

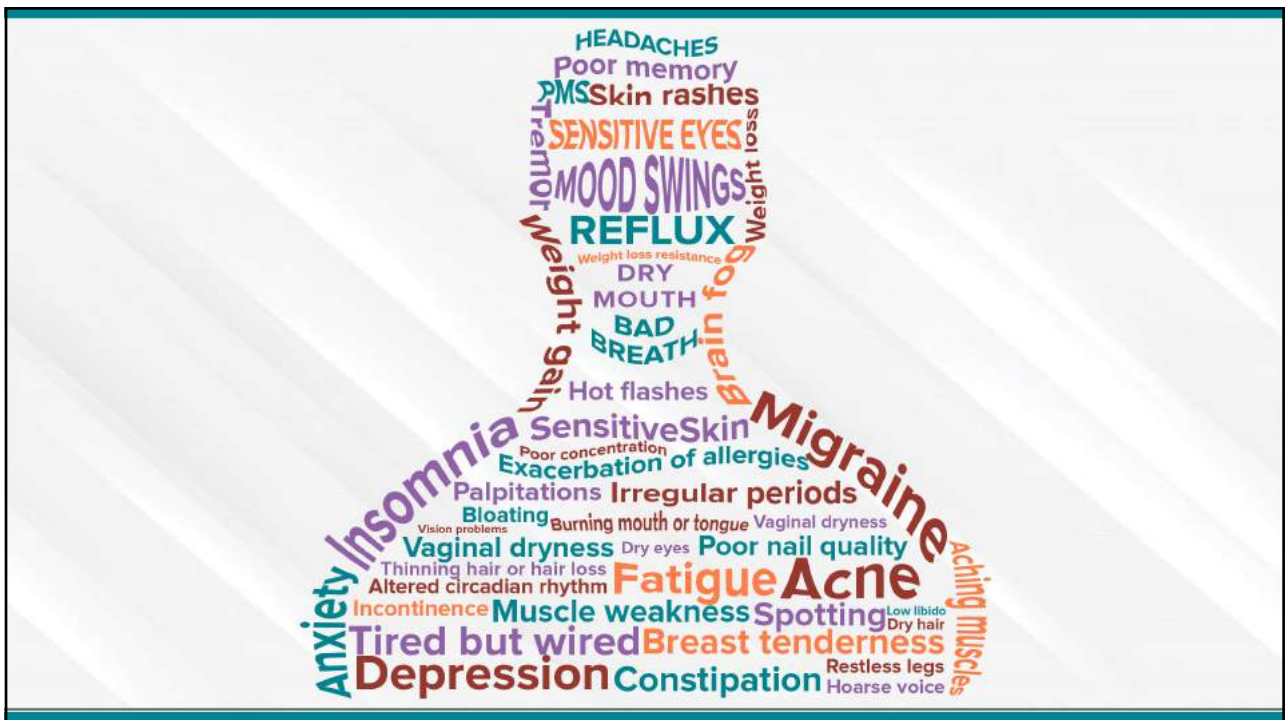
THYROID AND WHOLE BODY HEALTH

Optimizing Function with Nutrition and Immune Modulation

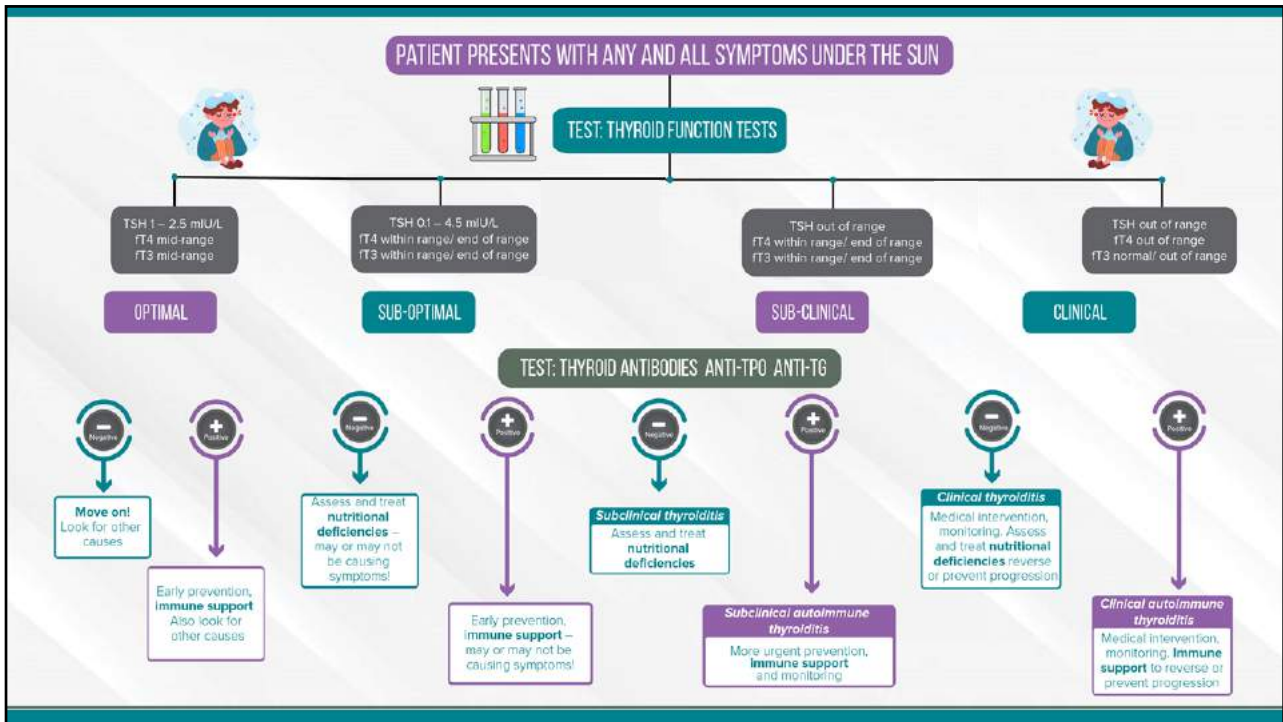
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