

# *Preventing and Reversing Disease With Plant-Based Nutrition*



## **Ann Arbor Plant-Based Challenge**

**Robert Breakey, MD, DipABLM**

**Ann Arbor, MI**

**September 14, 2022**



# 1964

## *COPD and Lung Cancer are Largely Preventable*

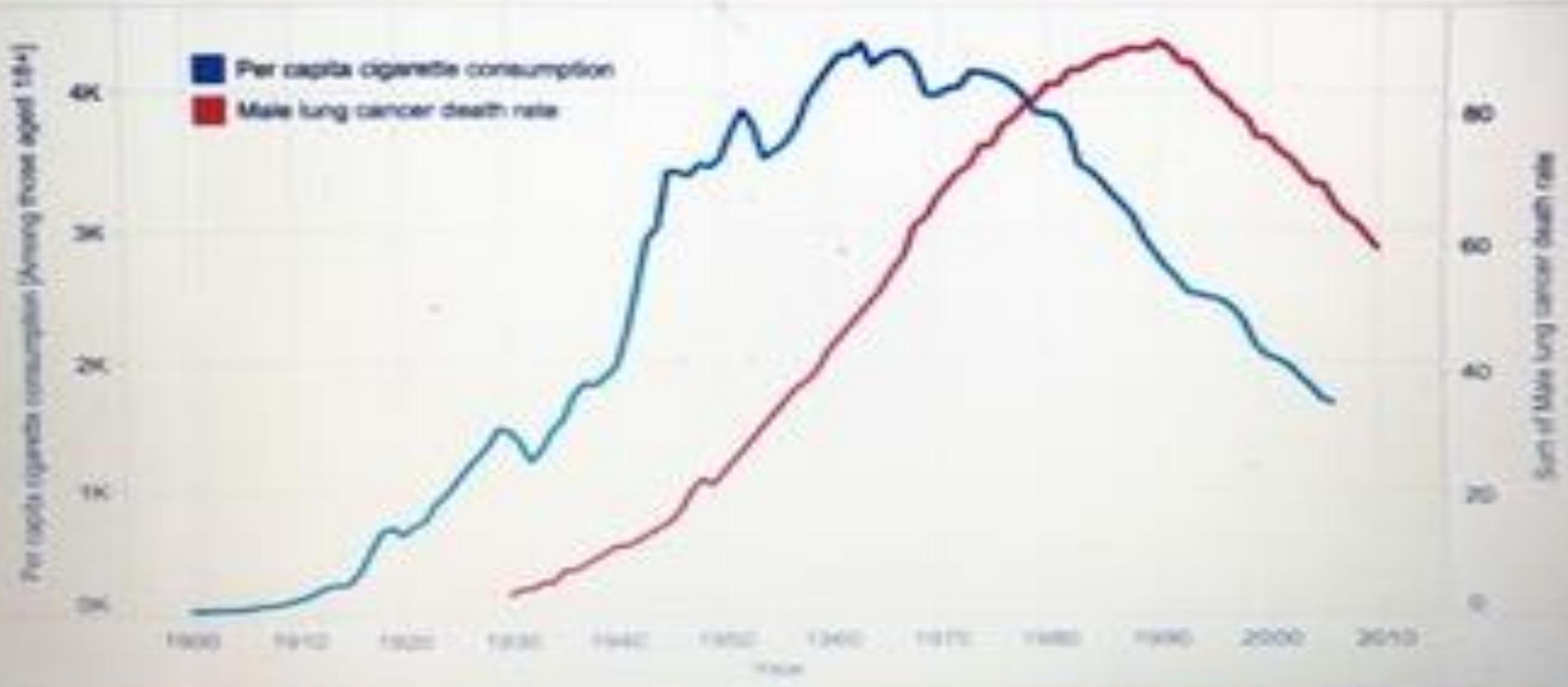
### SMOKING *and* HEALTH

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TO THE SURGEON GENERAL  
OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE



Dr. Luther Terry

## Trends in Tobacco Use and Lung Cancer Death Rates in the U.S.



Death rates source: US Mortality Data, 1960-2010; US Monthly Volumes, 1930-1959, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
Cigarette consumption source: US Department of Agriculture, 1900-2010

# 1990

## *Coronary Artery Disease is Reversible*

### MEDICAL SCIENCE

**Can lifestyle changes reverse coronary heart disease?**

The Lifestyle Heart Trial

DEAN ORNISH   SHIRLEY E. BROWN   LARRY W. SCHERWITZ  
JAMES H. BILLINGS   WILLIAM T. ARMSTRONG   THOMAS A. PORT'S  
SANDRA M. MCLANAHAN   RICHARD L. KIRKEEIDE  
RICHARD J. BRAND   K. LANCE GOULD

In a prospective, randomised, controlled trial to determine whether comprehensive lifestyle changes affect coronary atherosclerosis after 1 year, 28 patients were assigned to an experimental group (low-fat vegetarian diet, stopping smoking,

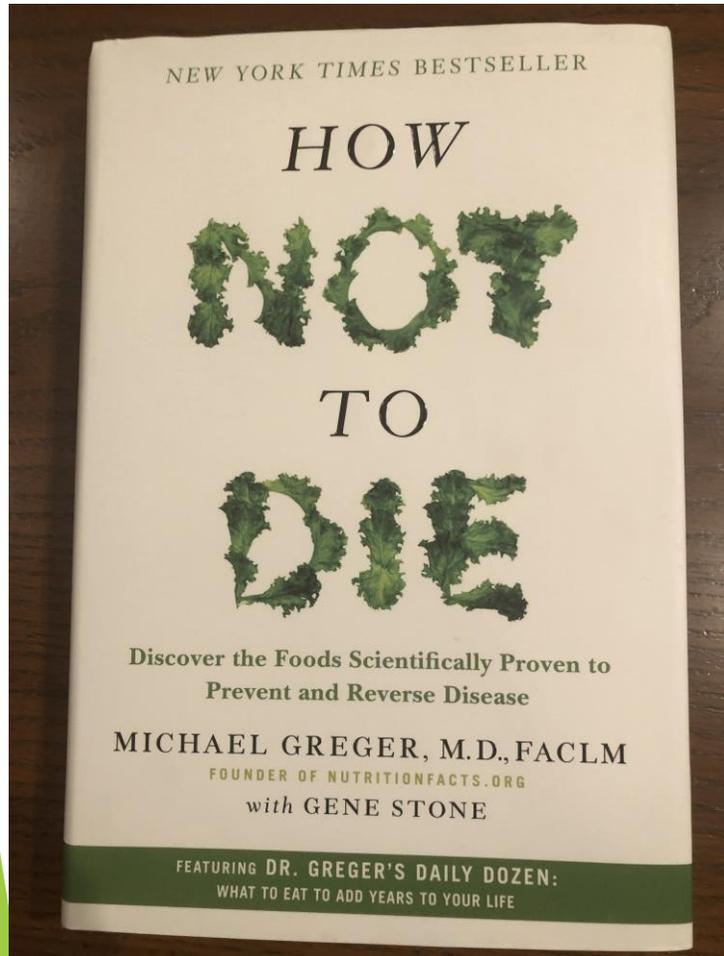
We carried out trials in 1977 and 1980 to assess the short-term effects of lifestyle changes on coronary heart disease with non-invasive endpoint measures (improvements in cardiac risk factors, functional status, myocardial perfusion,<sup>2</sup> and left ventricular function<sup>3</sup>).





# 2015

## *All 15 of our Leading Killers Are Preventable*



- Coronary Artery Disease
- Alzheimer's
- Colon Cancer
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Leukemia / Lymphoma
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Breast Cancer
- Depression
- Prostate Cancer
- Parkinson's

# Shameful Stats...

## US Health Care

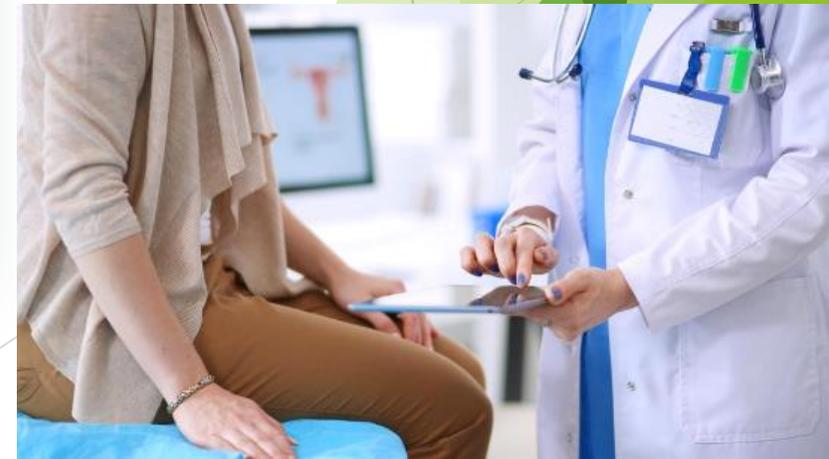
We Spend \$3.2 Trillion  
On “Health Care” ...  
With at best mediocre  
Results...



# Shameful Stats...

## US Health Care

2017 Report from the  
Commonwealth Fund:  
US Ranked 11 of 11  
Developed Countries...



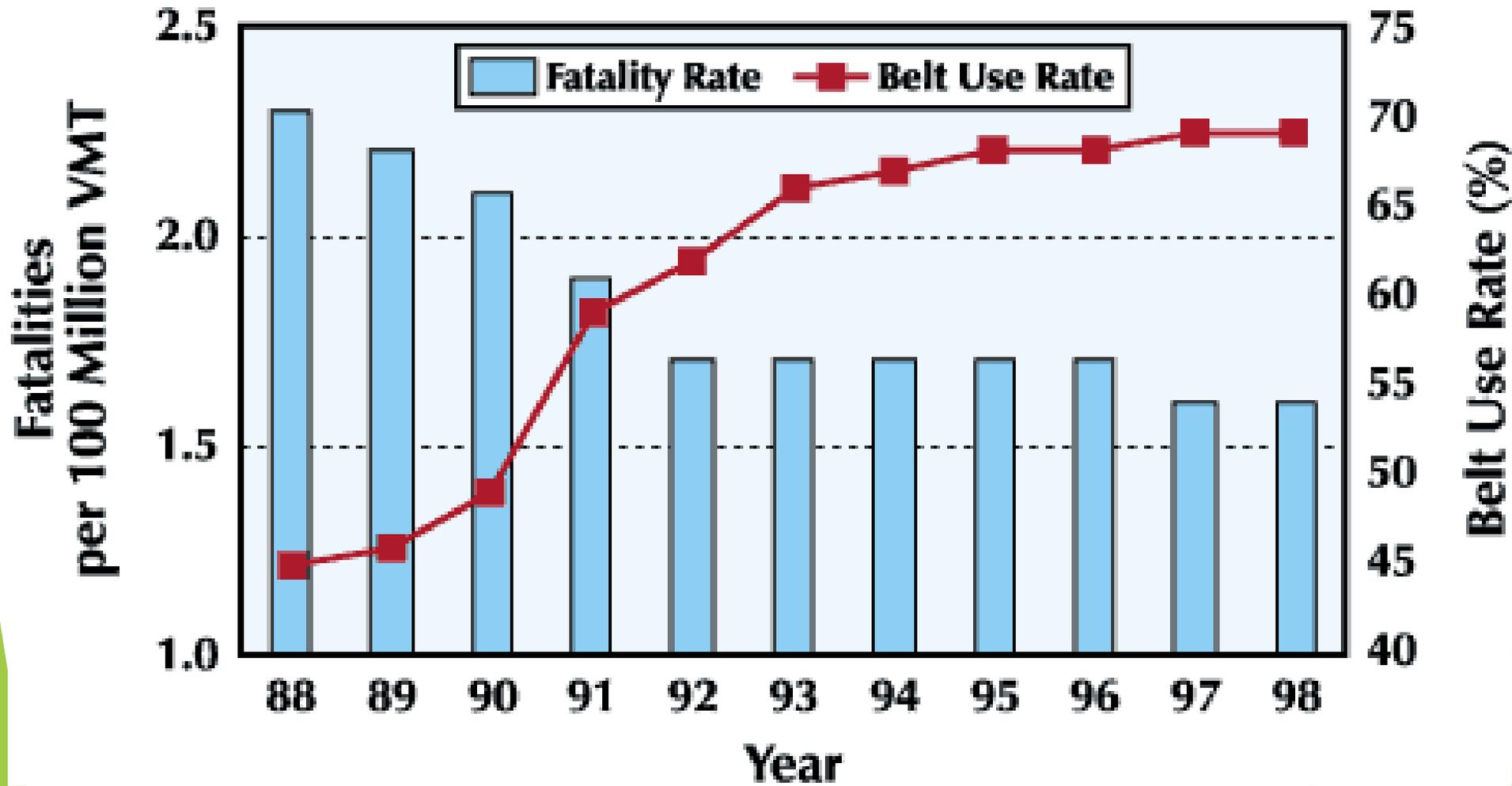
# Shameful Stats...

## US Health Care

**80% is spent on Chronic Diseases that are largely Preventable, and often reversible**



# Prevention Saves Lives: Seat Belts



A person is shown in silhouette, performing a yoga pose (Urdhva Dhanurasana) on a beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background consists of the ocean and a clear sky. The overall mood is peaceful and serene. On the right side of the image, there are several overlapping, semi-transparent green geometric shapes that add a modern, abstract design element.

***A Fundamental Paradigm  
Shift is Sweeping across  
the Nation...***



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF  
**Lifestyle Medicine**

*Six Pillars of Lifestyle Medicine*

- 1) Healthful Eating
- 2) Physical Activity
- 3) Manage Stress
- 4) Sleep Well
- 5) Avoid Risky Substances Addictions
- 6) Social Connectedness

# ACLM vision statement:

A world wherein Lifestyle Medicine is the foundation of a transformed, sustainable system of health care.



# 1990

## *Coronary Artery Disease is Reversible*

### MEDICAL SCIENCE

**Can lifestyle changes reverse coronary heart disease?**

The Lifestyle Heart Trial

DEAN ORNISH   SHIRLEY E. BROWN   LARRY W. SCHERWITZ  
JAMES H. BILLINGS   WILLIAM T. ARMSTRONG   THOMAS A. PORT'S  
SANDRA M. MCLANAHAN   RICHARD L. KIRKEEIDE  
RICHARD J. BRAND   K. LANCE GOULD

In a prospective, randomised, controlled trial to determine whether comprehensive lifestyle changes affect coronary atherosclerosis after 1 year, 28 patients were assigned to an experimental group (low-fat vegetarian diet, stopping smoking,

We carried out trials in 1977 and 1980 to assess the short-term effects of lifestyle changes on coronary heart disease with non-invasive endpoint measures (improvements in cardiac risk factors, functional status, myocardial perfusion,<sup>2</sup> and left ventricular function<sup>3</sup>).



# The Ornish Program



CAD Patients on the program noted a 91% decrease in their frequency of angina attacks in just a few weeks vs. a 186% *increase* in attacks for the control group.

> [J Fam Pract.](#) 2014 Jul;63(7):356-364b.

## A way to reverse CAD?

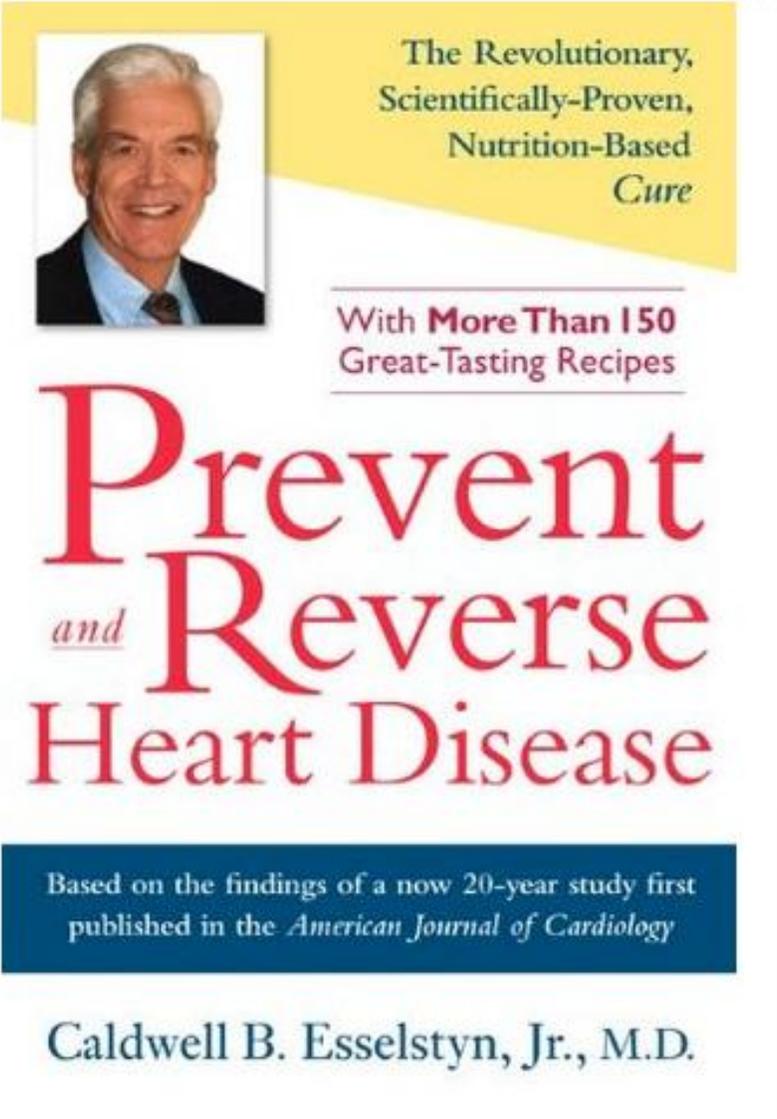
[Caldwell B Esselstyn Jr](#) <sup>1</sup>, [Gina Gendy](#), [Jonathan Doyle](#), [Mladen Golubic](#), [Michael F Roizen](#)

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 25198208

### Abstract

**Purpose:** Plant-based nutrition achieved coronary artery disease (CAD) arrest and reversal in a small study. However, there was skepticism that this approach could succeed in a larger group of patients. The purpose of our follow-up study was to define the degree of adherence and outcomes of 198 consecutive patient volunteers who received counseling to convert from a usual diet to plant-based nutrition.



