

**WELCOME!** So many people have asked about salicylates that I just couldn't resist doing some diet guidelines for them. So, what actually ARE they?

Salicylic acid (salicylate) is produced by plants as part of their internal chemical defense against pathogens and environmental stress. Many vegetables, fruits, herbs and spices are high in salicylate, which seem to be a beneficial thing for most of us.

Diets rich in plant foods are often associated with lower risks for cancer and other health issues. And high-salicylate drugs such as aspirin are used as disease-preventives.

But ... if you're sensitive to salicylates ... you may develop a wide range of symptoms such as asthma, hay fever, nasal polyps, GI problems, hives and other skin issues. Salicylate, therefore, can reduce inflammation in normal individuals, but in the sensitive can actually cause it.

I have to admit, though, that I'm not a big advocate of self-diagnosing, which is why so many email me frantically at 2 am so sure that this is the answer to what ails them. I understand that, if you're one of those (which may be why you're reading this book), YOU WANT AN ANSWER ... RIGHT NOW ... AND ARE SURE THIS IS IT!

But, like histamine intolerance, which is another big health buzzword today, this selfdiagnosis may just be a symptom of an even deeper problem. And we need to address THAT first before you get ultimate relief. Because the problem will return ... I guarantee it!

True intolerances and sensitivities to organic substances are rare. And even food sensitivities are a red flag that there's a root cause like SIBO, Candida, or Parasites lurking there somewhere

So HERE'S MY PROFESSIONAL, EXPERT, 25-YEARS-IN-PRACTICE ADVICE. Try this if you'd like. If you do get some relief, GREAT! But DO seek out a professional functional or alternative medicine practitioner who can do the proper testing and targeted treatment. So you can actually get a solution for this growing issue that must be causing you a lot of grief.

**SPOILER ALERT** ... this may take more time and money than you would like to spend. But ... if you actually want well-being ... it's really the only way to go!

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THIS PLAN:**

I made the process as simple as I could. There are 8 graphics on the following pages for most types of foods ... and one more that lists high-salicylate environmental and medical substances to avoid. My advice ... start with eating only the foods in the orange columns to the left of each graphic and see how you feel.

Want to speed up the process (I'll bet you do!)? Start with eating only the foods in the far-left column of each graphic for one or two weeks ... and then begin adding one food per day in the next column until you've tried as many foods as you like in the orange columns.

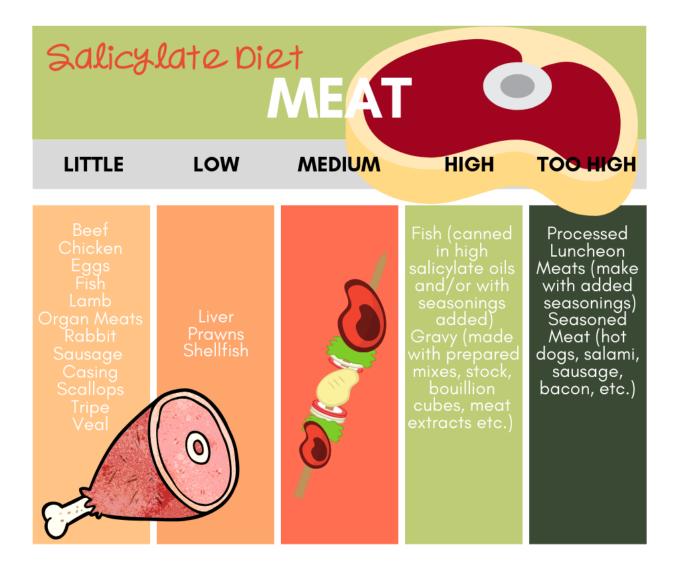
You'll want to keep a food record, too, if you're doing an extreme elimination diet like the one I suggested. Write the time of day, food, and possible reactions you have in your computer or tablet, or on paper. If you're taking medications and have other health issues, you might want to record things like blood sugar, medications taken, etc., too.

