

Why Elimination Diets are Necessary

The modern American diet, and lifestyle as a general rule is not conducive for optimal health. The standard American diet filled with high amounts of grains, dairy, sugars, inflammatory oils, and preservatives in conjunction with increasingly stress filled lifestyles is detrimental to not only our GI health but our overall health.

Over time, Stressful events, medications, and eating "food intolerances" or foods that cause adverse reactions, will disrupt the healthy gut flora and cause chronic systemic inflammation. Over time, this inflammation and GI damage just gets worse, unless the food intolerances are removed from the diet.

An elimination diet will omit common food intolerances from the diet for a set period of time to allow for healing of the GI tract and resolution of inflammation.

Symptoms that May be Due to Food Sensitivities:

General:

Fatigue, anxiety, depression, insomnia, food cravings, obesity

Infection:

Recurrent colds, urinary tract infections, sore throats, ear infections, yeast infections

Ear, Nose & Throat:

Chronic nasal congestion, postnasal drip, fluid in the ears, Meniere's syndrome

Gastrointestinal:

Irritable bowel syndrome, constipation, diarrhea, abdominal cramping, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, gallbladder disease

Miscellaneous:

Asthma, frequent urination, teeth grinding, bedwetting, infantile colic

Dermatologic:

Acne, eczema, psoriasis, canker sores (aphthous ulcers), hives

Rheumatologic:

Muscle aches, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis.

Neurologic:

Migraines and other headaches, numbness, brain fog

Cardiovascular:

·High blood pressure, arrhythmia, angina



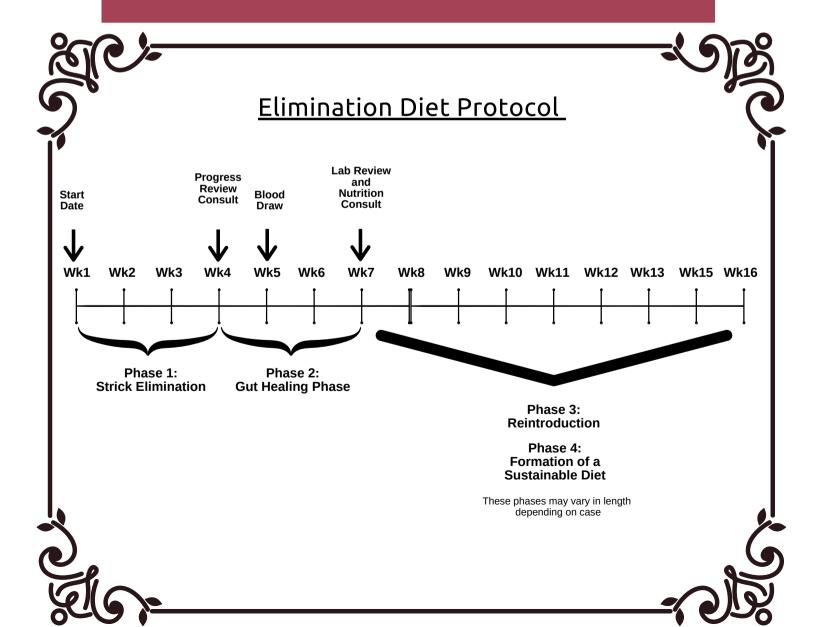


Benefits of an Elimination Diet:

- Improvement in Above Symptoms
- Weight loss
- Allergy resolution
- Decreased antibody levels and disease activity in autoimmune conditions
- Improved mental clarity and concentration
- Improved mood
- Elevated Energy



The Natural Med Doc Protocol



Four Phases of The Natural Med Doc Elimination Diet Protocol

1 Strict Avoidance of Possible Food Intolerances

- Strictly avoid the below list of foods for 3 weeks.
- Be sure to do a Pantry Purge! Throw out all foods that are not allowed while on the elimination diet to avoid temptation.
- Be sure to read labels on all processed food before eating as gluten, dairy, soy and other ingredients are often snuck into products.
- Be careful when eating out. I often see symptom recurrence in patients after eating out even when they are careful with ingredients.
- Symptoms may become worse before they get better! This is a typical detox reaction that usually will subside in 3-9 days.

The Gut Healing Phase

- We will meet in 3 weeks to determine if you are ready for this phase.
- A 3 week gut healing protocol will be developed for your specific case.
- You will continue to avoid the suspected foods during this phase.

3 The Reintroduction Phase

- We will meet again before this phase for full instruction on the reintroduction protocol.
- Make sure to take this part slow! You have now done all the work and want your best results.

4 Formation of a New Sustainable Diet Phase

 After the full reintroduction is complete we will meet to discuss your sustainable new diet.



Elimination Diet Foods List

Not Allowed Food Groups Meat lean, free range, all processed meats! Large and farm raised fish: natural, antibiotic free, growth hormone free tuna, swordfish, atlantic salmon, bottom proteins, game, chicken, liver, poultry, dwellers like catfish turkey, lamb, lean beef, fish (2-3 servings per week, including), shellfish All Dairy Products! milk, (Hemp milk, almond Dairy milk, and coconut milk butter, ice cream, sour are wonderful milk cream, cheese, yogurt, ghee, kefir alternatives) Wheat, Rye, Barley, Non Grains Limited white rice, quinoa, gluten free gluten free oats, Spelt, steal cut oats. Sprouted grains, Brown Rice All Soy products! Legumes **Peanuts** (LIMITED: (If consumed cook in pressure cooker to decrease lectin content) lentils, beans of all kinds, kidney beans, navy, pinto, black beans, chickpeas (hummus), black eyed

peas, peanuts))

Eggs and Egg Eggs Substitutes Peanuts, cashews, Nuts/Seeds sunflower, pumpkin, sesame butter, walnuts, macadamia, Brazils, filberts, pecans, almonds, also almond milk Fruit apples, pomegranate, Wheat, Rye, Barley, Non gluten free oats, Spelt, melons, kiwi, plums, pears, pineapple, Sprouted grains, Brown mango, figs, dates, Rice raisins, cranberries, prunes, grapes and bananas, berries, citrus Corn, Canned Vegetables Quinoa, Yams, Sweet potatoes, leafy greens, Vegetables collards, broccoli, green (LIMITED: (If consumed beans, Brussels, onion, sprouts, cabbage, cook in pressure cooker lettuce, chard, kale, bok to decrease lectin choy, avocados, content) Night Shades: zucchini tomato, peppers, eggplant, tamatillos, red pepper flakes, seasonings that contain peppers)

Beverages

WATER!, unsweetened tea, Black Coffee, sparkling water Soda, alcohol, juice from concentrate, gatorade, power aide, energy drinks, sweet coffees, sweetened coffee creamers (Limit) fresh juice

Coconut, Olive, Butter, Margarine, Oils Avocado, sesame, Ghee, peanut, vegetable, canola Stevia, monk fruit Sweeteners

