

Science of Autophagy



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Welcome

Welcome to The Autophagy Guide!

We hope you are as excited as we are to explore the fascinating world of autophagy. Our goal is to break it all down for you, so you can start reaping the benefits today if you'd like!

At Fasting Boost, we do not consider this method of eating a diet. It's a way of eating that can ultimately grow into a way of life.

We hope you take full advantage of this Autophagy Guide and make the most out of it. Good luck on your fasting journey!

We are here to support you every step of the way.



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While intermittent fasting has many proven benefits, it's still controversial.

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LIFESTYLE CHANGES WITH
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**DO NOT START WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S
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If you have medical issues, consult a physician about how intermittent fasting could affect you.

Gradual weight loss through intermittent fasting provides significant benefits for the vast majority of people, and there is a slight possibility that you don't belong to that vast majority.

**DO NOT SUFFER THROUGH A REGIMEN THAT
DOESN'T SUIT YOU.**

Regulate your intermittent fasting schedule continuously until you find the perfect dietary routine.

If you feel that it is extremely hard to tolerate prolonged fasting, don't hesitate to shorten the period.

WHO SHOULD NOT FAST?

This guide is written for adults with health issues, including obesity, that could benefit from intermittent fasting.

You should not do intermittent fasting if you are:

- Underweight (BMI < 18.5) or have an eating disorder like anorexia.
- Pregnant – you need extra nutrients for your child.
- Breastfeeding – you need extra nutrients for your child.
- Under 18 – you need extra nutrients to grow.



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Nobel Prize of Medicine

In 2016, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Japanese scientist Dr. Yoshinori Ohsumi for his discoveries related to autophagy. Dr. Ohsumi's groundbreaking work revealed the mechanisms of autophagy, a fundamental process for degrading and recycling cellular components.

Dr. Ohsumi's research, conducted in the 1990s using yeast cells, identified key genes involved in autophagy and detailed how this process works. His findings showed how cells break down and recycle their own contents, which is crucial for maintaining cellular health, responding to stress, and fighting diseases.

The recognition of Dr. Ohsumi's work highlighted the importance of autophagy in various physiological processes, including development, aging, and disease. His discoveries opened new avenues for research into treatments for conditions such as cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, and infections.

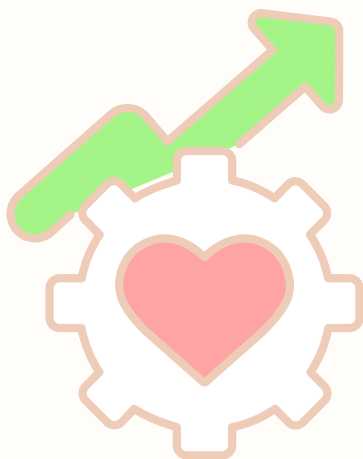


Autophagy Benefits

Cellular Clean-Up: Autophagy removes damaged or dysfunctional components from cells, helping to maintain cellular health by recycling these components into new cellular structures.

This process is crucial for preventing the accumulation of cellular debris, which can lead to various diseases.

Anti-Aging Effects: By eliminating damaged cells and promoting the regeneration of healthy cells, autophagy helps slow down the aging process.



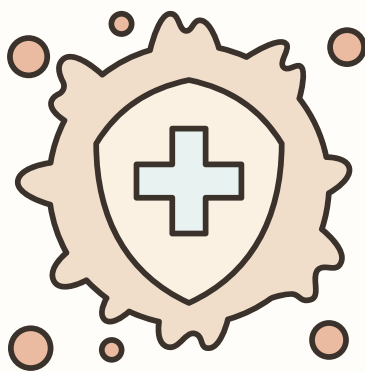
This can result in improved skin health, reduced appearance of wrinkles, and enhanced overall vitality.

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Autophagy Benefits

Enhanced Metabolism: Through the breakdown of cellular components, autophagy provides energy and building blocks for new cell formation. This can improve metabolic efficiency and support weight management by reducing excess fat stores.