The Revolutionary,  
Scientifically-Proven,  
Nutrition-Based  
*Cure*

With **More Than 150**  
Great-Tasting Recipes

# Prevent *and* Reverse Heart Disease

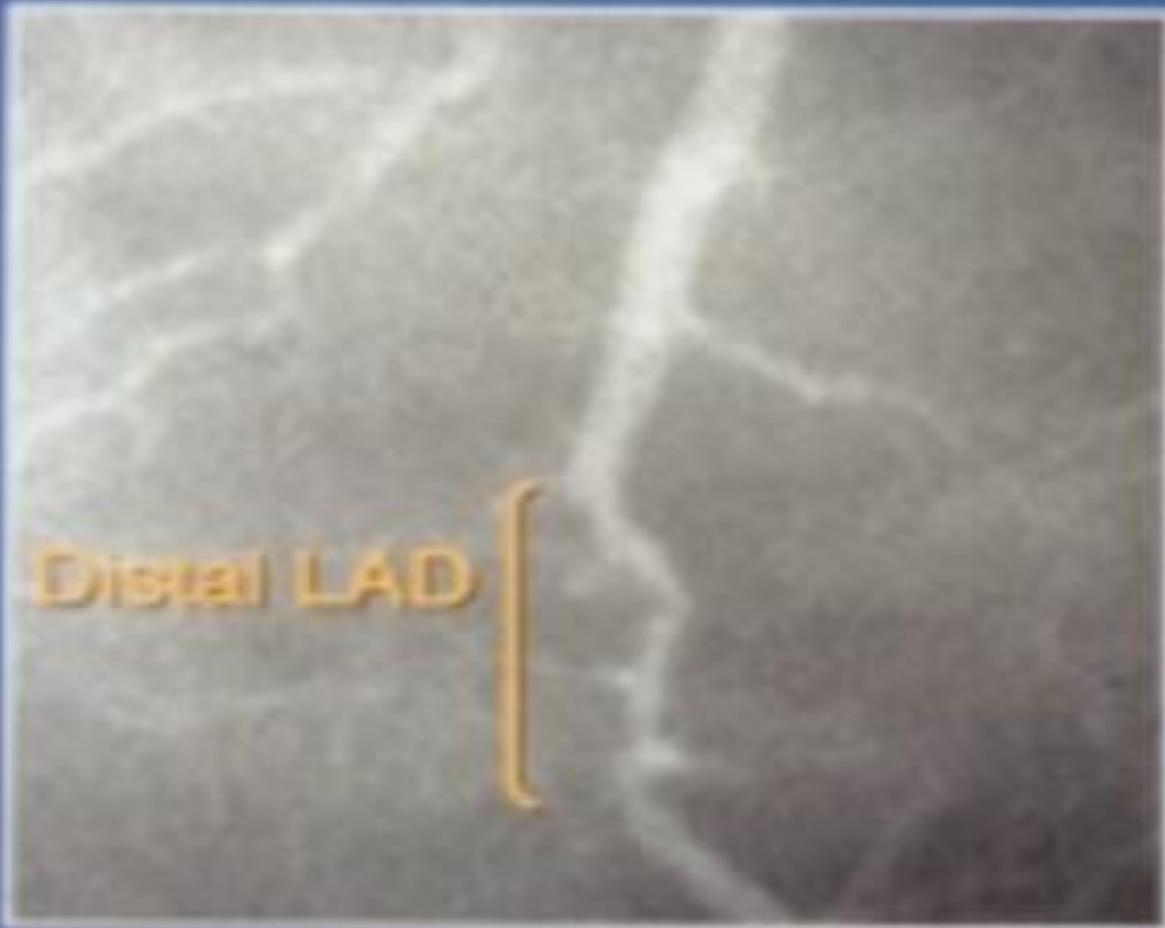
Based on the findings of a now 20-year study first  
published in the *American Journal of Cardiology*

Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr., M.D.

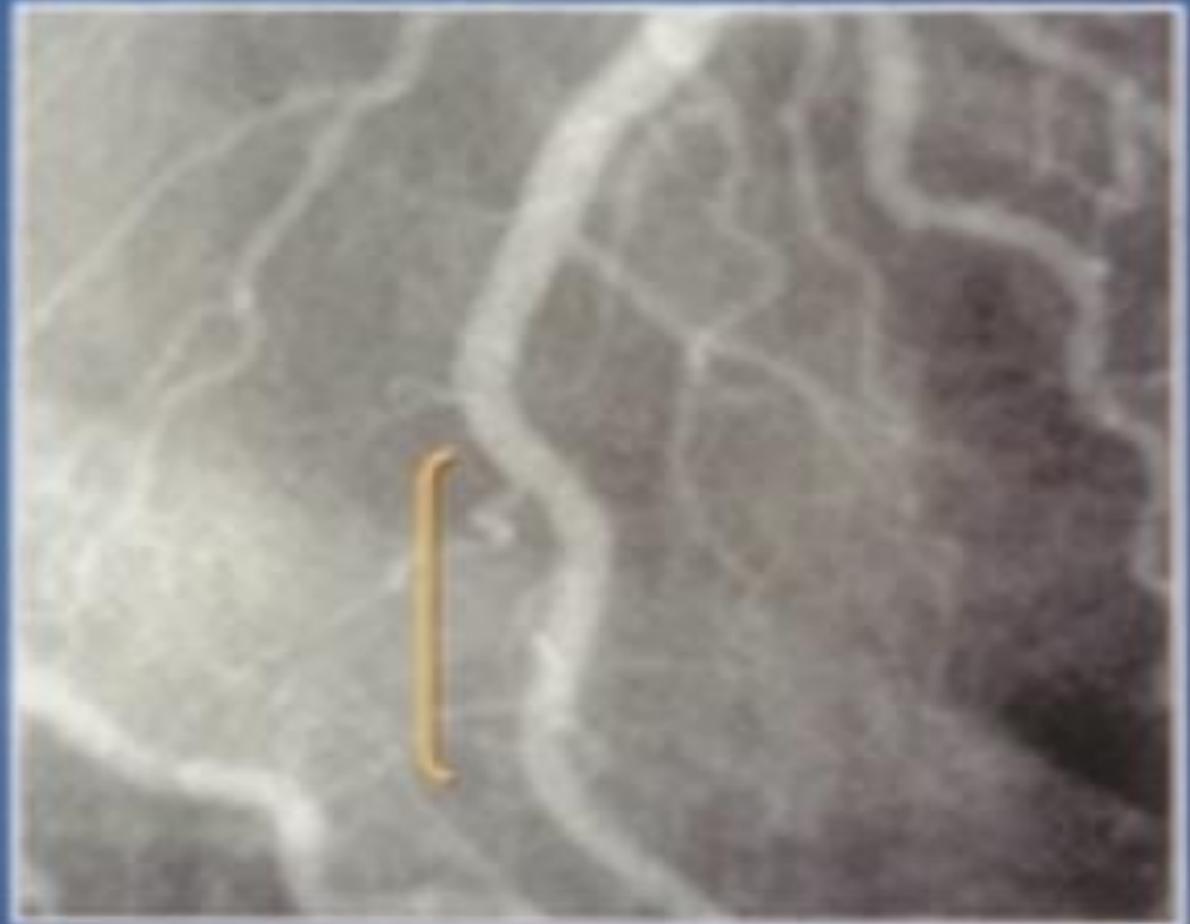
The book cover features a portrait of Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr., M.D. in the top left corner. The title 'Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease' is prominently displayed in the center in a large, red, serif font. Above the title, a yellow banner contains the text 'The Revolutionary, Scientifically-Proven, Nutrition-Based Cure'. Below the title, a dark blue banner states 'Based on the findings of a now 20-year study first published in the American Journal of Cardiology'. At the bottom, the author's name 'Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr., M.D.' is written in a dark blue serif font. A yellow banner at the top right of the cover mentions 'With More Than 150 Great-Tasting Recipes'.

# Reversal of Coronary Disease

November 27, 1996



July 22, 1999



## Reversing Heart Disease...

**“Coronary heart disease is a benign food borne illness which need never exist or progress.”**

**- Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr., MD**

# Leading cause of death and disability in the US: **The Standard American Diet**

1993:

1. Tobacco
2. Diet and Activity
3. Alcohol

*JAMA. 1993;270:2207-12*

2018:

1. Dietary Risk
2. Tobacco
3. Chronic Diseases

*JAMA. 2018;319(14):1444-1472*



# ANIMAL

# PLANT

UNPROCESSED



PROCESSED



A woman in athletic wear is running away from the camera on a paved road. The scene is backlit by a bright sun, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The woman is wearing a red cap, a light-colored tank top, and dark leggings. The road has a white line on the left side. On the right side of the image, there is a large, semi-transparent green geometric overlay consisting of several overlapping triangles and polygons.

**What makes a food  
“Health Supporting”?**

<b>Desirable Characteristics:</b>	<b>Plant Foods</b>	<b>Animal Foods</b>
<b>Anti Oxidant Rich</b>		
<b>High Fiber</b>		
<b>Alkaline</b>		
<b>Cholesterol Free</b>		
<b>Anti Inflammatory</b>		
<b>Phytonutrient Rich</b>		
<b>Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients</b>		



RESEARCH

Open Access

# The total antioxidant content of more than 3100 foods, beverages, spices, herbs and supplements used worldwide

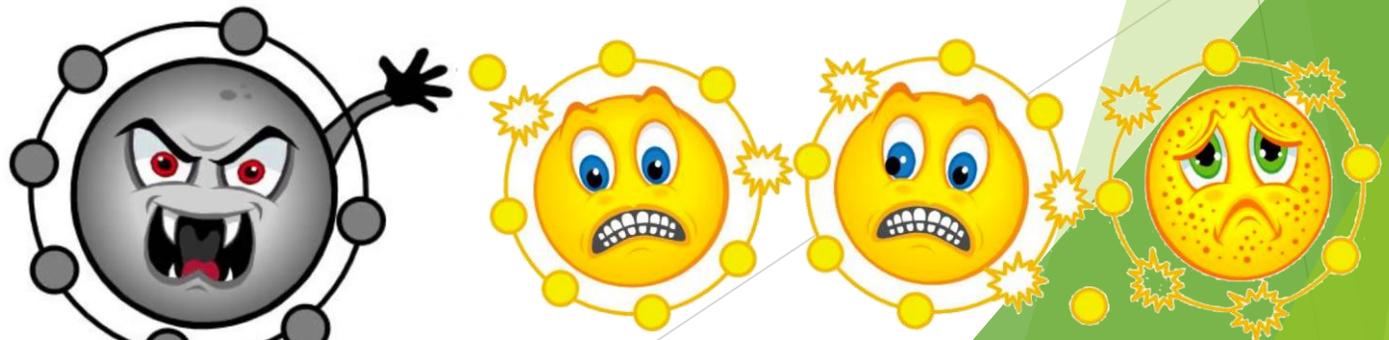
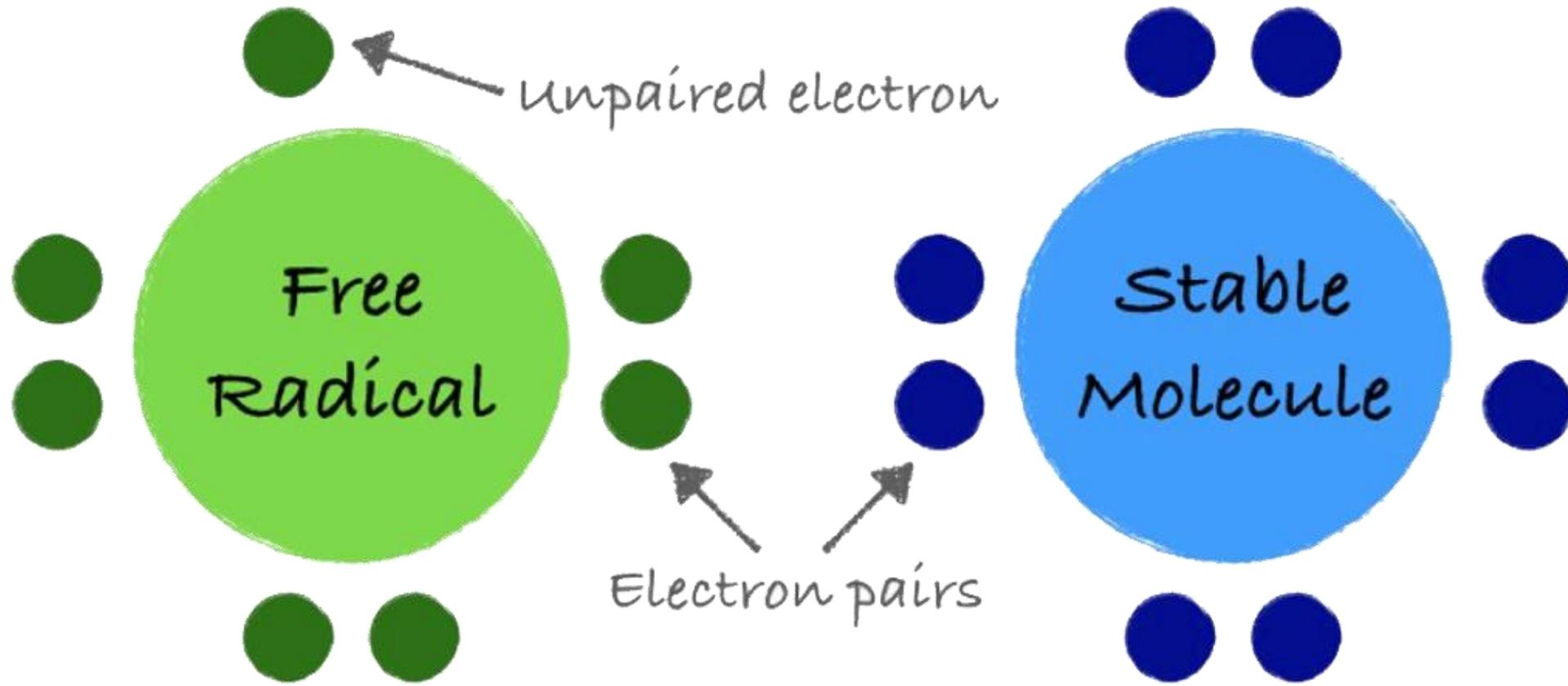
Monica H Carlsen<sup>1†</sup>, Bente L Halvorsen<sup>1†</sup>, Kari Holte<sup>1</sup>, Siv K Bøhn<sup>1</sup>, Steinar Dragland<sup>2</sup>, Laura Sampson<sup>3</sup>, Carol Willey<sup>3</sup>, Haruki Senoo<sup>4</sup>, Yuko Umezono<sup>4</sup>, Chiho Sanada<sup>4</sup>, Ingrid Barikmo<sup>5</sup>, Nega Berhe<sup>1</sup>, Walter C Willett<sup>3</sup>, Katherine M Phillips<sup>6</sup>, David R Jacobs Jr<sup>1,7</sup>, Rune Blomhoff<sup>1\*</sup>

## Abstract

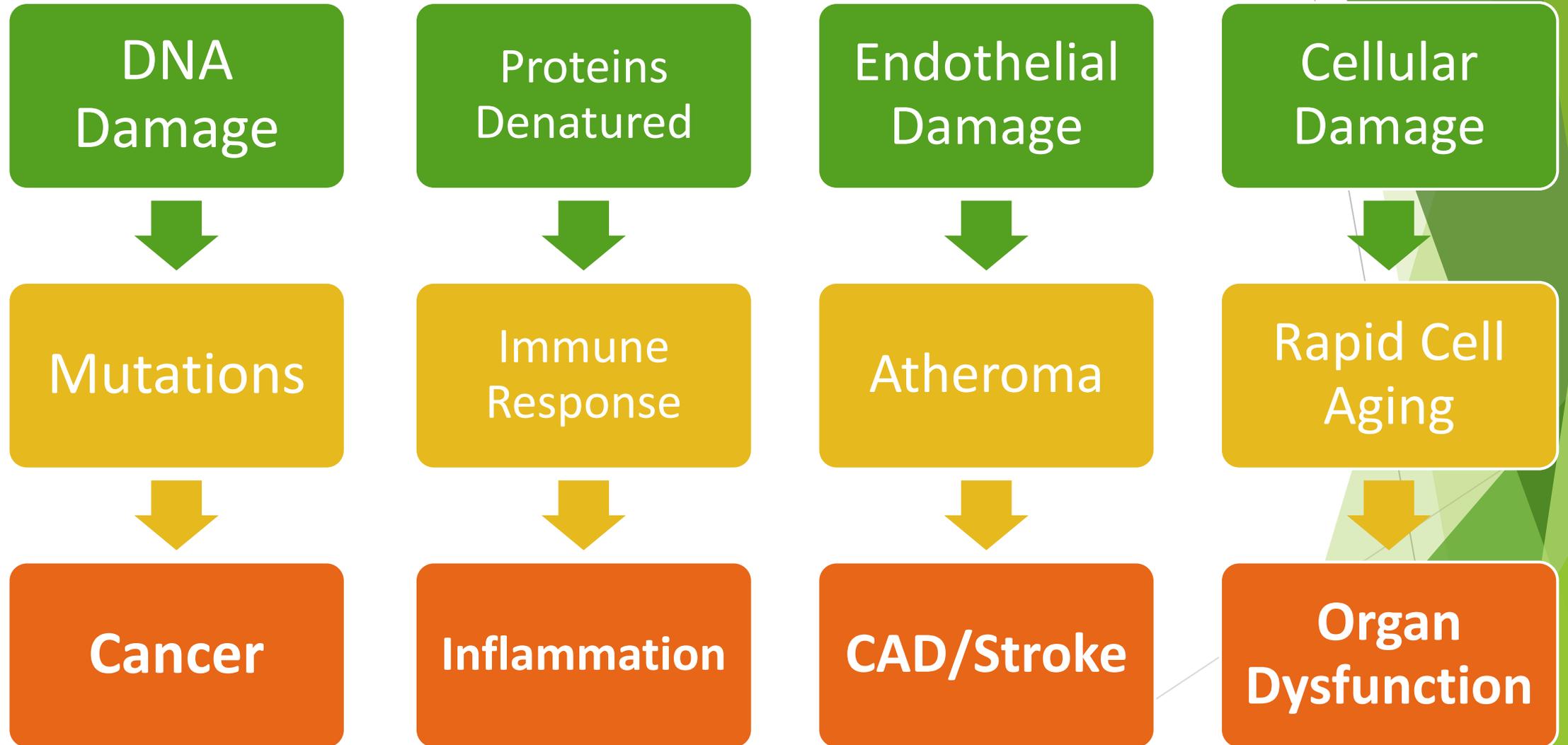
**Background:** A plant-based diet protects against chronic oxidative stress-related diseases. Dietary plants contain variable chemical families and amounts of antioxidants. It has been hypothesized that plant antioxidants may

