



Inflammation & Summer Grilling Season

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Presentation protocol

- Highly Interactive! (If you participate, you will not doze off or feel sleepy!!...)
- We will leave questions for the end but if there's something that do not understand on the slides...please raise your hand.
- There's no silly question...please ask without hesitation.
- The information shared today does not replace the advise of a medical practitioner. Please check with your practitioner before introducing any herbs or supplements if you are taking any medications due to possible drug interactions.

About Me



Education:

- FNLP, CFNC, RHN (Practicing since 2018)
- Ayurveda Lifestyle Practitioner (10+ years)
- Multiple certifications in functional health (Cardiovascular, Autoimmune, Gastrointestinal, Thyroid/Hashimoto's, Chronic Fatigue, Metabolic health)

Passion:

- Food as medicine
- Ayurveda and Spirituality/Quantum physics

My Story:

- Left a banking career
- Personal journey due to gut issues
- Don't plan to retire from work!!







Understanding Inflammation

Grilling & anti-inflammatory foods



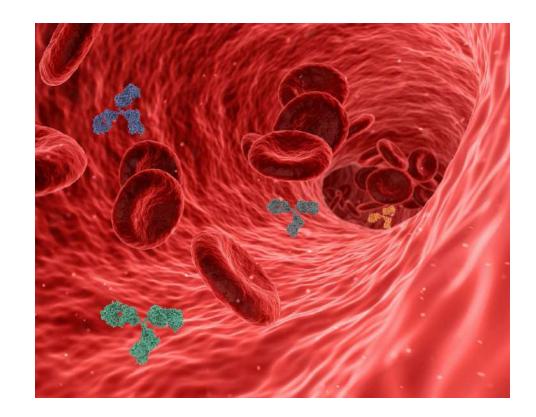
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Inflammation...

- We all are or have experienced inflammation in our life....
- All chronic health conditions are associated with it....

• What condition have you experienced inflammation..





Questions?

Q) What is Inflammation? (Write what comes to your mind when you think of inflammation)

Q) Why do you think the body creates Inflammation?



An Intelligent response.....



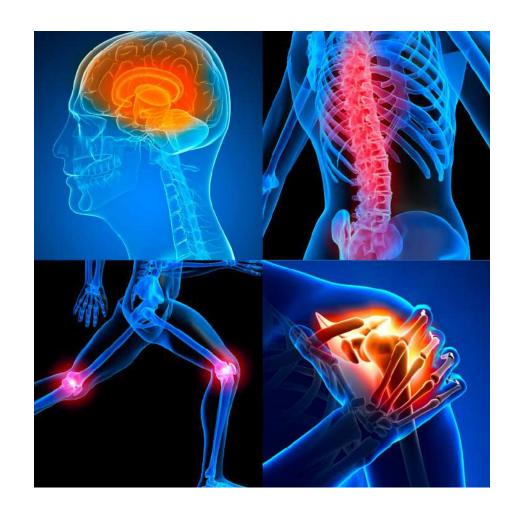
What is Inflammation?



Immune system response/ part of the natural healing process to

- Protect
- Destroy
- Repair

(An antigen/foreign body/damaged cells/toxin etc.)



What is Inflammation?



Signs associated with inflammation:

- 1. Heat----Destroy
- 2. Redness----Red Blood Cells(nutrients)
- 3. Swelling-----Fluids/plasma/WBC(immune cells)
- 4. Pain----Nerve receptors/protect
- Loss of function----- Area can heal



Whether you cut a finger or a pathogen attacks, the inflammatory response is similar. Its to promote healing and repair.



Why is inflammation a problem?

Acute or Chronic?

Types: Acute vs Chronic Inflammation



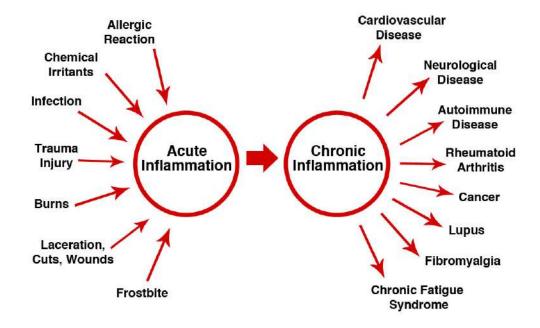
Acute Inflammation

- Short term and fast natural response of the body
- Sign of a temporary immune system response
- Few hours to few days to few weeks...

Chronic Inflammation

- Long term and slow response
- Overstressed immune system (Immune system in an over drive.....
- Leads to multiple imbalances in the organs or overall body

Acute Vs. Chronic Inflammation





What causes Chronic Inflammation?



Causes of Chronic Inflammation

Something is triggering the immune system.....body's responding accordingly.....are you listening.....