Improved Immune Function: Autophagy helps maintain a robust immune system by clearing out old or damaged immune cells and supporting the production of new, effective ones.



This enhances the body's ability to fight infections and other immune-related conditions.

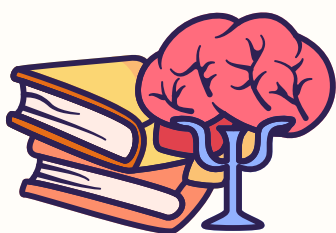
Reduced Inflammation: By removing damaged cells and cellular debris, autophagy can decrease inflammation in the body.

Autophagy Benefits

Chronic inflammation is linked to numerous health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, and autoimmune conditions.

Disease Prevention: Autophagy plays a significant role in protecting against various diseases, including cancer, neurodegenerative disorders (like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's), and infections. By removing potentially harmful cells and pathogens, autophagy strengthens the body's defenses.

Brain Health: Autophagy is essential for brain health as it helps clear out damaged neurons and proteins that could contribute to neurodegenerative diseases. Enhanced autophagy supports cognitive function and may reduce the risk of mental decline.



What is Autophagy?

Autophagy is a natural cellular mechanism where our body's cells break down unnecessary or damaged components. This process helps maintain cellular homeostasis. The term “autophagy” literally means “self-eating.”

Despite sounding like self-destruction, autophagy cleans up harmful material inside the cells and rejuvenates them. It either completely destroys damaged molecules or recycles them into new components for cellular repair.

In simple terms, when cells are under stress, such as when they lack nutrients or oxygen, autophagy helps them survive by recycling cellular material to provide energy. This process also helps the immune system by cleaning up toxins and infectious agents.

It is a cellular process that keeps cells healthy by balancing the creation and breakdown of cellular components.



What is the process of autophagy?

Autophagy forms a part of the metabolic process which helps cells convert food into a form of energy that cells can use to grow and divide. Metabolism balances between two opposing activities, anabolism, and catabolism.

Anabolism is a process that synthesizes molecules and builds cellular structures, while catabolism breaks them down. Autophagy is a catabolic process.

A human cell is composed of a nucleus, surrounded by a semifluid substance known as cytoplasm, enclosed within a cellular membrane.



The cytoplasm is made up of a solution known as cytosol, protein molecules, and structures known as organelles, which are essential for the survival and functioning of the cell.

What is the process of Autophagy?

During Autophagy, a semicircular membrane known as phagophore forms and closes around some of the molecules and organelles in the cytoplasm and becomes what is known as an autophagosome.

The autophagosome fuses with an organelle known as the lysosome. The lysosome contains digestive enzymes that break down the contents of the autophagosome.

The resulting molecules are released back into the cytosol to be recycled and used in the metabolic process. Autophagy is a natural process that occurs all the time in the cell, less when well-fed, and more when under stress.

Autophagy may engulf non-specific cell components, or selectively remove damaged components or invasive bacteria and other pathogens.

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What is autophagy in fasting?

Intermittent fasting is a possible way to induce autophagy. Under normal conditions, when the cell has sufficient nutrients, autophagy degrades damaged components in the cell. When fasting starves the cells, autophagy helps digest some of the cell components, to provide the necessary energy for survival.

The liver stores excess glucose as glycogen. When glucose levels drop with fasting, the liver converts glycogen into glucose and releases it.

After the stored glucose is depleted, the liver breaks down fat to make a substance known as ketones to provide energy. This process is known as ketosis.



Many people follow intermittent fasting and calorie restriction diets for weight reduction. A currently popular diet known as the ketogenic diet, in which 75% of the daily calories come from fat, is believed to induce ketosis and autophagy.

How long do you need to fast for autophagy?

Depending on the individual's metabolism, significant Autophagy may take two to four days of fasting in humans.

Autophagy is believed to begin when glucose and insulin levels drop considerably. Animal studies have shown evidence of Autophagy after 24 hours of fasting, which starts peaking at around 48 hours of fasting.

