin nail by which the rich American diet kills more than a half a million people a year through heart attacks and strokes. It is important for you as the consumer not to get confused by all this information and think "no one knows what causes heart disease--there are so many theories." Like cholesterol, the blood homocysteine level is another sign reflecting the health of the arteries. Also like cholesterol, it appears to have direct toxic effects on the arteries. All these theories and new findings still point to the same fact: the human body was not designed to tolerate the rich American diet--also know as a methionine-rich, folatedeficient, high-cholesterol, high-fat, fiber-deficient diet.



RECIPES

Breakfast Tortillas

Servings: 4-6 Preparation Time: 5 minutes (need cooked rice) Cooking Time: 20 minutes

2 cups frozen hash brown potatoes 1 cup cooked brown rice 1/4 cup chopped green onions 1/3 cup salsa 1/3 cup frozen corn kernels 4-6 whole wheat tortillas

Cook the potatoes in a dry non-stick skillet, stirring frequently, until lightly browned, about 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients (except the tortillas) and cook another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until heated through. Spoon a line down the center of each tortilla, roll up and eat.

Italian Potato Salad

Servings: 8 Preparation Time: 25 minutes Cooking Time: 25 minutes

1-1/2 pounds small red potatoes 2 cups green beans, cut in 1-inch lengths

2 cups yellow wax beans, cut in 1-inch lengths 1 large red bell pepper, chopped

1/2 cup finely chopped red onion 1/2 cup fat-free Italian dressing fresh ground pepper to taste

Cook potatoes in water to cover until just tender. Drain and cut into chunks. Cook beans in water until just tender, about 15-20 minutes. Drain. Combine all the vegetables in a large bowl. Pour dressing over and toss to mix. Season with freshly ground pepper. Serve warm, at room temperature, or chilled.

Southwest Salad

Servings: 6 Preparation Time: 20 minutes Chilling Time: 1 hour

2 15-ounce cans black beans, drained and rinsed

3 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed 1 teaspoon minced garlic 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro 3/4 cup oil-free dressing

1 teaspoons cumin

Mix the first 7 ingredients together in a large bowl. Combine the oil-free dressing with the cumin using a wire whisk. Pour dressing over the salad and mix well. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

Gourmet Cream of Mushroom Soup

Servings: 4 Preparation Time: 20 minutes Cooking Time: 30 minutes

2 leeks, sliced

cup chopped fresh oyster mushrooms
 cup chopped fresh shiitake mushrooms
 cup sliced fresh button mushrooms
 large fresh portobello mushroom
 3-1/2 cups water
 3-4 tablespoons soy sauce
 teaspoon thyme
 teaspoon marjoram
 teaspoon rosemary
 teaspoon oregano
 teaspoon basil
 several twists of freshly ground pepper
 scup unbleached white flour
 1-1/2 cups non-fat soy milk

Clean leeks and use white part and a little light green part.

Remove stems of oyster, shiitake and portobello mushrooms. Save for future use or discard. Remove the black gills of the portobello using a teaspoon. Chop portobello into bite-sized pieces. Place the leeks and mushrooms in a soup pot with 1/2 cup of the water. Cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes. Add the remaining water and the seasonings. Slowly bring to a boil while stirring. Sprinkle very small amounts of the flour over the soup while stirring. When the flour has all been stirred in (do not hurry this step), and soup is boiling, reduce heat to low and cook for 20 minutes. Slowly add the milk while stirring. Heat through and serve.

Macaroni and Oaty Cheese

Servings: 8

Preparation Time: 15 minutes Cooking Time: 30 minutes

2 cups water 1/2 cup quick cooking oatmeal 1/4 cup nutritional yeast 2 tablespoons cornstarch 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1/2 tablespoon onion powder 1-1/2 teaspoons salt 1 (4 ounce) jar diced pimento 1 pound elbow macaroni

Place all ingredients in a blender jar and process for several minutes until very smooth and well blended. Pour into a saucepan, cook and stir until thickened. Preheat over to 350 degrees. Cook the macaroni until just tender. Place in a covered baking dish, pour cheese sauce over the top and mix thoroughly. Bake, covered, for 30 minutes.

Jazzy White Beans

Servings: 4-6 Preparation Time: 15 minutes (need cooked beans) Cooking Time: 20 minutes

1/2 cup water
1 onion, chopped
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
1 15-ounce can chopped tomatoes
1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot
1/2 teaspoon sage
1/2 teaspoon ground oregano
1/2 teaspoon basil
4 cups cooked white beans (3 15-ounce cans, drained)
2 tablespoons soy sauce
lots of freshly ground pepper

Place water in a large saucepot with the onion and garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and seasonings, cook for 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook for an additional 15 minutes. Serve over rice or potatoes.



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