

NUTRITION & VISION HEALTH

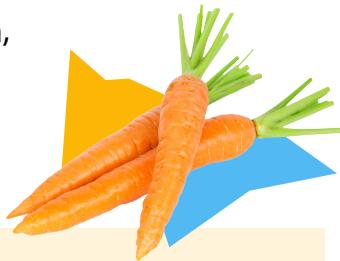
HOW NUTRITION SUPPORTS HEALTHY EYES

Proper nutrition plays an important role in maintaining overall health, including the health of your eyes. A balanced diet provides essential nutrients that support normal visual function and help protect eye tissues.

KEY NUTRIENTS FOR EYE HEALTH

VITAMIN A

Supports normal vision, particularly in low-light conditions, and helps maintain the health of the retina.



Found in:
carrots, sweet potatoes, cantaloupe

LUTEIN & ZEAXANTHIN

Naturally present in the retina, these nutrients help filter harmful light and support visual performance.



Found in:
kale, spinach, broccoli,
other dark leafy greens

VITAMIN C

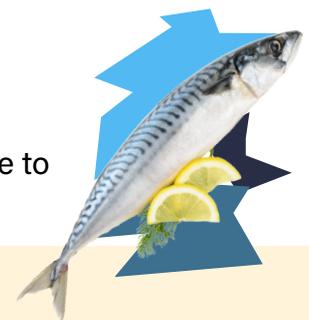
An antioxidant that helps protect eye cells from oxidative damage.



Found in:
citrus fruits, berries, peppers

OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS

Support normal retinal function and contribute to overall eye health.



Found in:
salmon, sardines,
mackerel, flaxseed

VITAMIN E

Helps protect eye tissues from oxidative stress.



Found in:
nuts, seeds, vegetable oils

EATING PATTERN MATTERS

Most individuals can obtain necessary nutrients through a well-balanced diet.

In certain medical circumstances, specific supplements may be recommended. These should only be taken under the guidance of an ophthalmologist or healthcare provider.

DO I NEED SUPPLEMENTS?

Most people can get the nutrients they need from food.

Certain eye conditions may require specific supplements - but only under medical supervision.

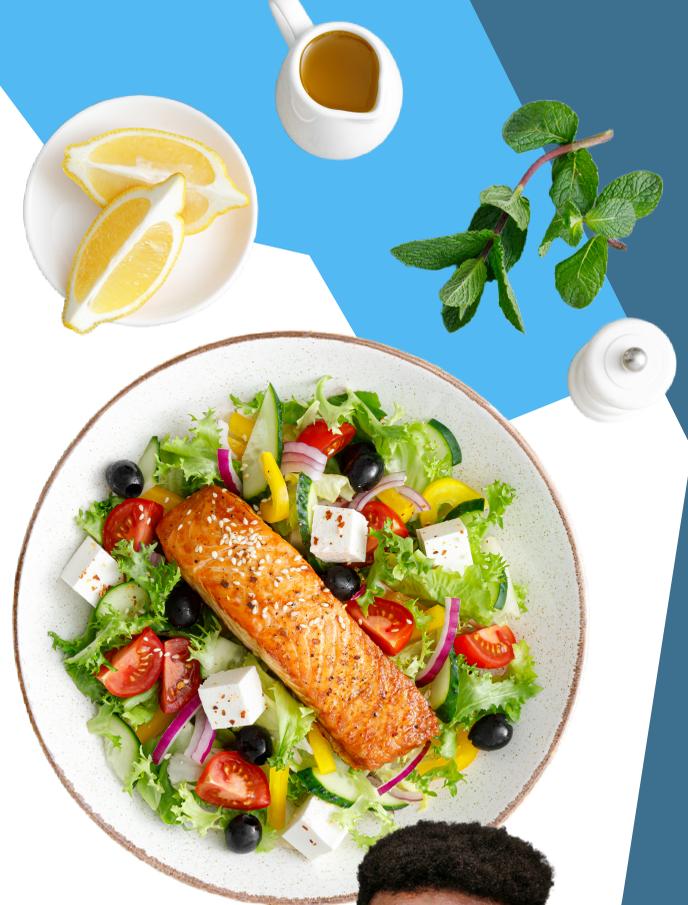
Always speak with your ophthalmologist or healthcare provider before starting supplements.

SUPPORTING LONG-TERM VISION HEALTH

Healthy eating is one part of maintaining good eye health. It does not replace comprehensive eye examinations.

Regular eye exams remain essential for the early detection and management of eye disease.

Balanced nutrition and routine eye care work together to support lifelong vision health.



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