

# VITAMIN D3 50,000IU



## CLINICAL APPLICATIONS

- Maintains Bone and Dental Health
- Increases Calcium Absorption and Balance
- Boosts Immune Activity
- Maintains Normal Inflammatory Balance, and Supports Blood Sugar Balance Already Within Normal Levels and Weight Loss
- Helps Increase Musculoskeletal Strength and Comfort

## ESSENTIAL VITAMINS

### What is Vitamin D?

Vitamin D is a steroid hormone that is part of a group of fat-soluble pro-hormones best known for the role they play in supporting bone health and aiding in the absorption of calcium and phosphate from the gastrointestinal tract. A growing body of research highlights vitamin D's important role in supporting other body systems, including cardiovascular and blood sugar balance, musculoskeletal strength, and neurological and immune function, enabled by vitamin D's ability to target over 200 different genes throughout the body. At the same time, deficiency and insufficiency of this important nutrient has reached epidemic proportions around the world, making the achievement of optimal levels extremely important to overall health and wellbeing. Vitamin D3 50,000 IU is ideal for those who have difficulty achieving and maintaining peak vitamin D levels. This often includes elderly patients with low vitamin D levels, those with challenges in absorbing and maintaining vitamin D levels, and overweight patients with an elevated body mass index that impairs vitamin D circulation. For those who require an immediate boost in their vitamin D status, the vitamin D3 50,000 IU formulation is a convenient, effective way to get the substantial support they need.

### Overview

Known as the sunshine vitamin, one of the key roles of vitamin D is maintaining serum calcium and phosphorous balance. Our bodies make vitamin D by converting vitamin D2 (ergocaliferol) into D3 (cholecalciferol). Vitamin D3 is the bioidentical form of vitamin D synthesized in the skin following exposure to sunlight. Vitamin D3 is also the form the body derives from dietary cholesterol. When calcium and

phosphorus levels dip in the body, parathyroid hormone (PTH) is released to increase vitamin D conversion to the active form. D3 is then metabolized to calcitriol, a steroid hormone that helps regulate a variety of genes through the vitamin D receptor (VDR). While vitamin D is available in both the D2 and D3 forms as supplements, studies have found vitamin D3 is the preferable form. According to recent research from human clinical trials, vitamin D3 is approximately 87% more potent in raising and maintaining serum 25(OH)D concentrations, than the vitamin D2 form.<sup>1</sup> Vitamin D3 also produces a two- to three-fold greater storage of vitamin D than D2.<sup>1</sup>

### Vitamin D Depletion<sup>†</sup>

While it has long been assumed that the majority of the population achieves adequate levels of vitamin D through exposure to the sun, the biosynthesis of the nutrient is affected by time of day, seasons, location, smog/pollution, clothing and sunscreen. In addition, those with darker skin require more exposure to the sun to attain adequate levels. These factors all contribute to the insufficiency seen in a growing portion of the population. It takes about 48 hours for vitamin D to be absorbed from the skin into the body and washing skin during that time period can interfere with absorption into the blood. Inadequate intake or levels of cholesterol can also inhibit the adequate production of the nutrient. Depleted levels of vitamin D may interfere with the normal development of teeth and bones, normal cell growth, and contribute to poor regulation of immune and nervous systems. Certain medications have been found to contribute to deficiency of vitamin D, including some anti-seizure medications, bile acid sequestrants, oral corticosteroids, and weight loss medications, which bind fats.<sup>2</sup>

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## Bone and Dental Health†

Numerous studies have highlighted the importance of vitamin D to maintaining healthy bone density. In one 2013 study, 52 overweight men and women with suboptimal vitamin D levels were given either 7,000 IU of cholecalciferol daily or a placebo for 26 weeks. The vitamin D group significantly increased vitamin D levels in the blood and improved biomarkers of bone health.<sup>2,3</sup>

## Cardiometabolic Health and Blood Sugar Balance†

In light of the role that vitamin D plays in a variety of tissues and body systems, it comes as no surprise that much research from recent years has underscored its contribution to cardiometabolic wellness.<sup>5</sup> There is accumulating evidence that calcitriol helps strengthen cardiomyocyte function, vascular smooth muscle cells, and the vascular endothelium. Low levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D are associated with diminished cardiovascular health.<sup>6</sup> In a recent study of 222 participants, slow coronary function was significantly higher in those with insufficient blood levels of the vitamin.<sup>7</sup> Optimal vitamin D status has also been linked with a 40% cardiovascular system protective effect, as well as maintenance of healthy blood pressure levels already within the normal range.<sup>8,9</sup> Vitamin D has also been shown to support healthy blood sugar metabolism.<sup>10,11</sup>

## Immune Health and Modulation†

One of the more profound functions of vitamin D is its ability to modulate immunity. An important recent study suggested that improving vitamin D status significantly affects the expression of genetic pathways linked to immune activity.<sup>12</sup> Vitamin D has been shown to boost the immune response by up-regulating specific genes that increase cellular production of natural compounds that protect us against pathogens.<sup>13</sup>

## Musculoskeletal Comfort†

Numerous studies also point to the key role of vitamin D in supporting musculoskeletal strength and comfort.<sup>14</sup> In one study, among 62 adult patients with nonspecific musculoskeletal discomfort, over 95% had vitamin D deficiency and responded to replenishment of vitamin D. Moderate deficiency of vitamin D has also been shown to predict knee discomfort over a five-year period and hip discomfort over two years.<sup>15</sup>

## Safety and Efficacy of High Dose Vitamin D†

Vitamin D research is continually evolving and now includes safety and efficacy studies on high doses of up to 50,000 IU. In a 2019 study, it was indicated that supplementation with 5,000 to 50,000 IUs/day of vitamin D3 for long periods appears safe, and there were no observed cases of hypercalcemia for up to seven years at those doses.<sup>16</sup> In another study, it was shown

that vitamin D3 therapy (50,000-100,000 IU/week) was safe and effective when taken for 12 months to reverse statin intolerance in patients with vitamin D deficiency. Serum vitamin D rarely exceeded 100 ng/mL, never reached toxic levels, and there was no significant change in serum calcium or eGFR.<sup>17</sup>

## Directions

1 capsule **per week**. This product is a high-dose vitamin D capsule that is not typically intended for long-term daily use. Please consult your health care professional if you are unsure of the appropriate dose.

## Does Not Contain

Gluten, yeast, artificial colors or flavors.

## Cautions

This product is a high-dose vitamin D capsule that is not typically intended for long-term daily use. Please consult with your healthcare practitioner if you are unsure of the appropriate dose. If you are pregnant or nursing, consult with your physician before taking this product.

| Supplement Facts <sup>V2</sup>    |                       |               |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Serving Size 1 Capsule            |                       |               |
| Servings Per Container 15         |                       |               |
|                                   | Amount Per Serving    | % Daily Value |
| Vitamin D (D3 as Cholecalciferol) | 1,250 mcg (50,000 IU) | 6,250%        |

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