

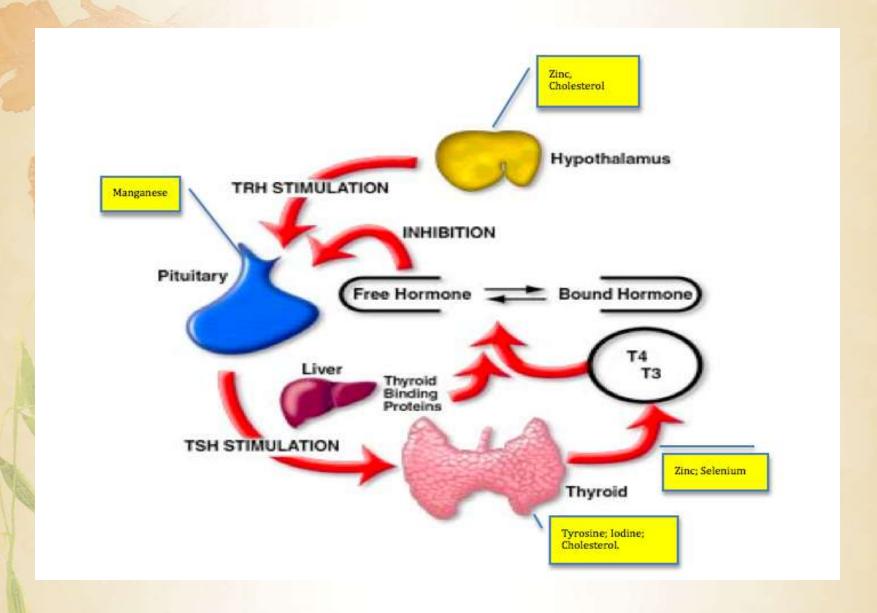
## Master Class Thyroid Health

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# Clinical Management of the Thyroid Challenged Patient





Thyroid Hormones Flowchart jcem.endojournals.org



## Dealing With Nutritional Deficiencies

#### Zinc

- Dose: 25- 50 mg per day
- Zinc Liver Chelate<sup>™</sup>, 2-4 per day\*
- Best given at night, before bed, 30 mins away from food or any other supplements

#### **Tyrosine**

- Dose: 1000- 1500 mg per day
- Protefood®, 4-6 per day
- Whey Pro Complete, 1-2 serves per day

\*Caution: For short-term restoration of zinc levels.

Dosages exceeding 100 mgs daily can depress the immune system



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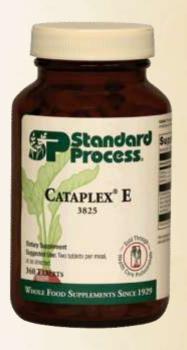
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## Dealing With Nutritional Deficiencies

Selenium increases  $T4 \rightarrow T3$  conversion

• Cataplex® E, 4-8 per day



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## Dealing With Nutritional Deficiencies

#### Vitamin D3

- 1000-5000 IU per day based on blood tests results
  - Cataplex® D, 2- 6 tablets per day\*
  - Tuna Omega-3 Oil, 3-6 perles per day

#### Vitamin E

- 500-1000 IU per day
  - Wheat Germ Oil, 2-4 perles per day



\*Women who are pregnant, may become pregnant, or are lactating should limit their intake of vitamin A (retinol). Consumption of large amounts of vitamin A (retinol) has been linked to serious health problems.



## Sufficient Iron Is Important

Ferritin is considered the true indicator of stored iron status

- Reference range of 120-200 ug/L
- Target level > 150 ug/L
- Retest at regular intervals

#### Suggest:

- MediHerb Fe-Max Iron Tonic 10-15mL per day and/ or
- Ferrofood®, 2-4 per day





## Iodine For Halide Displacement

Prolamine Iodine, 1+ tablet(s) per day

If using whole body sufficient dose regimes, it is essential to use 24 hour Urinary Iodine Pre and Post loading test + Halides at least every 12 weeks to closely monitor dose.

Excess iodine doses can induce hypothyroidism/goiter if unmonitored.



