

Inflammation Susceptibility Questionnaire



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The Inflammation Susceptibility Questionnaire

The following questionnaire is designed to create a general picture of your lifestyle and help you identify which lifestyle habits are triggering inflammation in your body. The questionnaire is divided into 4 sections that relate to your health and wellbeing: nutrition and digestion, stress and emotions, sleep and energy, and exercise and physical strength.

Your answers to these questions will help you create a baseline to work from and track of your progress as you make changes in your eating habits, stress management, sleep habits, physical activity, rest, and personal development.

1. Answer each question with the response that best fits you. It is very important that you answer each question as accurately and honestly as possible. There are no right or wrong answers. Select the response that most accurately describes you, not what you think you should answer.

When answering the nutrition and diet questions, forget everything you've been told about what you should and shouldn't eat. Answer the questions based on your gut instinct to how you would prefer to eat if you could eat what you innately desire.

- 2. Total your scores for each section. There are numbers in parentheses after each answer. Add up the numbers corresponding to each of your responses to get your total score for that section.
- 3. Graph your scores on page 17.



1. Do you shop for food less frequently than every 7 days?Yes (5)No (0)	8. Do you eat quick cook grains such as Rice A-Roni, Quaker Oats or Minute Rice more often than slow-cooked organic whole grains Yes (5) No (0)		
2. Do you eat more frozen or canned Vegetables and fruits than fresh? Yes (5) No (0)	9. How often do you consume pasteurized, homogenized milk or cheese? Never or rarely (0) 1-2 times per week (1) 3 times per week (3) 3 + times per week (5)		
3. Do you eat more cooked vegetables than raw?Yes (5)No (0)	10. How often do you eat non-organic yogurts? Never or rarely (0) 1-2 times per week (1) 3 times per week (3) 3 + times per week (5)		
4. Do you eat vegetables with fewer than two meals daily? Yes (5) No (0)	11. Do you eat regular store-bought eggs from cage-raised chickens (as opposed to free-range eggs?) Yes (5) No (0)		
5. Do you buy more non-organic produce than organic produce? Yes (5) No (0)	12. Do you eat more <i>non-organic</i> red meat than organic meat? Yes (5) No (0)		
6. Do you eat green, leafy vegetables?Yes (0) No (5)	13. Do you eat meats (beef, chicken, pork) from sources other than free-range & hormone-free? Yes (3) No (0)		
7. Do you eat white bread more than whole g Yes (5)	rain bread?		



14. Do you eat canned fish more	20. Do you use standard white table salt?
frequently than fresh fish?	Yes (5)
Yes (3)	No (0)
No (0)	
15. How often do you use commercial salad dressings	21. Do you eat frozen dinners or packaged
S .	foods more than three times per week?
Never or rarely (0)	Yes (5)
Once per week (1)	No (0)
Twice per week (2)	
2 + times per week (3)	
16. How often do you use products containing hydrogenated oils (margarine, mayo,	22. How often do you eat fast food (McDonald's KFC, Wendy's, Pizza Hut etc.)?
baked goods, cereal, condiments.)	Never or rarely (0)
Never or rarely (0)	1-2 times per week (2)
Once per week (1)	3 times per week (5)
twice per week (2)	3 + times per week (10)
2 + times per week (5)	s simes per ween (19)
17. Do you eat nuts or seeds that are	23. Do you drink unfiltered tap water?
roasted or salted?	Yes (10)
Yes (1)	No (0)
No (0)	
18. How often do you use white table sugar	24. How often do you eat snacks from
to sweeten your foods (i.e coffee, baking?)	vending machines?
Never or rarely (0)	Never or rarely (0)
Once per week (1)	1-2 times per week (2)
2-3 times per week (3)	3 times per week (5)
3 + times per week (5)	3 + times per week (10)
	:(22)
19. How often do you use artificial sweeteners	25. How often do you eat sugary foods (candy,
(Equal, Splenda, Sweet-n-Low etc.)?	ice cream, pastries, cereals, granola bars)?
Never or rarely (0)	Never or rarely (0)
Once per week (1)	Once per week (1)
2-3 times per week (5)	2-3 times per week (3)
3+ times per week (10)	3+ times per week (5)



