

Debunking myths about celiac disease and gluten

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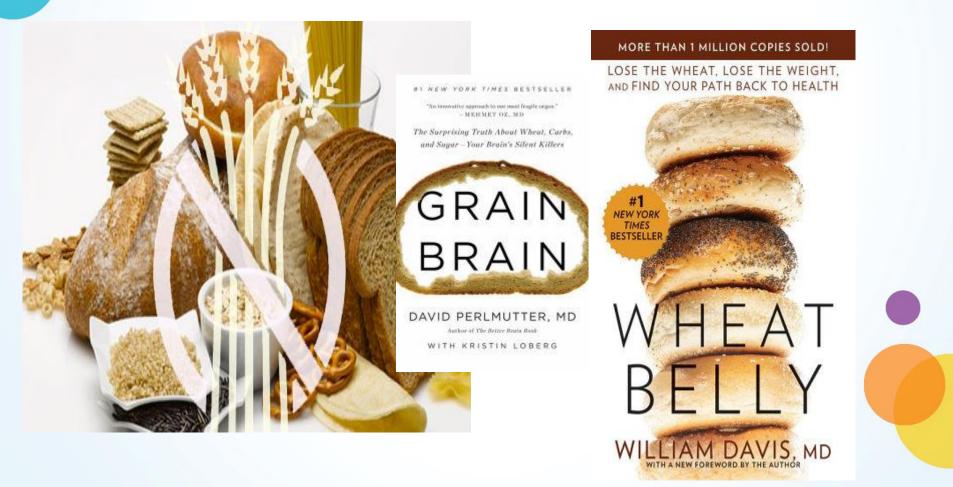
What is gluten?

- The storage protein found in wheat, barley, and rye
- Keeps foods "sticky" and pliable
- Ubiquitous in our foods:
 - Pasta
 - Bread
 - Flour tortillas
 - Pizza
 - Cookies
 - Cakes
 - Pastries
 - Cereal
 - Crackers
 - Beer
 - Fried Foods
 - Some lunch meats and hot dogs

- Broth in soups and bouillon cubes
- Breadcrumbs and croutons
- Some candies
- Malt
- Matzo
- Seasonings
- Salad Dressings
- Soy Sauce
- Gravy
- Dressings
- Sauces
- Malt Vinegar

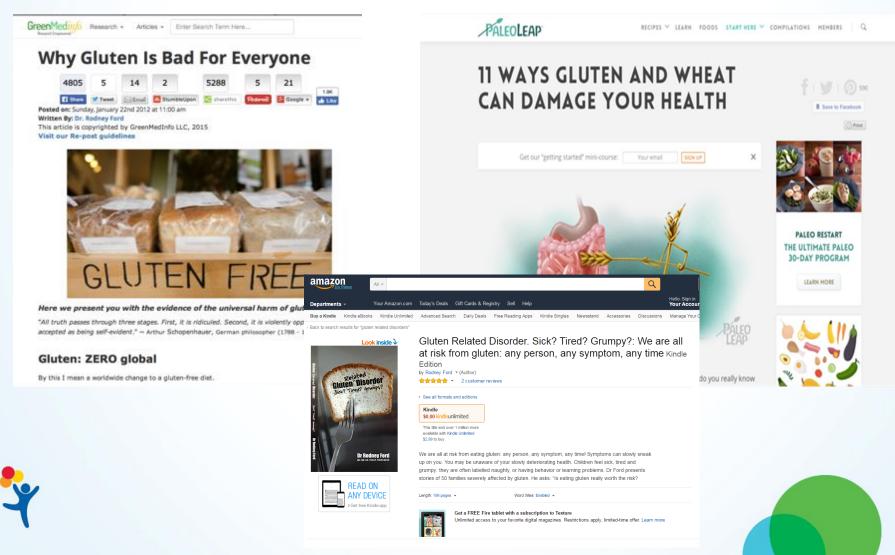


How true are all the things we hear about gluten, celiac disease, and NCGS???