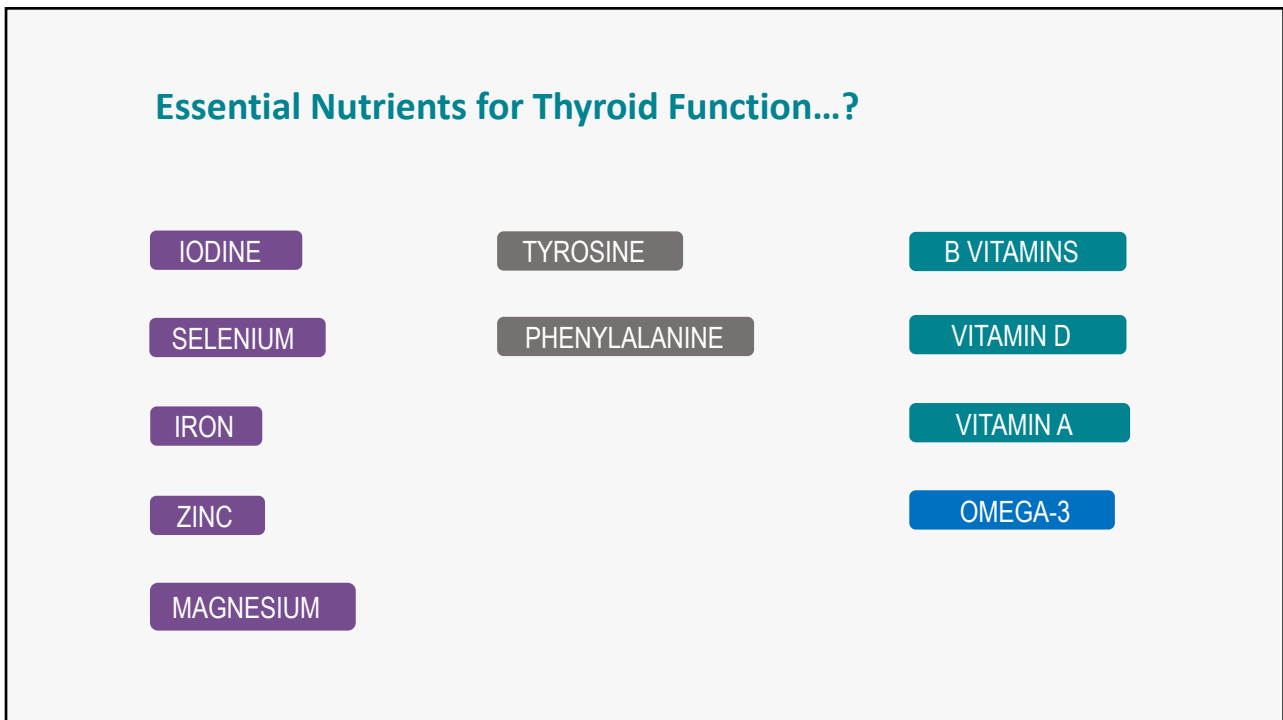
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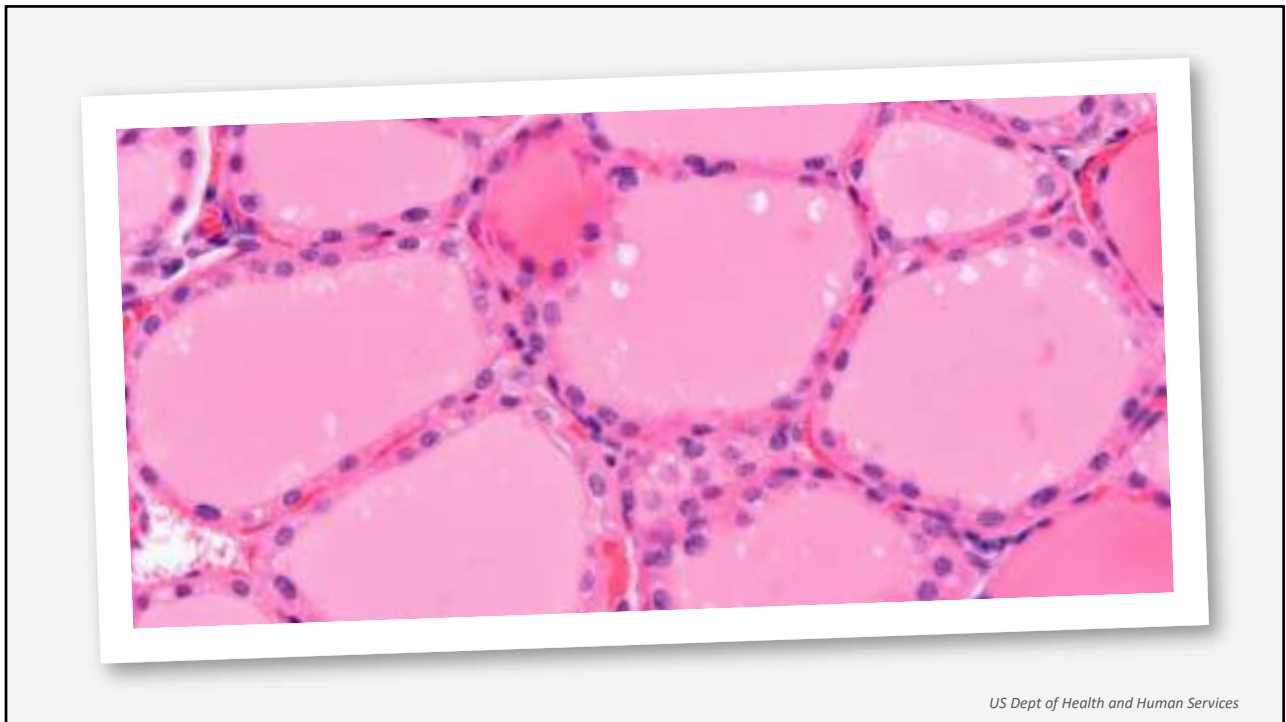
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