DEPLETED BY DRUGS
Learn How Prescription & Over-the-Counter Pharmaceuticals Rob Your Body of the Vital Nutrients You Need

INSIDE:
100+ Drugs and the Specific Nutrients They Deplete

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Did Your Doctor Give You a Prescription... for Nutrient-Depletion?

When you look at the statistics, it seems that the practice of medicine has morphed into the practice of pill-pushing.

Long gone are the days when the doc would make a house call, listen to your concerns and address the cause of your illness. In the age of HMOs and Big Pharma, you wait 30 minutes in the lobby, get 7 minutes of face-time...and leave with 5 prescriptions.

When it comes to your long-term health, prescription and over-the-counter drugs are not your friend.

In fact, the fourth leading cause of death now in the U.S. is prescriptions! More bizarre still is that many of these prescriptions actually cause the disease they’re prescribed to prevent—by way of nutrient deficiencies or side effects.

- **Antidepressants:** Taking antidepressants increases the risk of suicide by 39% according to a 2006 study published in *JAMA*.
- **Cholesterol Lowering Medication:** Heart medicines deplete the very nutrients the heart needs—including magnesium, vitamin D and CoQ10.
- **Anti-Inflammatory Medications:** Deplete the body’s B vitamins which are natural (and strong!) protection against one of the most important inflammatory markers—homocysteine. Learn more in *20 Tests Your Doctor Hasn’t Performed (And Should!)*
- **Osteoporosis Medications:** Deplete the very nutrients your body needs to build bone including calcium, magnesium and phosphorous.
- **Antibiotics:** kill your healthy gut flora. As you learned in *Your Digestive Ecosystem,* your healthy flora (or your “forgotten organ”) makes up 70% of your immune system! *How can you ward off infection when your infection-fighters are warded off?*

Based on recent information, an astounding majority of ALL age groups are on dangerous drugs. In fact, 53% of people age 18-34, 62% of people age 35-49, 75% of people age 50-64, 87% of people age 65-79 and 91% of people age 80 and older take at least one prescription drug.

This book is just a sample of some of the nutrients that are depleted by drugs.

Let’s get started!
## Prescription Drugs

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**Antibiotics**

**Tetracycline Antibiotics**

- Doxycycline (Doryx, Periostat, Vibramycin)
- Minocycline (Minocin)
- Tetracycline (Achromycin, Sumycin)

Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Zinc, Inositol, Friendly intestinal bacteria, Folic Acid, Niacin

**Antidepressants**

**SSRI Antidepressants**

- Fluoxetine (Prozac)

Melatonin

**Tricyclic Antidepressants**

- Amitriptyline (Elavil)
- Amoxapine (Asendin)
- Clomipramine (Anafranil)
- Desipramine (Norpramin)
- Doxepin (Sinequan)
- Imipramine (Tofranil)
- Nortriptyline (Aventyl, Pamelor)
- Protriptyline (Vivactil)
- Trimipramine (Surmontil)

Coenzyme Q10, Vitamin B2

**Anti-Inflammatory Drugs**

**Corticosteroid Drugs for Inflammation**

- Beclomethasone (Beclovent, Vancenase, Vanceril)
- Budesonide (Pulmicort, Rhinocort)
- Dexamethasone (Decadron)
- Fluticasone (Flonase, Flovent)
- Hydrocortisone (Cortef)
- Mometasone (Nasonex)
- Prednisone (Deltasone, Meticorten)
- Triamcinolone (Azmacort, Nasacort)

Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Selenium, Zinc, Beta-Carotene, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, DHEA, Melatonin, Protein and Amino Acids
### Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

**NSAID Drugs for Inflammation**

- Celecoxib (Celebrex)
- Diclofenac (Voltaren)
- Diflunisal (Dolobid)
- Etodolac (Lodine)
- Fenoprofen (Nalfon)
- Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, Nuprin)
- Indomethacin (Indocin)
- Naproxen (Aleve, Anaprox, Naprosyn)
- Oxaprozin (Daypro)
- Piroxicam (Feldene)
- Sulindac (Clinoril)
- Tolmetin (Tolectin)

### Antiretroviral Medication

- Ribavirin
- Zidovudine (Retrovir)

### Asthma Medication

- Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin)

### Birth Control Medication

Numerous combinations of female hormones

### Diabetes Medications

#### Biguanides for Diabetes

- Metformin (Glucophage)

#### Sulfonylurea for Diabetes

- Acetohexamide (Dymelor)
- Chlorpropamide (Diabinese)
- Glimepiride (Amaryl)
- Glipizide (Glucotrol)
- Glyburide (Micronase, Glynase, Diabetes)
- Tolazamide (Tolinase)
- Tolbutamide (Orinase)

- Iron, Melatonin, Zinc, Folic Acid
- Copper and Zinc
- Potassium
- Magnesium, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid
- Vitamin B12, Folic Acid
- Coenzyme Q10
ACE Inhibiting Medication for High Blood Pressure

- Benazepril (Lotensin)
- Captopril (Capoten)
- Enalapril ((Vasotec)
- Fosinopril (Monopril)
- Lisinopril (Prinivil, Zestril)
- Moexipril (Univasc)
- Quinapril (Accupril)
- Ramipril (Altace)
- Trandolapril (Mavik)

Special Note: ACE Inhibitors can cause an increase in the level of the mineral potassium.