Is gluten bad for everyone?







While humans do not have the enzymes to completely break down gluten, it does <u>not</u> cause any medical problems in most people.

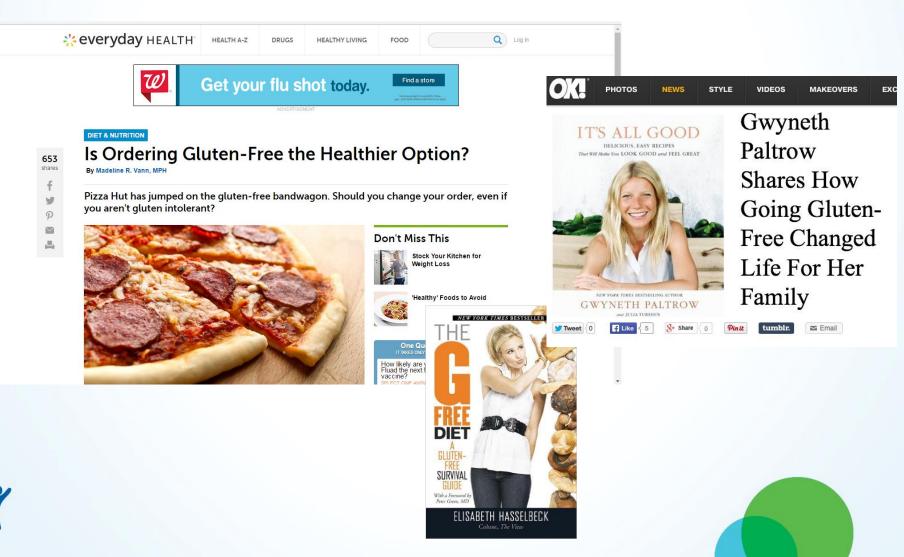




Types of gluten sensitivity



Is the gluten-free diet healthier for everyone?



Is the gluten-free diet healthier for <u>everyone</u>?



Not necessarily.

- The gluten-free diet can lack vitamins and minerals such as B vitamins, iron, calcium, zinc, and magnesium
- The gluten-free diet is low in fiber, high in sugar, high in sodium, and can be high in calories with very little nutritional benefit

Is there arsenic in rice? Should I stop eating it?

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High Levels of Arsenic Found in Rice Threatens Those Following a Traditional Gluten Free Diet

Arsenic exposure and subsequent toxicity is a health problem affecting millions of people worldwide. Exposure to arsenic comes from several sources to include – well water (arsenic occurs naturally in some geological formations), contamination from mining and ore smelting, and

from seafood (less toxic organic form of arsenic). Arsenic can also be found in the following: grains (and grain based products), bottled water, coffee, processed Juice, and beer. According to an investigation from Consumer Health Reports, the highest levels of this toxic metal are found in rice (especially brown rice).

Gluten Free Rice Products = More Arsenic Exposure = More Disease Risk

Those going gluten free initially tend to gravitate toward high levels of rice based substitute breads, pastas, cereals, etc. If you aren't up to speed on rice gluten and the potential danger it poses to those with gluten sensitivity, I highly encourage you to watch this video.

Beyond the problem rice gluten may pose, this new research shows that rice based foods contain levels of arsenic that can create a significant risk to your health.

Who is at greatest risk?





This toxic heavy metal is linked to systemic inflammation and cancer.

Rice's popularity as both an infant cereal and a gluten free substitute can contribute to nerve pain and muscle weakness.









Arsenic is naturally-occurring in water, air, and soil

Arsenic cannot be completely eliminated from foods, and the rice plant tends to absorb it better than other food crops.

Should I stop eating rice because it has arsenic? The gluten free diet is highly dependent upon rice products...