Please monitor very carefully



# Key Herbs For Reduced Thyroid Function Support

#### Coleus 1:1

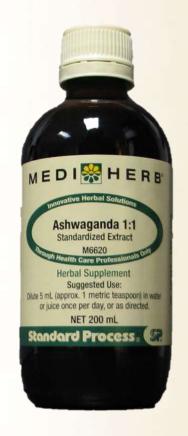
• 10 mL per day

### Ashwaganda 1:1

• 2.5 mL per day

### Bacopa 1:2

• 4-12 mL per day





## Key Herbs For Reduced Thyroid Function Support

- Coleus 1:1 (Coleus forskohlii) 10 mL per day or Coleus Forte tablets per day
  - Coleus has similar effects on the thyroid gland to TSH (Thyroid-stimulating hormone)
  - The key component, forskolin, catalyzes the production of cAMP
  - This potentiates the intracellular effects of many hormones, including TSH





## Coleus (Coleus forskohlii)

- In one study (animal) it produced an eightfold increase in the secretion of thyroid hormones
- Coleus increases cAMP hence improves energy
- TSH requires cAMP as a second messenger

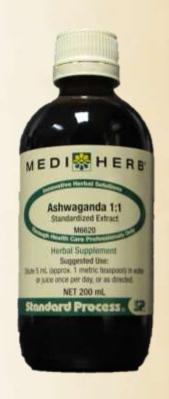
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# Key Herbs For Reduced Thyroid Function Support

Ashwaganda 1:1 (Withania somnifera) 2.5 mL per day

- Significantly boosted T4 (up to 111%) in experimental models<sup>1,2</sup>
- T3 was also increased, but to a lesser extent<sup>1</sup>
- Its adaptogenic and tonic effects will also boost depleted energy levels
  - adaptogen for phase 2 adrenal stress where elevated cortisol is a clinical feature





<sup>2</sup> Panda S, Kar A. J Ethnopharmacol 1999; 67: 233-239

## Key Herbs For Reduced Thyroid Function Support

- Bacopa 1:2 (Bacopa monnieri) 4-12 mL per day
  - Boosted T4 (41%) in an experimental model, but had no effect on T3<sup>1</sup>
  - Its brain tonic effects are highly relevant for reduced thyroid function support

1 Kar A, Panda S, Bharti S. J Ethnopharmacol 2002; 81: 281-285



# Herbal Protocol For Reduced Thyroid Function Support

MediHerb Thyroid Complex, 3-6 tablets per day

Contains Bacopa, Ashwaganda, Bladderwrack

MediHerb Coleus Forte, 3-4 tablets per day

Best taken with food,
 as can aggravate the stomach



# Herbal Protocol For Reduced Thyroid Function Support

MediHerb Withania Complex, 3-6 tablets per day

To address the effects of elevated cortisol and stress

MediHerb ChelaCo, 4-6 tablets per day

 To address elevated heavy metals, if present



### **Environmental Detox Protocols**

### PCBs & Xenoestrogens

- MediHerb LivCo®, 2-4 tablets per day
- MediHerb Vitanox®, 2-4 tablets per day
- Livaplex<sup>®</sup>, 3-6 capsules per day
- Cruciferous Complete<sup>™</sup>, 2-4 per day
- Standard Process Purification Program





### **Environmental Detox Protocols**

To address elevated heavy metals, if present

- MediHerb Garlic tablets, 2-4 tablets per day
- MediHerb Hawthorn, 2-4 tablets per day
- MediHerb Silymarin, 2-4 tablets per day
- MediHerb ChelaCo, 3-4 tablets per day
- Parotid PMG<sup>®</sup>, 3-6 tablets per day





## Dealing with Insulin Resistance & Weight

MediHerb Gymnema + Diaplex®

• 1 tablet three daily

#### MediHerb Coleus Forte

• 1 tablet three daily





### Coleus Acts Like TSH

- Coleus has similar effects on the thyroid to TSH
- Coleus increases cAMP
- AMP is an intracrine second messenger
- In one study (animal) it produced an eightfold increase in the secretion of thyroid hormones.



## Supporting Adrenal Health

• MediHerb Adrenal Complex, 2-3 per day

• Drenamin®, 3-4 per day

MediHerb Withania Complex, 2-4 per day

• Significantly boosted T4 (up to 111%) in experimental model



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## Thank you for attending.

Questions?

