Additional Ways Sugar Can Ruin Your Health

In addition to throwing off your body's homeostasis and wreaking havoc on your metabolic processes, excess sugar has a number of other significant consequences.

- 1. Sugar can suppress your immune system and impair your defenses against infectious disease.
- 2. Sugar upsets the mineral relationships in your body: causes chromium and copper deficiencies and interferes with absorption of calcium and magnesium.
- 3. Sugar can cause a rapid rise of adrenaline, hyperactivity, anxiety, difficulty concentrating, and crankiness in children.
- 4. Sugar can produce a significant rise in total cholesterol, triglycerides and bad cholesterol and a decrease in good cholesterol
- 5. Sugar causes a loss of tissue elasticity and function.(wrinkles)
- 6. Sugar feeds cancer cells and has been connected with the development of cancer of the breast, ovaries, prostate, rectum, pancreas, biliary tract, lung, gallbladder and stomach.
- 7. Sugar can increase fasting levels of glucose and can cause reactive hypoglycemia.
- 8. Sugar can weaken eyesight.
- 9. Sugar can cause many problems with the gastrointestinal tract including: an acidic digestive tract, indigestion, malabsorption in patients with functional bowel disease, increased risk of Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis.
- 10. Sugar can cause premature aging. In fact, the single most important factor that accelerates aging is insulin, which is triggered by sugar.
- 11. Sugar can lead to alcoholism.
- 12. Sugar can cause your saliva to become acidic, tooth decay, and periodontal disease.
- 13. Sugar contributes to obesity.
- 14. Sugar can cause autoimmune diseases such as: arthritis, asthma, and multiple sclerosis.
- 15. Sugar greatly assists the uncontrolled growth of Candida Albicans (yeast infections)
- 16. Sugar can cause gallstones.
- 17. Sugar can cause appendicitis.
- 18. Sugar can cause hemorrhoids.
- 19. Sugar can cause varicose veins.
- 20. Sugar can contribute to osteoporosis.
- 21. Sugar can cause a decrease in your insulin sensitivity thereby causing an abnormally high insulin levels and eventually diabetes.
- 22. Sugar can lower your Vitamin E levels.
- 23. Sugar can increase your systolic blood pressure.
- 24. Sugar can cause drowsiness and decreased activity in children.
- 25. Sugar causes food allergies.
- 26. Sugar can cause toxemia during pregnancy.
- 27. Sugar can contribute to eczema in children.
- 28. Sugar can cause atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease.
- 29. Sugar can make your skin age by changing the structure of collagen.
- 30. Sugar can cause cataracts and nearsightedness.
- 31. Sugar can cause emphysema.
- 32. Sugar intake is higher in people with Parkinson's disease.
- 33. Sugar can increase the size of your liver by making your liver cells divide, and it can increase the amount of fat in your liver, leading to fatty liver disease.
- 34. Sugar can damage your pancreas.
- 35. Sugar can make your tendons more brittle.
- 36. Sugar can cause headaches, including migraines.

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