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Natural Medicine

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function), and Astragalus (a Chinese herb that boosts immunity).

Metabolic cardiologist Stephen Sinatra, M.D., mentions the importance of taking licorice root tincture (20 drops under the tongue, twice daily), resveratrol (found in the skin of grapes or as a supplement), and N-acetyl cysteine (NAC), which Sinatra describes as an amino acid that "serves as a building block for glutathione, your body's most natural immune-supporting antioxidant." Sinatra also believes everyone should start off with a high-quality daily multivitamin/mineral.

Sinatra recommends black elderberry as well, saying, "Available in syrup and gummy form, elderberry is a convenient immune booster for children and pill-averse adults. "

The afore-mentioned glutathione is vital in maintaining immunity. The title of a May 2020 article in the journal ACS Infect Dis. proclaims its importance in fighting COVID-19: "Endogenous Deficiency of Glutathione as the Most Likely Cause of Serious Manifestations and Death in COVID-19 Patients." Michael Murray, N.D., says that "Lower levels of glutathione result in the combination of an impaired immune response, decreased protection against the virus and cellular damage, and an increased inflammatory response. The bottom line is that if you want to survive this pandemic, you need to take steps to boost your glutathione stores and definitely avoid drugs like acetaminophen that can cause glutathione levels to plummet."

Mark Menolascino, M.D., Director of the Meno Clinic in Wyoming, adds that probiotics play a crucial role in healthy immune defense. Probiotics in good yogurts and kefir, sauerkraut, kim chee, and in capsule form, are available at most supermarkets...

Refined sugar weakens the immune system. This may be unwelcome news to sugar-addicted Americans, but avoidance of sugar may be needed by those hoping to avoid infection, particularly if their diets are sub-optimal. Avoidance for the time being of alcohol and caffeine may also be advisable.

Why aren't we hearing all – or even some - of this from those leading the discussion of COVID-19? It must be repeated that much of this information is not on the radar of conventional medicine or the press/ media, for reasons suggested at the beginning of this article. This should nonetheless not prevent one from trying things that could, after all, help and do no harm. And meanwhile, we all should be getting adequate sleep, not freak out over corona fears, get some sunshine, and eat right to maybe enhance our survival at this difficult time.

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