## Antioxidant content

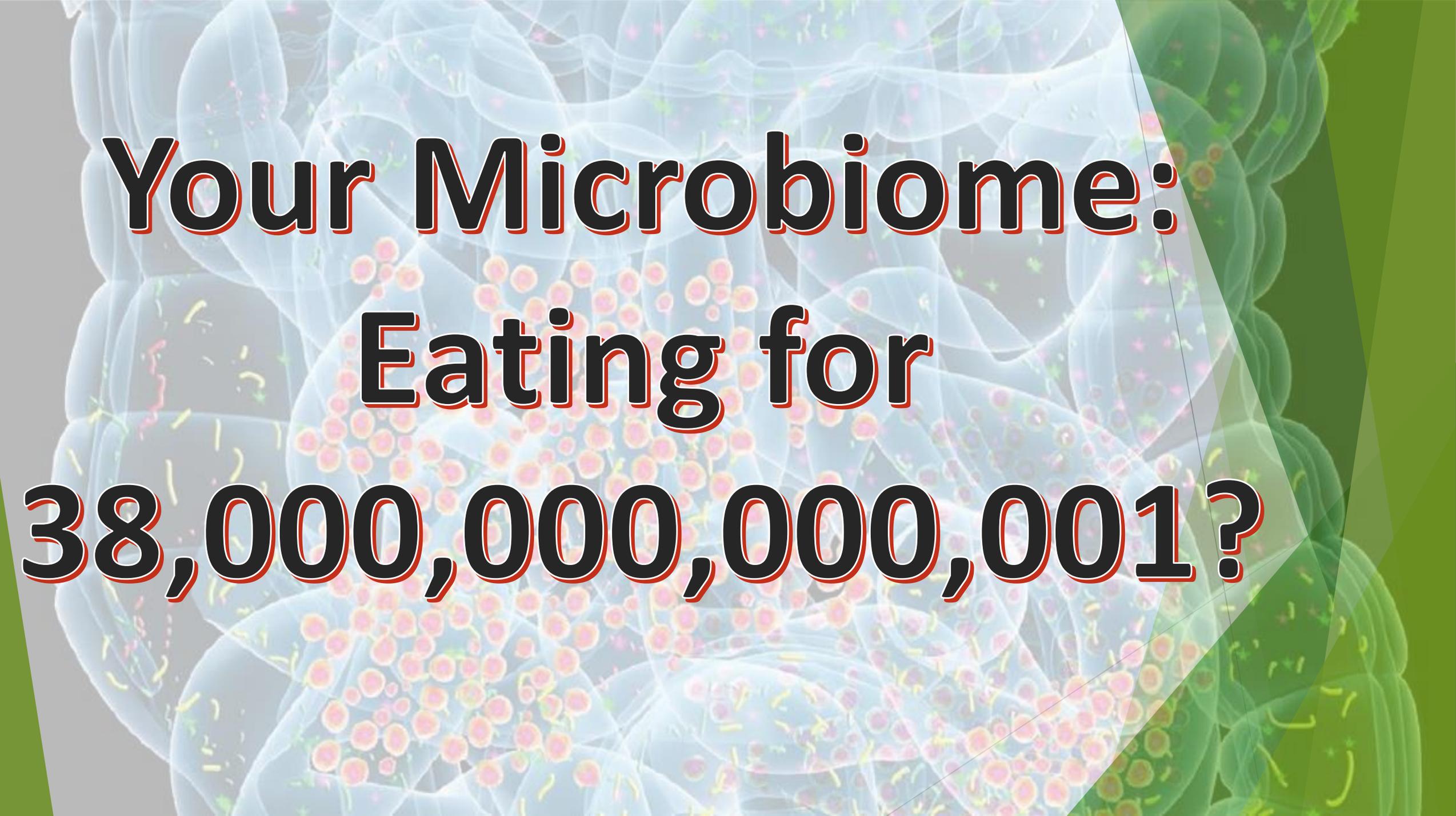
	n	mean	median	min	max
Plant based foods	1,943	1,157	88	0	289,711
Animal based foods	211	18	10	0	100



# *Free Radicals are highly reactive*



<b>Desirable Characteristics:</b>	<b>Plant Foods</b>	<b>Animal Foods</b>
<b>Anti Oxidant Rich</b>	★★★★★	✗
<b>High Fiber</b>		
<b>Alkaline</b>		
<b>Cholesterol Free</b>		
<b>Anti Inflammatory</b>		
<b>Phytonutrient Rich</b>		
<b>Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients</b>		



**Your Microbiome:  
Eating for  
38,000,000,000,001?**

# **Feed them Well and they Will:**

- ▶ Support Immune function**
- ▶ Support Hormone Balance**
- ▶ Manage Toxins**
- ▶ Nourish Your Colon**
- ▶ Lower Inflammation**
- ▶ Produce Nutrients**
- ▶ Signal Satiety**
- ▶ Aid Nutrient Absorption**

# Starve them and they Will:

- ▶ **Inflame Colon**
- ▶ **Produce Toxins**
- ▶ **Increase Estrogens**
- ▶ **Increase Serum Cholesterol**
- ▶ **Induce Inflammation**
- ▶ **Create “Leaky Gut”**
- ▶ **Increase Autoimmune Disease Risk**

# And what do they eat?



# How much fiber do we need?

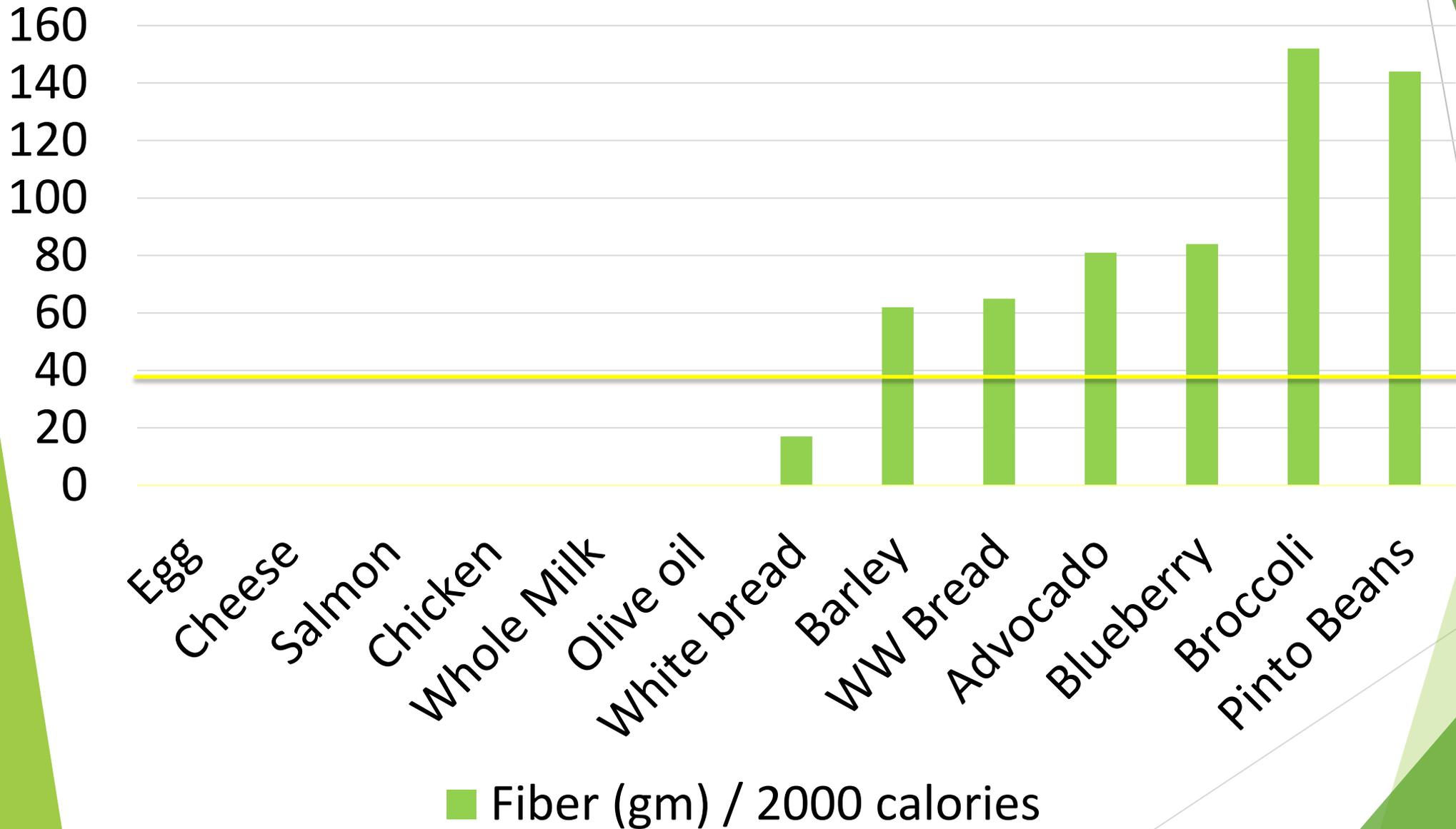
**Average American intake = 15 gm**

**Dietary Guidelines = 30 gm**

**Minimum Goal = 60 gm**

**Optimal = 100+ gm/ day**

# Fiber (gm) / 2000 calories



# Fiber (gm) / 2000 calories

- ▶ Egg = 0
- ▶ Cheese = 0
- ▶ Olive Oil = 0
- ▶ Chicken = 0
- ▶ White Bread = 17
- ▶ Walnut = 20



Starvation

▶ **Minimum Goal = >30**

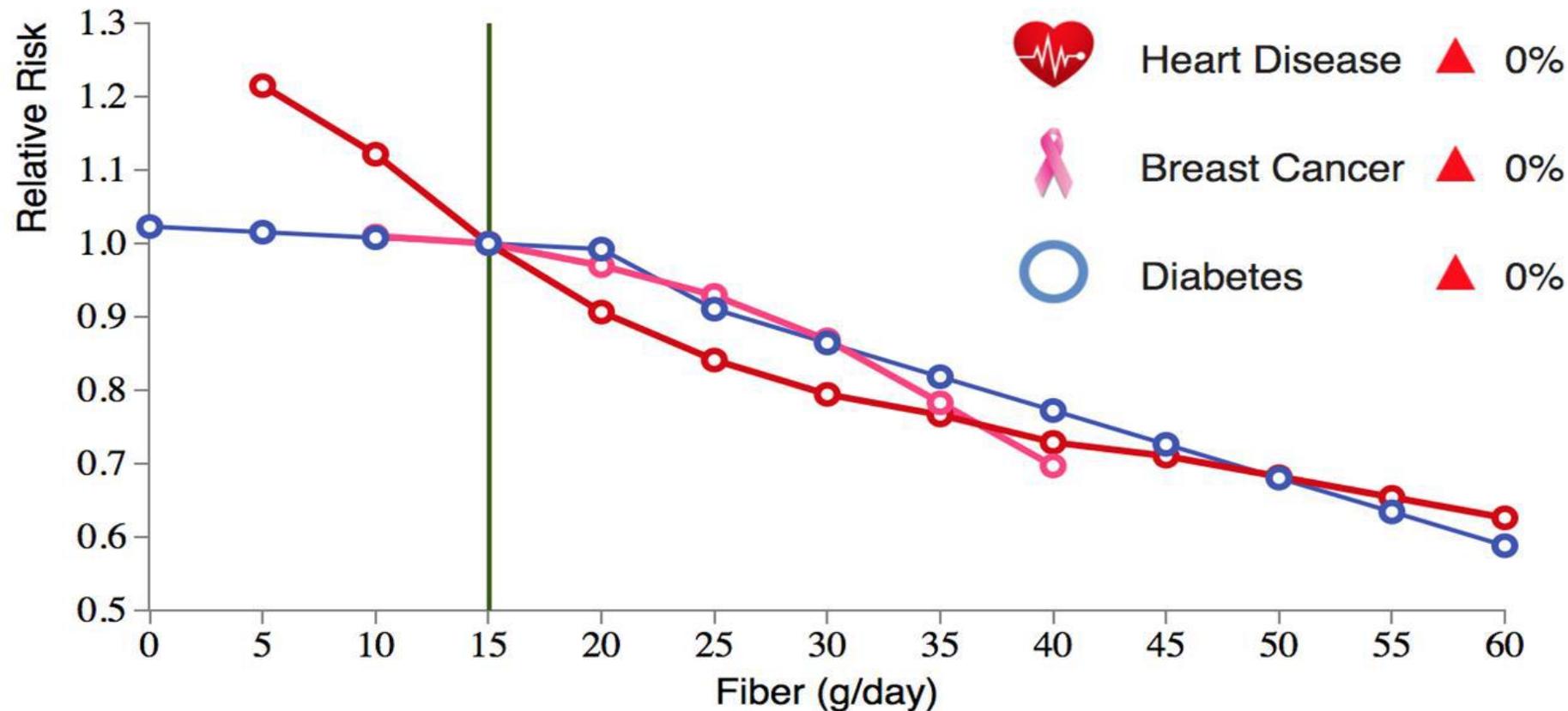
- ▶ Barley = 62
- ▶ Blueberry = 84
- ▶ Pinto Beans = 144
- ▶ Broccoli = 152
- ▶ Kale = 227



Nourishment

# Dietary Fiber and Risk of Disease

David Donohue, MD

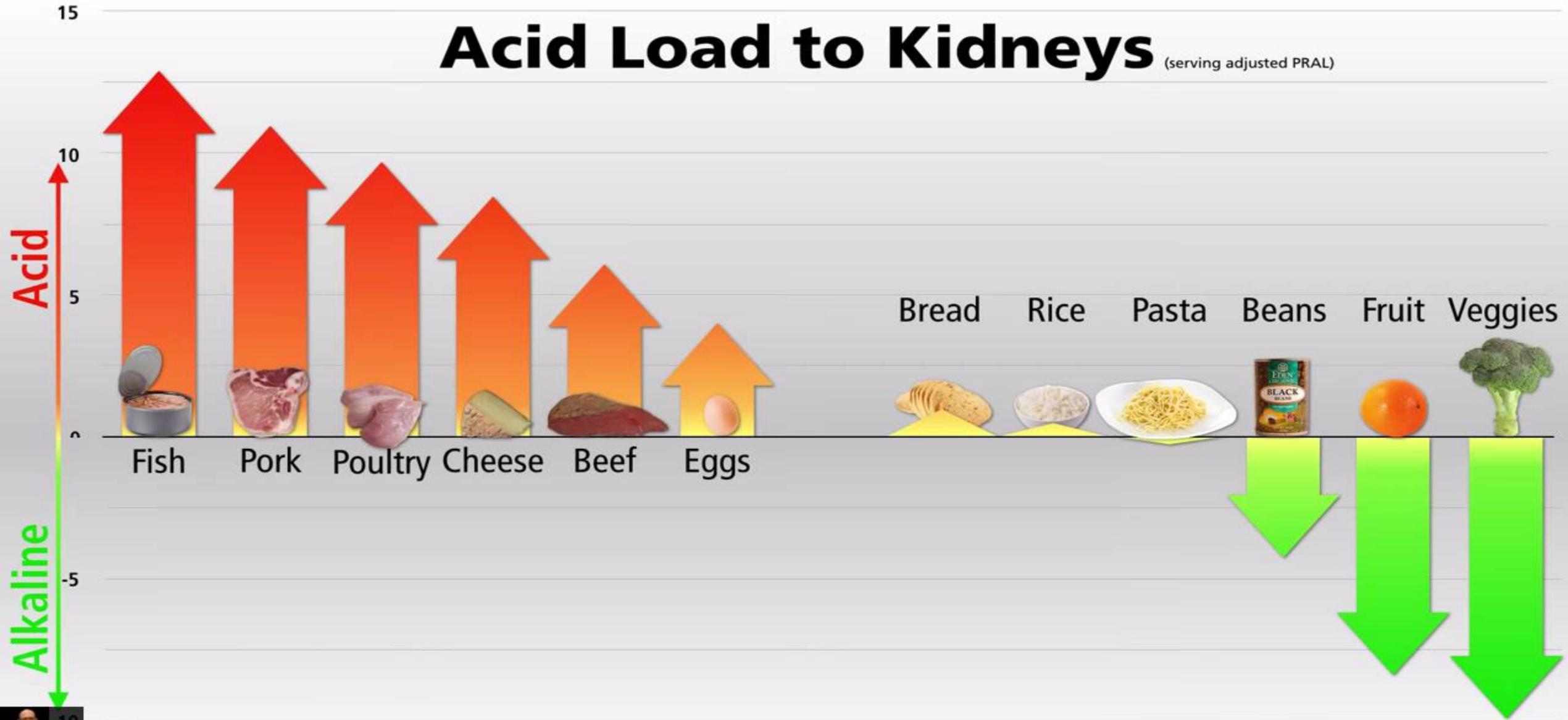


## References

- ... (2013) Dietary fibre intake and risk of cardiovascular disease: systematic review and meta-analysis
- ... (2014) Dietary fiber intake and risk of type 2 diabetes: a dose-response analysis of prospective stu...
- ... (2012) Dietary fiber and breast cancer risk: a systematic review and meta-analysis of prospective s...

