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When it comes to energy, your body runs on one simple principle: **you are a bioreactor**. Every cell in your body needs energy to think, move, repair, and grow—and that energy is produced by small structures inside your cells called **mitochondria**.

Think of your mitochondria as the **engines inside every cell**.

Just like a car's engine turns fuel and oxygen into motion, your mitochondria convert **food and air into biochemical energy** that powers everything your body does.

The Engine Inside You:

Here's how it works:

- You eat foods that contain **hydrocarbons**—carbohydrates, fats, and proteins.
- You breathe in **oxygen**.
- Your mitochondria use both to produce **adenosine triphosphate (ATP)** the body's main energy currency.

ATP powers the contraction of muscles, the firing of neurons, the repair of tissues, and the creation of new bone and protein. Without it, nothing in your body functions properly.

That's why supporting mitochondrial health is one of the most important, yet often overlooked, aspects of longevity and performance.

What Your Mitochondria Need Every Day:

Mitochondria don't just run automatically—they require **key nutrients and cofactors** to function efficiently. Without these, the “engine” can misfire, leading to fatigue, slower metabolism, and cellular damage.

Here are the **core nutrients** your mitochondria rely on daily:

- **Riboflavin (Vitamin B2):** Essential for energy metabolism and redox balance.
- **Thiamine (Vitamin B1):** Converts carbohydrates into usable energy.
- **Niacin (Vitamin B3):** Helps generate NAD⁺, a molecule vital for mitochondrial energy transfer.
- **Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10):** Facilitates electron transport and reduces oxidative stress.
- **Acetyl-L-Carnitine:** Transports fatty acids into mitochondria for energy production.
- **N-Acetyl-Cysteine (NAC):** Supports glutathione synthesis, protecting mitochondria from oxidative damage.

When these nutrients are present in the right amounts, your mitochondria can perform like finely tuned engines—efficient, resilient, and long-lasting.

Signs of Strong Mitochondrial Function:

How do you know if your mitochondria are thriving?






- You have **stable energy levels** throughout the day.
- Your **fat metabolism** works efficiently (you can go hours between meals without crashing).
- **Inflammation and oxidative stress markers**—like CRP or oxidized LDL—are low.
- You recover well from exercise and stress.

When mitochondrial function declines, the opposite occurs: fatigue, brain fog, weight gain, and slower recovery.

Everyday Ways to Support Mitochondrial Health:

Mitochondria thrive when you support them consistently through lifestyle, not just supplements.

Here's what helps the most:

1.  **Prioritize Sleep** – Deep sleep is when cells repair mitochondria and clear damaged ones through a process called *mitophagy*.
2.  **Exercise Regularly** – Movement stimulates mitochondrial biogenesis—your body’s way of building new mitochondria.
3.  **Eat a Nutrient-Dense Diet** – Focus on whole foods, omega-3 fats, antioxidants, and B-vitamin–rich vegetables.
4.  **Manage Stress** – Chronic stress elevates cortisol, which can suppress mitochondrial function.
5.  **Avoid Toxins** – Heavy metals, smoking, and excessive alcohol all damage mitochondrial membranes.

The healthier your mitochondria, the more resilient and energetic you’ll feel—mentally and physically.

The Bigger Picture: Metabolic Health Starts Here

Good mitochondrial function is the **foundation of metabolic health**.

It’s not just about energy, it’s about how your body processes fat, regulates blood sugar, and prevents chronic disease.

When your mitochondria are working optimally, your entire metabolism runs smoother.

The Total Body Health Approach to Mitochondrial Medicine:

At **Total Body Health**, **Dr. Kevin Greene** and his team specialize in identifying and addressing the **root causes of mitochondrial dysfunction** through advanced testing and personalized interventions.

Using metabolic profiling, nutrient analysis, and precision lifestyle medicine, Total Body Health helps patients:

- Restore cellular energy production
- Reduce oxidative stress
- Improve metabolic flexibility
- Optimize long-term vitality

If you’re struggling with fatigue, slow recovery, or metabolic issues, it might not be “just aging”—it could be your mitochondria calling for help.

Schedule a consultation with Dr. Kevin Greene to evaluate your mitochondrial and metabolic health and create a personalized plan to restore your energy from the cellular level up.

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