# Celiac Disease \& The Gluten-Free Diet 

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# Why should I care about celiac disease, anyway? 

- Celiac disease/allergies/gluten sensitivity are emerging diagnoses
- Media attention
- More physicians are aware
- Increased prevalence

Many wants to believe gluten-free is the "right" method to lose weight/feel better/decrease abdominal discomfort


## A few statistics

Celiac Disease is the most common genetically-induced food intolerance worldwide, with a prevalence around 1\% (and growing!)
Wheat is among the 10 most common allergens responsible for food allergy (Wang et al. J Clin Invest, 2011)
Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity (NCGS) - diagnosis of exclusion; cases of gluten reaction in which both allergic an autoimmune mechanisms have been ruled out

- Recent data indicate prevalence of NCGS is approximately $0.5 \%$ of a national representative sample of US residents (Scand J Gastroenterol, 2013)


## Mixed messages in media

## Emerging Fad Diet

- Kim Kardashian tweets, "Gluten-free is the way to be..." May 7, 2012
- Miley Cyrus blames gluten-free diet as excuse for anorexia - Us Weekly, April 10, 2012
- Chelsea Clinton chose gluten-free wedding cake - menu chosen due to health needs of "gluten-allergy"...should have a "trickle down effect", July 29, 2010
- Elizabeth Hasselback announces new book "G-free diet" due to an "aversion to gluten"- May 5, 2009
Gluten-free is EVERYWHERE
- New food products popping up daily, food labeling is changing

Gluten "Sensitivities" vs. Celiac Disease

- May be a true diagnosis
- Consumers are misled by inaccurate testing methods ( $\lg \mathrm{G}$ )



## Celiac Disease

Intolerance to gluten (wheat, rye, barley)

- Gluten = general name for storage protein (prolamins) found in these grains
An autoimmune condition triggered and sustained by the ingestion of gluten in genetically predisposed individuals
Causes an inflammatory damage of the mucosa of the small intestine with resulting malabsorption of nutrients



## Progression of disease



## The role of environment in influencing the development of CD

- Risk increased by:
- Repeated rotavirus infections
- Gluten introduced in first 3 months of life
- Gluten introduced in large amounts
- Risk decreased by:
- Prolonged breast feeding
- Introduction of gluten during breast feeding
- Introduction of gluten in right"time window" and in low amounts


## Celiac Disease prevalence in the US is increasing



## Celiac Disease Increase -Increase in Gluten Content?

- Research from D. Kasarda, published in Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, 2013 -
- Hypothesis: Increase in incidence in celiac disease, due to increase in gluten content of wheat resulting from wheat breading in US.
- Survey of data from 20th and 21st centuries was carried out
- Results indicated:

No clear evidence of an increase in gluten content of wheat during the 20th century
If there has been an increase in celiac disease, wheat breeding for higher gluten content does not seem to be the basis Increase in intake of wheat and gluten may play a role Lack of suitable data on incidence of celiac to test these possibilities

## We are too CLEAN!

Hygiene Hypothesis -

- First proposed in 1989 by David P. Strachen
- Analyzed 17K British children and found those who had grown up with more siblings (presumably with more germs) were less likely to have allergies and eczema
- Since then, other explanations have been proposed but not defined
- What we do know: immune system needs bugs. We rely on encounters with germs to protect our body
- IF early exposure doesn't take place - immune system can become overly sensitive, reacting to non-threats as harmful
- When combined with genetic traits = Allergies and Asthma


## Celiac Disease: the "typical"

## presentation

Most common gastrointestinal manifestations

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- FTT or weight loss
- Distended abdomen
- Abdominal pain
- Constipation


## Extra-Intestinal

## manifestations "atypical"

Dermatitis Herpetiformis and other skin disorders
Short Stature
Delayed Puberty

- Dental enamel hypoplasia
- Osteopenia/Osteoporosis
- Iron-deficient anemia resistant to oral Fe

Hyposplenism
Kidney stones

- Liver and biliary tract disease
- Arthritis
- Neurological problems
- Ataxia
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Epilepsy
- Behavioral changes/Psychiatric Disorders
- Women Sub-In-fertility
- Miscarriages
- Low birth weight babies
Celiac Disease is more frequentin other autoimmune conditions

Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
Thyroiditis*
Autoimmune hepatitis
Addison disease
Arthritis
Autoimmune liver diseases
Sjögren's syndrome
Idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy
IgA nephropathy
3.5-10\%

4-6\%
6-15\%
6\%
1.5-7.5\%

6-8\%
2-15\%
5.7\%
3.6\%
(*) 15\% of CD have thyroiditis and 40\% anti-thyroid antibodies

