

## Vitamin K<sub>2</sub>

Vitamin K has long been recognized as an important fat soluble vitamin essential for blood coagulation and normal bone mineralization. Several different forms of vitamin K exist, with the primary dietary form being vitamin  $K_1$ , or phylloquinone, found primarily in green vegetables. Another form of vitamin K known as vitamin  $K_2$ , or menaquinone, is found in animal products such as meat or eggs, as well as in foods such as cheese and natto, a fermented soy product. While most of the benefits of vitamin K were previously attributed to vitamin  $K_1$ , recent research has identified important benefits for vitamin  $K_2$ .

Two forms of vitamin K<sub>2</sub> also occur and are used in dietary supplements: a natural form (known as MK-7) and a synthetic form (known as MK-4). While both forms have been found to have beneficial effects for bone health, the natural MK-7 form of K<sub>2</sub> appears to have several advantages over the synthetic form. For maximum benefit, natural vitamin K<sub>2</sub> is supplied in this product.

- Contains 100% natural vitamin K<sub>2</sub>: Natural vitamin K<sub>2</sub> (MK-7) is supplied in this product. MK-7 has no
  reported side effects, is well-absorbed, and is the only vitamin K available in supplement form that is
  naturally derived. MK-7 also has the longest half-life in the body compared to other forms.
- Enhanced benefits for bone mineralization: While both vitamin K<sub>1</sub> and K<sub>2</sub> are crucial for bone
  mineralization, vitamin K<sub>2</sub> has been shown to be a more powerful form. It works by enhancing the
  activation and accumulation of calcium binding proteins. MK-7 has also been associated with preserved
  bone density, thus reducing or preventing bone loss.
- Added benefits for blood vessels: Emerging research also suggests an important role for the natural MK-7 form
  of vitamin K<sub>2</sub> for arterial function.

Vitamin  $K_2$  can be used by those who want a more complete approach to vitamin K supplementation than vitamin  $K_1$  alone. This extract is free of soy protein for maximum tolerance by those sensitive to soy. The amount of vitamin  $K_2$  in this product is unlikely to have an effect on the action of the anticoagulant Coumadin®. If Coumadin® has been prescribed, regular intake of vitamin K is important to avoid significant daily fluctuations in daily vitamin K intake. This product is free of the following common allergens: milk/casein, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat/gluten, corn, yeast, and soybeans. Contains no artificial colors, flavors, or preservatives.

Suggested Use: 1 capsule daily with food.

This product was made in a GMP and ISO 9001:2008 registered facility.

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Other ingredients: Cellulose, vegetarian capsule (hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, water), L-leucine, and silicon dioxide.