Some studies have detected Autophagy in human cultured neutrophils (the most abundant type of immune cell in the blood) after 24 hours.

There are, however, no conclusive studies on humans that indicate an optimal period of fasting to achieve Autophagy.

Do not attempt to fast to induce autophagy without consulting a professional. Our team includes experienced doctors with over 40 years of expertise. You can learn more by joining our "[How to Boost Autophagy](#)" program or through personalized 1-1 coaching sessions.

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BRAIN FUNCTION



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Brain Autophagy

Our cells contain a number of important components called organelles. When your cells are exposed to stressors, such as nutrient deprivation, they create a double-membrane structure called phagophore.

The phagophore is very flexible and able to surround cellular components and deliver them to lysosomes. Lysosomes are unique organelles that are able to degrade particular components by releasing degrading enzymes upon them.

The major driver of any autophagy is cellular stress. Your body is seeking balance and homeostasis. When stress, such as nutrient deprivation from fasting or exercise happens, your body needs to prepare for survival. To do this, it breaks down older or damaged cells and cellular organelles to leave room for the creation of new and healthier ones for better energy efficiency.

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Brain autophagy refers to the process of autophagy in your brain.

It allows the removal of old and damaged brain cells and the creation of new and healthy brain cells. Brain autophagy is essential for memory, cognition, and brain health, and may help to reduce brain degeneration.)



Protect & Heal Your Brain

Chances are, you want to say good-bye to brain fog, memory issues, learning troubles, mental fatigue, and low mood. You certainly want to protect your brain from neurodegeneration, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease.

Read on to learn the ways to protect and heal your brain cells naturally. Practicing some form of all of these strategies is important for optimizing your mental health and keeping your brain healthy and strong.

Cold Showers

Cold showers or alternating shower temperatures between warm and cold has a powerful effect on circulation.





Cold Showers

When you expose yourself to cold temperatures your body constricts blood supply.

When exposed to heat the vessels dilate and expand. Changing these temperatures and particularly using cold water dramatically improves the tone of the blood vessel walls.

This gives the body a greater adaptability in driving blood into areas that are needed.

Chronic cold exposure induces Autophagy to promote fatty acid oxidation, mitochondrial turnover, and thermogenesis in brown adipose tissue.



Cold Showers

Short Bursts: Initially, aim for short bursts of cold water, such as 30 seconds to 1 minute. Gradually increase the duration as you become more accustomed to the cold.

Deep Breathing: Practice deep, controlled breathing while under cold water. This can help manage the shock and make the experience more bearable.

Consistency: Make cold showers a regular part of your routine. Consistency is key to acclimating your body to the cold and reaping the full benefits.

Morning Showers:
Consider taking cold showers in the morning. They can help wake you up, increase alertness, and boost your mood for the day ahead.



Cold Showers

POSITIVE MINDSET

Post-Workout: Cold showers can be beneficial after workouts to help reduce inflammation and muscle soreness.

Listen to Your Body: Pay attention to how your body responds. If you feel dizzy, excessively uncomfortable, or experience any adverse effects, return to warm water and try again another time.

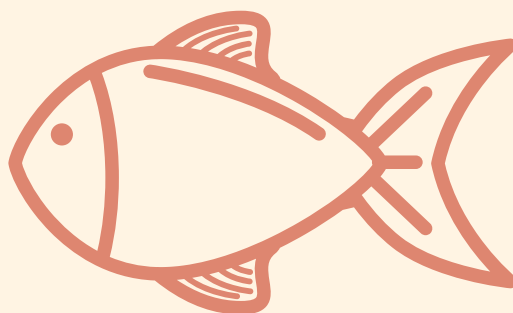
Positive Mindset: Approach cold showers with a positive mindset. Viewing them as a challenge or a way to improve your resilience can make the process more enjoyable.

Anti-Inflammatory Diet

Eating an anti-inflammatory diet rich in nutrient-dense foods is critical for your brain health.