- The FDA still recommends a well-balanced diet, without eating an excess of any one food.
 - Translation: the amount of rice one eats on the gluten-free diet is not enough to cause problems.
- The FDA notes that if there are concerns about arsenic levels in rice, cooking the rice in excess water (from 6-10 parts water to 1 part rice) can reduce 40-60% of the inorganic arsenic content.
- Visit the FDA's web page re: arsenic in rice by <u>clicking here.</u>







Do wheat and gluten make you fat?



- A. Genetic engineering of modern wheat has created an unnatural protein called "gliadin"
- B. Gliadin binds to receptors in the brain that increase appetite
- C. The proliferation of wheat products has paralleled an increase in our waist size
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

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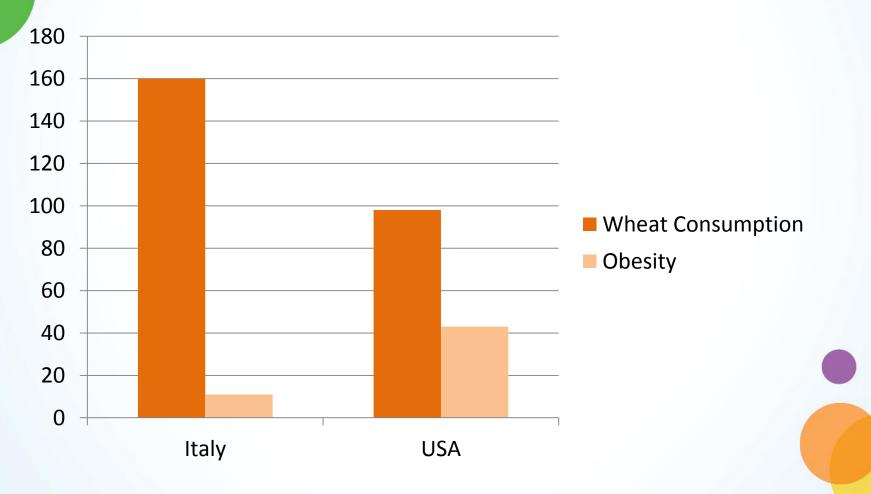


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Actually: it seems that the more wheat you eat, the *less* fat you are!



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"A gluten-free diet is not only the most effective diet to lose weight, but also the healthiest, most nutritious way to eat."





- Individuals on the GF diet have gained wait even when they were overweight to begin with
- A gluten-free diet is not *inherently* healthy, unless you specifically make it so.





Are there any genes linked to non-celiac gluten sensitivity (NCGS)?

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No research exists currently to prove that non-celiac gluten sensitivity is detectable by any genetic testing method.







Can celiac disease be diagnosed through a stool sample?

or a doctor's office. Furthermore, you can decide if you want to be tested and do not have to beg a doctor to test you for gluten sensitivity.

Thus, because the antibodies produced as the result of gluten sensitivity are mainly secreted into the intestine rather than the blood, analyzing stock turns up many more positive tests than blood tests. It is only when the immune reaction has been present to ring periods of time and/or the process is far advanced that ambidotes are produced in quartities sufficient to task into the blood. The

Why is a Stool Test a Logical Test for Gluten or Other Food Sensitivity?

The immune cells present in the intential tract compose the largest mass of issue in the body assigned the function of proteins against breign invaders. There invaders are present in the form of proteins called antigens. Although the invaders are immune cells probably worked originally to want of infecting organisms, in fact, their most frequent exposure to foreign antigens comes from food. One of the first lines of defense against foreign antigens (bod or infections) is the exposure to foreign antigens comes from food. One of the first lines of defense against foreign antigens (bod or infections) is the exposure to foreign antigens comes from food. This the intentional lumen (i.e., the follow content or the intesting), feet, here antibiodies bind the antigen by a so of lock and kay recognition mechanism, in an abengit to neutralize the antigen so that it cannot enter the body. Because these antibiodies do not get readorated after entering the intestinal track, they have all the ways through the intestine where they can be recognized in the toto. This is the rationale for the new gluten and other food sensitivity testing methodology invented and offered by Enterol, ab (U.S. and international patterns issued) food.

