

CONDITION ASSOCIATED WITH VITAMIN-D DEFICIENCY

Osteomalacia (Bone thinning)	Prostate Cancer
Osteoporosis (Bone mineral Density)	Breast Cancer
Rickets	
Fibromyalgia	Colon Cancer
Hypertension	Heart Disease
Type-1 diabetes.	Multiple Sclerosis

POPULATION AT RISK FOR VITAMIN-D DEFICIENCY

- ✓ Individual with low dietary vitamin D levels.
- ✓ Individuals with malabsorption syndrome patient with pancreatic enzyme deficiency crohn's disease, Celiac disease.
- ✓ Individual with severe liver disease.
- ✓ Individual with kidney disease, nephrotic syndrome.
- ✓ Individual taking phenobarbital, refampcin.
- ✓ Individual with decreases sun exposure.
- ✓ Women in menopause.

GROUPS AT HIGHER RISK FOR VITAMIN-D DEFICIENCY

There are several groups at higher risk of vitamin D deficiency including:



BREAST-FED INFANTS

Sufficiency is dependent on the mother's vitamin D sufficiency level, and mother's milk typically contains about 25 IU/L of vitamin D. Most breast-fed infants are on 400 IU of vitamin D daily supplementation.



OLDER ADULTS

As people age, the skin is not able to synthesize vitamin D as effectively, and reduced kidney function impacts the ability to convert Vitamin D.



DARK SKINNED PEOPLE

Melanin in darker skin reduces the ability to produce vitamin D from sunlight exposure.



LIMITED SUN EXPOSURE

Eliminates one of the two possible sources of vitamin D.



OBESITY

Vitamin D is fat soluble, which does not allow it to circulate as freely.



OTHER

Gastric bypass patients have less small intestine available to absorb Vitamin D.

Importance of Measuring Total Vitamin-D Risk of Vitamin-D Toxicity

When serum 25-hydroxy-Vitamin D level are consistently >150ng/mL (375 nmol/L), it is potentially toxic. This typically occurs due to Vitamin D over supplementation and is observed in patients taking more than the prescribed 40,000 IU per day. Toxicity due to sunlight overexposure and/or diet is unlikely. When Vitamin D levels are this high, calcium concentrations rises as well, which can result in nausea, weight loss, and constipation. As a result of increased levels of Vitamin D and calcium, the patient can develop kidney stones.



VITAMIN-E

Vitamin E is fat soluble vitamin that acts as an antioxidant. Vitamin E protects tissue from damage.

Vitamin E is also important in the formation of red blood cells and helps body to use Vitamin K. Sources of Vitamin E are wheat germ, corn, nuts, seeds, olives, spinach and green, leafy vegetables.



VITAMIN-K

Vitamin K is fat soluble vitamin that plays an important role in blood clotting. Sources: cabbage, cauliflower, spinach and leafy vegetable, cereals, soybeans.



IMPORTANCE OF VITAMINS



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VITAMIN-A

Vitamin A is needed by retina of the eye. vitamin A is necessary for both scotopic and color vision. Source of vitamin A is carrot, Broccoli, Sweet Potato, Butter, spinach, Cheese, Cantaloupe, egg, apricot, papaya, mango, pea, milk, live (chicken, park, beef, fish)

Vitamin A deficiency is associated with chronic malabsorption of lipids, impaired bile production and cigarette smoke. Adequate vitamin A is important for pregnant and breast-feeding women.

VITAMIN-B

Vitamin B are eight water soluble vitamins that play important role in cell metabolism. Vitamin B₁ (thiamine) B₂ (riboflavin) B₃ (niacin or nicotinamide) B₅ (pantoic acid), B₆ (pyridoxine, pyridoxal), B₇ (biotin) B₉ (folic acid), B₁₂ (cobalamin). Primary function of vitamin B₁₂ are in the formation of red blood cells maintenance nervous system. B₁₂ is necessary for the rapid synthesis of DNA during cell division. Major causes of vitamin B₁₂ deficiency are stress, (emotional, physical) processed foods, refined sugar, drugs, malnutrition by eating over cooked food. Chronic liver, kidney disease, alcoholism.

Symptoms of B12 deficiency :

<i>Celiac disease</i>	<i>Leg numbness</i>
<i>Paranoia</i>	<i>Backache</i>
<i>Confusion</i>	<i>Enlargement</i>
<i>Diarrhea</i>	<i>Menstrual disorder</i>
<i>Dizziness</i>	<i>Weakness</i>
<i>Fatigue</i>	<i>Loss of appetite</i>
<i>Chest pain</i>	<i>Malabsorption</i>
<i>Thyroid disorder</i>	<i>Pale skin</i>
<i>Shortness of breath</i>	<i>Neurological damage</i>
<i>Sore tongue and mouth</i>	<i>Rapid heart rate</i>
<i>Tingling</i>	<i>Obesity</i>
<i>Burnt feet - hand</i>	<i>Poor resistance to infection</i>

Meat, dairy products, eggs, fermented soya products. People with strict vegetarian diet have more percentage of vitamin B₁₂ deficiency. Periodical Vitamin B₁₂ - folic acid level is important to start vitamin therapy.