26. Do you drink water daily?	33. How often do you drink alcohol?
Yes (0)	Never or rarely (0)
No (5)	Once per week (5)
	2-3 times per week (10)
If yes, how much?	3+ times per week (15)
27. How often do you drink caffeinated coffee or tea?	34. How often do you drink soda?
Never or rarely (0)	Never or rarely (0)
Once per week (1)	Once per week (1)
2-3 times per week (3)	2-3 times per week (3)
3+ times per week (5)	3+ times per week (5)
28. How often do you drink store-bought fruit juices?	? 35. How often do you eat fried foods?
Never or rarely (0)	Never or rarely (0)
Once per week (1)	Once per week (1)
2-3 times per week (3)	2-3 times per week (3)
3+ times per week (5)	3+ times per week (5)
29. Do you typically eat carbohydrates (i.e. bread,	36. How often do you use a microwave?
pasta, crackers, cookies, muffins, cereals, fruit,	Never or rarely (0)
vegetables, chocolate) by themselves?	1-2 times per week (2)
Yes (5)	3-4 times per week (5)
No (0)	4 + times per week (10)
30. Do you read food labels to monitor your	37. Do you have any food sensitivities (i.e. to
dairy, intake of fats, sugars, salt, artificial	gluten, eggs, soy, corn, nuts etc.)?
sweeteners, preservatives and dyes?	Yes (5)
Yes (0)	No (0)
No (5)	
31. Do you frequently skip meals?	38. How often do you consume drinks
Yes (3)	with caffeine or sugar (coffee, tea, soda,
No (0)	juice, sports drinks etc.)?
	Never or rarely (0)
	1 cup per day (1)
	2 cups per day (3)
	More than 2 cups per day (5)
32. Do regularly eat or drink products	
containing sugar, white flour, processed dairy?	
Yes (5)	
No (0)	



39. How often do you go more than four	47. Have you tried diets to lose weight?
hours without eating?	No (0)
Never or rarely (0)	Once (1)
1-2 times per week (1)	Twice (2)
3 times per week (2)	3-5 times (5)
3 + times per week (3)	More than 5 times (10)
40. How often do you skip breakfast	
(eat more than 2 hours after getting up)?	48. Do you have difficulty burning fat around
Never or rarely (0)	your belly, hips or thighs even with regular
2 times per week (1)	exercise?
3 times per week (5)	Yes (3)
3 + times per week (10)	No (0)
41. Do you avoid fats when eating?	49. Do eat your largest meal in the evening?
Yes (5)	Yes (1)
No (0)	No (0)
42. Do you often eat carbs (bread, pasta, cookies, fruit, cereal, muffins, crackers, bagels, candy etc.) without fat or protein? Yes (5) No (0)	50. Do you often get hungry or crave sweets within 2 hours of eating a meal? Yes (5) No (0)
43. Do you eat every 3-4 hours? 1	51. Do you eat at least three meals per day?
Yes (0)	Yes (0)
No (5)	No (5)
44. Do you eat your meals "on the run"?	52. Do you ever binge on food or alcohol?
No (0)	Yes (5)
Yes (5)	No (0)
45. Do you eat compulsively?	53. Do you have food cravings within two hours of eating?
Yes (5)	Yes (5)
No (0)	No (0)
46. How often do you experience	54. How often do you have little to no appetite?
lower abdominal bloating?	Never or rarely (0)
Never or rarely (0)	1-2 times per week (3)
1-2 times per week (3)	3 times per week (5)
3 times per week (5)	3 + times per week (10)



55. Do you frequently have loose stools or diarrhea? No (0) Once per week (1) 3 + times per week (5)	62. Do you have an excessive appetite or strong sweet cravings? Yes (5) No (0)			
56. How often do you experience constipation or stools that are compact or hard to pass? Never or rarely (0) 1-2 times per week (3) 3 + times per week (5)	63. How often do you have indigestion, heartburn or an upset stomach? Never or rarely (0) 1-2 times per week (3) 3 times per week (5) 3 + times per week (5)			
57. Do you often burp/belch after meals? Yes (3) No (0) 58. Do you frequently have gas?	64. Do you experience abdominal pain, cramps or general abdominal discomfort more than once per week? Yes (20) No (0)			
Yes (3) No (0)	65. How often do you get a headache after eating?			
59. Do you get hungry within three hours of eating meals? Yes (3) No (0)	Never or rarely (0) 1-2 times per week (3) 3 + times per week (5)			
60. Do you crave certain foods like bread, sugar, milk, chocolate, fruit, and red meat if you haven't eaten them in a day or two? Yes (5) No (0)	66. Do your bowel movements alternate between constipation and diarrhea? Yes (3) No (0)			
61. Do certain foods or drinks (i.e. spicy or poor	67. Do you often feel worse (less energy, sleepy,			
fatty foods, coffee, alcohol, chocolate etc.) nausea, aggravate indigestion?Yes (5) No (0)	concentration, foggy head, depressed, headaches, gas, bloating etc.) after eating? Yes (5) No (0			



68. Do you have less than 2 bowel	70. In general, are your bowel movements			
movements each day?	loose, hard or foul smelling?			
Yes (5)	Yes (10)			
No (0)	No (0)			
69. Do you currently have a digestive disorder	•			
or frequently have pain in the region above	71. Do you find that regardless of how much			
or below the navel?	you eat you get hungry quickly?			
Yes (10)	Yes (5)			
No (0)	No (0)			
Total Score for Nutrition & Digestion				