Do I have to be eating gluten for a gluten antibody test to be positive?

Because production of antigliadin antibodies is under genetic control, your body continues to make these mitbodies for an extended period after guidant is removed from the diet, allocus (in easer quartifies the longer guidan is removed from the diet. Research has shown that these antibodies continue to be produced at lower levels for months, even 1-2 years after guidant is removed from the diet. Stool tests can continue to detect these tow levels of antigliadin attibody produced in the intesting even this 1-2 years period gand longer of these is still small amounts of guidant in the diet, even hidden glutent; tests for antigliadin antibody in the blood routinely become negative after 3-6 months on a guidant here duel. Tags

If I am already on a gluten-free diet, do I have to return to eating gluten to be accurately tested for gluten sensitivity using the stool test?

Although It has been stated that a person must be earling gluxen to be able to detect antibodies to gliadin in block, we have found that this is not the for our stool tests (and other researches have found the same where sampling upper interthal contents with tables). Because the stool tests (but not brood tests) can find low levels of antigliadin antibody produced in the intertine, we actually recommend that you be leated on your current calls; that is, gliden-charining or gluxen-files. The amount of attribody being produced at any given gluxen inteks with be more meaningful if inflects your normal condition rather than an artificially created condition reinforduring gluken (if you have been of of it for a time) or trying to sat gluxen in excess. Furthermore, even though a person reinforduring (sluxen in the with the theorem, there commutes to be the potential of niddin graden in less colvous to do or drug sources (sluxen is for a labilities, medicines, lotions, etc.), or when eating outside the forme. Thus, it is possible that the test still may fum up positive for this nearon.

Our recommendation there is simply to earl what you are currently eating, or whatever you think is best for you right now. There is no need to introduce the food being feet for in any amount, and especially not in large amounts which could make you iii. If you have been of yourn for short periods, the fraud will be very close to those if you never had recreased guaten from the dat. For people who have been guaren-free for longer than 1-2 years, it is actually best to remain glutan-free for the stool stati, and to also rely on the gene tat to aid in the diagnose, leve next section 1-2 years, it is actually best to remain glutan-free for the stool stati, and to also rely on the gene tat to aid in the diagnose. See next section 1.

Thus, it is better to test on the current diet before adding the unreliable variable of a one to two week gluten challenge. It varies in different people how they or their immore system will react to gluten, and how long it would be required to eat gluten to make tests positive (as they once may have been before starting the del). There are no guarantees that a truly gluten sensitive pencin will have positive (as a chort 1-4) week gluten challenge anyway, even it they gat symptoms from it.

Here are the potential scenarios of stool and gene test results if testing is performed on a low gluten or gluten-free diet (rather than doing a gluten challenge).

Scenario 1

Because the stool test is much more sensitive than the blood tests, and the antibody can be produced for years after removal of gluten from the diet, the stool test may well be positive despite being on a reduced or restricted gluten diet. The gene test (which we Panel A1 + C1: Comprehensive Gluten/Antigenic Food Sensitivity Stool Panel (Combines These Panels at a 15%-off Discounted Price) Sensitivity Stool Panel - \$539 and for a limited time Free Shipping Combines Panels A1 and C1 at a discounted price. Tests for immunologic reaction to the four primary individual food antigens and four additional antigenic food categories:

Tests for Gluten, Milk, Egg, Soy, Other Grains (corn, rice, oats), Meats (beef, chicken, pork, tuna), Nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts), and Nightshades (white potato)

Tests Included in this Panel:

Fecal IgA antibody against: Gluten (gliadin), Milk (casein), Egg (ovalbumin), Soy, Corn, Oats, Rice, Beef, Chicken, Pork, Tuna, Almond, Walnut, Cashew, White Potato

Why order Panel A1+C1? This panel is designed to test for the main food sensitivities while keeping the price down. Gluten, cow's milk, chicken eggs, soy, other grains, meats, nuts, and white potatoes are the most immune-stimulating (antigenic) foods consumed in large quantities. Testing for many food sensitivities at one time lowers the charge per food tested to about half the price, because the bulk of the work of any fecal test is in the processing of the specimen (which takes several days). Thus, this test is an excellent value for the information obtained.

