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Healthy Recipes FOR YOUR NUTRITIONAL TYPE





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Introduction

Healthy Recipes for Your Nutritional Type

This cookbook, *Healthy Recipes for Your Nutritional Type*, is an off-spring of my book *Take Control of Your Health*. I wrote Take Control of Your Health as a one-stop resource for achieving overall, optimal health in a natural way. I wanted you to have a simple-to-follow, complete guide for transforming your health physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Our current medical model is designed to merely treat the symptoms of illness—without determining the underlying causes. Unfortunately, you're often prescribed medication after expensive medication, creating more symptoms or side effects that require even more medication. Before you know it, you're sicker than when you first went to the doctor.

For thirty years, it's been my mission to help people break that cycle of dependence on damaging and sometimes even fatal consequences of the current medical model.

Most health problems are a result of an unhealthy lifestyle. *Take Control of Your Health* shows you the principles of healthy living—how to make natural lifestyle changes to restore and revitalize your body. At the heart of *Take Control of Your Health* is the importance of proper nutrition. It's my belief that many of today's health problems started when we moved away from the natural eating and lifestyle habits of our long-ago ancestors.

In my practice and through my website, I've repeatedly seen the miraculous healing power of nutrition. Simple dietary changes can reverse even chronic degenerative diseases of both the mind and body. I'm not saying these changes happened overnight and I'm not advocating any quick fixes here. What I am saying is, with education, encouragement, and determination, you have the ability to achieve health independence and wellbeing.

Through many years of studying, researching, and working with top nutritionists, I developed Nutritional Typing. It's what I believe to be the healthiest, smartest, and simplest way for people to obtain the greatest benefit from what they eat.

At my clinic The Optimal Wellness Center outside of Chicago, I encourage all of my patients to be analyzed for their own unique

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Nutritional Type. This is important because each one of us has a unique genetic makeup allowing our bodies to metabolize foods optimally. Your personal nutritional analysis will place you into one of three categories: Protein Type, Carb Type, or Mixed Type. Understanding which type you are allows you to choose foods that are the most healing and beneficial for your unique metabolism.

Once you start eating for your individual Nutritional Type, you'll see amazing changes taking place in your body. You'll have more energy than you've ever had before, you'll move effortlessly toward your ideal weight, your health will improve, and you'll feel better than you can probably ever remember feeling.

With the development and success of Nutritional Typing, it was natural for my patients and readers to want recipe ideas to make eating for their individual types easier. That's how *Healthy Recipes for Your Nutritional Type* was born—this is a collection of healthy, nutritious, and satisfying recipes specifically designed for your unique Nutritional Type.

Making changes in your diet doesn't have to be boring or difficult. You can take control of your health—and create nutritionally sound, healthy, and delicious meals along the way.

Chapter I

Discover the Powerful Health-Building Value of Nutritional Typing and Eating Right for Your Nutritional Type

Many may not realize that I was not raised in a home that taught me any nutritional basics. I love my mother dearly, but she was caught up hook, line, and sinker in the conventional thoughts of what was healthy. My mother never graduated high school and worked nights, weekends, and most holidays as a waitress. So what that meant was that we frequently relied on highly processed foods for our meals which could be heated up long after she left to go to work.

My mom also made sure there were plenty of snacks at home, and I had my fair share of cookies, Pop Tarts, and Hostess Twinkies. Breakfast usually consisted of cereal and perhaps white bread toast loaded with margarine, sugar, and cinnamon. I continued the toast and margarine practice into my early medical school days, but I did substitute whole wheat bread for the white bread—and believed I was doing well.

Except for fruit, I rarely had raw food. I clearly remember one of my friends in college eating a raw pepper, and I was aghast as I thought he would surely get sick. My friend assured me this was a healthy practice and encouraged me to consider it.

This was about the time I began to explore the importance of nutrition with a subscription to *Prevention* magazine and a series of books written by nutrition pioneer Adelle Davis.

Later I studied Nathan Pritikin, who convinced me of the importance of a diet that was high in carbohydrates and fiber and low in fat and protein. Later, I became further confused by reading and trying the *Fit For Life* diet in the late '80s. Unfortunately, as a Protein Type (I'll explain what this is later) neither diet was designed for my Nutritional Type. Instead, they worsened my health. The "fruit only" breakfast that *Fit For Life* advocates quickly increased my triglycerides to over 1000, so I stopped that one relatively quickly.

In my attempts to be healthy, I ate the low-fat, low-protein, high-carb diet that Pritikin recommended. This was great for a Carb Type but a disaster for a Protein Type. For 20 years, my diet consisted of

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