## Learn Healthy Weight Loss Methods Now (Session 4 of 4)

Having a great holiday, without sacrificing your waistline!

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# Today: <u>Safe and effective</u> thermogenic (fat burning) supplements!

#### **But first...**



#### **L-Carnitine**

- "A fat shuttle"
- Nutrient which helps the body turn dietaryfat into energy
- Produced in the liver and kidneys
- Stored in skeletal ms., heart, brain and sperm
- Reduces oxidative stress
- Beneficial for exercise performance, decreases fat mass of body

#### L-Carnitine (cont.)

- Evidence for benefit in heart conditions of angina, congestive heart failure. Also peripheral vascular disease, diabetic neuropathy, Alzheimer's Dz, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Erectile Dysfunction
- Propionyl –L-Carnitine is the form most studies show is helpful

### Conjugated linoleic acid

- Found in beef, lamb, goats (ruminant animals)
- Helps in reducing body fat and increasing lean muscle mass
- An essential fatty acid derived from linoleic acid
- Research supports safety and efficacy in fat loss

Efficacy of conjugated linoleic acid for reducing fat mass: a meta-analysis in humans. *Am. J. Clin. Nutr.* 85 (5): 1203–11.

#### Momordica charantia (bitter melon)

- A widely cultivated plant in Asia, Africa and South America that has both vegetable and fruit properties.
- Blood sugar stabilization
- Insulin stabilization
- Human clinical trials have shown repeatedly that bitter melon is highly effective in controlling blood sugar.
- Standardized extracts at a dose of 100 to 200mg
   3X/day are highly effective.

#### Lipoic Acid (thioctic acid)

- A naturally occurring organic acid sulfur derivative necessary in all of our cells
- Functions to help cellular energy production, has powerful antioxidant effects and is involved in cellular detoxification processes
- Unique because it is both fat and water soluble, making it easily and highly absorbable
- Gets through the blood-brain barrier for highly beneficial neurological effects

#### Lipoic Acid (continued)

- A study published in *Diabetes Care* illustrates the benefits of lipoic acid for diabetes- study showed improvements in diabetic neuropathy as a result of lipoic acid use
- Lipoic acid is currently an approved substance in Germany for the treatment of diabetic neuropathy
- Dosages of between 300 and 1200 mg/day, depending on the purpose for use, have shown to be effective

Lipoic Acid Improves nerve Blood Flow, Reduces Oxidative Stress, and Improves Distal Nerve Conduction in Experimental Diabetic Neuropathy, Diabetes Care 18:1160-1167, 1995.

#### Medium Chain Triglycerides

High in coconut milk and coconuts

 Important for hormones derived from cholesterol

Studies indicate benefit in weight loss programs