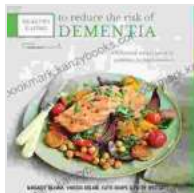


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Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with everyday activities. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 60-80% of cases. Dementia is a progressive disease, meaning that it gets worse over time. There is no cure for dementia, but there are things you can do to reduce your risk of developing it. One of the most important things you can do is to eat a healthy diet.

### **What is a healthy diet for reducing the risk of dementia?**

A healthy diet for reducing the risk of dementia includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. These foods are all rich in antioxidants, which can help to protect your cells from damage. They are also good sources of fiber, which can help to keep you feeling full and satisfied. In addition to fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, a healthy diet for reducing

the risk of dementia should also include lean protein and healthy fats. Lean protein can help to build and maintain muscle mass, while healthy fats can help to protect your heart and brain.

**Here are some specific foods that have been shown to be beneficial for reducing the risk of dementia:**

- **Berries:** Berries are rich in antioxidants, which can help to protect your cells from damage. They are also a good source of fiber, which can help to keep you feeling full and satisfied.
- **Leafy green vegetables:** Leafy green vegetables are a good source of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. They have also been shown to be beneficial for reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke, which are both risk factors for dementia.
- **Whole grains:** Whole grains are a good source of fiber, which can help to keep you feeling full and satisfied. They are also a good source of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.
- **Lean protein:** Lean protein can help to build and maintain muscle mass. It is also a good source of amino acids, which are essential for brain function.
- **Healthy fats:** Healthy fats can help to protect your heart and brain. They are also a good source of energy.

**In addition to eating a healthy diet, there are other things you can do to reduce your risk of developing dementia:**

- **Get regular exercise:** Exercise can help to improve your overall health and well-being. It can also help to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke, which are both risk factors for dementia.

- **Don't smoke:** Smoking is a major risk factor for dementia. If you smoke, quit as soon as possible.
- **Limit alcohol intake:** Excessive alcohol intake can increase your risk of dementia. If you drink alcohol, limit your intake to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men.
- **Get enough sleep:** Sleep is essential for brain health. When you don't get enough sleep, your brain doesn't have time to rest and repair itself.
- **Manage stress:** Stress can take a toll on your physical and mental health. Find healthy ways to manage stress, such as exercise, yoga, or meditation.
- **Challenge your mind:** Keep your mind active by learning new things, playing games, or doing puzzles.

By following these tips, you can help to reduce your risk of developing dementia and maintain a healthy brain for life.

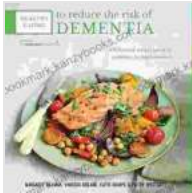
Eating a healthy diet is one of the most important things you can do to reduce your risk of developing dementia. By following the tips in this article, you can make healthy choices that will benefit your brain and body for years to come.

If you are interested in learning more about healthy eating for reducing the risk of dementia, I encourage you to talk to your doctor or a registered dietitian. They can provide you with personalized advice and support.

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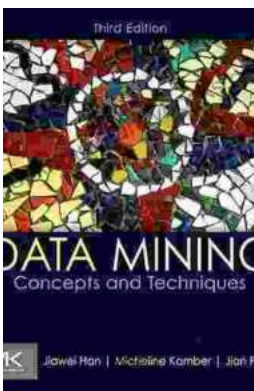


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