Desirable Characteristics:	Plant Foods	Animal Foods
Anti Oxidant Rich	★★★★★	✗
High Fiber	★★★★★	✗
Alkaline		
Cholesterol Free		
Anti Inflammatory		
Phytonutrient Rich		
Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients		

# Acid Load to Kidneys (serving adjusted PRAL)



Michael Greger: [www.nutritionfacts.org](http://www.nutritionfacts.org)

<b>Desirable Characteristics:</b>	<b>Plant Foods</b>	<b>Animal Foods</b>
<b>Anti Oxidant Rich</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
<b>High Fiber</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
<b>Alkaline</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
<b>Cholesterol Free</b>		
<b>Anti Inflammatory</b>		
<b>Phytonutrient Rich</b>		
<b>Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients</b>		

# Where Do You Find Cholesterol in Food?



**Red meat**



**White meat**



**Dairy Products**



**Fish and Seafood**



**Eggs**

**MASTERING**  
DIABETES

# AVERAGE BLOOD CHOLESTEROL LEVELS

200

**GOAL**

150

100

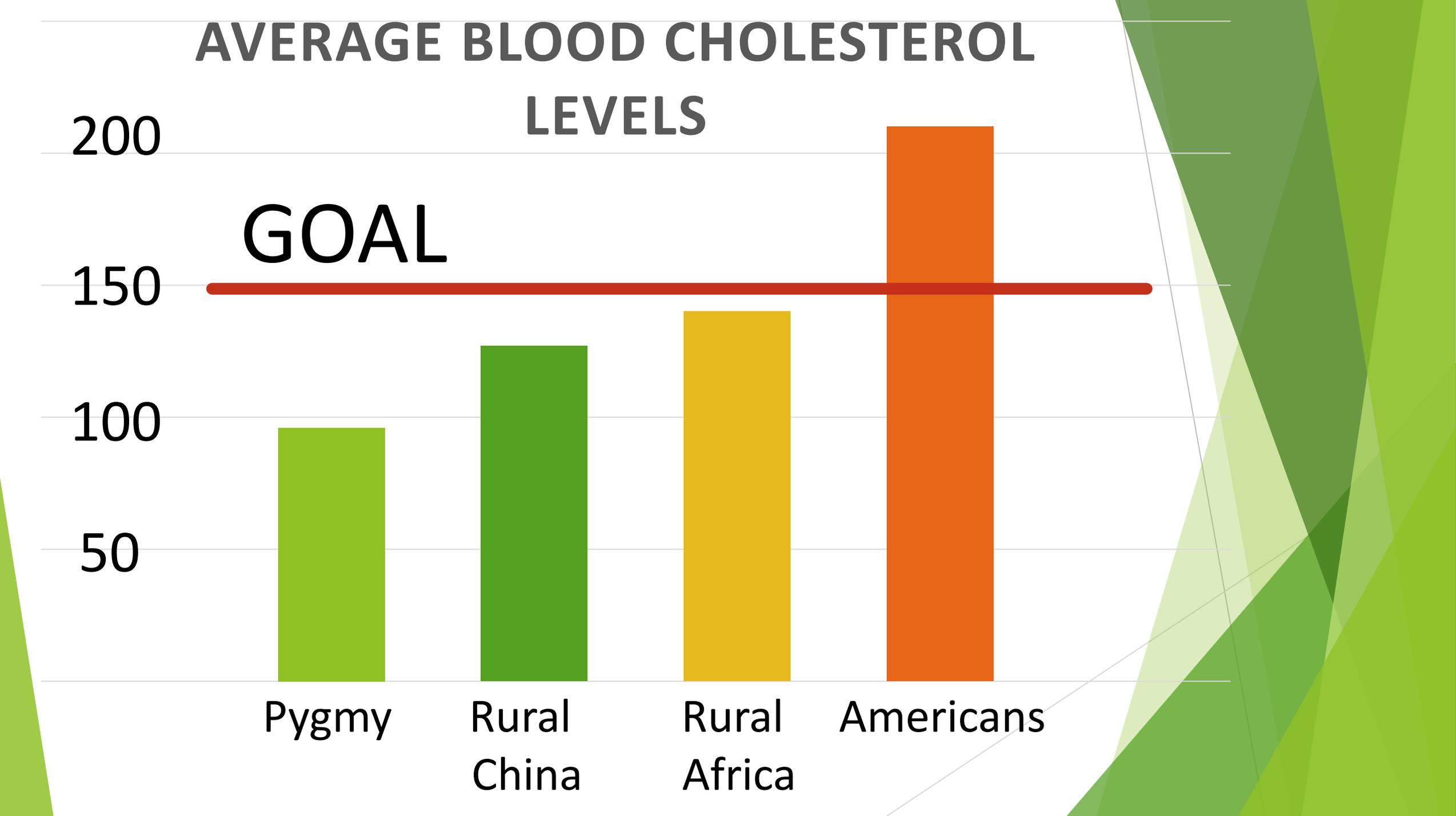
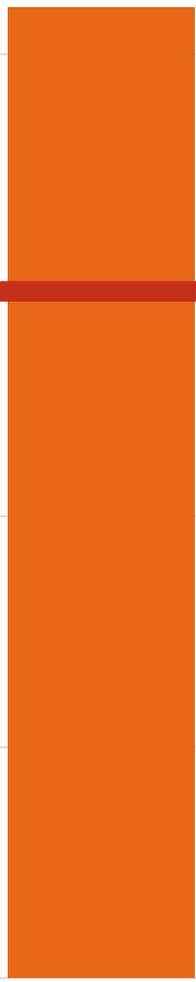
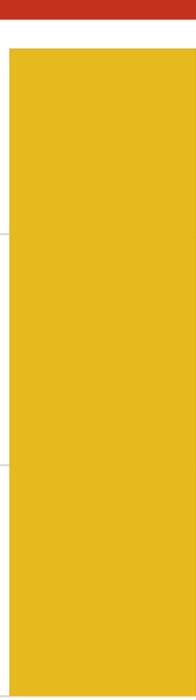
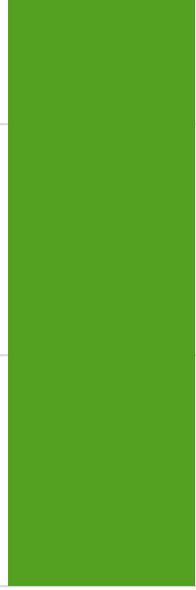
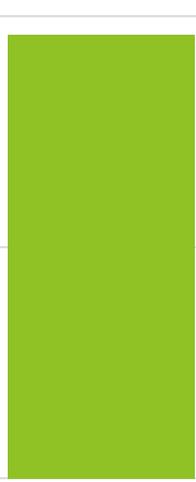
50

Pygmy

Rural  
China

Rural  
Africa

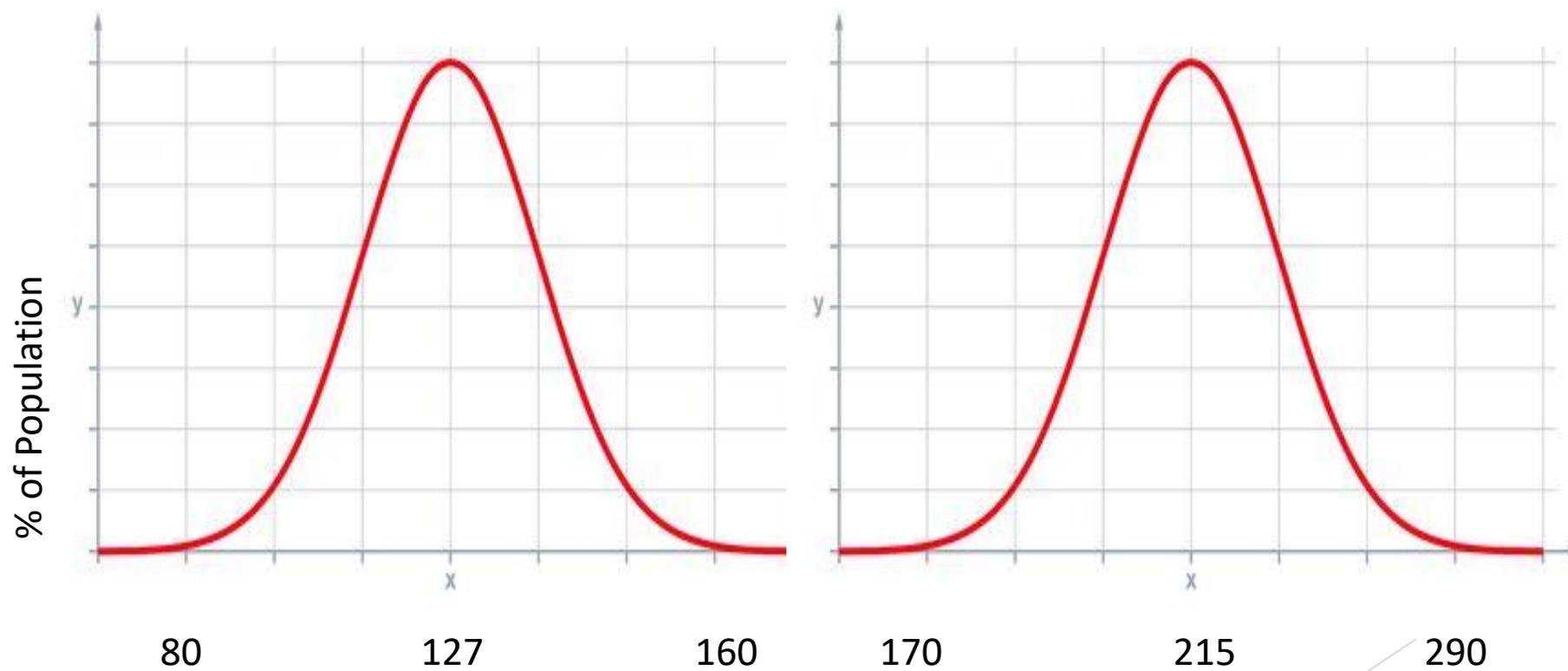
Americans



# Total Serum Cholesterol Levels

## Rural China

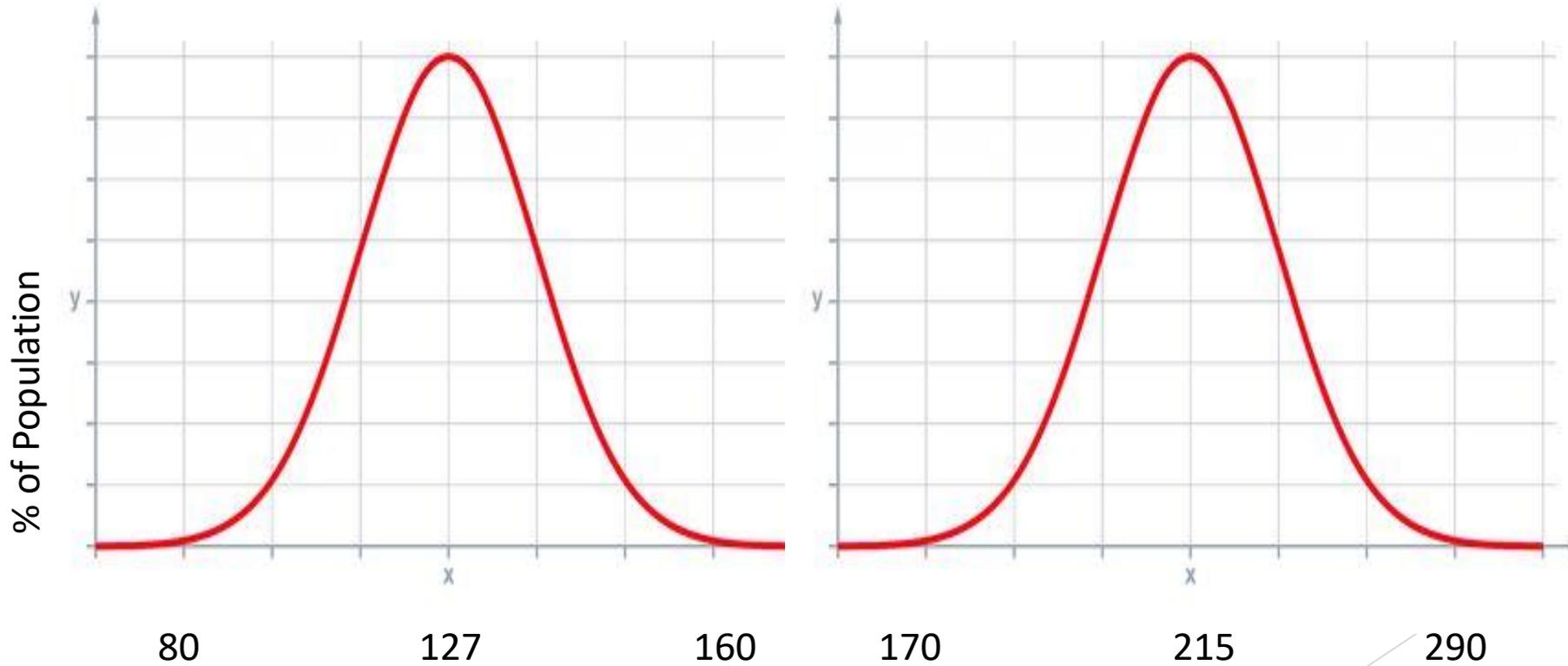
## USA



# Total Serum Cholesterol Levels

**Rural China**  
**CAD Risk ~0**

**USA**  
**CAD Risk ~100%**



Desirable Characteristics:	Plant Foods	Animal Foods
Anti Oxidant Rich	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
High Fiber	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
Alkaline	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
Cholesterol Free	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✘
Anti Inflammatory		
Phytonutrient Rich		
Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients		

# **Plant Foods: Anti-Inflammatory**

- **Anti-Oxidant Rich**
- **Support Healthy Microbiome**
- **Phytonutrient Rich**

# Inflammation from Animal Foods

- **Bacterial Endotoxins**
  - **Average of 100,000,000 Bacteria per ¼ Pounder**
  - **These form “Endotoxins”**
  - **Endotoxins survive cooking, stomach acid & digestive enzymes**
  - **Saturated Fats aid absorption**
  - **Accelerate Atherosclerosis and Insulin Resistance**

# Inflammation from Animal Foods

- Aracidonic Acid
- Instigates Inflammatory Cascade

1	Chicken and chicken mixed dishes	26.9
2	Eggs and egg mixed dishes	17.8
3	Beef and beef mixed dishes	7.3
4	Sausage, franks, bacon, and ribs	6.7
5	Other fish and fish mixed dishes	5.8
6	Burgers	4.6
7	Cold cuts	3.3
8	Pork and pork mixed dishes	3.1
9	Mexican mixed dishes	3.1
10	Pizza Michael Greger: <a href="http://www.nutritionfacts.org">www.nutritionfacts.org</a>	2.8

# Heme Iron

- ▶ From Animal Blood & Muscle
- ▶ Pro-Oxidant
- ▶ Pro-Inflammatory

# Heme Iron

- ▶ Linked with:
  - ▶ Diabetes -- Up 16% per mg
  - ▶ Heart Disease -- Up 27% per mg
  - ▶ Stroke – Up 16% high vs. low quintile
  - ▶ Cancer – Colon (12%), Breast (3%), Lung (12%) per mg

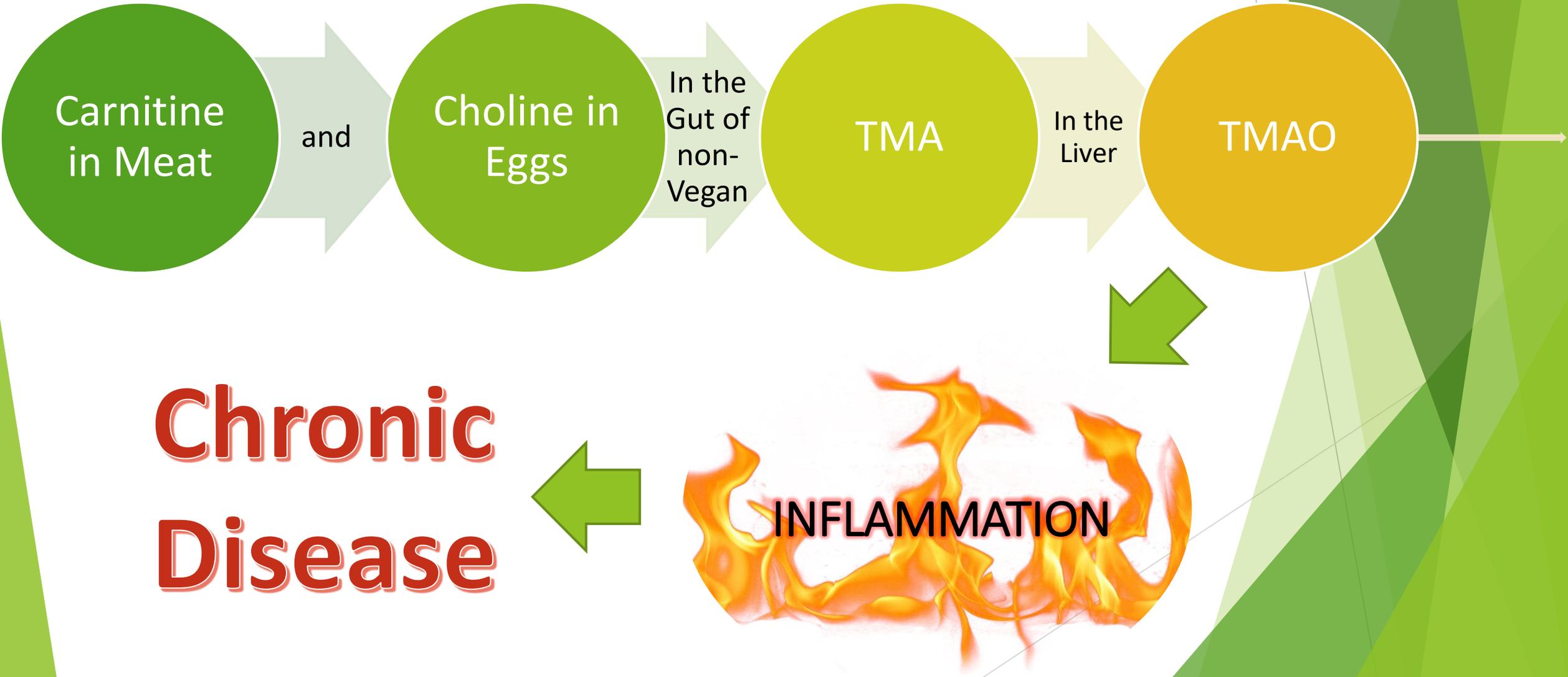
1) BMC Medicine, 2012; 10:119 2) Eur. J. Nutr. (2014) 53:395-400

3) Stroke, 2013; 44: 334-334 4) Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 23(1) January, 2014