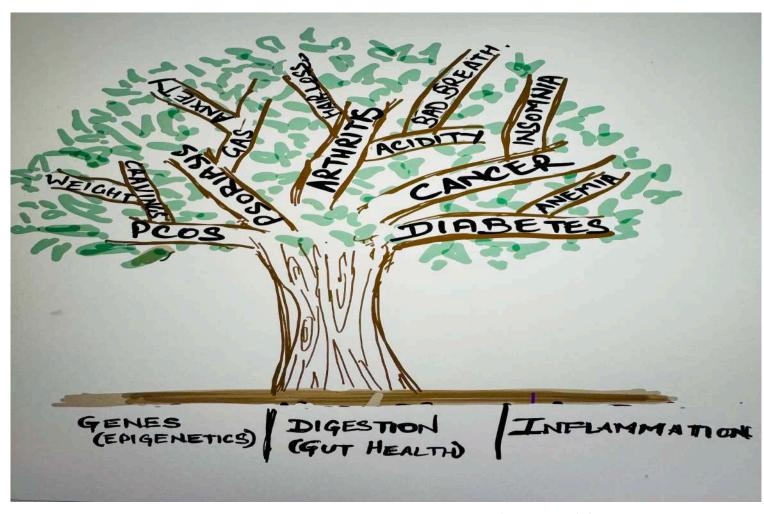
- Toxins
- Infections
- Allergies
- Poor nutritional choices/dietary habits
- Stress/Emotional trauma

Lets not treat inflammation as a silo!!

The above are not conditions....but the most common triggers lead to <u>chronic conditions.....</u>

Reframe Health Inflammation is a Root!

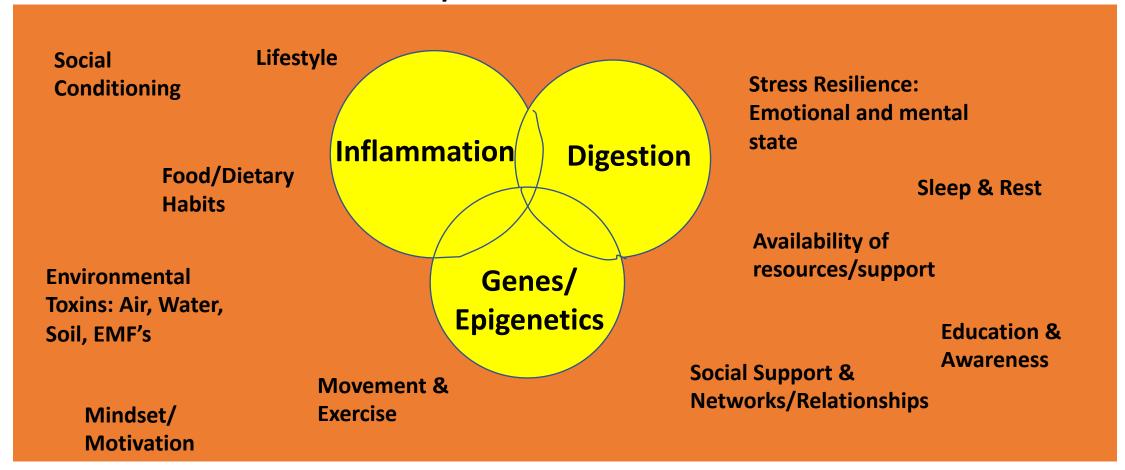




The roots are interconnected!!



Terrain/Soil around the roots





The terrain/soil that impacts the roots

(Focus Area: What is in our hands.....)

- Nutrition: Clean whole foods/Avoid toxins-Processed & ultra processed foods
- Hydration: Clean water and fruits/vegetables(electrolytes/minerals/90% water)
- Exercise/Movement: Human body is made to move...
- Sleep/Rest: Repair and regeneration happens at night
- Stress Resilience: Body is made to be in stress/sympathetic state only 10% of the times....not perpetually
- Socialize and build meaningful relationships: We are not supposed to live in isolation...



Grilling Season – Why It Matters

Summer = fresh produce + outdoor cooking

 Grilling at high heat → Advanced Glycation End-products (AGEs)

AGEs = oxidative stress & inflammation

Charred meats = tasty but inflammatory



Cooling the Flames – Smarter Grilling Tips

 Marinate with lemon, vinegar, herbs to reduce AGEs

Pre-cook meat slightly, then grill

 Add anti-inflammatory spices: rosemary, turmeric, garlic, ginger etc.



Grill veggies for fiber and antioxidants

Eat the Rainbow – Nature's Anti-Inflammatory Palette



Color = polyphenols, antioxidants, phytonutrients

- Red: tomatoes, strawberries lycopene
- Orange/Yellow: carrots, peppers beta carotene
- Green: leafy greens, herbs chlorophyll, sulforaphane
- Blue/Purple: berries, eggplant anthocyanins



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Herbs & Spices - Culinary Medicine

 Ginger, turmeric, rosemary, garlic, thyme, basil = anti-inflammatory

 Use in marinades, rubs, dressings, toppings

Aid digestion and reduce heavy meal impact



A Functional Summer Plate

Grilled salmon/chicken + herb marinade

Charred peppers, zucchini, mushrooms

Arugula salad with berries, nuts, olive oil

Sparkling water with citrus and mint



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Conclusion

- Cook with awareness, Eat with gratitude
 - Your body is always trying to heal itself
 - Trust the intelligence within



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