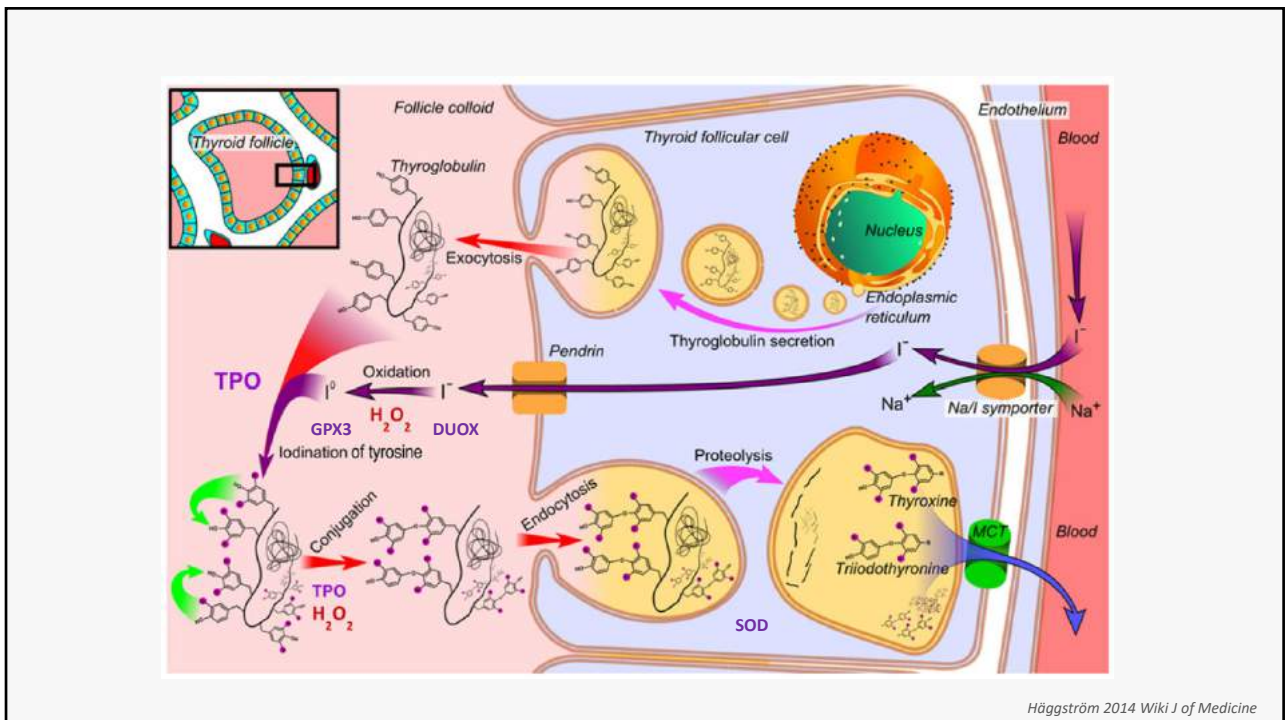


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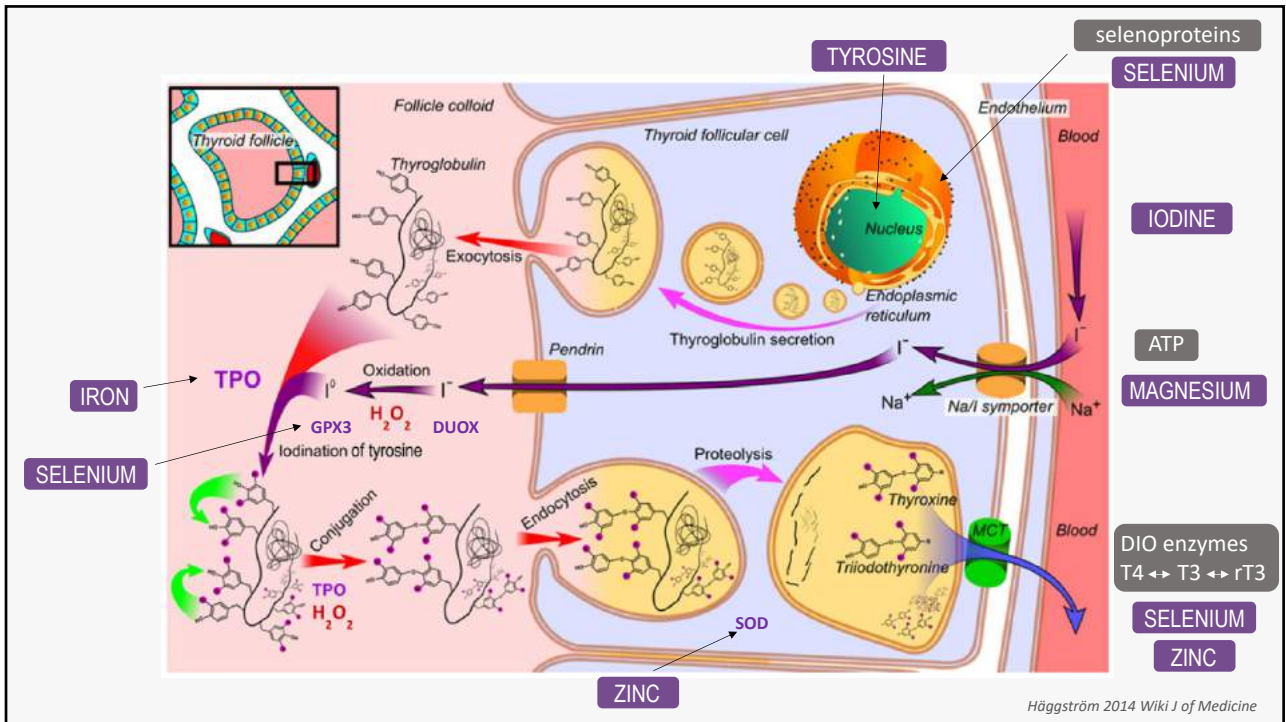
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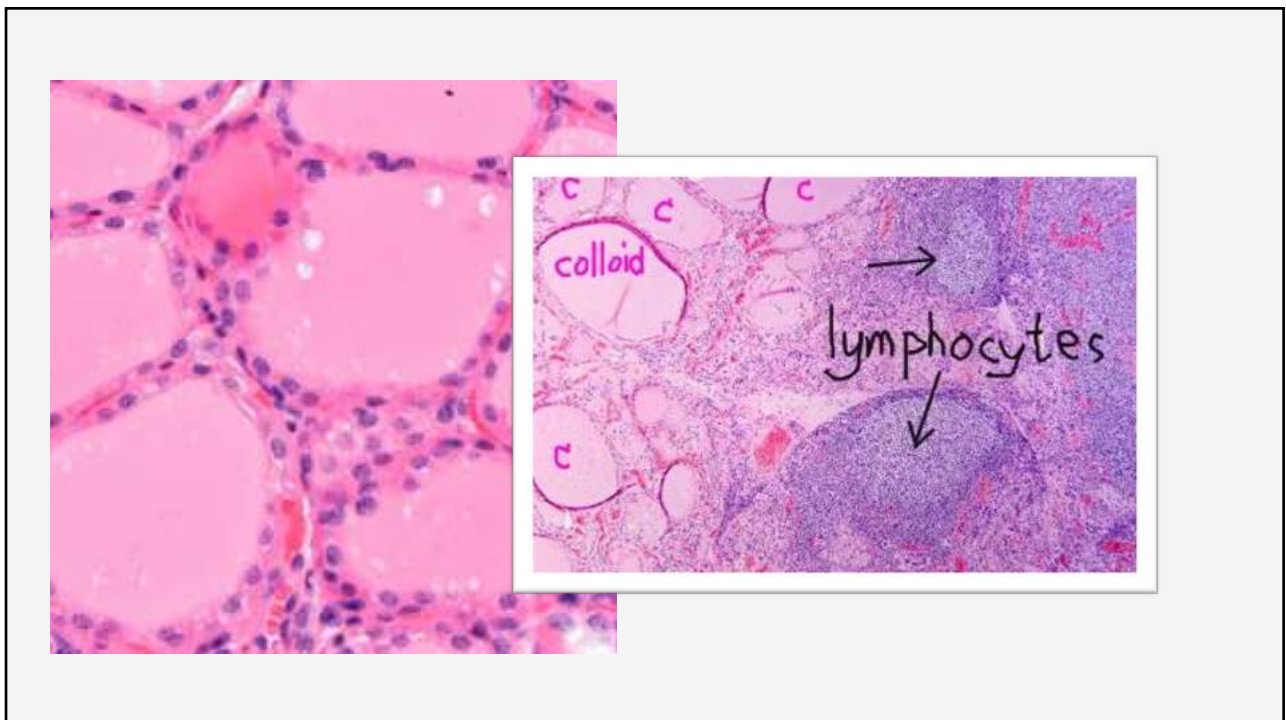