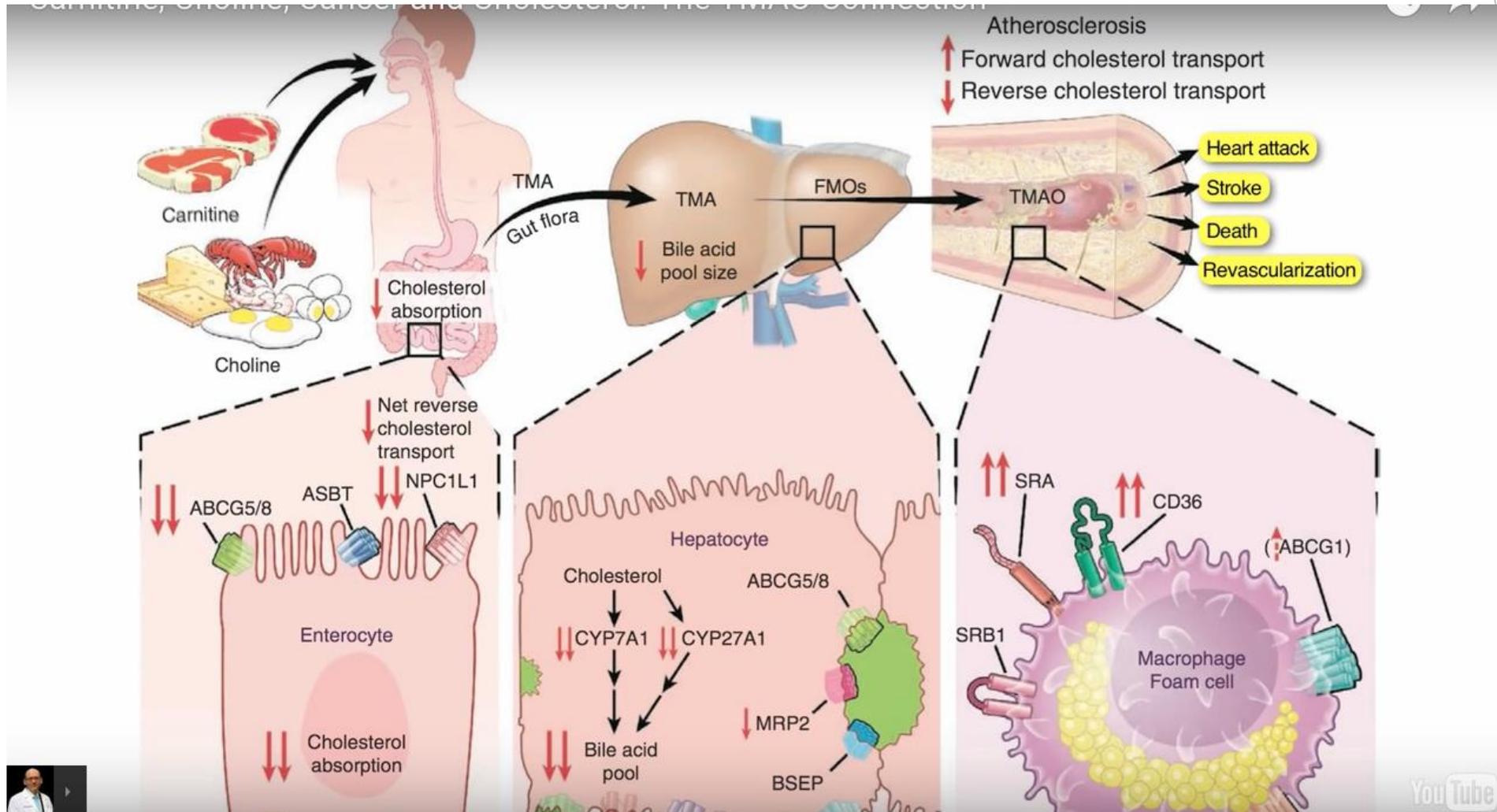
# Heme Iron per 3 oz. Portion:

▶ Clams –	23.8
▶ Oysters –	7.8
▶ Muscles –	5.7
▶ Venison –	2.8
▶ Ground Beef –	2.5
▶ Lamb Chop --	2.1

# Inflammation from Meat and Eggs: Carnitine and Choline



# Carnitine + Choline – TMA -- TMAO



# **“Food Borne Inflammation”**

- ▶ **Heart Disease**
- ▶ **Stroke**
- ▶ **Hypertension**
- ▶ **Arthritis**
- ▶ **Osteoporosis**
- ▶ **Chronic Kidney Disease**
- ▶ **Arthritis**
- ▶ **Alzheimer's**
- ▶ **Diverticulosis**
- ▶ **Appendicitis**
- ▶ **Food Borne infections**
- ▶ **Multiple Sclerosis**
- ▶ **Rheumatoid arthritis**
- ▶ **Crohn's Disease**
- ▶ **Ulcerative Colitis**
- ▶ **Asthma**
- ▶ **Eczema**

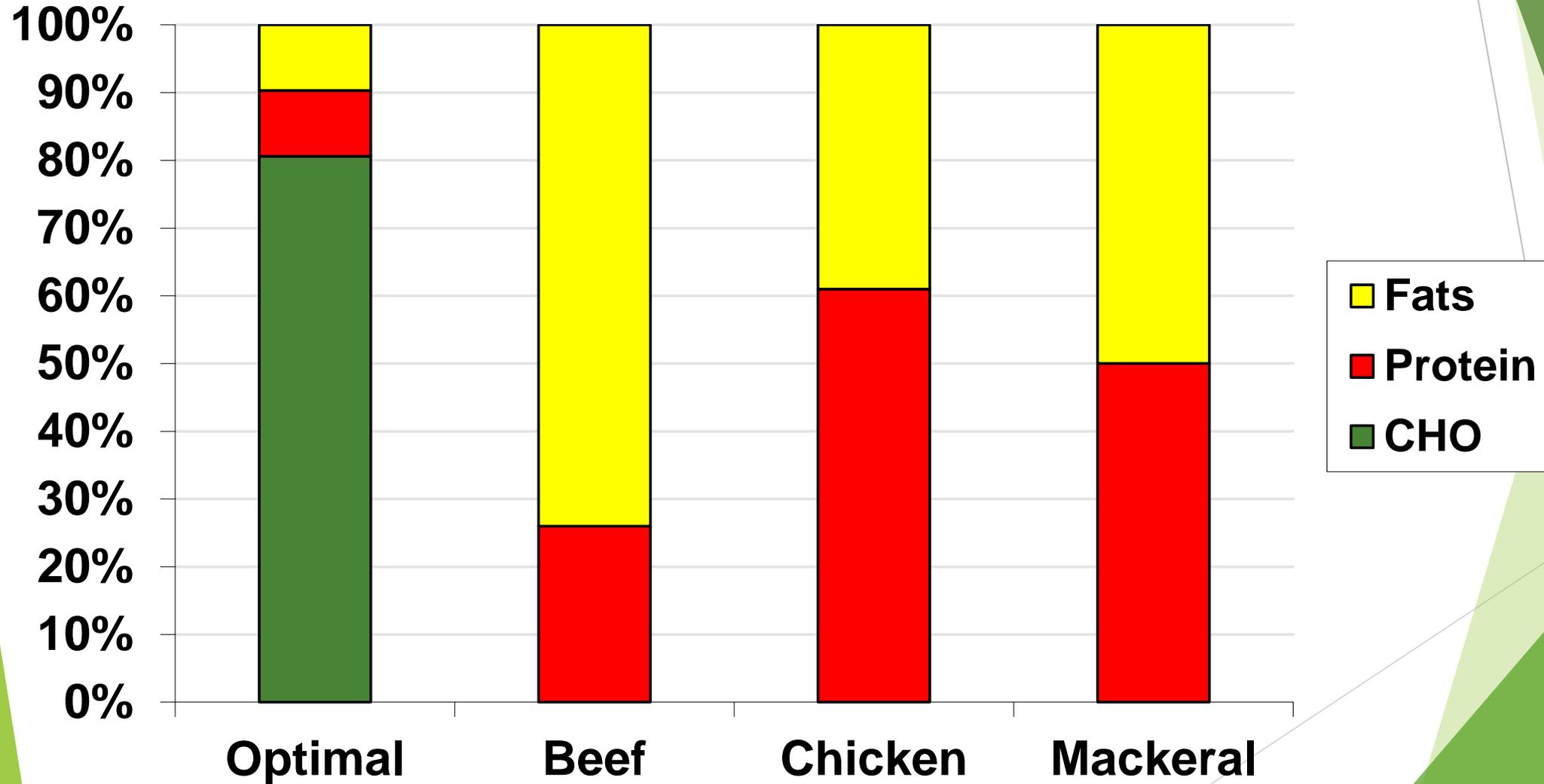
Desirable Characteristics:	Plant Foods	Animal Foods
Anti Oxidant Rich	★★★★★	✗
High Fiber	★★★★★	✗
Alkaline	★★★★★	✗
Cholesterol Free	★★★★★	✗
Anti Inflammatory	★★★★★	✗
Phytonutrient Rich		
Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients		

# Plants Contain Over 30,000 Disease Preventing “Phytonutrients”

- ▶ **Bioflavonoids**
- ▶ **Lycopene**
- ▶ **Polyphenols**
- ▶ **Phytates**
- ▶ **Isoflavones**
- ▶ **Carotenoids**
- ▶ **Retinols**
- ▶ **Genistein**
- ▶ **Sulphanes**
- ▶ **Etc.**

<b>Desirable Characteristics:</b>	<b>Plant Foods</b>	<b>Animal Foods</b>
<b>Anti Oxidant Rich</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>High Fiber</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Alkaline</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Cholesterol Free</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Anti Inflammatory</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Phytonutrient Rich</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients</b>		

# Animal Foods Unbalanced



*“Where do you  
get your **Protein**??!”*

# Quiz: Which Have Protein?

**Answer: ALL OF THEM!**



# Macronutrient Source: PROTEIN

## ▶ Animal

- Acidic
- Allergenic
- Pro-Inflammatory:  
Interleukins, CRP,  
Inflammatory Cytokines
- Stimulate IGF-1

## ▶ Plant

- Alkaline
- Less Allergy
- Anti-  
Inflammatory
- No IGF-1  
Stimulation



Hypertension

Obesity

Diabetes

Heart Disease

Stroke

# ANIMAL FAT



**ANIMAL FAT**

**ANIMAL PROTEIN**

Hypertension

Obesity

Diabetes

Heart Disease

Stroke

Colon Cancer

Breast Cancer

Prostate Cancer

Osteoporosis

Chronic Kidney Disease



# Low Protein Intake Is Associated with a Major Reduction in IGF-1, Cancer, and Overall Mortality in the 65 and Younger but Not Older Population

Morgan E. Lee  
Federica Macerini  
Giuseppe Pasqualetti

Respondents

Cheng,<sup>1,2</sup>

aged 50–65 reporting high protein intake had a 75% increase in overall mortality and a 4-fold increase in cancer death risk during the following 18 years. These associations were either abolished or attenuated if the proteins were plant derived.

D. Longo<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

## SUMMARY

Mice and humans with IGF-1 deficiency are protected from age-related diseases. To determine whether IGF-1 deficiency reduces GHR-IGF-1 activity, we examined links between protein intake and mortality. Respondents

on et al., 2012;

span extension

ved to operate

nd GH receptor

GF-1 and insulin

Fontana et al., 2010; Hauck et al., 2002; Wei et al., 2009). The

duces GHR-IGF-1 activity, we examined links between protein intake and mortality. Respondents

levels and signaling (Birkhoj et al., 2001; Blüthgen et al., 2000;

Fontana et al., 2010; Hauck et al., 2002; Wei et al., 2009). The

# Macronutrient Source: FATS

## ▶ Animal

- Cholesterol
- Saturated
- Trans Fats
- Heavy Metals & Contaminants

## ▶ Plant

- No Cholesterol
- Less Saturated
- None
- Low Contaminants

# Macronutrient Source: CARBS

## ▶ Animal

- None or Sugar
- No Fiber
- Milk = Lactose / Galactose

## ▶ Plant

- Rich in Complex
- High in Fiber
- No Lactose, small Galactose

<b>Desirable Characteristics:</b>	<b>Plant Foods</b>	<b>Animal Foods</b>
<b>Anti Oxidant Rich</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>High Fiber</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Alkaline</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Cholesterol Free</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Anti Inflammatory</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Phytonutrient Rich</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗
<b>Balanced /Healthy Macronutrients</b>	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	✗



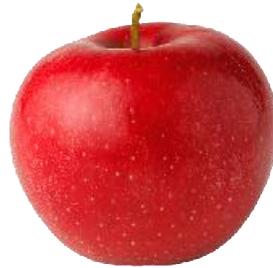
WHOLE  
FOOD  
PLANT  
BASED

# The “New 4 Food Groups”

▶ Vegetables



▶ Fruits



▶ Whole Grains



▶ Beans



## TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED ON A WHOLE FOOD, PLANT-BASED DIET

### Take your journey to a healthy lifestyle step-by-step.

- **STEP 1: Enjoy** – Keep plant-based meals you already enjoy in your meal rotation.
- **STEP 2: Adapt** – Give your favorite recipes a plant-based makeover.
- **STEP 3: Explore** – Begin incorporating new plant-based foods into each week.

### Plan ahead.

- Use meal planning apps or a simple calendar to plan meals in advance.
- Set aside time to batch prepare ingredients so meals can be thrown together quickly on busy weeknights. Pre-chop vegetables and cook large portions of grains and beans.

### Make the ‘healthy choice’ the easy choice.

- Keep fresh produce in a bowl on the counter and at eye-level in the fridge so it is the first thing you reach for when wanting a snack.
- Stock your pantry with staple ingredients that can be assembled into a quick meal.

Work with a Registered Dietitian to assist in transitioning to a 100% plant-based dietary lifestyle, the health-protecting, disease-fighting prescription.

© 2019, American College of Lifestyle Medicine. All rights reserved. Terms of use on [www.lifestylemedicine.org](http://www.lifestylemedicine.org).

### Game plan for eating away from home and traveling.

- Check menus ahead of time. Pair side dishes together to create a hearty meal.
- Ask if the kitchen is willing to make a dish with vegetables, beans and whole grains.
- When traveling, pack your own meals or stop at grocery stores instead of fast food.

### Include the entire family.

- Allow children to pick a new fruit or vegetable to try each week.
- Start a tomato plant on the porch and have children water and take care of it.
- Assign age-appropriate kitchen tasks to everyone in the family.

### Set goals each week on your journey to improved nutrition.

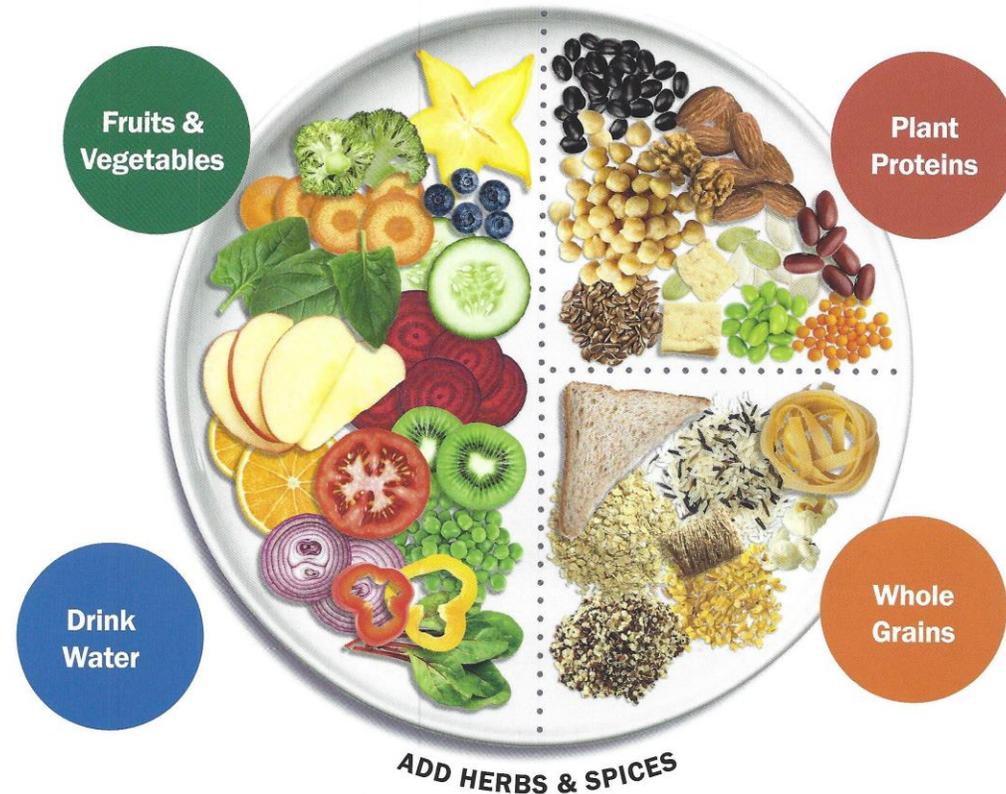
- Identify specific, measurable and attainable steps you can take each week. Instead of “eat more vegetables,” set a SMART goal to “make half your dinner plate vegetables five nights this week.”
- Celebrate success each and every step of the way!

[lifestylemedicine.org](http://lifestylemedicine.org)

## A WHOLE FOOD, PLANT-BASED PLATE

### Nutrition Prescription for Treating & Reversing Chronic Disease

The American College of Lifestyle Medicine Dietary Lifestyle Position Statement for Treatment and Potential Reversal of Disease: ACLM recommends an eating plan based predominantly on a variety of minimally processed vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts and seeds.



Include a wide array of fiber-filled, nutrient-dense, and antioxidant-rich whole plant foods at every meal. Use a variety of herbs and spices to enhance flavors.

- **Focus on whole fruits and vegetables and eat a rainbow of color.**

**Vegetables:** Dark leafy greens (spinach, kale, arugula, etc.), broccoli, squash, zucchini, carrots, tomatoes, beets, peppers, mushrooms, onions, celery, cauliflower, cucumbers, white & sweet potatoes, green peas, cabbage, whole plant fats (avocados, olives), and more.

**Fruits:** Apples, bananas, grapes, citrus fruit

- **Eat a variety of plant protein.**

**Legumes:** Peas and beans, including kidney beans, pinto beans, white beans, black beans, lima beans, black-eyed peas, garbanzo beans (chickpeas), split peas and lentils, edamame, tofu.

**Nuts and seeds:** Almonds, pistachios, walnuts, pecans, nut butters, pumpkin/sunflower/chia/flax seeds, and more.



# Evidence for Bovine Leukemia Virus in Mammary Epithelial Cells of Infected Cows

GERTRUDE CASE BUEHRING, PATRICK M. KRAMME, AND RONALD D. SCHULTZ

*School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, California; and the Department of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin*

**BACKGROUND:** Bovine leukemia virus (BLV), a retrovirus, usually causes a subclinical infection of dairy and beef cattle, but in <1% of infected cattle a B cell lymphoma may develop after several years of infection. BLV is transmitted horizontally among cattle, and infected animals have anti-BLV titers. Expression of BLV antigen, however, is silent in peripheral blood lymphocytes *in vivo*. The tropism of BLV has been assumed to be limited to B lymphocytes, because no other cell type has been found to harbor the virus *in vivo*. Since retrovirus-like particles had been identified in milk, and infection can be transmitted by milk, we decided to investigate whether BLV was in

# Bovine Leukosis Virus (BLV) on U.S. Dairy Operations, 2007

In 2007, the National Animal Health Survey conducted the major dairy States divide percent of U.S. dairy cows per This information on BLV prevalence Dairy 2007 and Dairy 1996.

