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October 16, 2024

OSTOMY HEALTH FAIR

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Wednesday, October 16, 2024 • 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Location:

Grantham Lions Club (in the smaller hall)

732 Niagara St, (corner Parnell & Niagara St.) St. Cath.

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Doors open @ 7:00p.m.

Meeting starts @ 7:15p.m.

* fully accessible—no stairs*

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President's Message:

Hello Everyone

I want to thank Cindy for pitching in & writing last month's Board message.

Going forward, I won't be doing a message each month; we are going to share writing the message among Board members. It's getting tougher for this old brain to come up with things to write, and honestly, I am looking at downsizing my input into Niagara Ostomy. Not that I'm abandoning the ship, but like I've said over & over, I think I've done my share over the last many years and need to step back a bit.

Due to personal reasons that Tracey is dealing with, we have transferred our website to a new host. When Peter retired, Tracey took over hosting and updating the NOA website. We are very grateful she stepped in at a crucial time and helped us out. Recently, we transferred website

hosting to Vaxxine Computer Systems in St Catharines. This means that costs are increasing as this is the first time we have used an actual company for hosting. In the long run, it's probably better for various reasons, not least of which, with an individual hosting our site, if they all of a sudden could no longer continue to do the task, we would be stuck as we would lose access to servers, passwords etc. Now we have full access to our site with passwords and everything. What we lack are as I write this, is someone to do edits, updates etc, on the website. Cindy has reached out to someone advertising on Kijiji, and I have reached out to someone that was referred by Richard Ollie, President of the Halton Peel Chapter. I am confident that by time you receive this newsletter we will have a qualified person for this position. In both cases, we will be charged for time spent on edits to the website, but about 40% of the cost that Vaxxine would charge. Not that I begrudge Vaxxine the money, they have larger overhead etc, but we need to be frugal with our dollars.

With all of that, October 16th brings us our annual Ostomy Health Fair Day. Hopefully you can attend. It's a

great day to meet fellow folks with Ostomies, local retailers and various other ostomy related vendors.

Again this year, Roxie is doing a presentation: Proper Measuring & Skin care. Seating is limited to the first 50 people; however, we are contemplating doing a virtual broadcast of her seminar. If you have a computer & internet, and are interested in logging in to the seminar, please email us at info@niagaraostomy.com and you will be sent a link to the ZOOM meeting. We are on a learning curve doing online meetings, and the audio & video quality isn't the best as yet, please be patient as we try to master this technology.

Hope to see you @ the Ostomy Day on October 16th! Please note, there won't be an evening meeting in October.

Best regards John Molnar



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For the zoom link, please check our website, Facebook, or X (Twitter) for the information on how to connect.

6 POWERFUL TEAS THAT FIGHT INFLAMMA-TION

https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/anti-inflammatory-tea

Plants, herbs, and spices have been used medicinally for centuries. They contain powerful plant compounds or phytochemicals that can prevent oxidative damage to your cells and reduce inflammation. Due to their anti-inflammatory properties, certain plants may relieve pain that's caused by inflammation. They may also help manage certain diseases that are triggered by it. Drinking tea made from these plants, herbs, and spices is an easy way to enjoy their benefits.

Here are 6 powerful teas that may fight inflammation.

1. Green tea (Camellia sinensis L.)

Green tea comes from the same shrub as black tea, but the leaves are processed differently, allowing them to retain their green color. The health-promoting compounds in green tea are called polyphenols, of which epi

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ASK THE NSWOC

Do you have a question related to your ostomy care? You can submit your question via our website, and it will be answered by Roxie Demers, RN, NSWOCC (Nurse Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada).

Roxie has been a Registered Nurse for 36 years. She received her certification for International Interprofessional Wound Care from the University of Toronto in 2017/18. She continued her education and completed the NSWOCC certification in 2022. She is a practicing specialist, having achieved the Wound Ostomy and Continence Canadian Certification (WOCC(C)). NOA is fortunate to have Roxie as a Board member; she works in the Hamilton area for SE Health. Roxie can provide professional recommendations and advice to people with an ostomy and their care providers.

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gallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG) is the most potent (1). EGCG has anti-inflammatory properties that can help relieve some of the flare-ups associated with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs) like Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. In a 56-day study in people with ulcerative colitis who didn't respond to conventional medication, treatment with an EGCG-based medication improved symptoms by 58.3%, compared with no improvements in the placebo group. Green tea also seems to reduce inflammation-driven conditions like heart disease, Alzheimer's, and even certain cancers.

To brew green tea, steep a tea bag or loose tea leaves in a tea infuser for five minutes. Matcha powder is finely ground green tea leaves, and you can simply stir a spoonful into hot water or milk.

While green tea is safe to consume for most people, it contains caffeine, which may negatively impact sleep in some people. Plus, drinking large amounts of this beverage may inhibit iron absorption. In addition, compounds in green tea can interact with certain medications, including acetaminophen, codeine, verapamil, nadolol, tamoxifen, and bortezomib, so check with your healthcare provider — especially if you drink a lot of it.

If you want to give green tea a try, you can find it locally or online. Matcha powder is widely available as well.

