

Wellness

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MODULE 2 GLOW FOODS



LET'S REVIEW!

One way to make good nutritional decisions is to be aware of fallacies related to Glow foods.

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Although commercial vitamin and mineral supplements contain what we need for good health, food contains even more. Eating a balanced diet that consists of a variety of foods is more likely to supply the necessary nutrients for growth

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and repair than a vitamin preparation. Excess vitamin intake can actually be detrimental to health.

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Emotional stress does not mean you need more nutrients. Claims which state that vitamin supplements relieve stress are misleading. Physical stress that comes with recovery from illness, surgery, or injury, however, may benefit from physician-prescribed supplements.

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines organic food as food that is produced by farmers who emphasize the use of renewable resources, and conservation of soil and water, to enhance environmental



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quality. Fruits and vegetables that are organically produced are free from hormones, herbicides, pesticides, antibiotics and synthetic fertilizers. The USDA has released no statements on organic food being healthier than non-organic

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food items. Several studies have also reported that there is no evidence to support the common notion that organic has better nutrient quality than non-organic food.

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A person gains weight when his calorie intake is consistently higher than the amount of calories he or she burns, such as in the case of a person with a sedentary (i.e. inactive) lifestyle. Vitamins and minerals do not contain calories.

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Deficiency in some vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B1, vitamin B12 and zinc, however, can negatively impact one's appetite and thus, supplements may help to return one's appetite to its normal state.

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Free radicals are molecules that can come from radiation, smoking and other pollutants. Excessive free radicals in the body can lead to cell damage, which in turn leads to diseases including cancer, diabetes, heart disease and cataracts. It can also lead to premature aging.

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Antioxidants are compounds that prevent cells from being destroyed by free radicals. Vitamins with antioxidant benefits include vitamin A, vitamin C and vitamin E.

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Our bones are mainly composed of minerals such as calcium, phosphorus and magnesium, so getting all of these nutrients from milk and dairy products can help you reach your height potential.

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Zinc is also important, because it makes the bones stronger, while protein keeps the minerals together. Sufficient sleep is important because the hormone to induce growth is highly produced during this period. Generally, it is recommended that individuals get at least eight hours of sleep every night.