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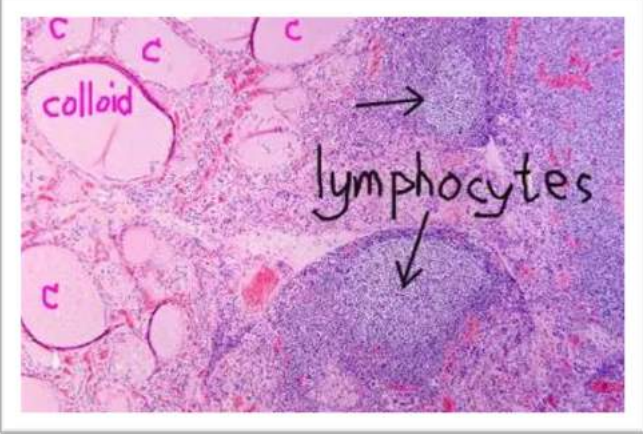


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Anti-TPO Anti-Tg Anti-TRAb

IMMUNE SUPPORT

- SELENIUM
- ZINC
- VITAMIN D
- VITAMIN A
- OMEGA-3

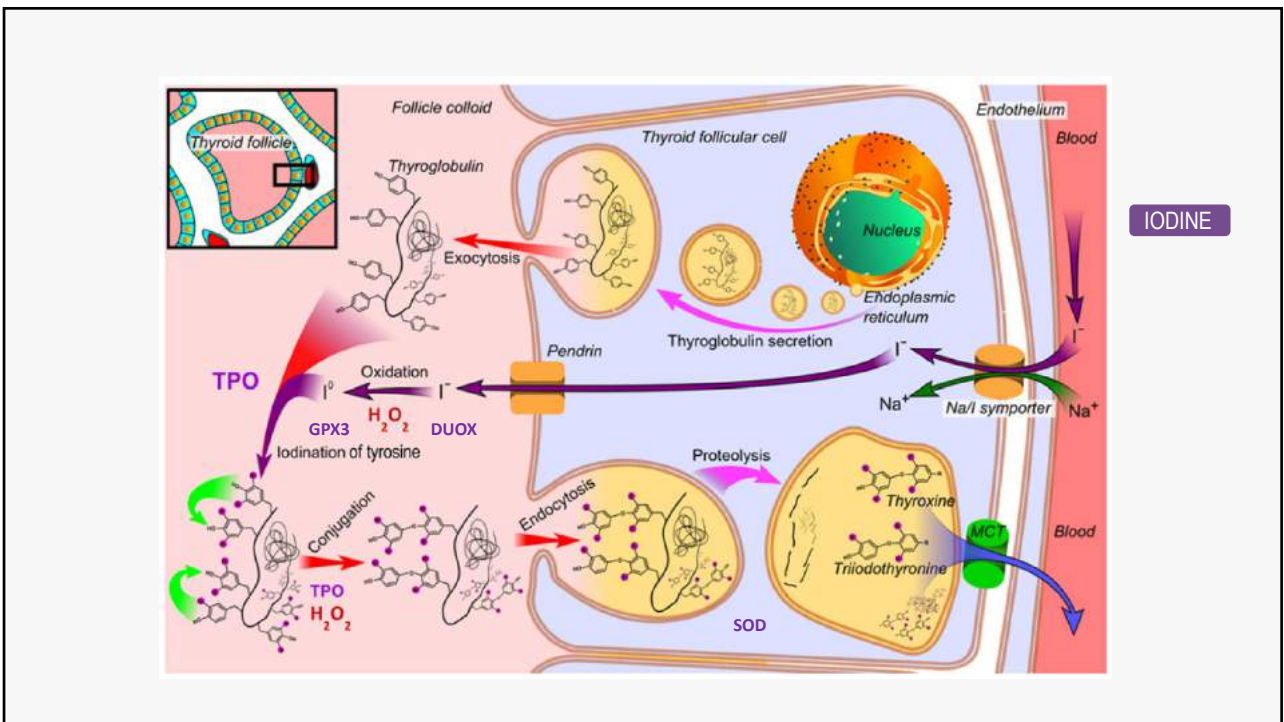


colloid

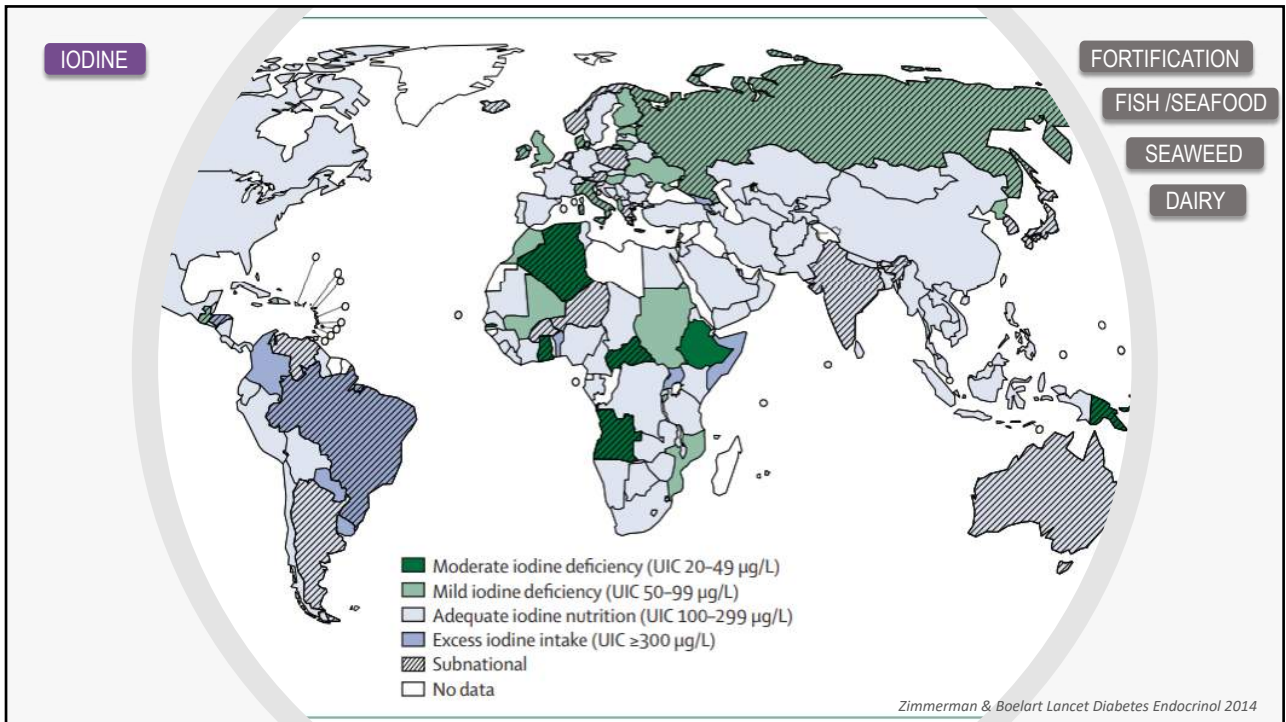
lymphocytes

Detailed description: This slide illustrates the connection between autoimmune thyroid disease and immune support. At the top, three antibody types are listed: Anti-TPO, Anti-Tg, and Anti-TRAb. Below this, a list of nutrients for immune support includes Selenium, Zinc, Vitamin D, Vitamin A, and Omega-3. To the right, a histological image shows thyroid follicles with pink-stained colloid and a significant infiltration of purple-stained lymphocytes, indicating an autoimmune process.