## BLV

BLV is a retrovirus that infects dairy and beef cattle's

**Table 1. Percentage of Operations in Which Bulk Tank Milk Tested Positive for BLV via ELISA, by Herd size**

<b>Herd Size (Number of Cows)</b>	<b>Percent Operations</b>
Small (fewer than 100)	83.2
Medium (100-499)	82.1
Large (500 or more)	100.0

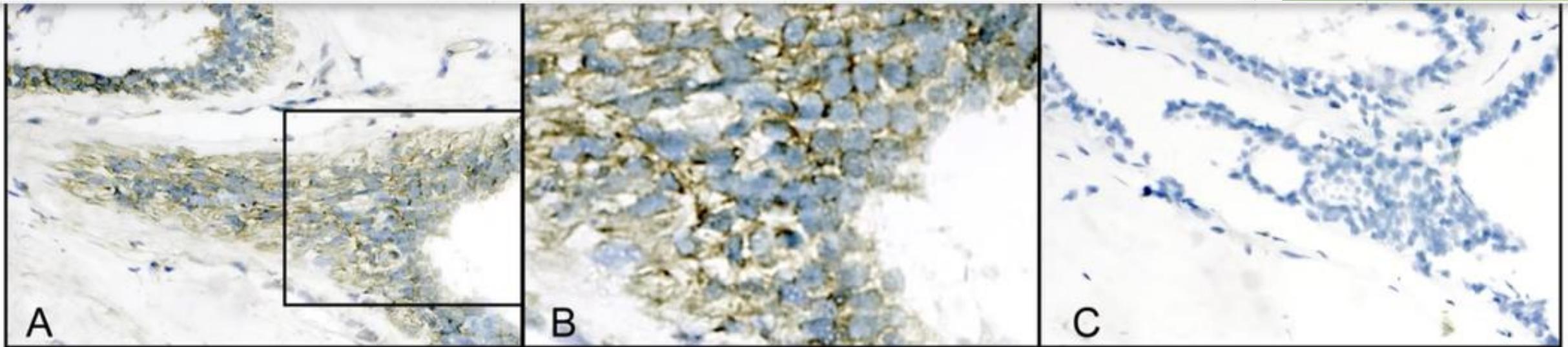
operations were tested using the Agar Gel Immuno-diffusion test (AGID). Results showed that 89.0 percent

to BLV and data from the that herds s milk per e cows.

1996 and

stically based line controlling it. on 1,006

# BLV and Breast Cancer



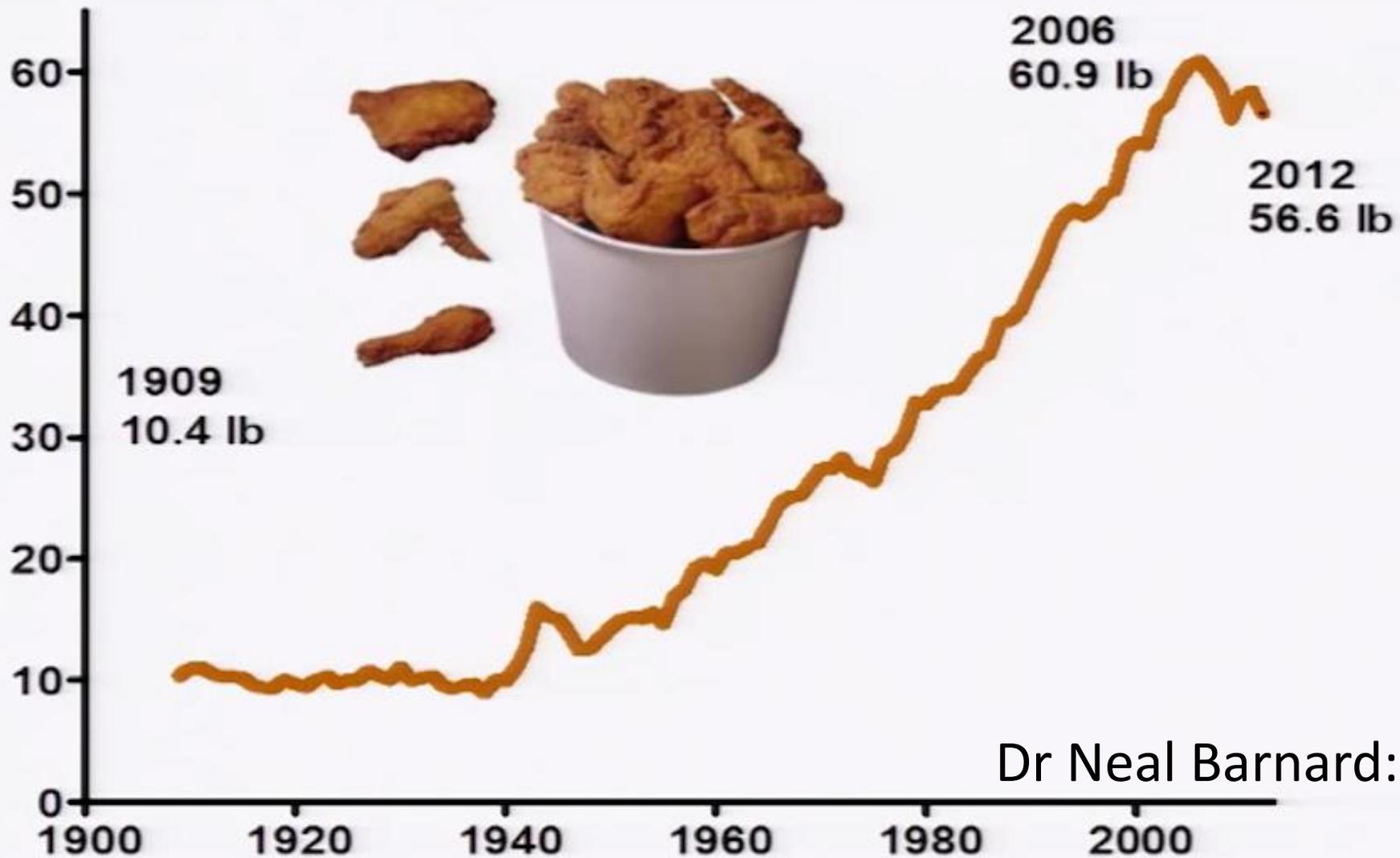
**Fig 1. Bovine leukemia virus (BLV) in the mammary epithelium of a donor with breast cancer. (A)** BLV DNA detected by in situ PCR (brown cells) (X40). Note presence of brown outcome reaction only in epithelium and not in surrounding connective tissue; **(B)** enlargement of boxed area in A, showing that the positive reaction is localized to the cytoplasm of mammary epithelial cells (X136). **(C)** background control, adjacent section reacted with PCR mix without primers to rule out non-specific false positive reactions (X40). Note absence of brown outcome reaction. Counterstain for A,B, and C is Diquick blue.

Presence of BLV-DNA in breast tissues was strongly associated with diagnosed and histologically confirmed breast cancer, OR = 3.07. As many as 37% of breast cancer cases may be attributable to BLV exposure.

***So what does all of this mean for People  
with an interest in Optimal Health?***



## U.S. Per Capita Chicken Intake (lb)



Dr Neal Barnard: PCRM, 2018

Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service,  
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/FoodConsumption/FoodAvailSpreadsheets.htm#mtpcc>,  
accessed August 15, 2009.

# JUST HOW BIG ARE TODAY'S CHICKENS?

Average weight of chicken breeds at 56 days old



**1957**  
905g

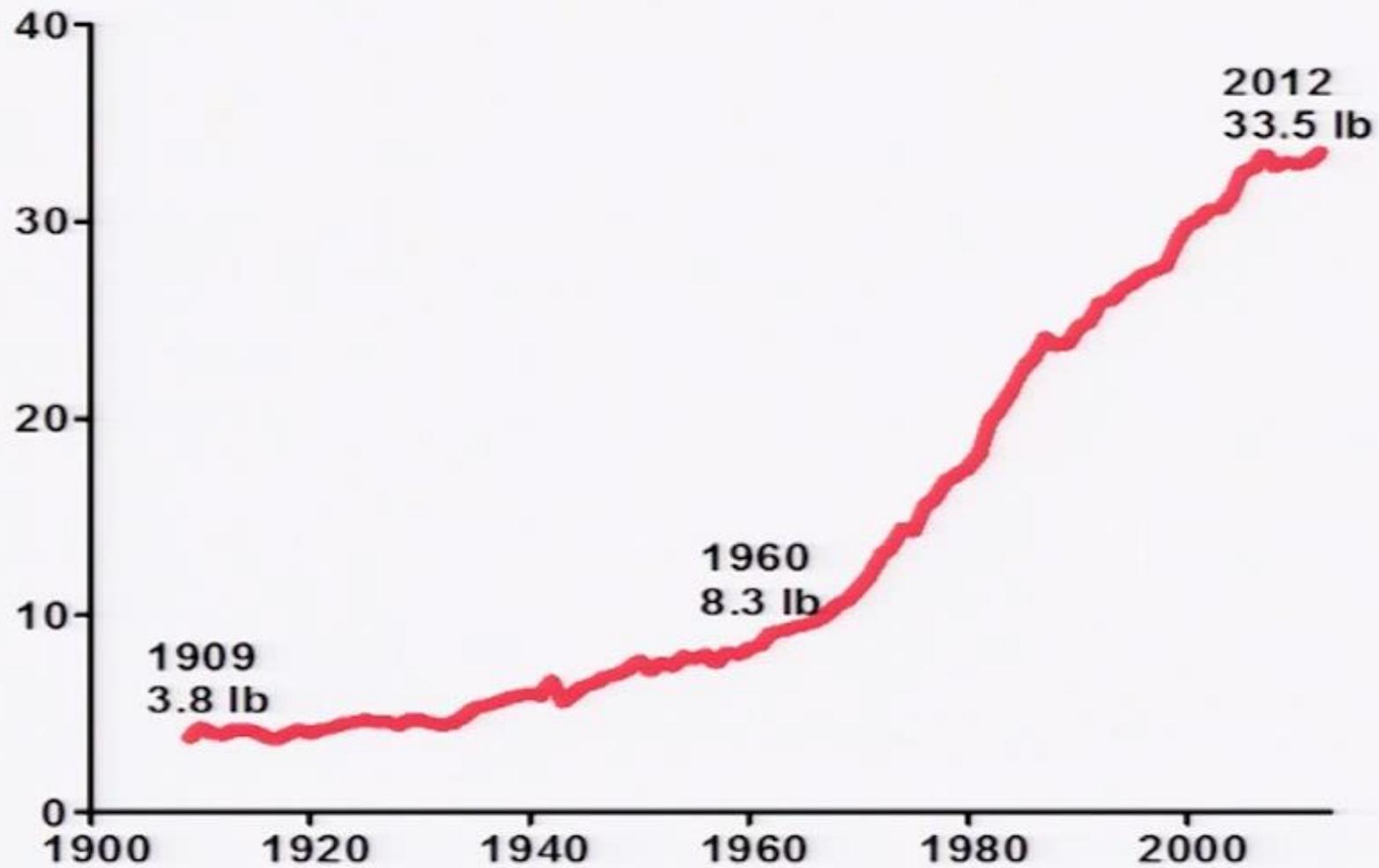


**1978**  
1,808g



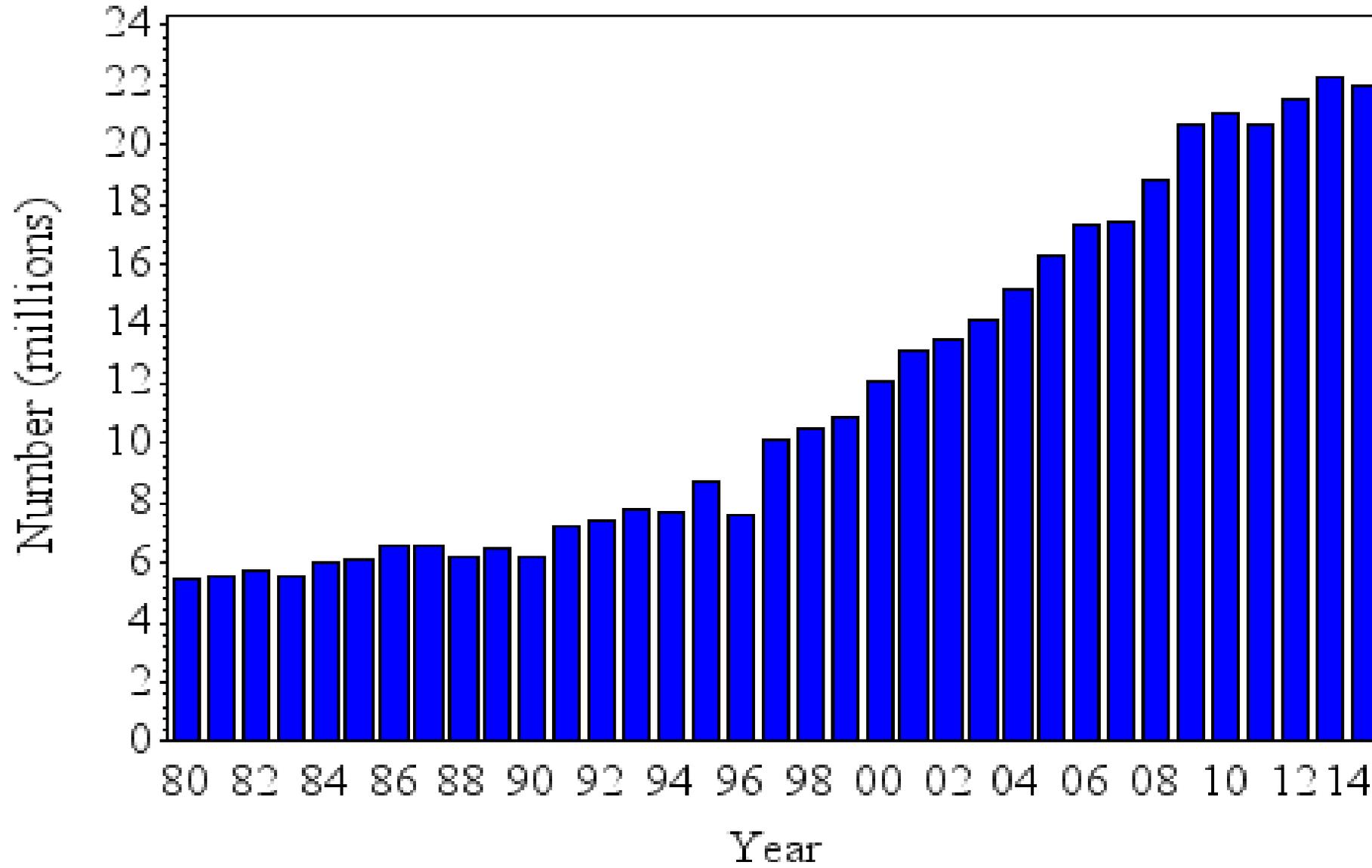
**2005**  
4,202g

## U.S. Per Capita Cheese Consumption (pounds)



Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service,  
[http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/dairy-data.aspx#.Ui9QRT\\_4LTI](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/dairy-data.aspx#.Ui9QRT_4LTI), accessed  
September 10, 2013

# US Adults With Diabetes

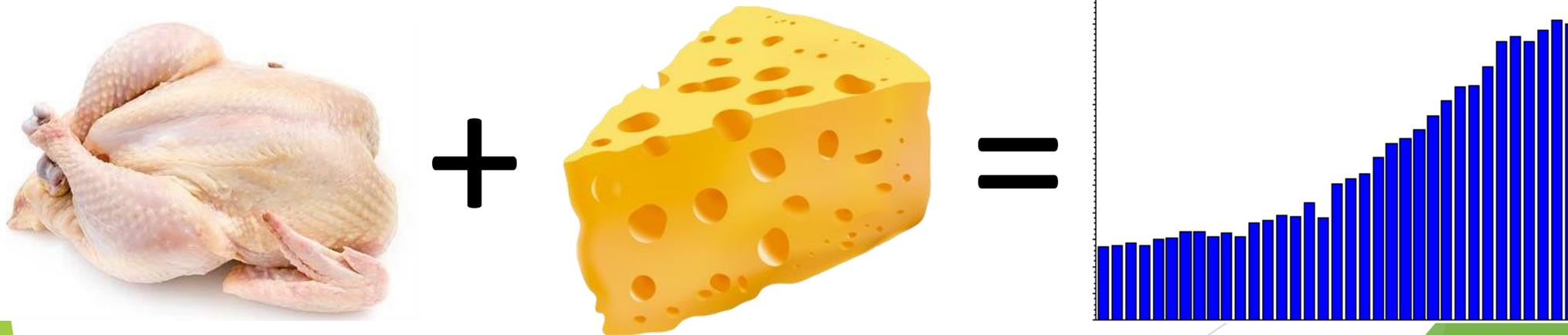


# Key Take Home Point:



# Key Take Home Point:

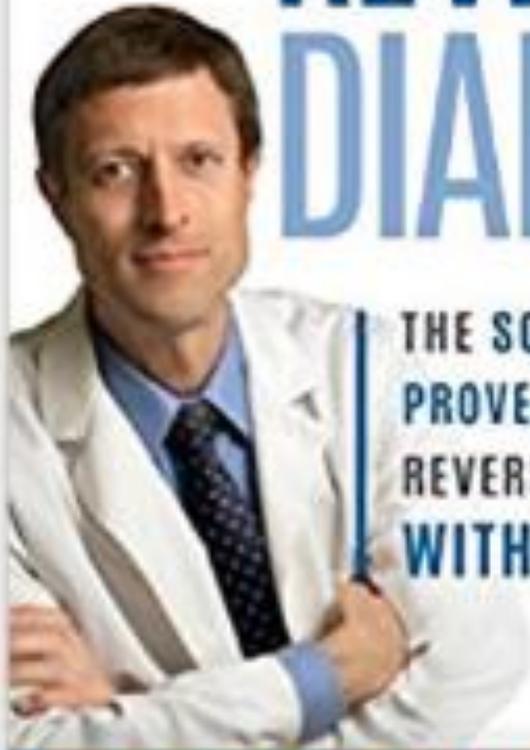
*Chicken and Cheese are  
key drivers of our  
Diabetes Epidemic*



