# Food Synergy

Certain components in the foods and beverages we consume (like minerals, vitamins, fiber, and fats) interact with each other to give our bodies extra disease protection and a higher level of health. Here are 10 examples of food combinations that you should include in your diet.

### **Tomato and Avocado**

Lycopene in tomatoes is best absorbed in the intestinal tract when combined with healthy fats like avocados. Lycopene may help with cancer prevention.

## **Chickpeas and Beet Root**

Chickpeas are rich in vitamin B6, a vitamin that helps absorb magnesium-rich foods such as beets.

### **Lemon and Green Tea**

The vitamin C in lemons allow the body to absorb catechins (antioxidants) in green tea, increasing the benefit of green tea.



#### **Broccoli and Tomato**

The cancer fighting benefits of tomatoes and broccoli work best when paired together than when eaten alone.

### Lemon and Kale

Vitamin C (high in lemons) makes plant-based iron (high in kale) easier to absorb by the body.

## Salmon and Broccoli

The vitamin D in salmon absorbs best when paired with a calcium rich food, such as broccoli.

## **Bell Pepper and Avocado**

Carotenoids found in bell peppers combined with healthy fats found in avocados increases the absorption of fat soluble vitamins (A,D,E,K).

# **Black Pepper and Turmeric**

Turmeric has an anti-inflammatory compound called curcumin. Black pepper helps the body absorb 1000 times more curcumin.







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# **Dark Chocolate and Apple**

Apples are rich in quercetin, an anti-inflammatory important to heart health. Dark chocolate contains antioxidants called flavonoids. Together they may fight blood clots, improve circulation, and reduce your chances of heart disease.

# **Banana and Yogurt**

After exercise this combination provides both fast-releasing glucose and muscle-repairing aminoacids important for muscle recovery and strengthening.