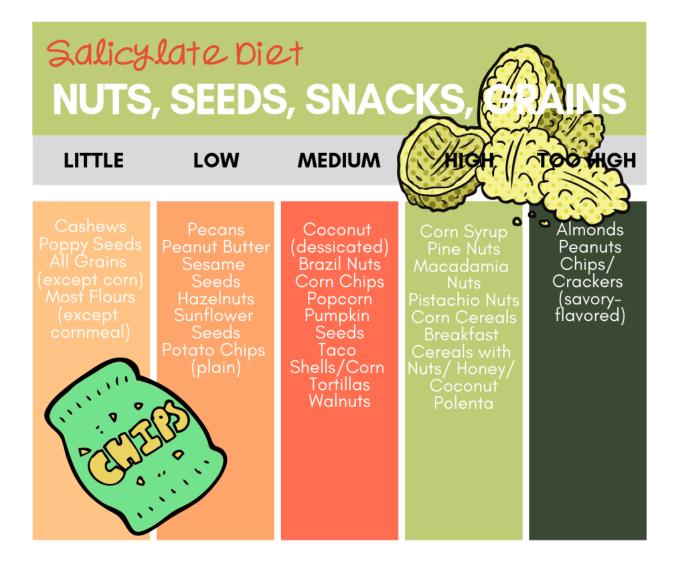
But ... FYI ... food sensitivities are DELAYED reactions ... even with the plan I suggested. So ... again ... you might want to seek out an expert.

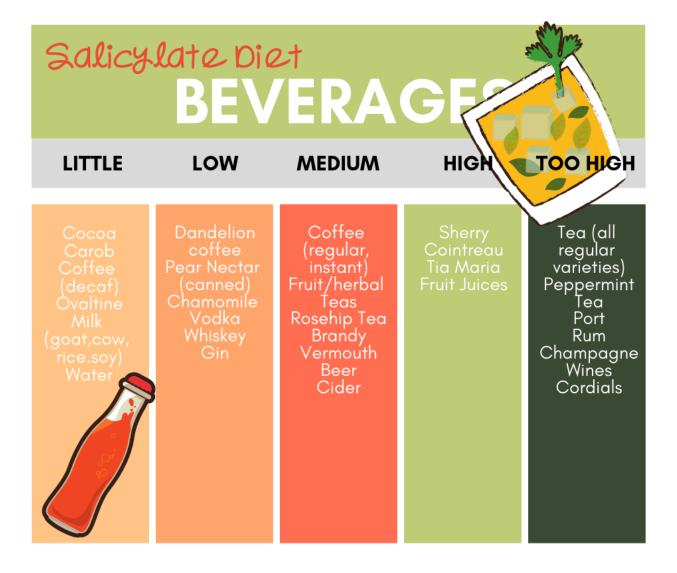
Here are my fun graphics ... I had such a blast making them ... I'm even including some sample menus at the end of this book so you can figure out how to plan meals for yourself.

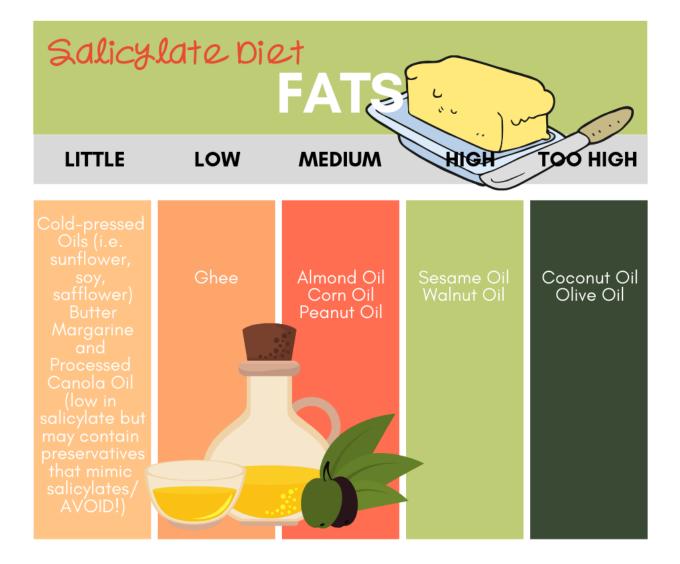
Salicylate Diet					
LITTLE	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	TOO HIGH	
Banana Pear (peeled)	Apple (delicious/ custard) Fig Cherries (sour /canned) Grapes (green) Lemon Mango Passion Fruit Persimmon Pineapple juice Pomegranate Rhubarb	Apple (Jonathan/ canned) Grapefruit juice Kiwi Lychee Loquat Nectarine Pear (iwth peel) Plum (fresh) Watermelon	Apple (Granny Smith) Avocado Cherries (sweet) Fig (dried) Grape juice Grapefruit Mandarin Oranges Mulberry Peach (all) Tangelo	Apricot Berries (all) Cantaloupe/ most melons Cherries (canned/sweet) Cranberry (all) Currants Dates Grapes (all other) Guava Orange Plum (canned) Prunes Raisins Sultanas Tangerines	