*"Dr. Neal Barnard is one of the most responsible and authoritative voices in American medicine today."* — Andrew Weil, MD

REVISED  
EDITION

DR. NEAL BARNARD'S  
PROGRAM FOR  
**REVERSING  
DIABETES**



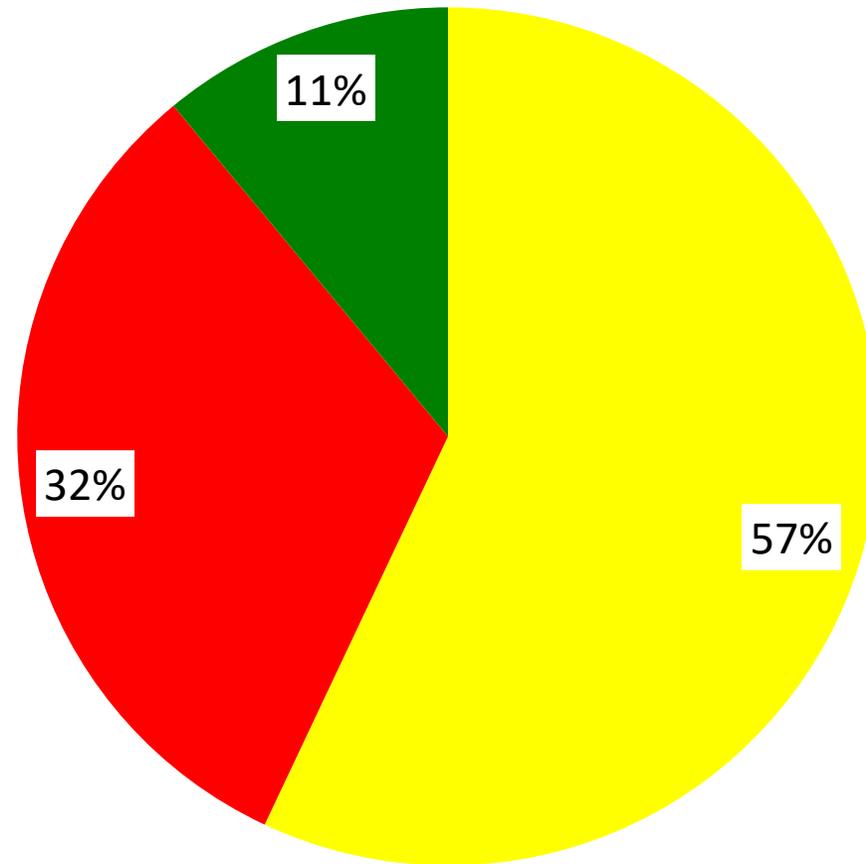
THE SCIENTIFICALLY  
PROVEN SYSTEM FOR  
REVERSING DIABETES  
**WITHOUT DRUGS**

**NEAL D. BARNARD, MD**  
*With Menus and Recipes by* **Byronne Clark Grogan**

# Standard American Diet (SAD)

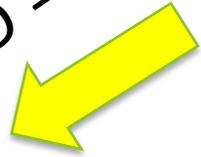
**% of Calories**

■ Processed ■ Animal ■ WFPB

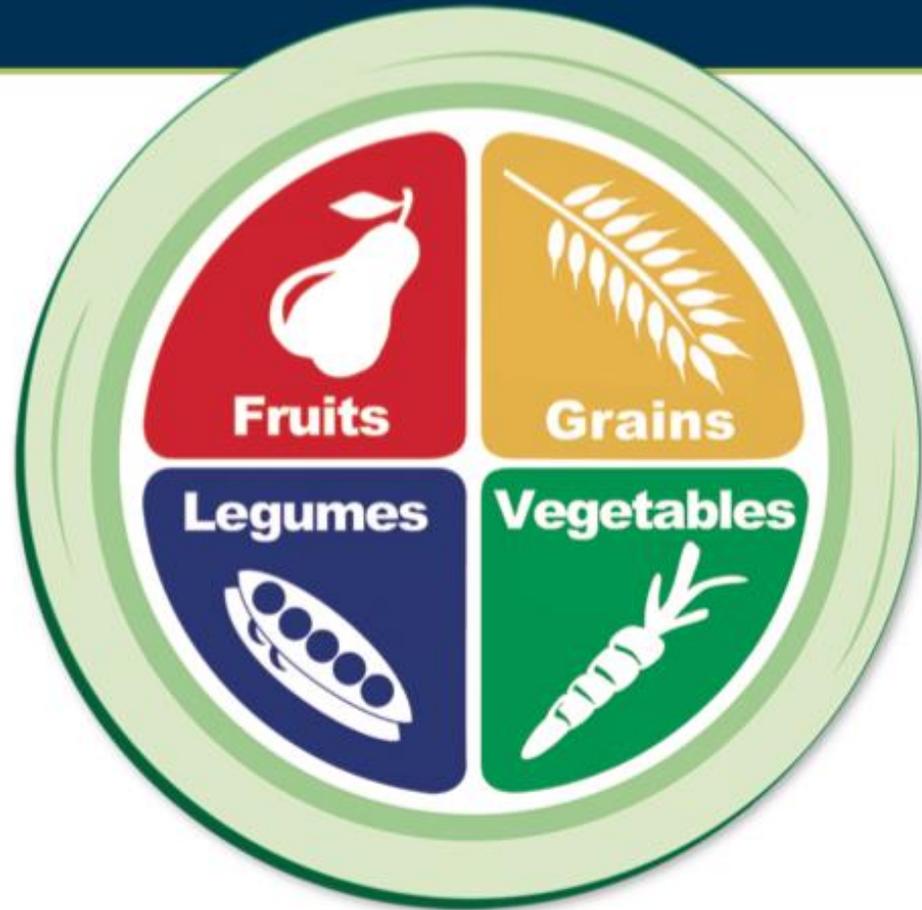


# % of Calories WFPB

SAD = 11%



# *The Power Plate*



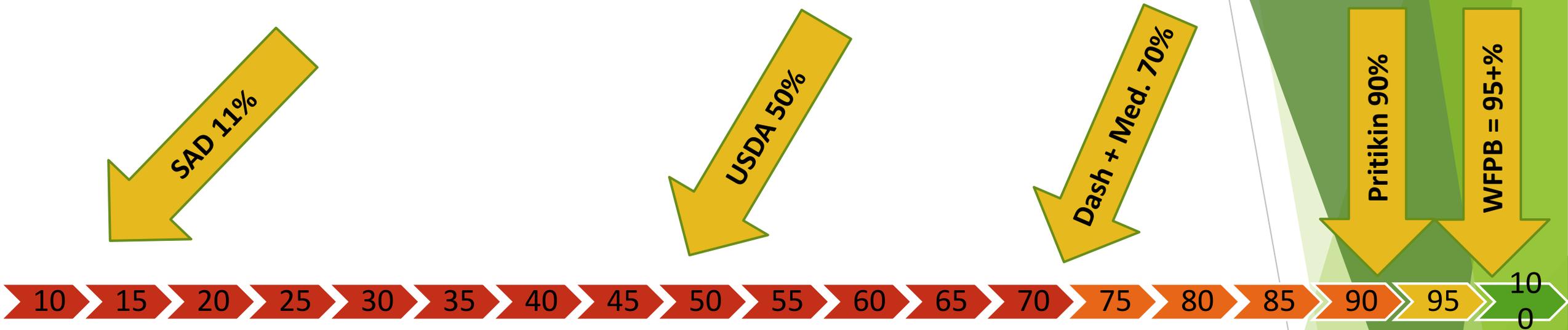
*Powerful for...*

- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Weight Control
- Cancer Prevention & Survival

