SESSION THREE

GUT AND BRAIN HEALTH

Our brain and gut are intimately linked because our gut supplies our busy brain with what it needs to create energy and form connections, which facilitate focus, concentration, learning and recall. However, a lot of factors in our fast-paced world are interfering with optimal gut health. Eating for gut health also reduces the risk of inflammation in the body, which is linked to all degenerative health challenges.

EAT MORE PREBIOTIC FOODS

Artichokes Asparagus Banana Beetroot Cashew nuts Chickpeas Chicory root Dandelion greens Dried fruit, such as dates and figs

Fennel bulb

Garlic, leeks and onions

Grapefruit

Green and snow peas Jerusalem artichoke

Kiwi fruit Peaches Pistachio nuts Pomegranate Red kidney beans Savoy cabbage

EAT MORE RESISTANT STARCH

All these foods, cooked and cooled:

Rice Potato Pasta

Green bananas White beans Lentils

Buckwheat noodles



Include Gut 'Food' At Every Meal:

BREAKFAST: Yoghurt, fresh or frozen berries, citrus and Kiwi fruit, with nuts and seeds.

LUNCH: Miso salad dressing and sauerkraut or kimchi with fresh salad vegetables.

DINNER: Fresh salad vegetables with a garlic and ginger salad dressing, and steamed or roasted vegetables with clean protein.



If you're often bloated, try using digestive enzymes (Herbs of Gold Digest Zymes) with your main meals and probiotics (Herbs of Gold Probiotics) after main meals.

Avoid snacking – our gut needs about 5 - 6 hours between meals during the day to rest, and overnight at least 12 hours. If you're used to snacking, simply replace your standard snacks with fresh fruit and a few nuts, and work towards eliminating snacks as your blood glucose becomes more stable.