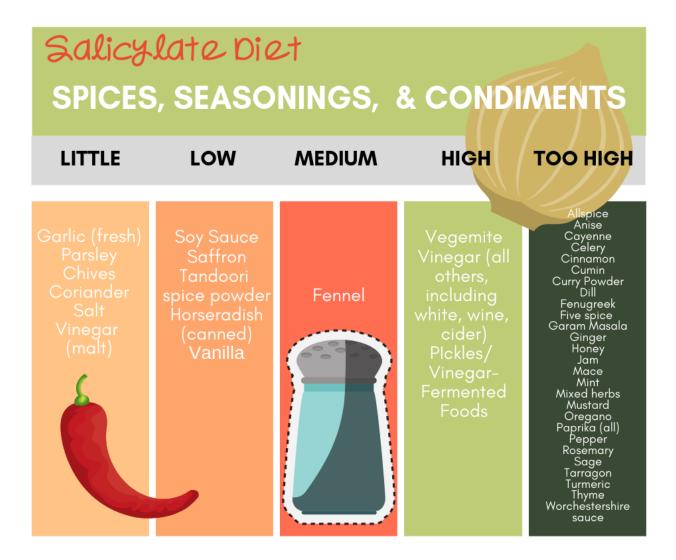
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Bamboo Shoots Brussels Sprouts Cabbage Celery Chives Beans Peas (dried) Leek Lentils Iceberg Lettuce Mung bean (and other sprouts) Potato (white) peeled) Shallots	Asparagus Beets (fresh) Carrots (fresh) Cauliflower Corn Green Beans Horseradish Mushroom Onion Potato (while/ unpeeled) Peas (fresh) Pimiento (canned) Pumpkin Spinach (frozen) Tomato (fresh) Turnip	Asparagus (canned) Beets (canned) Bok Choy Corn (canned/ sweet) Lettuce (other than Iceberg) Olives (black) Parsley Parsnips Potato (red) Snow Peas (and sprouts) Sweet potato (yellow)	Alfalfa Artichoke Broad Beans Broccoli Chilis (green and yellow) Corn (creamed) Cucumber Eggplant Fava Beans Okra Spinach (fresh) Squash Sweet Potato (white) Tomato (canned) Water Chestnut Watercress	Chilis (red) Chickory Endive Gherkins/ Pickles Mushrooms (canned) Olives (green) Peppers (sweet) Radish Tomato (sauce and paste) Zucchini













# **AVOID THESE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:**

# Salicylate Diet NON-FOOD SOURCES OF SALICYLATES

**HEALTH & BEAUTY PRODUCTS** 

MEDICATION & CHEMICALS

**OTHER SOURCES** 

Perfumes Shampoos Conditioners Herbal Remedies Lipsticks Lotions Skin Cleansers Mouthwashes Mint-Flavored Toothpastes Shaving Creams Sunscreens Tanning Lotions Muscle Pain Creams

Alka-Seltzers Aspirin 5-ASA Compounds (compounds similar to aspirin) Non-Steroidal Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDS) Azo Dyes Benzoates Benzyl Salicylate BHA BHT Disalcid Eucalyptus oil Oil of wintergreen Red Dye #40 Salicylaldehyde Salicylamide Yellow Dyes #5, #6

# LOW SALICYLATE DIET PLAN

If you've checked out a few other low salicylate diet lists, you've probably noticed that the graphics on the previous pages might not agree with them. In other words, not all lists agree ... as do the practitioners who have formulated them.

What I've done on the previous pages is try to make some sense of all these disagreements and find a middle-ground with them. As I've done with the following menu ...

I've also noticed that most menus on the internet were formulated as Gluten-Free and Dairy-Free too. But I wouldn't go there first because a) you're testing your body for one particular sensitivity and it's best to stick to that. How can you get a clear answer if you don't focus on just that one task?

The b) reason is much more down-to-earth. For example, if you swing by McDonald's two or three times a day, cutting out high-salicylate foods AND dairy AND gluten is just too big a leap.

Like Neo in *The Matrix*, you may crash on the pavement if you try to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Oh goodness ... did I mix up superheroes? Metaphor aside, make it easy for yourself ... diet transitions are often difficult mentally and spiritually. Not to mention the emotional attachments to some foods that you may have to give up.

**Dairy and gluten are NOT high-salicylate foods.** So, if you're still eating them, please continue. There's a kind of crazy process that happens when you start down the path to wellness and healthier eating ... you just want to do more and more.

I've been Gluten-Free for some time ... even wrote a book about it. But I just recently went Dairy-Free a few months ago. Hadn't drunk milk for some time but LOVED my cheese and ice cream. When I stopped, my 30-year eczema patches cleared up in less than a week!

In other words, I did more. And because I just changed one thing, I could directly link the dairy to the eczema. So ... for right now ... just work on the salicylates ... that's a tall enough order. You MAY, however, want to make other changes later.