Section 2: Stress & Emotions

1. Do you eat more or less when stressed?Yes (10)No (0)	 8. Do you feel stressed due to lack of intimacy in one or more of your relationships? Yes (5) No (0) 9. Have you had reduced contact with friends (feeling antisocial) or an increase in contact because you need to vent your frustrations or stresses to others? Yes (3) No (0) 			
2. Do you worry over job, income or money?Yes (10)No (0)				
3. Are any of your relationships causing you stress? Yes (10) No (0)	10. Do you take any form of medication prescribed for related stress in your life or for a psychological disorder? Yes (15) No (0)			
4. Do you often feel anxious? Yes (5) No (0)	11. Do you often feel annoyed or aggressive? Yes (5) No (0)			
5. Do you often get upset when things go wrong? Yes (5) No (0)	12. Do you lash out at/take your anger out on others? Yes (5) No (0)			
6. Do you feel your sex drive is lower than normal for you? Yes (5) No (0)	13. Do you feel isolated or lonely? Yes (3) No (0)			
7. How would you rate your stress levels <i>most</i> days (10 being the highest)?1-2 (1)3-5 (3)6-8 (5)9-10 (10)	14. Do you often feel apathetic?Yes (3)No (0)			



Section 2: Stress & Emotions cont.

21. Do you partake in recreational activities (i.e. hiking, gardening, golf, tennis, skiing etc.)? Yes (0) No (10)
22. Do you have hobbies that you make time for each week? Yes (0) No (10)
23. Have you developed healthy skills for stress relief? Yes (0) No (10)
24. Do you miss more than two days of work per year due to illness? Yes (5) No (0)
25. Do you use rigorous exercise (i.e. running, kickboxing, Zumba, weights etc.) to relieve stress? Yes (10) No (0)
26. How would you consider your life to be?: Stress free (0) Mildly stressful (5) Very stressful (10)

Total Score for Stress & Emotions: _____



Section 3: Sleep & Energy

1. Do you live in the same time zone you were born in? Yes (0) No (5) month?)	7. Has your sense of hunger changed from being hungry at breakfast (upon rising), lunch (midday) and dinner times (sunset) since moving to a new time zone or traveling across time zones frequently (more than once per
	Yes (10) No (0)
2. Do you travel across times zones more than once per month? Yes (10)No (0)	8. How often is your sleep disturbed at the same time each night and do you have a hard time falling back to sleep? Never or rarely (0) Once per week (5) 3 times per week (10) 3 + times per week (20)
3. How often do you wake up tired and in need of more sleep? Never or rarely (0) Once per week (5) 3 times per week (10) 3+ times per week (20)	9. How often do you have a hard time staying awake in the afternoon after eating lunch? Never or rarely (0) Once per week (5) 3 times per week (10) 3+ times per week (20)
4. Do you often go to bed after 10:30pm? Never (0) Once per week (5) 2 times per week (10) 3 or more times per week (20)	10. Do you do shift work that requires staying up late at night/early in the morning? Yes (25) No (0)
5. Are the times you have bowel movement consistent and predicable on a daily basis? Yes (0) No (5)	to a new time zone or traveling across time zones? Yes (10) No (0)
6. Do you fall asleep easily each night? Yes (0) No (5)	12. Do you make time every day for relaxation? Yes (0) No (10)



Section 3: Sleep & Energy cont.

13. Do you often feel extremely tired, physically	15. Do you often have a hard time focusing		
and mentally?	or remembering things?		
Yes (5)	Yes (5)		
No (0)	No (0)		
14. Do you snack on sweets or drink coffee, soda			
or sports drinks to boost your energy?			
Yes (10)			
No (0)			
Total Score for Sleep & Energy:			



Section 5: Exercise & Strength

1. Do you engage in aerobic exercise	7. Are you able to walk or hike long distances
(i.e. walking, biking, swimming, running,	without discomfort?
racquet ball, tennis etc.) every week?	Yes (0)
Yes (0)	No (10)
No (10)	
	8. Does moderate to intense exercise exhaust
2. Do you engage in strength training	you?
or weight lifting exercises at least three	Yes (10)
days per week?	No (0)
Yes (0)	10 (0)
	O. Do vous mussles feel save and /or tight?
No (10)	9. Do your muscles feel sore and/or tight?
	Yes (10)
3. Do you stretch or engage in flexibility	No (0)
exercises (i.e. yoga etc.) every week?	
Yes (0)	10. Do your joints feel achy?
No (10)	Yes (10)
	No (0)
4. Do you do core strengthening	
exercises (i.e. yoga, pilates etc.) every week?	11. Do you feel that your physical strength
Yes (0)	has weakened as you've gotten older?
No (10)	Yes (10)
,	No (0)
5. Do you find you get injured easily doing	
physical activities?	12. Do you feel that your physical stamina
Yes (10)	has decreased as you've gotten older?
No (0)	Yes (10)
110 (0)	No (0)
6. Are you able to squat and bend over	10 (0)
easily without discomfort?	
Yes (0)	
No (10)	
Total Score for Exercise & Strength:	



Score Chart

Date:			

	Nutrition & Digestion	Stress & Emotions	Sleep & Energy	Exercise & Strength	Total Score
High Priority	356	204	180	120	860
	60	60	60	60	
	40	40	40	40	160
Moderate Priority	30	30	30	30	
	20	20	20	20	80
Low Priority	10	10	10	10	☺
Score Totals					