## Treatment



## Therapeutic Strategies

Detoxifying gluten before its ingestion

- Lactobacilli-based sourdough bread from Italy

Detoxifying gluten while in the stomach, before it reaches the small intestine

- Using enzymes to completely digest gluten

From yeasts (Aspergillus Niger: AN-PEP)
From bacteria (ALV-003)
KumaMax
Blocking gluten passage across the lining of small intestine

- Anti-Zonulin (Lorazatide)

Developing a "therapeutic vaccine" to restore gluten tolerance, thus CURING celiac disease

## Gluten-Free Diet

Avoid all food products containing wheat, rye, barley, and oats and their derivatives
Gluten = general name for storage protein (prolamins) found in these grains

- Complete exclusion of these foods is essential


## Label Reading

## FALCPA (Food Allergy and Labeling

 Consumer Protection Act)

- Clear Labeling of top 8 allergens

Milk, eggs, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish and WHEAT (excludes barley and rye)
The word "Contains" followed by the name of the major food allergen (milk, wheat, or eggs)
A parenthetical statement in the list of ingredients: albumin (egg)

- Does not apply to meat, poultry, eggs, fresh fruit, alcoholic beverages or pharmaceuticals
- Does not apply to major food allergens that are unintentionally added to a food as a result of cross contact
- Does not require use of "may contain" statements

Shared storage, transportation, production equipment

## Gluten Containing Grains: Foods to AVOID

| - Barley | Emmer |
| :--- | :--- |
| Barley malt, | Farina |
| extract | Faro |
| - Bran | Graham flour |
| Bulgur | Couscous |
| - | Mamut |
| Durum | Matzo flour, |
| Einkorn | matzo meal |

- Panko
- Rye
- Seitan
- Semolina
- Spelt
- Triticale
- Udon
- Orzo

Wheat

- Wheat berry
- Wheat bran
- Wheat germ

Wheat germ
oil
Wheat gluten
Wheat starch
Gluten-Free Grains:Foods SAFE to Consume

- Invert sugar
- Arrowroot flour
- Baking soda
- Bean flour
- Buckwheat
- Cassava (Manioc flour)
- Corn flour, cornmeal, cornstarch
- Cream of tartar
- Dal or Dahl
- Flax
- Gelatin
- Green pea flour
- Gums: acacia, carob bean gum, carrageenan, cellulose, guaica, guar, karaya, locust bean, tragacanth, xanthum
- Kudzu lecithin
- Legumes: channa, chick peas, gram, lentils, peanuts, peas, soy
- Maltodextrin
- Maltiol (sweetener not related to malt)
- Mannitol
- Millet
- Montina ${ }^{\text {™ }}$
- Molasses
- Mustard flour (ground mustard)
- Poi
- Potato flour

Potato starch

- Quinoa
- Rice bran, rice flour, rice starch
- Sorghum
- Soy flour, soy starch
- Sweet potato
- Tapioca flour, tapioca starch
- Teff
- Tofu
- White vinegar
- Xanthum gum
- Yam
- Yeast


## FDA Labeling Rule

A product may be defined as "GF" if all the following are met:

- Will not contain an ingredient that is any species of the grains wheat, rye, barley, or a crossbred hybrid of these grains (also referred to as "prohibited grains")
- Will not contain an ingredient that is derived from a prohibited grain and that has not been processed to remove gluten (e.g., wheat flour)
- If the food contains an ingredient that is derived from a prohibited grain that has been processed to remove gluten (e.g., wheat starch), use of that ingredient may not result in the presence of 20 parts per million (ppm) or more gluten
- The food product contains less than 20 ppm gluten
http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInform ation/Allergens/default.htm.


## How much exposure is safe?

- Complete gluten avoidance is extremely difficult
- Exposure to trace amounts of gluten common even if product is sold as NATURALLY gluten-free
- Safe threshold for gluten exposure $=10-100 \mathrm{mg}$

Daily intake of 30 mg of gliadin seems not to harm the intestinal mucosa

- Amount of residual gluten in gluten-free products and the total intake of these products must be considered


50 mg gluten

## How much gluten exposure is safe ( $<100 \mathrm{mg}$ gliadin)?

On average, one tyminal alinn finhont hanod in anyroximately 40 grams (weight)

- Protein makes $L$ protein.
- Gliadin is $1 / 2$ of $t$ Less than $1 / 2$ tsp aining foods $\rightarrow 2$ grams (200
- If a toxic reactio mg of gliadin, it to cause an inte


## bread!!!



## What about Oats?

- Research in Europe and the US
- Oats are well-tolerated by most children and adults when consumed in moderation and do not contribute to abdominal symptoms, nor prevent intestinal healing.
PLEASE NOTE: regular, commercially available oats are frequently contaminated with wheat or barley.
"Pure, uncontaminated" oats are available from several companies in the US and Canada
- These companies process oats in dedicated facilities and their oats are tested for purity. Pure, uncontaminated oats can be consumed safely in quantities < 1 cup per day.