My advice ... get a blank menu planner ... you can get them all over the internet ... and scribble some thoughts down for meals after checking out the graphics on pages 3 to 10. Do it in pencil so you can change it. And, once you arrive at some menu you can live with, post it on your fridge so you can see it often to remind you.

You also may not be able to do this totally ... especially if it's a big leap ... I'm seeing Neo's crash-and-burn in my head right now. Be kind to yourself and just go on.

OK ... here's some ideas for three days of munchin' (with some extras thrown in) ...

## SAMPLE MENU

- Only foods with the highest levels of salicylates should be avoided (the foods in the green boxes).
- Avoid high-salicylate foods for a maximum of 4 weeks if you can.
- Then slowly reintroduce high-salicylate foods, noting any symptoms that occur in your food and symptom diary.
- Be sure to include plenty of fruits and vegetables that are not on the highsalicylate list.

Here's an example of a realistic 3-day low-salicylate diet plan:

### DAY ONE:

#### BREAKFAST

Cereal (any grain except corn) with milk (any), banana or other low-salicylate fruit **LUNCH** 

Salad with shredded cabbage, grilled chicken breast, shredded cheese and dressing (Cardini's has lemon juice and good-oils dressings, or use oil and lemon juice ... or dairy dressings [blue cheese/ranch; watch oils and preservatives]); peeled green apple

#### DINNER

Baked fish with brown rice and roasted Brussels sprouts

### DAY TWO:

#### BREAKFAST

Yogurt with granola and sliced, peeled pear/or opt for a bagel and cream cheese

#### LUNCH

Sandwich with whole wheat/grain bread, sliced turkey breast, cheese, and iceberg lettuce; plain potato chips

#### DINNER

Burrito with whole wheat/grain tortilla, meat, black beans, cheese and shredded lettuce or cabbage (hold the red sauce/chilis/pile on the cheese or cheese sauce)

### **DAY THREE:**

#### BREAKFAST

Oatmeal with milk, cashews, low-salicylate fruit

#### LUNCH

Tuna sandwich on wholegrain bread; lentil soup; peeled pear

#### DINNER

Baked chicken, mashed (white) potatoes w/ sour cream/butter, green beans

**SNACKS:** celery sticks and hummus, string cheese and crackers, peeled green apple, yogurt (make sure it's low-salicylate fruit-added and watch preservatives) **DRINKS:** water, milk, low-salicylate fruit juices (pineapple, pear nectar, etc.) with sparkling water (or I use some liquid Stevia and a drop of lemon essential oil with it)

# FINAL THOUGHTS AND RESOURCES

I have to admit that I looked everywhere for reputable articles/books about this issue, but there are very few ... and none that I can recommend. There IS some research, but each study ends with ... "more research needs to be done".

I do, however, like the article, <u>Salicylate Sensitivity: The Other Food Intolerance</u>, published in the *Naturopathic Doctor News and Review*. Naturopaths are functional medicine doctors ... and adhere to the same philosophy I do. A quote from the article is very telling ...

"Many people who are under chronic stress develop gut issues, such as yeast/bacterial overgrowth, or digestive diseases. This may lead to the development of salicylate and other intolerances, as a result of leaky gut. Low-salicylate- and salicylate–free diets, as well as diet regimens such as the Specific Carbohydrate Diet, may be useful."

I've often said that "Health begins in the gut" ... and so have many other alternative practitioners. So you may want to go there first.

I would like to help. How about a 30-minute consultation that I call a "Prescription Solution". We'll meet either on the phone or on my Healthie secure video site ... it's kinda' like Skype on steroids accessible even on your phone ... for:

- An evaluation of in-depth questionnaires that you fill out virtually beforehand **[\$100 value]**
- Laser-focused questions to find out what's REALLY going on with you (I'm good at that after 73 years of living, 20 years as an actor studying human behavior, and over 30 years as a practitioner) [\$100 value]
- Absolute honesty (I pull no punches!) [NO CHARGE]
- A DETAILED PRESCRIPTION ... a roadmap to heal your health and/or your relationship with food ... including 3 "ASAP Action" steps to get you started right away! [\$100 value]
- Supplement suggestions on my Fullscript supplement dispensary if you desire them (access to the best supplements around and expert choices just for you!) [\$50 value]

**Yes, a \$350 value for JUST \$47! WHY?** I really want you to have access to some affordable, expert advice for what's buggin' you ... and I mean that literally (parasites may be involved) and figuratively.

Oh ... and since I'm also an intuitive ... you may get some life-transforming info too. I detected H. pylori way before we tested for it for one client. And mold in a house a world away in England for another.

So do yourself a favor! Click here ASAP and book a session today!