# % of Calories WFPB



# % of Calories WFPB



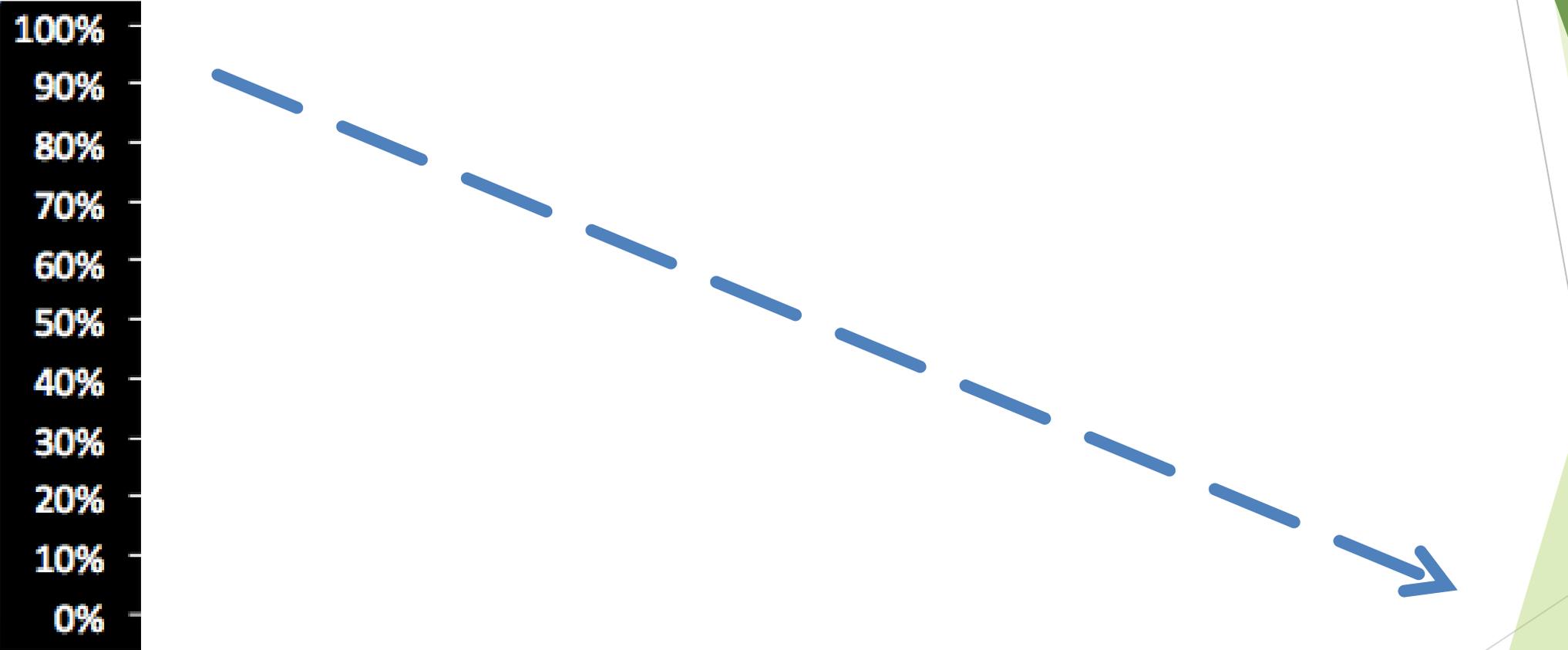
**RED = Incite and Accelerate**

**Orange = Later, Slower Progression**

**Yellow = Mitigate and Arrest**

**Green = Prevent and Reverse**

# Chronic Disease Risk- Diet

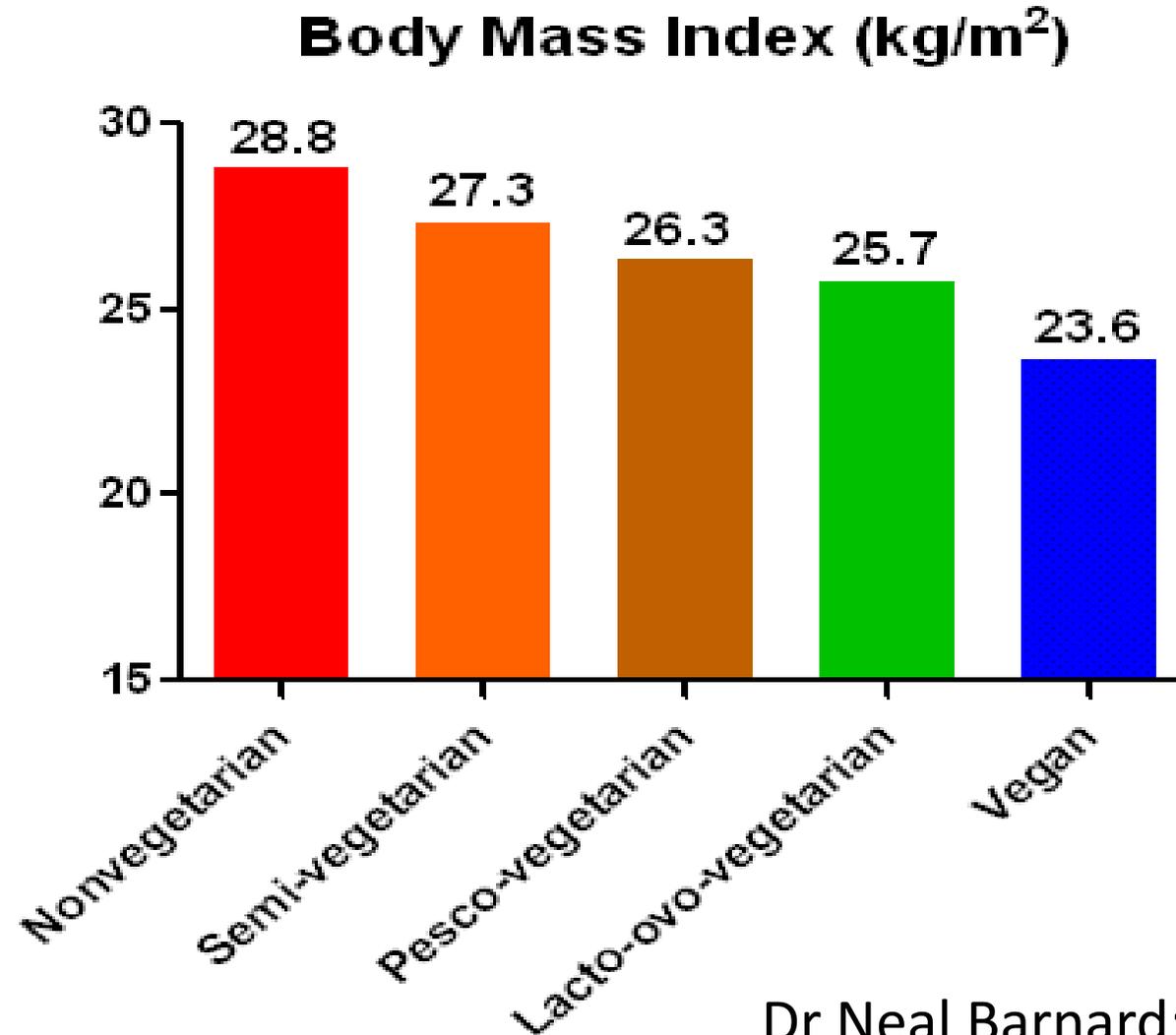


10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

% WFPB

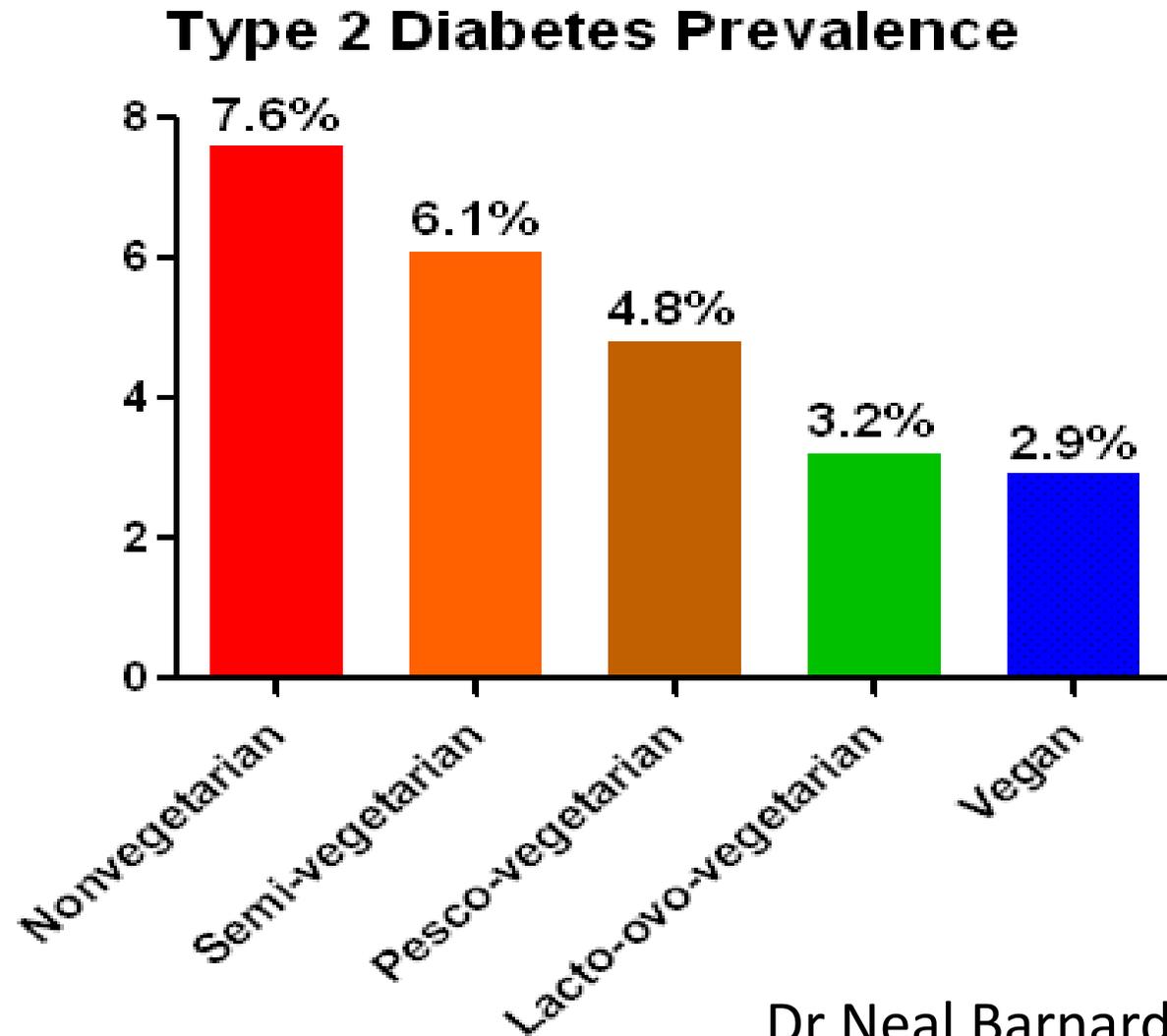
# Adventist Health Study – 2

60,903 participants, aged  $\geq 30$ , enrolled 2002-2006



# Adventist Health Study – 2

60,903 participants, aged  $\geq 30$ , enrolled 2002-2006



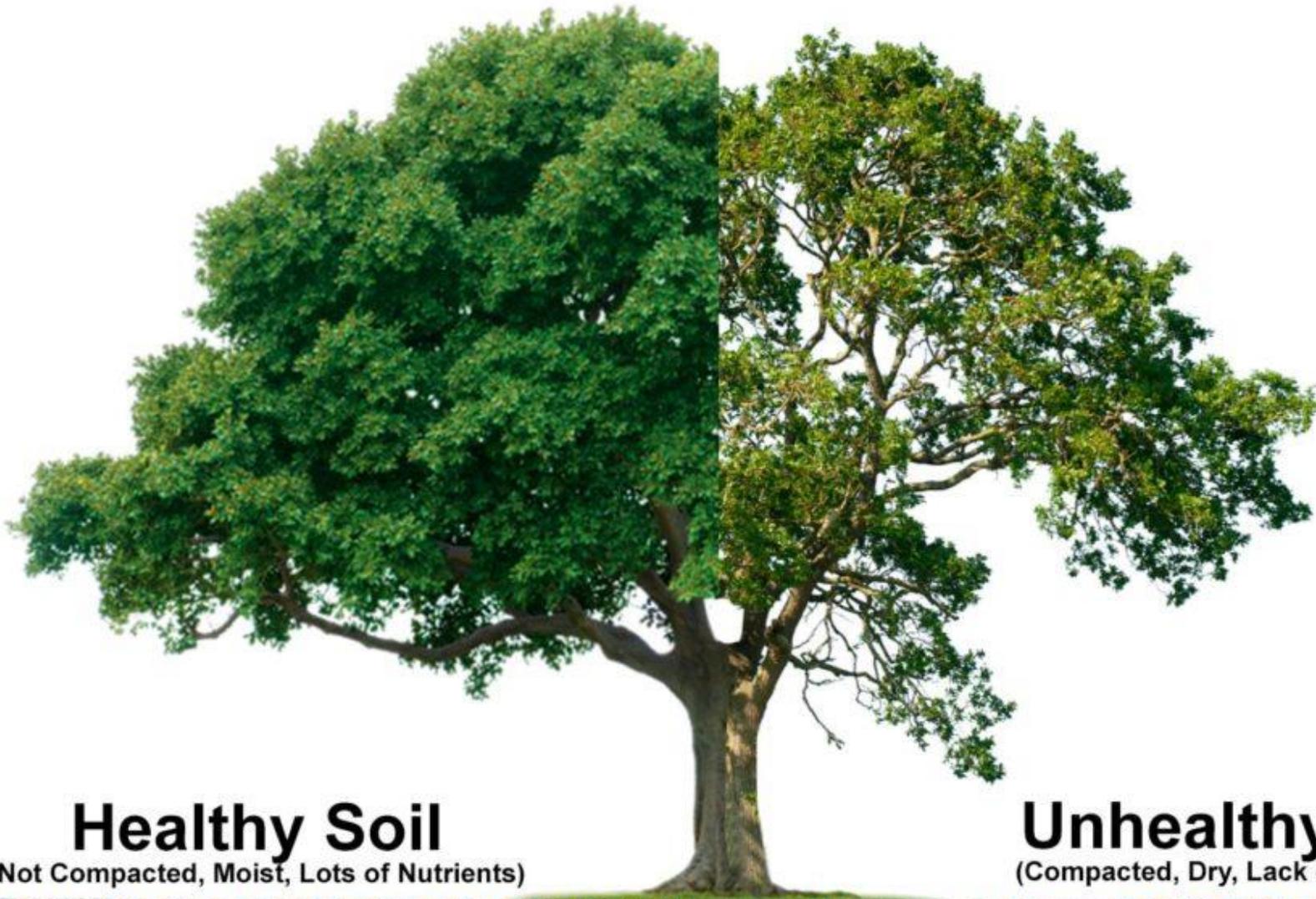
# General Principles:

- ▶ Not “All or Nothing”
- ▶ No “Threshold Effect”
- ▶ The more you do – the greater your gain
- ▶ The earlier you start the better
- ▶ But it’s NEVER TOO LATE

# Whole Plant Based Foods:

- **Antioxidant and Phytonutrient Rich**
- **Microbiome supporting Fiber**
- **Alkalinizing**
- **Anti-Inflammatory**
- **Balanced, Healthy Macronutrients**





**Healthy Soil**  
(Not Compacted, Moist, Lots of Nutrients)

**Unhealthy Soil**  
(Compacted, Dry, Lack of Nutrients)



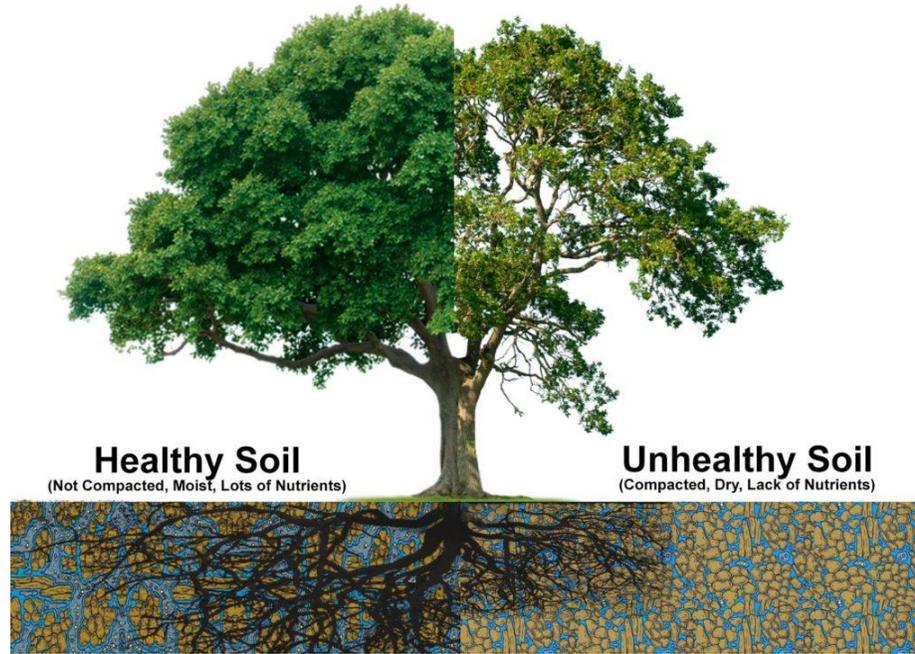
Vitality  
Positive wellness  
Independence  
Freedom

Healthy Organs

Strong blood flow  
Low Inflammation

Antioxidant rich  
Healthy Microbiome  
Phytonutrients  
Alkalinizing  
Balanced healthy Macronutrients

WFBP Lifestyle  
Daily Exercise  
Stress management  
Social connections



Fatigue  
CAD  
Diabetes  
Chronic pain  
Depression

Organ dysfunction  
Insulin resistance

Ischemia  
Inflammation

Oxidative stress  
Microbiome  
Dysbiosis  
Insulin resistance

Processed and  
Animal foods  
Sedentary lifestyle  
Isolation  
Chronic stress



# Every Day Eating WFPB Saves:

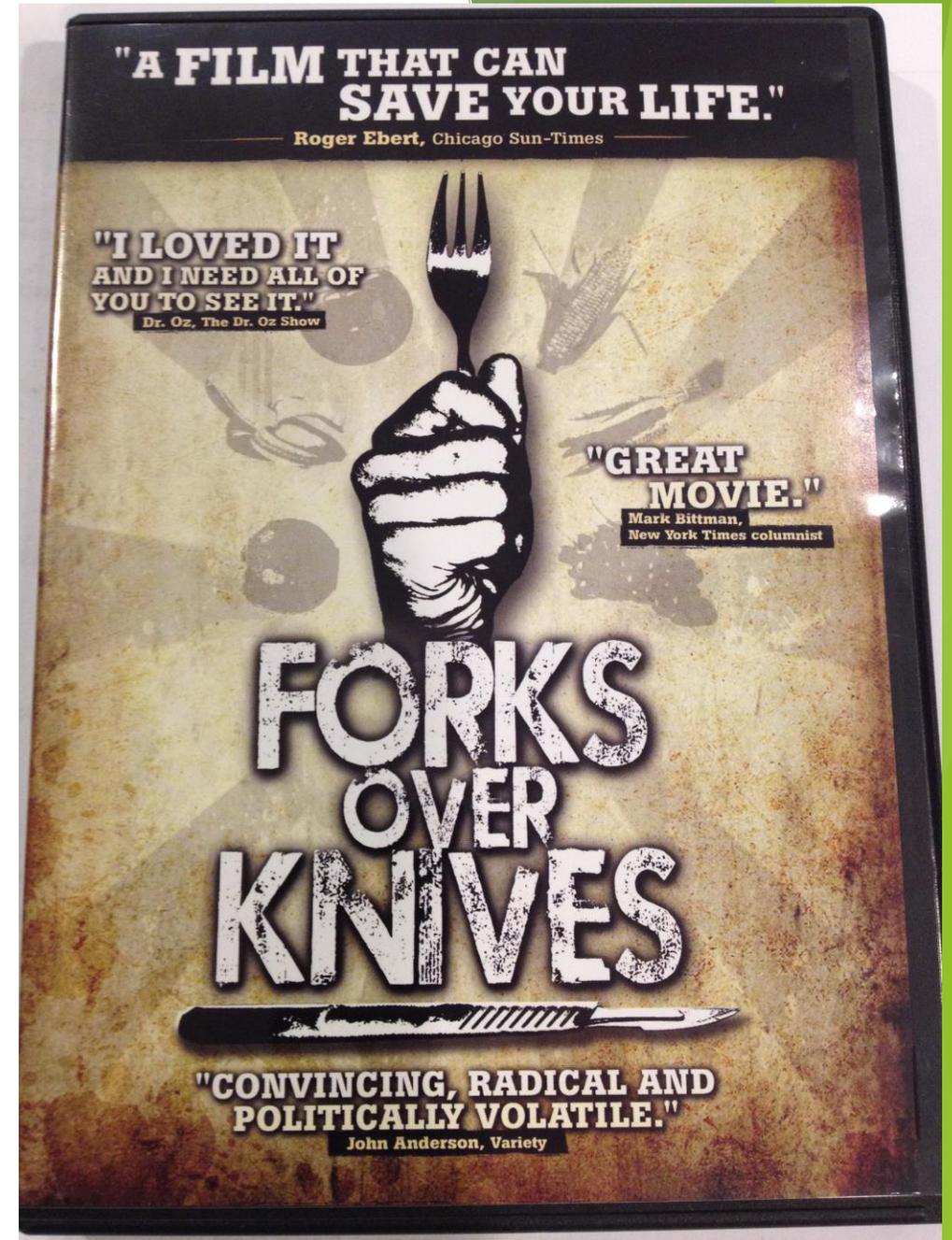
- **1100 Gallons of Water**
- **45 pounds of Grain**
- **30 sq. ft. of Forest**
- **10 pounds of CO2**
- **1 Animal's Life**



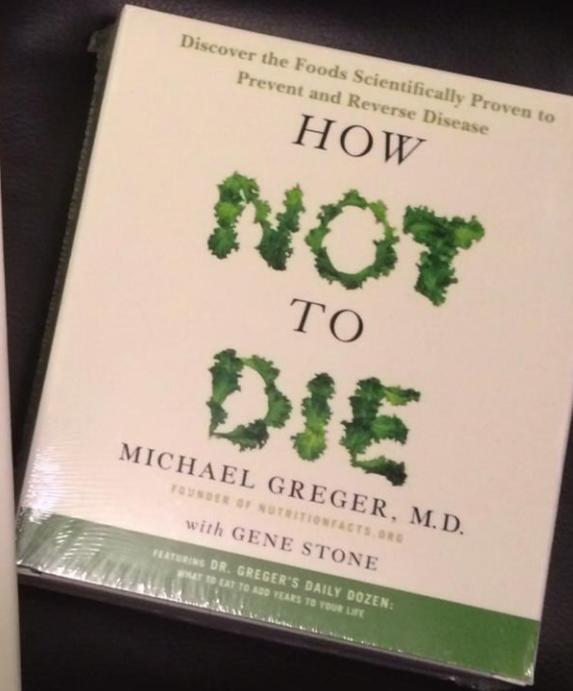
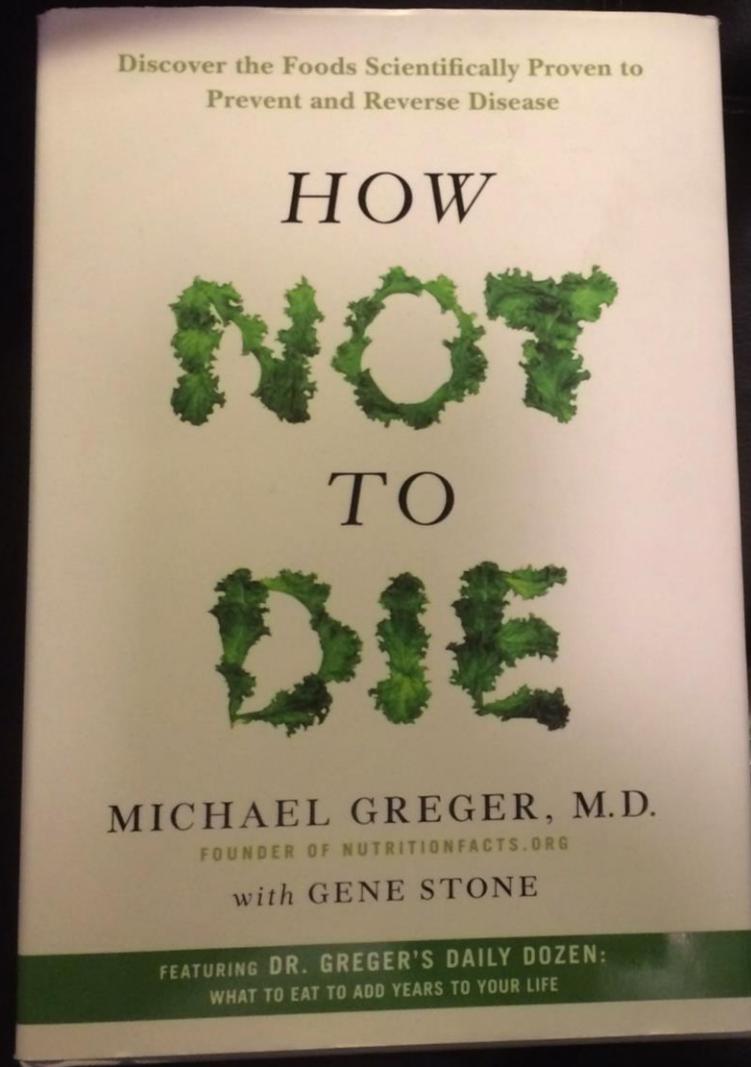


# Additional Resources:

- ▶ [PBNSG.org](http://PBNSG.org)
- ▶ [NutritionFacts.org](http://NutritionFacts.org)
- ▶ [PCRM.org](http://PCRM.org)
- ▶ [ForksOverKnives.com](http://ForksOverKnives.com)
- ▶ [ChickpeaAndBean.com](http://ChickpeaAndBean.com)
- ▶ [VegMichigan.org](http://VegMichigan.org)
- ▶ [FoodRevolution.org](http://FoodRevolution.org)
- ▶ [PlantricianProject.org](http://PlantricianProject.org)
- ▶ [P-POD.org](http://P-POD.org)



Dr. Michael Greger



ut Getting  
Some-what

ed worried

%

47

42

35

34

32

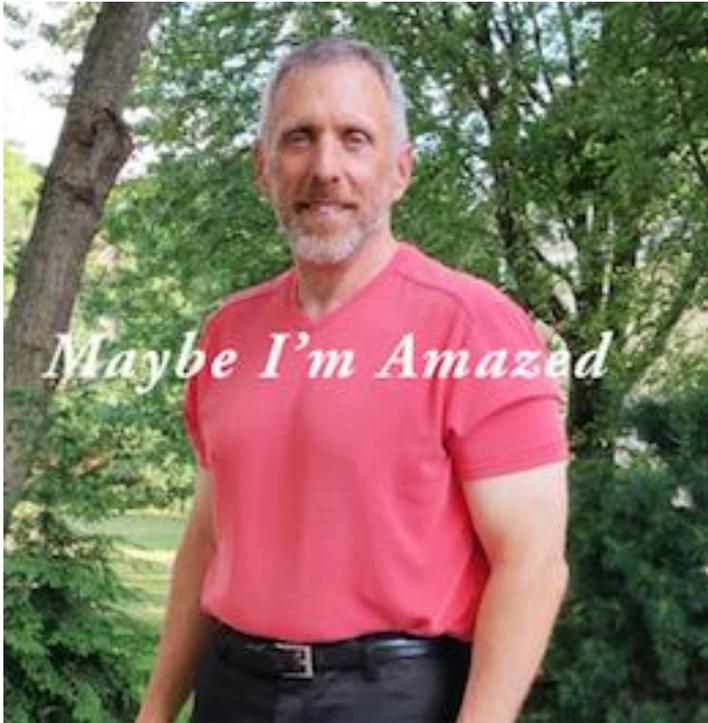
29

33

31

[www.nutritionfacts.org](http://www.nutritionfacts.org)

# Plant Based Nutrition Support Group



## UPCOMING EVENTS



THRIVING AS A  
PLANT-BASED  
ATHLETE WITH  
ROBERT BREAKEY,  
MD

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

[www.PBNSG.org](http://www.PBNSG.org)



# Rochester Lifestyle Medicine Institute

## 15-Day Whole-Food Plant-Based *Community Jumpstart Program*

### Registration Information

**RLMI Community Jumpstart** is OPEN – via Zoom meeting – using Whole-Food Plant-Based nutrition to promote health, reverse chronic diseases and provide additional defenses against COVID-19 – **from anywhere in the world!**  
Program fee is \$99.

### Subscribe / Contact Us

Watch an introduction to Community Jumpstart

Disease Reversal Sub-group report



**The Bottom line:**

**Eat as if your Health**

***and your Life***

**Depended on it...**

*When you have your  
Health  
you have 1,000 dreams...*

*And when you don't,  
you have one...*



*Questions?*