## Domino’s Gluten-Free Crust

- Gluten Free for Celiacs?
- Dominos Statement:

Pizzas made with Gluten Free Crust are made in a common kitchen. We do not have a separate area in our kitchens that are guaranteed free from gluten.
While the Gluten Free Crust is certified to be free of gluten, the pizzas made with the Gluten Free Crust use the same ingredients and utensils as all of our other pizzas.


## FRUITS

## The Gluten-Free Diet Plate

2-3 servings per day

- Choose fresh fruit
- Drink fruit juice in moderation
- Consume fruit with skin on to increase fiber content
- Try dried fruits as snacks


## VEGETABLES

3-5 servings per day

- Choose bright colored vegetables frequently
- Avoid packaged vegetables with sauces that may be glutencontaining.

MILK \& DAIRY PRODUCTS
2-3 servings per day

- Choose low-fat dairy
- Read all flavored dairy products ingredients for presence of gluten
- Choose lactose-free alternatives if tolerating dairy is difficult


## BREADS \& CEREALS

6-9 servings per day

- Include whole grain choices such as: Amaranth, Buckwheat, Brown Rice, GlutenFree Oats, Legumes \& Quinoa
- Choose less of the refined carbohydrates such as white rice, potatoes, and corn


## ChooseMyPlate.gov

## MEAT \& BEANS

2-3 servings per day

- Choose lean meats more frequently
- Purchase pre-sliced meats
- Try beans at least one time per week
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## Gluten-free Alternatives

Amaranth - high in protein, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, manganese
Buckwheat - rich in iron, zinc, selenium
Brown Rice
Chia - omega 3, fiber, protein
Legumes (garbanzo, lentil, pea flour)
Oats (pure and uncontaminated) - high in fiber, iron
Quinoa - high in manganese, magnesium, iron, iron, copper, phosphorus
Sorghum
Teff

## HOW THESE FOODS MATCH UP...



Nutrition Facts Serving Size: 1 slice Amount per Serving Calories 90 Calories from Fat 10\% Daily Valun Tatal Fat 1a 2\% Saturated Fat
gars 2 g Protein $4 \mathrm{~g} 8 \%$ Iron 4 , ᄀiboflavin (B2) 4\% Niacin (B3) 60

## A GOOD EXAMPLE...



Ingredients: Whole Sorghum Flour, Ground Flax Seed, Honey, Raisin Juice Concentrate. Salt



## Nutrition Facts

Serving Sue 10 ep (tba)
Servings Per Cortanee about 7

Sugars 149
Other Carbohdende 21 g
Protein 50
Brand Serving Size Calories CHO (g) Fat (g)

Rudi's Original GLUTEN CONTAINING BREA
Udi's Whole Grain

Udi's Millet-Chia
Udi's Cinnamon
Kinnikinnick Foods White Bread

Ener-G Tapioca Rice

Ener-G Brown Rice

| Ener-G Hamburger Bun | 1 bun $(55 \mathrm{~g})$ | 120 | 21 g | 3 g | 4 g |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rudi's GF Hamburger Bun | 1 bun $(74 \mathrm{~g})$ | 170 | 30 g | 6 g | 2 g |
| Rudi's GF Original Bread | 2 slices $(74 \mathrm{~g})$ | 180 | 34 g | 3 g | 2 g |

## Gluten Free Market

## Low Carb Diet Fat Free Diet Gluten Free Diet



For the American general population, adopting a gluten-free diet is becoming an increasingly popular solution. The market for gluten-free food and beverage products grew at a compound annual growth rate of $28 \%$ from 2004 to 2008, to finish with almost $\$ 4.2$ billion in retail sales last year. By 2017 the market is expected to reach about $\$ 6.4$ billion in sales.

## Status of the GF Marketplace

About 87 MILLION hits on Google

- Increased awareness in grocery stores
- GF dedicated aisles
- Signage alerting customers as to which products are GF on store shelves
- Gone are the days where GF foods were only sold at local "health food stores" or online markets, but rather now gluten-free foods are readily available at Jewel, Meijer, Marianos, and even
Walmart


## Summary

Celiac disease/Wheat Allergy/Gluten Sensitivity is exploding

- GF marketplace is booming
- Increased consumer demand for nutrient-dense, goodtasting gluten-free food



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