Got [Breast] Milk?

A mother's milk provides infants with nutrition, immunity, and a healthy microbiome. Here's a look at some of the crazy cool aspects of breast milk!

HMO'S

Breastmilk provides for over 220 milk oligosaccharides (HMO) or small sugars that are solely for feeding good gut bacteria!



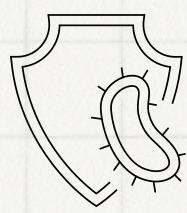


Adaptation

 The composition of breast milk varies based on mom's environment, giving babies a "heads up" about the world they are born into!

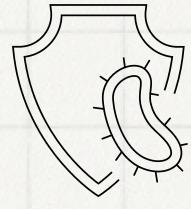
Protection

- Maternal IgA antibodies inhibit bacterial growth inside the mucous layer of the gut.
- This induces tolerance to normal proteins in food and the environment which prevents allergic and autoimmune types of disease



Infant and Childhood Disease Reduction Stats for Breast Milk

- Reduces the risk of illness from most forms of bacterial and viral disease in infancy
- Reduced rates of sudden infant death syndrome by 30%
- 50% reduction in necrotizing enterocolitis, a lifethreatening intestinal disease of preterm infants
- Reduces hospital readmission rates for preterm infants during their first year of life
- Better neurodevelopmental outcomes
- Infant mortality rates are reduced by 21%
- Provides protection against the development of allergies, especially with a strong family history of allergic disease Necrotizing
- Reductions in inflammatory bowel disease and celiac disease
- Reductions in autoimmune diabetes and some forms of
- Reduced metabolic disease and excess weight gain



50%

Enterocolitis

Reduction

21% <

Reduction in Infant Mortality