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## Harvard Study States Supplementation Best Way to Get Vitamin D December 12, 2009

A press release out of Harvard Medical School extols the remarkable health benefits of getting enough vitamin D:

http://www.health.harvard.edu/newsletters/Harvard\_Heart\_Letter/2009/December/vitamin-d-a-bright-spot-in-nutrition-research?print=1

According the Harvard Medical Researchers, vitamin D can help protect against:

<u>Coronary artery disease</u>. Deposition of calcium in arteries, a process that stiffens arteries, is more likely to happen in people who are low in vitamin D. In the Harvard-based Health Professionals Follow-up Study, <u>men low in vitamin D were twice as likely to develop heart disease</u> as those with plenty of the vitamin in circulation.

<u>High blood pressure</u>. Active vitamin D decreases the kidneys' production of renin, a hormone that boosts blood pressure. Several studies suggest that <u>low vitamin D contributes to high blood pressure</u>, and that getting more of the vitamin can help control blood pressure.

<u>Heart failure</u>. Most people with heart failure are deficient in vitamin <u>D</u>. Getting more could help strengthen heart contractions.

<u>Statin-related muscle pain</u>. Some people who take a cholesterol-lowering statin stop because of muscle pain. In a study of 128 men and women with statin-related muscle pain, two-thirds of them had 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels under 20 ng/mL. <u>Among those who took a vitamin D supplement while continuing the statin, muscle pain disappeared in 90% of patients.</u>

<u>Infection.</u> Preliminary trials suggest that too little vitamin D can leave the body prone to infection, and <u>having enough vitamin D can help the body fight off the flu, tuberculosis, and <u>infections</u> of the upper respiratory tract.</u>

What supplement is the best source of Vitamin D? COD LIVER OIL:

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