Begin by removing all inflammatory foods, including refined sugar, gluten, refined oils, deep-fried and processed foods, conventional dairy, grain-fed meat and eggs, soda and sugary drinks, and foods that you are sensitive to.

Instead, eat an anti-inflammatory diet with lots of greens, vegetables, low glycemic index fruits, herbs, spices, healthy fats, grass-fed meat, and wild-caught fish.





Intermittent Fasting

Intermittent fasting helps cellular repair, autophagy, immune regulation, inflammation levels, and insulin sensitivity, and decreases the risk of chronic diseases, including neurodegenerative conditions, such as Alzheimer's (18).

New research has indicated that fasting can significantly reduce the effects of aging on the brain. It has been known that bouts of intermittent fasting have a powerful anti-inflammatory effect on the entire body.

Leading scientists now believe that intermittent fasting is one of the key strategies for maximizing brain function.

Professor Mark Mattson, who is the head of the Institute's laboratory of NeuroSciences, made it clear that these benefits were not just related to calorie restriction but instead to intentional periods of intermittent fasting.

2 Major Physiological Phases: Building and Cleansing.

Eating stimulates the body to go into building phase where we are anabolic in nature and store both nutrients and toxins. This phase is essential for building new cells and tissues and store nutrients for times of scarcity.

This building phase of physiology is predominately led by the hormone insulin.

Fasting for more than four hours begins the cleansing phase. The cleansing phase is catabolic in nature. In that it tears down old damaged cells. This process turns on brain autophagy, or “self-eating,” in where the cells recycle waste material, regulate waste products and repair themselves.

These genetic repair mechanisms are turned on through the release of human growth hormone (HGH).

2 Major Physiological Phases: Building and Cleansing.

Intermittent fasting is one of the most powerful modalities for reducing inflammation, boosting immunity and enhancing tissue healing. This is one of the reasons why many people feel nauseated when they have infections.

This innate mechanism is the body's way of influencing us to fast so it can produce the right environment to boost natural immunity.



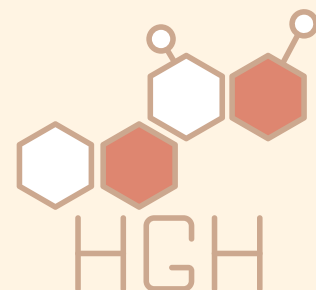
Fasting Boosts Brain-Derived NeuroTrophic Factor (BDNF)

BDNF levels govern the formation of new neurons and the development of synapses and various lines of communication within the brain.

Higher levels of BDNF lead to healthier neurons and better communication processes between these neurological cells. Low levels of BDNF are linked to dementia, Alzheimer's, memory loss and other brain processing problems.

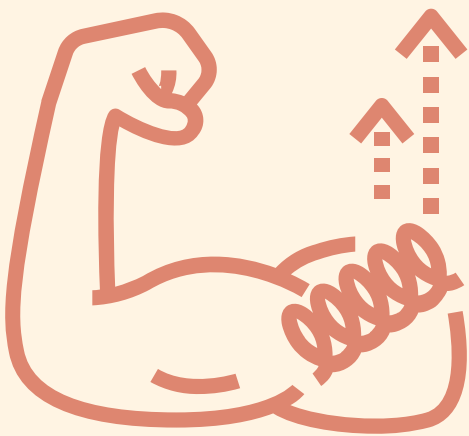
Fasting Boosts Human Growth Hormone (HGH)

HGH is known to create physiological changes in metabolism to favor fat burning and protein sparing.



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The proteins and amino acids are utilized to improve brain and neuron processing. They also repair tissue collagen which improves the functionality and strength of muscles, tendons, ligaments, and bones. HGH also improves skin function, reduces wrinkles and heals cuts and burns faster.



Researchers at the Intermountain Medical Center Heart Institute found that men, who had fasted for 24 hours, had a 2000% increase in circulating HGH.