Many foods besides gluten, cow's milk, eggs, and soy are antigenic in their own right; other grains, meats, nuts, and nightshades (potatoes being the primary food eaten from this latter class) being among the main food classes to be so. Minimizing exposure to antigenic foods is an important component of an anti-inflammatory lifestyle to optimize immune system health.

Food sensitivity is now a very common entity because heightened activity of our immune systems [caused by a) immune-stimulating hormones and toxins in food, water, and, air, b) genetic modification of our main foodstuffs (extensive hybridization of wheat, laboratory genetic modification of soy beans, corn, and other foods), c) altered intestinal florae from extensive use of antibiotics by humans, in agriculture, and chlorine in water, d) overuse of drugs inhibiting secretion of digestive acid in the stomach, and e) for the past 50-100 years, overly sanitized conditions when infants and children are developing proper immune tolerances] has rendered most of our main protein-rich foodstuffs highly antigenic. Stool testing is the most sensitive measure of these types of reactions (much more accurate than blood, skin, or saliva testing). The combination of tests when ordered in this panel saves you greatly over ordering the panels and tests individually. <u>Top</u>

Panel B2 + C2: Comprehensive Gluten/Antigenic Vegetarian Food Sensitivity Stool (Combines These Panels at a 20%-off Discounted Price)

Sensitivity Stool Panel - \$539 and for a limited time Free Shipping Combines Panels B2 and C2 at a discounted price. Our Newest and Improved Test Panel for immunologic reaction to Wheat Gluten and Oat Gluten, as well as the autoimmune reaction due to gluten sensitivity and the dietary-related immunologic antigenic test related to Crohn's Disease

Tests for sensitivities to Gluten, Oats, Yeast, Gluten-induced autoimmunity, Cow's Milk, Chicken Eggs, Soy, Other Grains (corn, rice, oats), Sesame seeds, Garbanzo beans, Nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts), and Nightshades (white potato)

Tests Included in this Panel:

Fecal Anti-deamidated gliadin, Fecal Anti-TTG, Fecal Anti-oat protein, Fecal Anti-Saccharomyces cerevisiae antibody (ASCA) for Crohols and Tests for Fecal InA Antibodies to Milk Erro Sov Corp. Rice. Seeame Seeds: Carbonzo Beans, Almonde

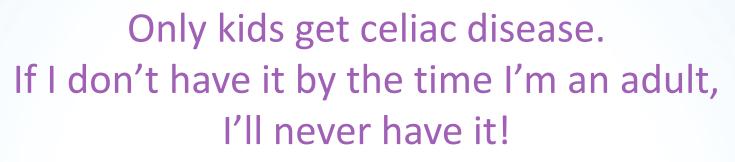


Can celiac disease be diagnosed through a stool sample?

Stool tests are not FDA approved for diagnosing celiac disease, the test is not trustworthy, and board-certified gastroenterologists will not use stool testing results in diagnosis or treatment of celiac disease.









Only kids get celiac disease. If I don't have it by the time I'm an adult, I'll never have it!



Celiac disease can develop at any age, even if you have previously tested negative!





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Obese children and adults can be diagnosed with celiac disease. Obesity does not rule out celiac disease.

The classic presentation of celiac disease is a thin, malnourished child with a distended belly. This is no longer the predominant presentation of celiac disease.





