Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)

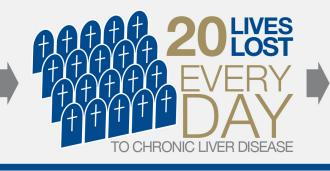
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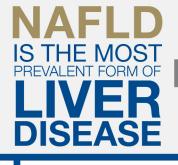














WHAT IS NAFLD?7

- Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
- Presence of hepatic fat in people who do not consume excessive alcohol.
- Most common reason for mildly abnormal liver test

SUBCLASSIFICATIONS:

NAFL (non-alcoholic fatty liver)



Fat in liver >5% by weight Hepatomegaly Minimal inflammation Minimal cell death

NASH (non-alcoholic steatohepatitis)



Excessive hepatic fat accumulation Some scarring may be present Inflammatory state Increased cell death



Significant scarring Advanced liver damage Compromised structure and function

CAUSES

Although the exact cause of NAFLD remains unknown, growing evidence suggests excessive consumption of sugars (sucrose and fructose) may act as a major contributor in the development and severity of NAFLD.

- Obesity
- High cholesterol
- High triglycerides
- Type 2 diabetes
- Insulin resistance • Leptin resistance
- Hepatic iron
- Metabolic syndrome
- Polycystic ovary syndrome
- Hypothyroidism
- Hypopituitarism
- Antioxidant deficiencies
- Bacterial translocation from aut to liver

SYMPTOMS^{7,8}

Usually ASYMPTOMATIC. However, symptoms may include:

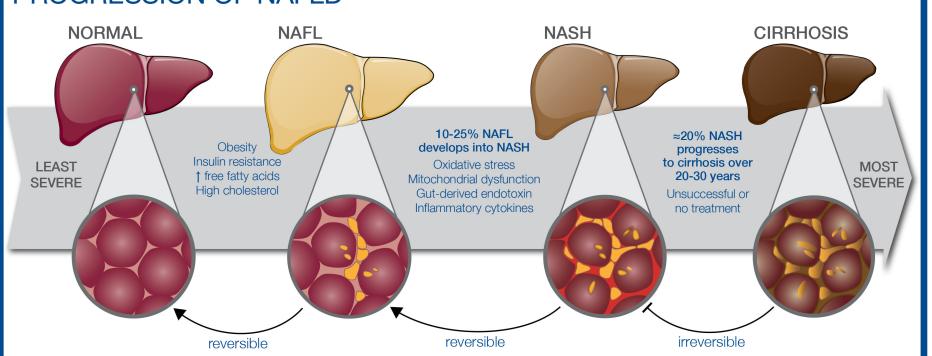
- Fatique
- Weight gain
- Pain in upper right abdomen

DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

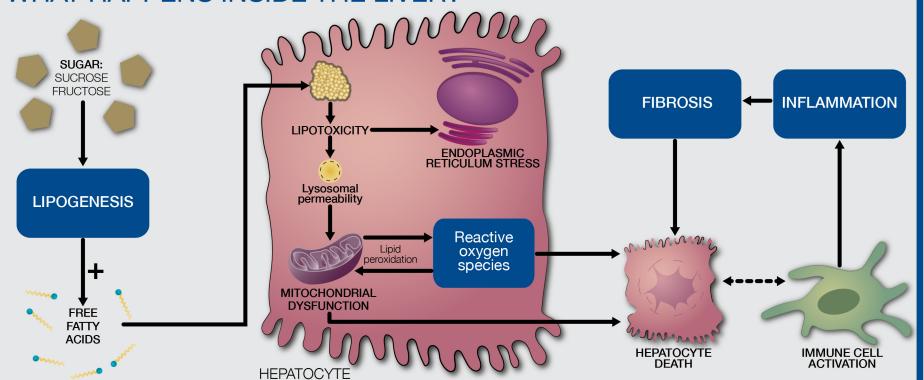
A definitive diagnosis of NAFLD depends on three factors:

- 1. Evidence of fatty infiltration (imaging or biopsy).
- 2. Exclusion of significant alcohol consumption.
- 3. Exclusion of other causes of hepatic steatosis (e.g. medications, surgery, metabolic disorders)

PROGRESSION OF NAFLD13



WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE THE LIVER?14



EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS¹⁵

Milk thistle Silybum marianum

HEPATOPROTECTIVE. STABILISES CELL AND LYSOSOMAL MEMBRANES. ANTIOXIDANT, CHELATES IRON, ACCELERATES **REGENERATION OF** HEPATOCYTES. ANTI-INFLAMMATORY, ANTIFIBROTIC

Coffee Coffea arabica

HEPATOPROTECTIVE ANTIOXIDANT. ANTI-INFLAMMATORY, ANTIFIBROTIC, **IMPROVES INSULIN SENSITIVITY**

Zinc

ANTIOXIDANT. ANTI-INFLAMMATORY. ANTIFIBROTIC, **DEFICIENCY LINKED TO** INSULIN RESISTANCE.

INVOLVED IN CELL PROLIFERATION MAINTAINS CELL MEMBRANE INTEGRITY

Vitamin E

Alpha-tocopherol

ANTIOXIDANT, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY, **ANTIFIBROTIC**

Gamma-tocotrienol

REGULATES FATTY ACID METABOLISM, REDUCES **ENDOPLASMIC** RETICULUM STRESS. ANTIOXIDANT, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