2. Holy basil (Ocimum sanctum)

Also known by its Hindi name tulsi, holy basil is a perennial plant native to India and Southeast Asia. In Ayurvedic medicine, it's known as "the incomparable one" and "queen of herbs" due to its wide range of healthpromoting properties. Referred to as an adaptogenic herb in alternative medicine, holy basil is thought to help your body counter emotional, environmental, and metabolic stress. These are often the root causes of inflammation that lead to chronic disease. Both animal and human studies have found that holy basil has anti-inflammatory properties that may reduce blood sugar, cholesterol, and blood pressure levels. Compounds in the leaves and seeds of the holy basil plant may also reduce uric acid levels, alleviating the pain that results from inflammatory conditions like gout and rheumatoid arthritis. Some (Continued on page 8)





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of holy basil's compounds fight inflammation by inhibiting the cox-1 and cox-2 enzymes, which produce inflammatory compounds and trigger pain, swelling, and inflammation. Holy basil or tulsi tea is available at many natural food stores and online. To brew it, use loose leaves or a tea bag and let it steep for five minutes.

Tulsi tea should be safe for most people to drink every day.

3. Turmeric (Curcuma longa)

Turmeric is a flowering plant with an edible root or rhizome that's often dried and made into a spice. The root can likewise be peeled and minced. The active ingredient in turmeric is curcumin, a yellow compound known for its many health benefits. It reduces inflammation and pain by interrupting some of the pathways that lead to this condition.

Turmeric and curcumin have been studied for their effects on chronic inflammatory illnesses like rheumatoid arthritis, IBD, and heart disease. They may also relieve arthritic joint pain and muscle soreness after exercise — both of which are caused by inflammation. In a 6-day study in people with pain and inflammation from osteoarthritis, taking 1,500 mg of curcumin in divided

doses 3 times daily significantly reduced pain and improved physical function, compared with a placebo. Another study in 20 active men showed that taking 400 mg of curcumin reduced muscle soreness and muscle damage after exercise, compared with a placebo. However, these studies used large doses of concentrated curcumin, so it's unclear whether drinking turmeric tea would have the same effect. If you want to try turmeric tea, simmer 1 teaspoon of either powdered turmeric or peeled, grated turmeric root in a pot with 2 cups (475 ml) of water for about 10 minutes. Then strain the solids and add lemon or honey to taste. Curcumin is better absorbed with some black pepper, so add a pinch to your tea.

4. Ginger (Zingiber officinale)

Over 50 different antioxidant compounds have been identified in ginger. Many of them minimize the production of cytokines, which are pro-inflammatory substances in your body.

In a 12-week study in people with diabetes, taking 1,600 mg of ginger each day reduced fasting blood sugar, total cholesterol, triglycerides, and inflammatory blood markers, including C-reactive protein (CRP), compared with a placebo. Similarly, taking 1,000 mg of ginger daily for 3 months significantly lowered inflammatory markers in

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people with osteoarthritis. Still, these studies used high doses of ginger — not ginger tea. Therefore, it's unclear whether drinking ginger tea would have the same effects. Due to its slightly sweet and spicy flavor, ginger makes a delicious tea. Simmer 1 tablespoon of fresh, peeled ginger or 1 teaspoon of powdered ginger with 2 cups (475 ml) of water. Strain it after 10 minutes, and enjoy it with lemon or honey.



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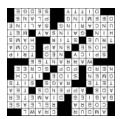
Rose hips are the coral-red, round, edible pseudo-fruits that are left after a rose bush loses its flowers. They have been used as an herbal medicine for more than 2,000 years, as they're packed with antioxidants, including beta carotene and vitamins C and E. Rose hips contain phenolic compounds, which are powerful anti-inflammatory antioxidants that protect your cells from damage. Studies

show that rosehip powder reduces pain and other symptoms related to rheumatoid arthritis by limiting the production of pro-inflammatory cytokine chemicals. Rose hips also contain healthy fat compounds like triterpenoic acids, ursolic acid, oleanolic acid, and betulinic acid. These inhibit the cox-1 and cox-2 enzymes, which trigger inflammation and pain. To make rosehip tea, use about 10 whole, fresh or dried rose hips and mash or crumble them. Mix them with about 1 1/2 cups (355 ml) of very hot (not boiling) water and let them steep for 6–8 minutes. Strain the drink to remove the solids and add honey if desired. Rosehip tea has a deep red-coral color and floral notes.

6. Fennel (Foeniculum vulgare Mill)

The flavor of the seeds and bulb from the Mediterranean fennel plant is often compared to that of licorice or anise. So if you're a fan of these, fennel makes a delicious tea that also fights inflammation. Like rose

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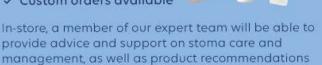
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hips, fennel is full of anti-inflammatory phenolic compounds. Some of the most active ones are caffeylquinic

acid, rosmarinic quercetin, acid, kaempferol. Some research indicates that fennel may reduce pain, especially menstruationrelated pain, which may be due to its powerful anti-inflammatory compounds. A 3-day study in 60 young women demonstrated that treatment with 120 grams of fennel extract per day significantly reduced menstrual pain, compared with a placebo. Fennel tea is easy to make with fennel seeds from your spice rack. Pour 1 cup (240 ml) of boiling water over 2 teaspoons of crushed fennel seeds and let them steep for about 10 minutes. Add honey or sweetener if you like.

(NOA editor's note: original article has been edited for space. To read entire article, visit: https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/anti-inflammatory-tea)