

# How Nutrients Contribute to Bone Health



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# Resumo Geral

O artigo fala sobre os nutrientes indispensáveis para o esqueleto humano. O cálcio e a vitamina D são responsáveis pela construção de ossos fortes através de alimentos como leite e iogurte. O texto mostra que também há benefícios proporcionados pela vitamina C no desenvolvimento ósseo normal e na formação de colágeno, cartilagem e outras estruturas.

O mesmo fala, também, que a Osteoporose é um problema crescente de saúde pública e orienta a ingestão de laticínios, frutas, vegetais e grãos integrais, que fornecem uma variedade de nutrientes essenciais que influenciam a adição e manutenção óssea ao longo da vida.

It's widely known calcium and vitamin D help build strong bones. Milk and yogurt **provide** the calcium and vitamin D **needed** to **help** slow bone breakdown and **increase** bone mineral associated. But iron **is** another important nutrient associated with bone health.

According to Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, iron **helps** produce collagen, an integral component of bone. But Tufts warns that iron **must** be taken with the recommended 800-1200mg of calcium. And calcium absorption **is** dependent on vitamin D. Osteoporosis, diabetes, heart disease and even cancer **may** be due to improper iron metabolism in the body.

The International Osteoporosis Foundation predicts those over age 50 **are** at higher risk of bone fracture. Their numbers **will** exceed 300 million worldwide by 2040. According to the U.S. National Osteoporosis Foundation, 10 million Americans currently **have** osteoporosis and another 44 million who **have** low bone mineral density **are** at risk of it. Bone problems **are** also **being diagnosed** in younger people too, especially those who **don't** consume much dairy.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates that more than half of Americans age 50-plus **have** either osteoporosis or low bone mass," cites the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine.

"Osteoporosis **is** a **rising** public health concern, given the **aging** population and suboptimal dietary intakes of dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains, which **provide** a variety of essential nutrients that influence bone accretion and maintenance across the lifespan."

To combat osteoporosis and bone fractures and to support vitamin D absorption, Banken Champignons ([www.bankenchampignons.com](http://www.bankenchampignons.com)) **received** the green light from the European Food Safety Authority to market mushrooms that **contain** vitamin

D. Mushrooms **are** a natural source of ergosterol, which **is converted** into vitamin D by the sun. Banken's mushrooms contain 10mg of vitamin D, equivalent to the **recommended** daily intake. The company's **processing** technology mimics the sun's conversion process in specially **selected** mushrooms that offer consumers a tasty product with health-promoting benefits.

A single serving of the new mushroom variant **can** make up a vitamin D deficiency, explains Jurgen Banken, director of Banken Champignons.

"Vitamin D's effects **include boosting** the immune system and **producing** strong bones and healthy teeth. With vitamin D mushrooms, anyone can make up a vitamin D deficiency in a tasty and healthy way," he says.

There are more vitamins than D essential for bone health. "Dried plums **are** not

only a source of dietary fiber, but a good source of potassium and vitamin K," say studies **reported** in the National Library of Medicine. "One serving of roughly four [prunes] provides 2.4g of dietary fiber, 280mg of potassium and 22.8µg of vitamin K."

The two main groups of vitamin K that occur naturally **are** vitamin K1 and K2. Different foods contain different kinds of vitamin K, and the body also gets some vitamin K from the bacteria normally **living** in the large intestine. A **recommended** dietary allowance (RDA) has not been established for vitamin K, but an adequate intake is **considered** to be 120µg /day for men aged 19+ and 90µg /day for women aged 19+

Vitamin K **is** found in green leafy vegetables like kale, spinach, turnip greens, collards, parsley, romaine and green leaf lettuce; vegetables such as Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, prunes, kiwi, avocado, blackberries, figs, fish, liver, meat, eggs, and cereals.

# Questions:

## 1. Quais os efeitos da Vitamina D?

**R-** include boosting the immune system and producing strong bones and healthy teeth.

**T-** incluem o fortalecimento do sistema imunológico e a produção de ossos fortes e dentes saudáveis.

## 2. Onde a vitamina K é encontrada?

**R-** is found in green leafy vegetables like kale, spinach, turnip greens, collards, parsley, romaine and green leaf lettuce; vegetables such as Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, prunes, kiwi, avocado, blackberries, figs, fish, liver, meat, eggs, and cereals.

**T-** é encontrada em vegetais de folhas verdes como

Couve ,espinafre, nabo, couve, salsa, alface e alface verde; vegetais como couve de Bruxelas, brócolis, couve-flor e repolho, ameixas, kiwi, abacate, amoras, figos, peixe, fígado, carne,

### **3. Qual a dieta adequada estabelecida para a Vitamina K?**

**R-** A recommended dietary allowance (RDA) has not been established for vitamin K, but an adequate intake is considered to be 120µg /day for men aged 19+ and 90µg /day for women aged 19+.

**T-** Não foi estabelecida uma dieta recomendada (RDA) para a vitamina K, mas considera-se que uma ingestão adequada é de 120 µg / dia para homens com mais de 19 anos e 90 µg / dia para mulheres com mais de 19 anos.

**4. Qual componente integral do osso que ajuda a produzir colágeno?**

**R-** According to Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, iron helps produce collagen.

**T-** De acordo com a Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, o ferro ajuda a produzir colágeno.

**5. Qual a função da Vitamina C?**

**R-** vitamin C assists in the formation of collagen and studies show it appears to stimulate the cells that build bone and enhance calcium absorption.

**T-** a vitamina C auxilia na formação de colágeno e estudos mostram que parece estimular as células que constroem osso e aumentam a absorção de cálcio.

## **Legendas:**

**Presente simples: Vermelho**

**Passado simples: Azul**

**Presente contínuo: Laranja**

**Presente perfeito: Roxo (has been established)**

**MODAIS: VERDES**

**Can: Capacidade**

**May: Possibilidade**

**Will: Futuro**

**Must: Obrigação**