Alpha2-Adrenergic Agonist Medication for High Blood Pressure

- Clonidine (Catapres)

Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist Medication for High Blood Pressure

- Candesartan (Atacand)
- Irbesartan (Avapro)
- Losartan (Cozaar)
- Olmesartan (Benicar)
- Telmisartan (Micardis)
- Valsartan (Diovan)

Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc, Phosphorus, Coenzyme Q10
High Blood Pressure Medication and Congestive Heart Failure Medication

Beta Blocker Medication for High Blood Pressure

- Acebutolol (Sectral)
- Atenolol (Tenormin)
- Betaxolol (Kerlone)
- Bisoprolol (Zebeta)
- Carvedilol (Coreg)
- Metoprolol (Lopressor, Toprol)
- Nadolol (Corgard)
- Propranolol (Inderal)

Special Note: Beta-Blocker drugs frequently cause a decrease in the level of protective HDL-cholesterol. Some practitioners recommend taking chromium to offset the drop in HDL; 200mcg of Chromium Picolinate is a suggested dosage.

Vasodilating Medication for High Blood Pressure

- Hydralazine (Apresoline)

Cardiac Glycoside Medication for Heart Failure

- Digoxin (Lanoxin, Lanoxicaps)

Special Note: While Digoxin does not deplete the mineral potassium, if you are low in potassium while on this drug there is an increased risk of drug toxicity

Cholesterol Lowering Medication

Bile Acid Sequestrants Cholesterol Lowering Medication

- Cholestyramine (Questran)
- Colestipol (Colestid)

Coenzyme Q10, Melatonin
Coenzyme Q10, Magnesium, Vitamin B6
Magnesium, Vitamin B1, Calcium, Phosphorus
Beta-Carotene, Folic Acid, Iron, Vitamin B12, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K
### Cholesterol Lowering Medication

#### Statin Cholesterol Lowering Medication

- Atorvastatin (Lipitor)
- Fluvastatin (Lescol)
- Lovastatin (Mevacor)
- Pravastatin (Pravachol)
- Simvastatin (Zocor)

- Coenzyme Q10

#### Fibric Acid Cholesterol Lowering Medication

- Gemfibrozil (Lopid)

- Coenzyme Q10, Vitamin E

### Diuretics

#### Loop Diuretics

- Bumetanide (Bumex)
- Ethacrynic Acid
- Furosemide (Lasix)

- Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B6, Vitamin C

#### Potassium Sparing Diuretics

- Amiloride (Midamor)
- Spironolactone (Aldactone)
- Triamterene (Dyrenium)

- Calcium, Folic Acid

#### Thiazide Diuretics

- Chlorothiazide (Diuril)
- Hydrochlorothiazide (Esidrix, Hydrodiuril, Oretic)
- Methyclothiazide (Aquatensen, Endurron)
- Metolazone (Zaroxolyn)

- Coenzyme Q10, Magnesium, Potassium, Zinc
## Osteoporosis Medication

**Bisphosphonate Bone Building Medication**

- Alendronate (Fosamax)

Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphorus

## Ulcer Medication

**Histamine H2 Antagonist Ulcer Medication**

- Cimetidine (Tagamet)
- Famotidine (Pepcid)
- Nizatidine (Axid)

Calcium, Folic Acid, Iron, Zinc, Vitamin B12, Vitamin D

## Proton Pump Inhibiting Ulcer Medication

- Lansoprazole (Prevacid)
- Omeprazole (Prilosec)
- Esomeprazole (Nexium)
- Pantoprazole (Protonix)

Calcium, Iron, Zinc, Folic Acid, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B12

## Pain Relieving Medication

**Opiate Analgesics**

- Hydrocodone with APAP or acetaminophen

Folic Acid, Iron, Potassium, Vitamin C

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*Will Your Antacid Give You Alzheimer’s?* If you use Gaviscon, Maalox or Mylanta, you’re being exposed to aluminum — a widely recognized neurotoxin that has been found in increased concentrations in Alzheimer’s patients. And it’s not just in your antacids, it’s in many common foods, cooking tools and other commonly used substances too. See *Smart Cooks Age Better* for the full list of aluminum-containing products to avoid.
# Over the Counter Drugs

## Non-Prescription Medications

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<td>Folic Acid, Vitamin A, Vitamin B1 and Vitamin D, Calcium, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Zinc</td>
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<td><strong>Aspirin</strong> (Anacin, Bayer Asprin, Bufferin, Ecotrin)</td>
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<td>Folic Acid, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B6, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Calcium, Iron, Potassium, Zinc</td>
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<td><strong>Laxatives with Bisacodyl</strong></td>
<td>(Carter's Little Pills, Correctol, Dulcolax, Feen-a-Mint, PMS-Bisacodyl)</td>
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<td><strong>Laxatives Mineral Oil</strong></td>
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<td>Beta-Carotene, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, and Vitamin E, Calcium</td>
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<td><strong>NSAIDs for Pain and Inflammation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ulcer Medication H2 Histamine Inhibitors</strong></td>
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<td>Folic Acid, Vitamin B1 and Vitamin B12, Calcium, Iron, Zinc</td>
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