Can you outgrow celiac disease? 🌱





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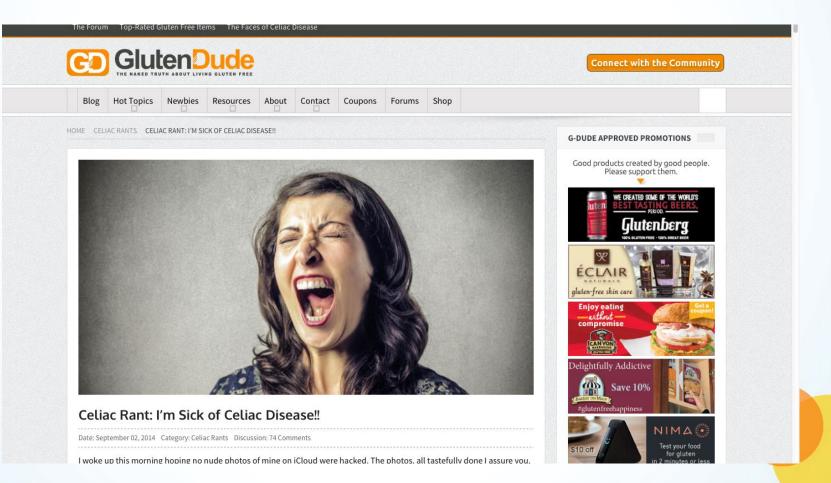


Celiac disease is a lifelong condition. It cannot be outgrown and will not become "dormant."

The only treatment is a <u>lifelong</u>, strict, gluten-free diet.



Can you have celiac disease without you having any external symptoms?



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Celiac disease can present with GI symptoms, non-GI symptoms, and sometimes no external symptoms at all. *Even without external symptoms, those with celiac disease must follow a lifelong, strict, gluten-free diet*.

People with untreated celiac disease (not following the GF diet) have a potential for long-term complications like vitamin deficiencies, neuropathies, bone problems, fertility issues, and others.





Does having celiac disease increase your risk of developing other autoimmune diseases?

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The process of an autoimmune disease is exactly the same. Our own immune system attacks our own tissue. We only differentiate it because it attacks Hypothyroid Mom is the WINNER of two 2014 WEGO Health Activist Awards: Health Activist Hero & Best In Show Twitter Does having celiac disease increase your risk of developing other autoimmune diseases?



There is a slight increased risk of Type 1 Diabetes (1-2% risk) and thyroid disease (~5%) if you have celiac disease, but this mainly occurs because they share similar genetic predispositions.

There is not a direct proven role of gluten in developing other autoimmunity. As far as we know, gluten is only related to autoimmunity in celiac disease.



Will you get colon cancer if you make mistakes on the gluten-free diet?



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There is a slightly increased risk of intestinal cancer in *long-term untreated celiac disease (no GF diet).* Those on a well-maintained GF diet have no increased risk, even with occasional unintended gluten exposure.





GMO wheat is causing more people to have celiac disease and/or gluten intolerance





"Genetically modified foods such as soy and corn may be responsible for a number of gluten-related maladies including intestinal disorders ..."

In soy, com, cotton (oil), canola (oil), sugar from sugar beets, zucchini, yellow squash, Hawaian papaya, and alfalfa, "Bttoxin, glyphosate, and other components of GMOs, are linked to five conditions that may either initiate or exacerbate glutenrelated disorders," according to Smith.

It's the BT-toxin in genetically modified foods which kills insects by "puncturing holes in their cells." The toxin is present in 'every kernel' of Bt-corn and survives human digestion, with a 2012 study confirming that it punctures holes in human cells as well.

The GMO-related damage was linked to five different areas: Intestinal permeability, imbalanced gut bacteria, immune activation and allergic response, impaired digestion, and damage to the intestinal wall.

The IRT release also indicated that glyphosate, a weed killer sold under the brand name 'Roundup' was also found to have a negative effect on intestinal bacteria. GMO crops contain high levels of the toxin at harvest.

