## EAT REAL TO HEAL

# PODCAST with Nicolette Richer

# Ep. 72 Dr. Caldwell B. Esselstyn Jr. MD STRATEGY TO REVERSE HEART DISEASE

"The only reason anybody has heart disease, is not because of your genes, or your stress – it's the food."

**Endothelium** is a single layer of squamous **endothelial cells** that line the interior surface of blood vessels and lymphatic vessels. The **endothelium** forms an interface between circulating blood or lymph in the lumen and the rest of the vessel wall.

Nitric Oxide helps blood flow, stops blockages and helps the endothelium thrive.

### Foods that injury endothelium:

Oils, and foods with oil

Thing with a mother or a face

All dairy

Sugary drinks and refined food

Nuts

Avocado

Caffeine

Fluoride in toothpastes and water

Antacids

## **Foods with Nitric Oxide:**

Whole Grains

Legumes, pulses

**Green Leafy Vegetables** 

Red & Yellow Vegetables White & Sweet potatoes

Fruit

Trick to get an abundance of **Anti-oxidants** from food so you have enough nitric oxide to restore your endothelium.

- 1. Boiled or steam any dark green leafy vegetables for 6 mins.
- 2. Add balsamic or rice vinegar to the steamed vegetables.
- 3. You need to chew them, so no smoothies or juices.
- 4. Eat them 6 times a day (1/2 fist-size portions).



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## Green Leafy Vegetables (top 5 in BOLD):

**SWISS CHARD** Turnip greens **KALE** Napa cabbage **SPINACH Brussel** sprouts

ARUGULA Broccoli **BEETS & BEET GREENS** Cauliflower Collards **Asparagus** Bok choi Cilantro Parsley

Collard greens Mustard green

## Supplements to take:

B12 - Methylcobalamin

It is important to have small chain fatty acids which is produced by the microbiome in your gut. You then need a constant source of plant-based fibre to feed the microbiome.

### Foods without fibre and foods to avoid:

Meat: Chicken, Red Meat, Pork, Refined Sugars, Oil, and Dairy

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