

# LIVER HEALTH 101

Next to your skin, your liver is your body's largest organ. And that's no surprise because your liver has some BIG jobs! It performs over 500 functions to help keep your body healthy.

## How the liver helps your body:

- Clears toxins out of your blood
- Produces bile, which helps digest fats
- Gets rid of old red blood cells
- Helps your body metabolize proteins, carbohydrates, and fats
- Supports blood clotting
- Stores vitamins and glycogen (an energy source) for later use

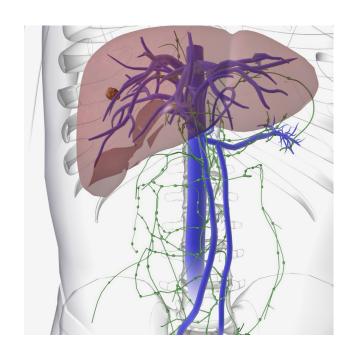
Your liver works hard for you every day, clearing your body of excess hormones and harmful toxins

The trouble is, we live in a toxic world. In fact, there are over 80,000 chemicals registered for use in the US!

Your liver has to filter every toxin you encounter. So day-to-day living can give your liver a major workout.

And if the liver gets overloaded, symptoms may pop up.

Luckily, you can improve your liver health by shifting your diet and lifestyle and incorporating liver-loving supplements.



## Signs of a sluggish liver:

- · Acne or eczema
- Disrupted sleep
- Emotional outbursts
- Hormone imbalance
- Trouble focusing
- Brain fog
- Fatigue
- Weight gain
- Yellowing eyes or skin
- Poor digestion
- Nausea
- Pain in the upper right side of your torso

## LIVER HEALTH FOODS

The best foods



Cruciferous veggies



Coffee



Berries



The worst

Sugar



Citrus fruits



Oats



Dark leafy greens



Fried foods



Sweet potatoes



Beets



Dandelion tea



Refined grains



Grapes



Broccoli sprouts



Green tea



Processed foods

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE HABITS

# To love your liver



#### Go non-toxic

Avoiding toxins lightens the load on your liver. So opt for natural cosmetics, cleaning products, and personal care products. Your liver will thank you. (If you need guidance, check out <u>EWG's Skin Deep Database</u>).



#### Limit alcohol

When your liver is busy breaking down alcohol, it's can't process other toxins effectively. Heavy drinking causes fats to build up in the liver and increases the risk of fatty liver disease. So if you drink, do so in moderation.



#### **Exercise**

When you exercise, your body burns triglycerides, a type of fat in your blood. This eases the load on your liver. Plus, working up a sweat helps you release toxins through your skin, so your liver has less work to do.



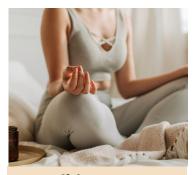
# Maintain a healthy weight

Being overweight or obese increases your risk of fatty liver disease. This is because excess calories cause fat to build up in your liver, But on the flip side, losing weight helps reduces liver fat.



#### **Eat organic**

Organic foods are grown without harmful pesticides and fertilizers. So choose organic as often as possible. Check out EWG's Clean 15 and Dirty Dozen for guidance.



#### Get a lid on stress

Stress harms your body's ability to detox. Keeping stress at bay helps your liver work optimally. Yoga, meditation, journaling, and breathwork are all good stress busters.



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