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Pay less at supermarkets, Target, Best Buy! This "super-fiber" triggers the same anti-hunger hormones as weight-loss surgery!



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STAY-YOUNG BREAKTHROUGHS!

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### Ask the Doctor

"Can chocolate prevent a stroke?"

I know that eating some chocolate can be healthy, but my friend says it helps prevent strokes! Really?

Yes! Our look at the diets and lifestyles of 33,000 women revealed that frequent chocolate eaters were 20% less likely to have a stroke compared to women who ate hardly any chocolate. And all that was needed to get the benefit was about 2.3 ounces a week! Chocolate-especially dark varieties-is rich in unique antioxidants that benefit the cardiovascular system.

-Nutritional epidemiologist Susanna C. Larsson, Ph.D., National Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden

### "What can stop their ear infections?"

My kids are prone to painful ear infections, and I'd rather they not keep taking antibiotics. What else can prevent them?

Chewing gum! We found that children who chewed two pieces of gum with xylitol five times a day, after meals and snacks, for at least five minutes were about 40% less likely to develop an infection. Preliminary evidence shows xylitol, a natural sugar substitute, prevents the growth of the bacteria that cause ear infections.

-Matti Uhari, M.D., Ph.D., professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Oulu, Finland

# Natural Health

# Foods that make you Cancer-proof!

Cancer is the disease we fear most. Yet recent studies suggest you needn't completely revamp your life to avoid it. In fact, many of the keys to preventing common cancers are already tucked away in your pantry and fridge! Experts now say . . .

bladder cancers 30%

Garlic is packed with

antioxidants that help

destroy abnormal cells.

selenium and sulfur-

## cancer risk 40%!

Cruciferous veggies-cabbage, University of Texas studies show

precancerous cells. reducing breast cancer risk 40%. "Indoles also help your liver break down harmful excess estrogens," says C.W. Randolph Jr., M.D., cofounder of The Natural Hormone Institute in Jacksonville, Florida.

1/2 cup daily.

# Your protective Rx:

Whole grains slash cervical cancer risk Women who eat 100% whole-grain

foods, such as brown rice, barley and oats, are half as likely to get cervical cancer as women who eat lots of carbs made with white flour. Whole grains are rich in B vitamins, selenium and vitamin E, all proven to halt the growth of abnormal cervical cells.

■ Your protective R<sub>x</sub>: 3 servings daily.

### Cabbage cuts breast Leafy greens reduce lung cancer risk 50%!

broccoli and the like-contain that eating a handful of leafy greens indoles, phytonutrients that zap daily cuts lung cancer risk as much as 50%. Spinach,

> romaine and the like are packed with chlorophyll, a plant compound that makes white blood cells more vigorously attack and destroy abnormal lung cells before they can turn into full-blown cancers, researchers say.

Your protective Rx: 1 heaping cup daily.

### Brazil nuts nix 34% of colon cancer cells!

The nuts are rich in magnesium, a mineral that shuts down the growth of precancerous cells in the

intestines, cutting your risk of colon and rectal cancers 34% or more. Eating one clove daily will cut your risk of stomach, colon and

This protective nutrient is present in many other foods, including almonds, cashews and sunflower seeds, as well as halibut, spinach and fortified cereals!

■ Your protective R<sub>x</sub>:

1 oz. to 2 oz. daily.



#### Put curry on your menu!

Turmeric-a key spice in curry and other East Indian dishesis chock-full of one of nature's most powerful phytochemicals, giving it the power to switch on your body's own aggressive cancer-fighting genes and cut your risk of cancer as much as 68%, new research shows.

■ The study-proven dose: 1/4 tsp. of turmeric daily.

#### Tea lowers ovarian cancer risk 46%!

Sipping two mugs of black or green tea daily lowers your risk of ovarian cancer 46%, Swedish research reveals. "Tea is rich in polyphenols, compounds that destroy ovarydamaging free radicals, plus stall abnormal cell growth," says Daniel Cosgrove, M.D., medical director of California's WellMax Center for Preventive Medicine.

Your protective 20 oz. daily.

—Brenda Kearns

# Feel better Fast!

cramps? To relieve and prevent painful "charley horses" . . .

it out! Leg

cramps occur when nuscles painfully contract. To unknot hem, gently flex your foot toward our head, says Valachy McHugh, Ph.D., of The Vicholas Institute

Apply heat!

Use a heating pad or warm bath to increase blood flow to the area: this soothes soreness and helps stop another cramp of Sports Medicine. from forming.

Sleep more! "Exhaustion

seems to cause muscles to misfire and cramp up, so the more tired or run-down you are, the more likely you are to get leg cramps," McHugh says.

Pop

magnesium! "This crucial mineral helps muscles function properly," notes Jacob Teitelbaum, M.D. Take 250 mg. daily before bed with skim milk; calcium boosts your body's absorption of magnesium.

Free your

toes! Sleep on your back or with your feet off the edge of the bed. This helps keep your toes from pointing, which can make muscles contract.

#### More prevention tips!

Smoking decreases circulation; quitting increases blood flow to muscles. helping to prevent cramping.

Shedding even a few extra pounds reduces pressure on thigh, calf and foot muscles.

Sipping tonic water delivers quinine, a substance long used to stop leg cramps.