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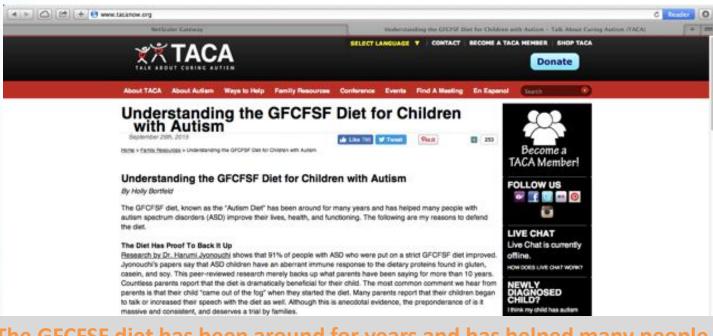
There is currently no research to support this claim.





Should a gluten-free diet be used to treat autism, ADHD, arthritis, pre-diabetes, and other conditions?





"The GFCFSF diet has been around for years and has helped many people with autism spectrum disorders. "





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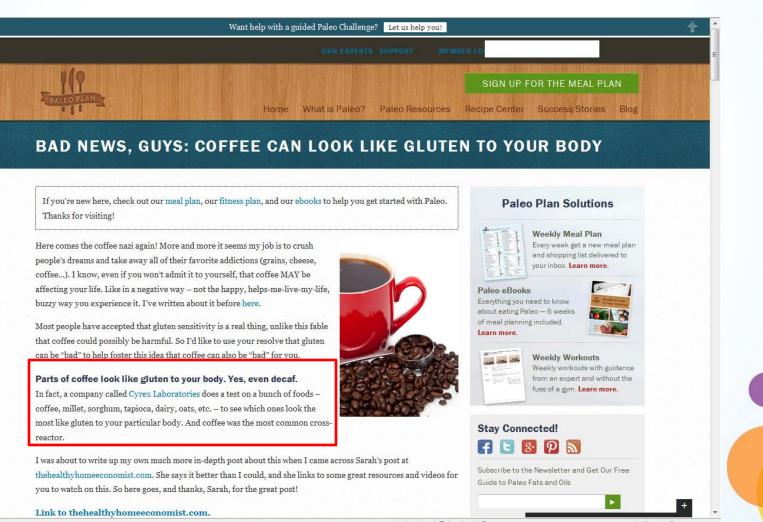


Unless there is a known diagnosis of celiac disease or NCGS, there is not enough research to confirm that a gluten-free diet is effective in the treatment of these conditions.





Can you drink coffee on a gluten-free diet?





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There is no scientific evidence of cross-reactivity to coffee!





Are corn proteins harmful for people with celiac disease?





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Antibodies to maize/corn have been reported in celiac patients, but there is no scientific evidence that it is linked to celiac disease itself.







Will glutenase and other "gluten cutter" products help those with celiac disease or NCGS digest gluten?





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Products such as glutenase containing DPP-IV do not help digest gluten. There is ZERO scientific evidence for this. <u>Please save your money!</u>

"DPP-IV can be found in the intestinal tract lining." True

"One of its primary functions is breaking down gluten." False

"The DPP-IV enzyme activity assists digestion of proline-containing peptides found primarily in wheat, which are generally resistant to being completely broken down by other enzymes in people who are gluten-sensitive." False

"By introducing the DPP-IV containing enzyme to the digestive tract..." (which our gut already has plenty of) "... [this product] encourages breakdown and digestion of gluten thus rendering it non-irritant." Completely Untrue!

Can gluten-sniffing dogs help me avoid gluten?





