

 Vitamin B1 Vitamin B2 Vitamin B3 Vitamin B6 Vitamin B12 Vitamin C Vitamin E Magnesium Selenium Zinc Tyrosine, Tryptophan Coenzyme Q10 	Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Nerve, GI, cardiovascular problems & depression Problems with skin, eyes, mucous membranes and nerves Skin, gastrointestinal and nervous system problems Depression, sleep problems, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease Anemia, tiredness, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Lowered immune system, easy bruising, poor wound healing Neurological disorders, ↑ free radical damage, ↓ immunity↑ Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps Lower immunity, reduced antioxidant protection Slow wound healing, loss of smell & taste, lower immunity apathy, blood sugar imbalances, fatigue, anxiety and depression ↑ Blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑ Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration
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 ACID BLOCKERS Rx/OTC Proton Pump Inhibitors Aciphex, rabeprazole Dexilant, dexlansoprazole Nexium, esomeprazole Prevacid, lansoprazole Prilosec, omeprazole Protonix, pantoprazole 	 Vitamin B-12 Magnesium Microbiome 	 Anemia, tiredness, 1 homocysteine & heart disease risks 1 Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration
 H2 Receptor Antagonists Axid, nizatidine Pepcid, famotidine Tagamet, cimetidine Zantac, ranitidine 	 Vitamin B-12 Vitamin D Folate Calcium Iron Zinc Microbiome 	 Anemia, tiredness, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks ↓ immunity, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, hearing loss Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss Anemia, weakness, fatigue, hair loss, brittle nails Slow wound healing, loss of smell & taste, lower immunity See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration



 AMPHETAMINES Desoxyn, methamphetamine Adderall, d- amphetamine 	Glutathione	• See Notes on <i>Lactobacillus fermentum</i> ME-3, which is the most effective way to boost glutathione levels on a daily basis.
 ANTI-ANXIETY DRUGS Benzodiazepines Ativan, lorazepam Klonopin, clonazepam Restoril, temazepam Valium, diazepam Xanax, alprazolam 	• Melatonin	Only studies on diazepam and alprazolam document suppression of nocturnal melatonin
ANTIBIOTICS	 B Vitamins Vitamin K Aromatic amino acids Microbiome 	 Antibiotics kill bacteria that synthesize B-vitamins, vitamin K, tryptophan, tyrosine and phenylalanine Depression, anxiety, mood disorders See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration Oral antibiotics kill good bacteria; increases GI problems, intestinal permeability, auto-immune diseases; links to autism, ADHD and many other health problems.



ANTICONVULSANTSPhenobarbital & Barbiturates	 Vitamin D Vitamin K Calcium Folate Biotin Vitamin B12 	 ↓ immunity, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, hearing loss ↑ bruising & bleeding, ↓ bone strength, ↑ osteoporosis risk Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Hair loss, dermatitis, depression, cardiac irregularities Anemia, tiredness, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks
• Dilantin, phenytoin	 Vitamin D Calcium Folate Vitamin K Vitamin B-1 Vitamin B-12 Biotin 	 ↓ immunity, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, hearing loss Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks ↑ risks bruising & bleeding, ↓ bone strength, ↑ osteoporosis Nerve, GI, cardiovascular problems & depression Anemia, tiredness, ↑ homocysteine & cardiovascular disease Hair loss, dermatitis, depression, cardiac irregularities
• Depakane, divalproex	 Folate Carnitine Copper Selenium Zinc 	 Birth defects, anemia, [↑] homocysteine & heart disease risks Muscle weakness, cramps, fatigue Anemia, fatigue, cardiovascular & connective tissue problems Lower immunity, reduced antioxidant protection Slow wound healing, loss of smell & taste, lower immunity



ANTICONVULSANTS • Mysoline, primidone	 Vitamin D Vitamin K Folate Biotin Calcium 	 ↓ immunity, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, hearing loss ↑ risks bruising & bleeding, ↓ bone strength, ↑ osteoporosis Birth defects, cervical dysplasia, anemia, ↑ heart disease risks Hair loss, dermatitis, depression, cardiac irregularities Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss
Neurontin, gabapentin	• Folate	 Birth defects, anemia, 1 homocysteine & heart disease risks
Tegratol, carbamazepine	 Folate Vitamin D Biotin 	 Birth defects, anemia, 1 homocysteine & heart disease risks ↓ immunity, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, hearing loss Hair loss, dermatitis, depression, cardiac irregularities
Trileptal, oxcarbamazepine	• Sodium • Folate	 Muscle weakness, dehydration, poor concentration, ↓ appetite Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks



ANTIDEPRESSANTS MAO INHIBITORS • Nardil, phenelzine	• Vitamin B6	 Depression, sleep problems, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease
 SSRIs Celexa, citalopram Lexapro, escitalopram Paxil, paroxetine Prozac, fluoxetine Zoloft, sertraline 	MelatoninSodium	 Sleep problems Headache, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, fatigue
 TRICYCLIC ANTIDEPRESSANTS Elavil, amitriptyline Pamela, nortriptyline Tofranil, Imipramine, etc. 	 Vitamin B-2 Coenzyme Q10 	 Problems with skin, eyes, mucous membranes and nerves ↑ Blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑ Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES



 ANTI-HYPERTENSIVES ACE Inhibitors Capoten, captopril, Vasotec, enalapril Altace, ramipril Prinival, lisinopril 	• Zinc	 Slow wound healing, ↓ sense of smell & taste, lower immunity
Adrenergic Stimulants Catapres, clonidine Aldomet, methyldopa 	Coenzyme Q10	 blood pressure, 1 mitochondrial DNA damage 1 energy, 1 Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES
 Calcium Channel Blockers Calan, verapamil Cardizem, diltiazem Norvasc, amlodipine Plendil, felodipine Procardia, nifedipine 	• Potassium	 Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema



ANTI-HYPERTENSIVESHygroton, chlorthalidone	 Zinc Magnesium	 Slow wound healing, ↓ sense of smell & taste, lower immunity ↑ Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps
Loop Diuretics • Lasix, furosemide • Bumex, bumetanide • Edecrin, ethacrynic acid • Demadex, torsemide	 Calcium Magnesium Vitamin B-1 Vitamin B-6 Potassium Zinc 	 Osteoporosis, 1 tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss 1 Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps Nerve, GI, cardiovascular problems & depression Depression, sleep problems, 1 homocysteine & heart disease Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema Slow wound healing, 1 sense of smell & taste, lower immunity
Potassium Sparing Diuretics • Dyazide, Maxzide • Triamterene	CalciumFolateZinc	 Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Slow wound healing, ↓ sense of smell & taste, ↓ immunity
 Thiazide Diuretics Hydrochlorothiazide Esidrix, Diuril, Zaroxolyn + others 	 Magnesium Potassium Zinc Coenzyme Q10 	 ↑ Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema Slow wound healing, ↓ sense of smell & taste, lower immunity ↑ Blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑ Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES
Vasodilators Apresoline, hydralazine 	Vitamin B-6Coenzyme Q10	 Depression, sleep problems, 1 homocysteine & heart disease blood pressure, 1 mitochondrial DNA damage 1 energy, 1 Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES

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ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES Azulfadine, sulfasalazine 	Folate	 Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks
Corticosteroids • Decadron, dexamethasone • Aristocort, triamcinolone • Cortef, hydrocortisone • Prednisone	 Calcium Potassium Selenium Zinc Vitamin B-6 Vitamin C Folate Microbiome 	 Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema Lower immunity, reduced antioxidant protection Slow wound healing, ↓ sense of smell & taste, lower immunity Depression, sleep problems, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease Lowered immune system, easy bruising, poor wound healing Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks See NOTE: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration
Gout Medications Colchicine, Col-benemid 	 Vitamin B-12 Potassium Sodium Beta-carotene 	 Anemia, tiredness, 1 homocysteine & cardiovascular disease Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema Muscle weakness, dehydration, poor concentration, 1 appetite Lower immunity, reduced antioxidant protection
Indocin, indomethacin	Vitamin CFolateIron	 Lowered immune system, easy bruising, poor wound healing Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Anemia, weakness, fatigue, hair loss, brittle nails
NSAIDs • Motrin, Ibuprofen • Naprosyn, naproxen	FolateMelatoninMicrobiome	 Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Sleep problems See NOTE: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration

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ANTI-PARKINSON MEDS L-DOPA	 Folate Vitamin B12 Potassium SAMe 	 Birth defects, anemia, 1 homocysteine & heart disease risks Anemia, tiredness, 1 homocysteine & cardiovascular disease Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema Liver dysfunction / liver damage
 ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUGS Mellaril, thioridazine Navane, thiothixene Prolixin, fluphenazine Thorazine, chlorpromazine 	Vitamin B2Coenzyme Q10	 Problems with skin, eyes, mucous membranes and nerves blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES
2nd GENERATION ANTIPSYCHOTICS Abilfy, aripiprazole Geodone, ziprasidone Invega, paliperidone Rispedal, risperidone Seroquel, quetiapine Zyprexa, olanzapine + others	• MICROBIOME	See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration



ANTI-VIRAL DRUGSRetrovir (AZT)Zidovudine + others	 Copper Zinc Carnitine Vitamin B-12 	 Anemia, fatigue, cardiovascular & connective tissue problems Slow wound healing, ↓ sense of smell & taste, lower immunity Muscle weakness, cramps, fatigue Anemia, tiredness, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks
 BRONCHODILATORS β2-Adrenergic Agonists Proair, Proventil, Ventolin, albuterol Xopenex, levalbuterol Servant, salmeterol Perforomist, formoterol 	• Potassium	Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema
Theo-Dur, theophyllin	• Vitamin B-6	• Depression, sleep problems, 1 homocysteine & heart disease
 CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS Beta-blockers Inderal, propralolol Lopressor, metoprolol Tenormin, atenolol, etc. 	Coenzyme Q10Melatonin	 blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES Sleep problems, ↓ nocturnal release of melatonin (not carvedilol)
Cardiac Glycosides • Lanoxin, digoxin	 Calcium Magnesium Thiamine 	 Osteoporosis, 1 tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss 1 Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps Nerve, GI, cardiovascular problems & depression



CHEMOTHERAPY • Many Drugs	 Most nutrients are depleted Microbiome 	 Too many problems to list Heart damage due to Co Q10 depletion: See Notes Destroys lining of GI tract; inflammation, inhibits nutrient absorption See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration
CHOLESTEROL LOWERING DRUGS Bile Acid Sequestrants • Questran, cholestyramine • Colestid	 Vitamins A, D, E, K Beta-Carotene B-12, Folate Iron 	Refer to previous nutrient depletion listings for these nutrients
FibratesLopid, gemfibrozilTriCor, fenofibrate	MagnesiumVitamin E	 ↑ Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps Neurological disorders, ↑ free radical damage, ↓ immunity
 HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors Crestor, rosuvastatin Lipitor, atorvastatin Lescol, fluvastatin Mevacor, lovastatin Pravachol, pravastatin Zocor, simvastatin 	 Coenzyme Q10 Magnesium 	 ↑ Blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑ Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES ↑ Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps



ELECTROLYTE REPLACEMENT • Timed Release KCI • Micro-K, Slow-K	• Vitamin B-12	• Anemia, tiredness,1 homocysteine & cardiovascular disease
ESTROGEN REPLACEMENT THERAPY (ERT) • Premarin, conj. estrogens	Vitamin B6MagnesiumCoenzyme Q10	 Depression, sleep problems, 1 homocysteine & heart disease 1 Cardiovascular risks, asthma, osteoporosis, muscle cramps 1 Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES
 ORAL HYPOGLYCEMICS Sulfonylureas DiaBeta, Midronase, glyburide Amaryl, glimepiride Glucotrol, glipizied Tolinase, tolazamide 	• Coenzyme Q10	 ↑ Blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑ Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES



 ORAL HYPOGLYCEMICS Biguanides Glucophage, Glumetza, metformin 	Coenzyme Q10Vitamin B-12Folate	 blood pressure, ↑ mitochondrial DNA damage ↓ energy, ↑ Congestive heart failure & accelerated aging: see CoQ10 NOTES Anemia, tiredness, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks
 NARCOTIC PAIN MEDS Dilaudid, hydromorphone MS Contin, Kadian, Roxanol, morphine Methadose, methadone Oxycontin, oxycodone 	Glutathione	• See Notes on Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3, which is the most effective way to boost glutathione levels on a daily basis.
 NARCOTIC PAIN MEDS WITH ACETAMINOPHEN Vicodin, Norco, Percocet, Roxicet, Tylox Tylenol w/ codeine + others 	Glutathione	See Notes on Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3, which is the most effective way to boost glutathione levels on a daily basis.