VITAMIN-C

Vitamin C is an essential nutrient for humans. Due to vitamin C deficiency, collagen synthesis is too unstable to perform its function which leads to the formation of skin spots on the skin, spongy gums, bleeding from all mucous membranes. The spots are most abundant on the thighs and legs. Noble prize winner Linus Pauling and Dr G C Willis have asserted that chronic long term low vitamin C is cause of atherosclerosis.

VITAMIN-D

Vitamin D is fat soluble prohormones, two major forms of which are vitamin D₂ (ergocalciferol) and vitamin D₃ (cholecalciferol). Vitamin D is obtained from sun exposure, food and supplements. Its major role is to increase calcium into blood stream by prompting absorption of calcium and phosphorus from food in the intestine, kidney, bone. Vitamin D can also inhibit parathyroid hormone secretion from the parathyroid gland. Also plays an important role in including inhibition of calcitonin release from the thyroid gland. Susceptibility to several chronic diseases as high blood pressure, TB, Cancer, multiple sclerosis, chronic pain, peripheral artery disease, autoimmune disorder.

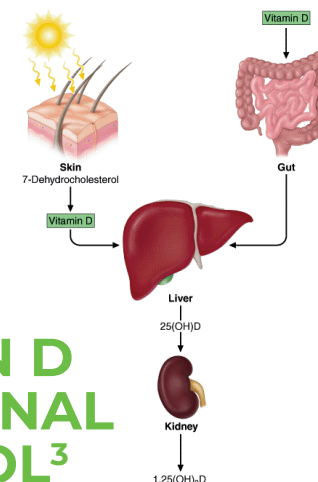
Vitamin D is an important hormone involved in bone health and calcium homeostasis. Recent studies have associated low vitamin D levels with higher risk for certain cancers, autoimmune diseases, and cardiovascular disease. These associations have been the driving force for the rapid growth in test volume over the past decade.

Vitamin D₂ is derived from plant sources, whereas vitamin D₃ is derived primarily from the conversion of 7-dehydrocholesterol in the skin by UVB radiation from sunlight and secondarily from animal sources. While there are many metabolites of vitamin D, the total 25(OH) vitamin D sum of 25(OH) vitamin D₂ and 25(OH) vitamin D₃ is the most reliable indicator of vitamin D status. Both 25(OH) vitamin D₂ and 25(OH) vitamin D₃ are converted in the kidney to the active metabolites 1,25(OH)₂ vitamin D₂ and 1,25(OH)₂ vitamin D₃.

The ADVIA Centaur Vitamin D Total assay is intended for the in vitro diagnostic use in the quantitative determination of total 25(OH) vitamin D in human serum and plasma (EDTA, lithium-heparin, sodium-heparin) on the ADVIA Centaur and ADVIA Centaur xp systems. The ADVIA Centaur Vitamin D Total assay is intended as an aid in the determination of vitamin D sufficiency. The assay provides a total vitamin D value; it recovers 106.2% of 25(OH) vitamin D₂ and 97.4% of 25(OH) vitamin D₃. It was also designed to address high-volume testing, with a time-to-first result of 18 minutes and a throughput of 240 tests/hour. The assay has minimal cross-reactivity for key interferents: for vitamin D₂, 0.1%; for vitamin D₃, 0.4%; and for 3-epi-25(OH) vitamin D₃, 1.1%. The functional sensitivity of the assay was 8.3 nmol/L (conversion formula: 1 nmol/L = 0.4 ng/mL). The required sample volume for a single determination is 20 µL.

Whether it is synthesized through unprotected skin or ingested then absorbed by the intestines, vitamin D is bound to the binding protein (both albumin and vitamin D binding protein) and carried to the liver via the bloodstream. From there it begins two hydroxylation processes. Beginning in the liver it is transformed into 25(OH) vitamin D (calcidiol), which is the primary circulating form of vitamin D and the most commonly measured form in serum. Then in the kidneys it is transformed into 1,25 dihydroxy-vitamin D (calcitriol), which is the biologically active form of vitamin D.

Natural sources of vitamin D are fish, tuna, whole egg, beef liver, mushrooms.



VITAMIN D HORMONAL CONTROL³