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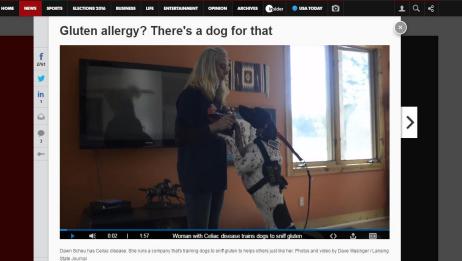
You can't enter a grocery store or restaurant these days without noticing the booming popularity of gluten-free foods. What started as a medical necessity for some has flourished into the newest diet trend — and we bet you know someone who's open obstan

Gluten is the protein in wheat, barley and rye. Peoplereasons; some think it's a healthier option, while othe to it that can result in stomach upset and abdominal p

But for the estimated 1 in 100 people worldwide who an autoimmune disorder, staying away from gluten is with the disease ingests even a minute amount of glut to food poisoning — and have long-term health effect Foundation. The only treatment for celiac disease is fo Even ingesting trace amounts through cross-contamin avoiding gluten is very challenging because it can be cines.

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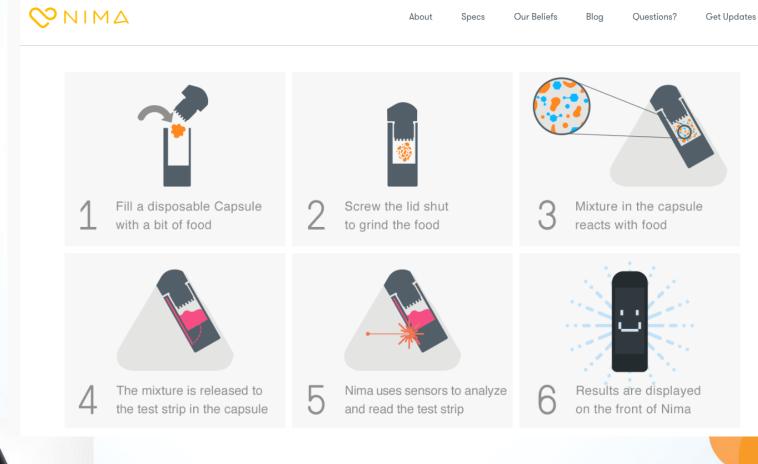
At this time there is no research to support this claim.





Can handheld testing devices identify gluten in foods?









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At this time, we don't know a whole lot about these devices. The companies marketing these products share only limited details on the science behind their design and function, which does not allow the medical community to make an informed decision about their effectiveness.

In addition, testing only one small area of a food will not determine if other parts of the dish contain gluten or if cross-contact has occurred.

Currently the Colorado Center for Celiac Disease does not recommend the use of these devices for people with celiac disease.







- Check your sources!
 - Information about medical conditions should come from members of the scientific and medical community
 - Gastroenterologists and registered dietitians are most equipped to provide information and advice pertaining to celiac disease and non-celiac gluten sensitivity
 - Bloggers and celebrities often promote their own opinions or perspectives rather than scientifically-proven medical advice
 - Don't believe everything you read on the internet!
- Findings from just one study do not necessarily mean they are universally true.
 - Reserve judgment or action until further studies can prove something is true for a wider population
- Just because no research exists about a specific topic does not mean it's false.
 - Reserve judgment until scientific studies have been conducted to determine effectiveness or accuracy of information



So... who can we trust?

Reliable Resources:

- Celiac Disease Foundation: <u>www.celiac.org</u>
- Beyond Celiac: <u>www.beyondceliac.org</u>
- Celiac Support Association: <u>www.csaceliacs.org</u>
- Colorado Center for Celiac Disease: <u>www.childrenscolorado.org/celiac</u>
- The University of Chicago Celiac Disease Center: <u>http://www.cureceliacdisease.org/</u>
- Center for Celiac Research and Treatment: <u>http://www.massgeneral.org/children/services/treatmentprograms.aspx?id=1723</u>







The Colorado Center for Celiac Disease is your go-to local celiac resource! Please feel free to e-mail us with any questions you have about news stories, recent studies, or new/controversial advice regarding celiac disease, NCGS, or the gluten-free diet.

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