NON-PRESCRIPTION OTC MEDS ANALGESICS • Aspirin, Anacin, Ascriptin, • Bufferin, Ecotrin • Fiorinal + others	 Vitamin C Folate Iron Potassium 	 Lowered immune system, easy bruising, poor wound healing Birth defects, anemia, 1 homocysteine & heart disease risks Anemia, weakness, fatigue, hair loss, brittle nails Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema
ANALGESICS WITH ACETAMINOPHEN Actifed, Contac, Coricidin, Dayquil, Dimetapp, Dristan, Midol, Nyquil + others	Glutathione	• See Notes on Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3, which is the most effective way to boost glutathione levels on a daily basis.
ANTACIDSMagnesium hydroxideAluminum hydroxide	CalciumPhosphateFolate	 Osteoporosis, ↑ tooth decay, muscle spasms, memory loss Weakness, trouble breathing, and loss of appetite. Birth defects, anemia, ↑ homocysteine & heart disease risks



LAXATIVES Mineral Oil	Beta-carotene, calcium, phosphorus, Vitamin A, D, E, K	See previous listings
Bisacodyl	PotassiumSodium	 Irregular heart beat, muscle weakness, fatigue, edema Muscle weakness, dehydration, poor concentration, ↓ appetite
OTC NSAIDs (many, see previous section)	FolateMelatoninMicrobiome	 Birth defects, anemia, [↑] homocysteine & heart disease risks Sleep problems See NOTES: Postbiotic Metabolites-Rapid Microbiome Restoration



NOTES: Quick Reference Guide to Drug-Induced Nutrient Depletions.

I want to introduce you to several products that provide unique and unprecedented health benefits along with some general comments about the Quick Reference Guide to Drug-Induced Nutrient Depletions.

This is not a complete reference guide. It only lists nutrient depletions for the most commonly prescribed medications. Many newer drugs are not listed because nutrient depletion studies have not yet been conducted. Drug classes are listed in alphabetical order. However, I put oral contraceptives first to emphasize this important women's health issue and the fact that oral contraceptives deplete more nutrients than any other class of drugs.

Postbiotic Metabolites/Rapid Microbiome Restoration: Research emanating from the Human Microbiome project is continuing to explain how compounds produced by probiotic bacteria, collectively referred to as postbiotic metabolites, are critical master health-regulating compounds in the human body. Directly ingesting postbiotic metabolites is a much faster method of eliciting improvements in the microbiome ecosystem compared to just ingesting probiotic bacteria. Products that contain a combination of probiotics and postbiotic metabolites are becoming more popular as the health-regulating effects of postbiotic metabolites becomes better understood. Postbiotic metabolites derived from "long-term" fermentation may be the most effective way to create and maintain a healthy microbiome. I wrote an article titled **Postbiotic Metabolites: The New Frontier In Microbiome Science** which provides an in-depth explanation of the benefits of postbiotic metabolites and information about Dr. Ohhira's Probiotics®, which contains live probiotic bacteria plus over 500 postbiotic metabolites. Dr. Ohhira's Probiotics is the #1 product in the world for direct delivery of postbiotic metabolites. Send request for my article to: ross@naturalpharmacist.net

Boosting Glutathione Levels: Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3 is a strain of probiotic bacteria that synthesizes glutathione. Individuals ingesting Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3 for 3 weeks gained a 49% increase the ratio of reduced to oxidized glutathione, a 16% reduction in oxidized LDL-cholesterol and a 26% increase in total antioxidant activity. Products containing Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3 are the most reliable & cost effective method of boosting glutathione levels. If you would like a copy of my article titled Lactobacillus fermentum ME-3: A New Era in Glutathione Therapy, send an email request to: ross@naturalpharmacist.net

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Coenzyme Q10: Most CoQ10 products have very low rates of absorption (only 1-2%) because the melting point of CoQ10 is 10 degrees higher than body temperature, which causes the CoQ10 to crystalize. Pharma Nord of Denmark has a proprietary process that keeps CoQ10 in solution, resulting in greater absorption. There is also controversy regarding ubiquinone vs ubiquinol. Some claim ubiquinol is better absorbed. Absorption studies prove this to be false. When ubiquinol is ingested, it is quickly oxidized and converted to ubiquinone. Ubiquinol is more expensive and does not provide higher blood levels.

Pharma Nord's Bio-Quinone CoQ10 has been utilized in most of the large CoQ10 clinical trials conducted over the past 25 years. A recent study evaluated the absorption of 6 top CoQ10 products. Pharma Nord's Bio-Quinone was found to have from 3 to 10 times better absorption then the other five CoQ10 products. I recommend watching the following 2-minute video: https://www.pharmanord.com/coq10-absorption

Healthcare practitioners: Open a Professional Account with Pharma Nord and get wholesale pricing by sending a request to Pharma Nord at: practitioner@pharmanord.com

Individuals can order Bio-Quinone at <u>https://www.pharmanord.com/</u> When checking out, utilize promotional code NPQ10 for a 20% discount.

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