Women who were tested had a 1300% increase in HGH. The researchers found that the fasting individuals had significantly reduced their triglycerides, boosted their HDL cholesterol and stabilized their blood sugar.



Anti-Inflammatory Effect

Research has shown that bouts of fasting have a great anti-inflammatory effect on the entire body.

Sufferers from asthma have shown great results as have preliminary reports on individuals with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Mattson and colleagues are preparing to study more details about the impact of fasting on the brain using MRI technology and other testing.



Fasting & Exercise

The cleansing phase also acts like a slinky that is being spring-loaded for when the body moves into the building stage.

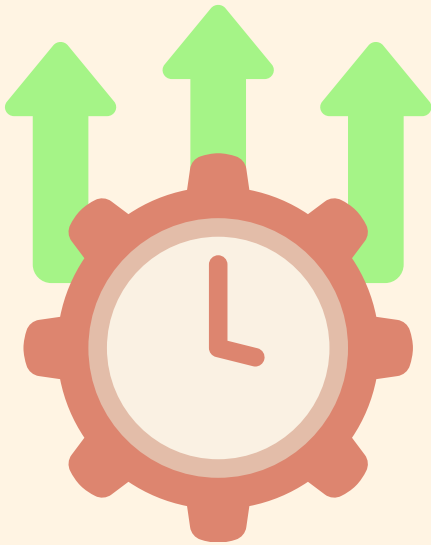
It provides a sort of pre-load that allows the body to adapt in an incredible manner when it goes into the building phase. This enhances the neuronal connections and improves brain function.

Experts believe the intermittent fasting puts the brain cells under mild stress that is similar to the effects of exercise on muscle cells. The stress causes them to adapt and get more energy efficient.

The body recovers from intense exercise through both the building and cleansing phases.

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Fasted Exercise for Autophagy



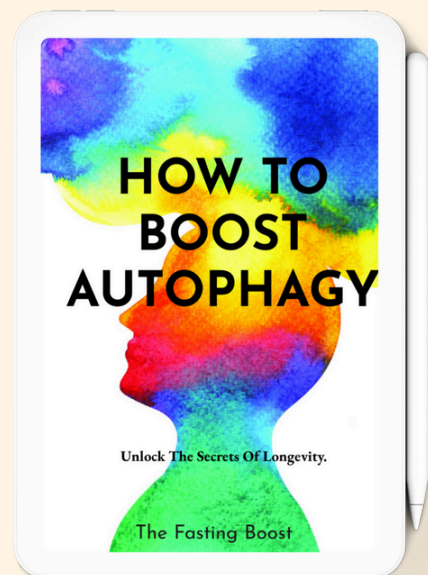
By combining fasting and exercise, you can enhance the autophagy process, leading to improved cellular health, better metabolism, and potentially greater longevity.

Physical Stress: Exercise puts physical stress on the body, leading to the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and mild cellular damage. This stress prompts cells to initiate autophagy to remove and recycle damaged components.

Energy Demand: During exercise, cells need more energy. Autophagy helps meet this demand by breaking down cellular waste and converting it into usable energy, supporting muscle function and endurance.

How to Boost Autophagy

The ultimate aim of this program is to empower participants to take charge of their cellular health by leveraging the power of autophagy through intermittent fasting and lifestyle optimization.



Embrace the fasting lifestyle, and your body will thank you with a lifetime of radiant health and well-being.

Are you ready to unlock the secrets of youthful health? Take the first step and immerse yourself in the 6-week how to boost autophagy intermittent fasting program. Your rejuvenated self awaits!

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Thank you for reading our Autophagy Guide!

We truly appreciate your interest and hope you found the information valuable and inspiring. Remember, we are here for you every step of the way on your journey to better health.

Our team is dedicated to supporting you as you explore the benefits of autophagy and integrate these practices into your life.

If you have any questions, need further assistance, or want to share your experiences, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help you succeed and achieve your health goals.

Thank you again, and best of luck on your journey to better health!





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