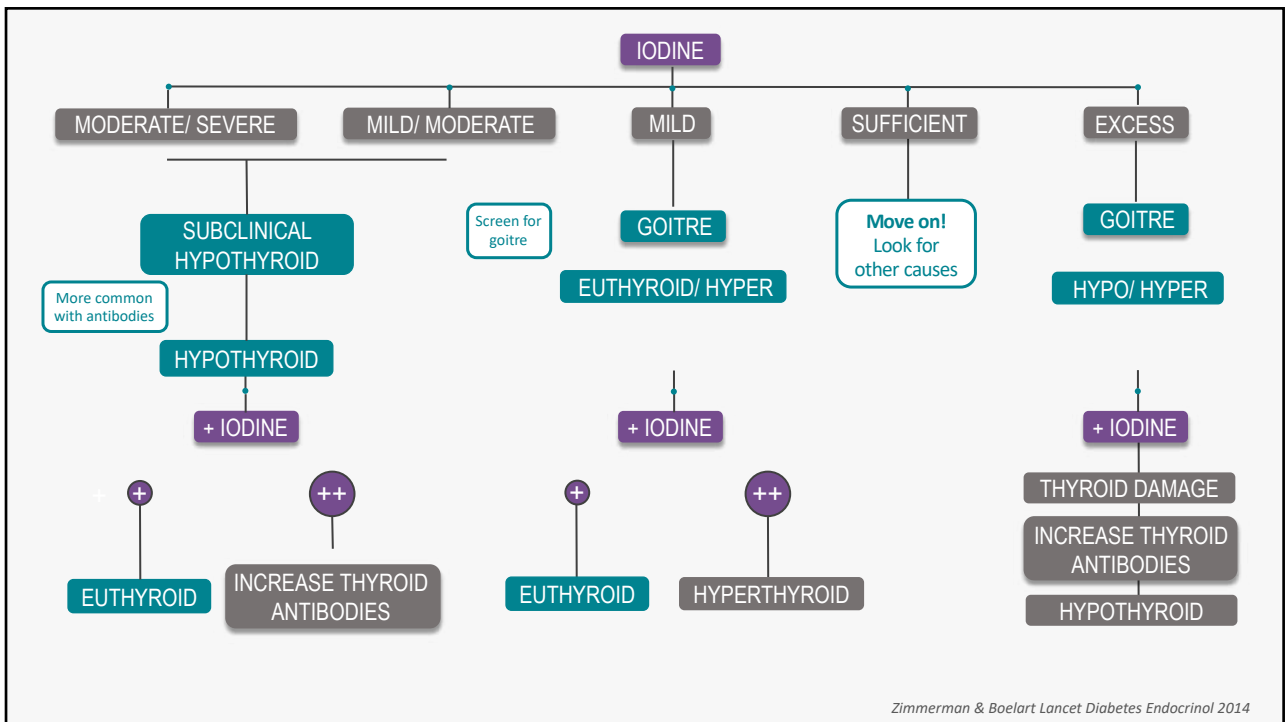
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Assessing Iodine Status in Frontline Healthcare
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Abstract
 Introduction: Iodine is essential for the synthesis of thyroid hormones and both hypothyroidism and iodine deficiency are prevalent worldwide. Assessing iodine status in the individual is difficult. Spot urine iodine measurement, while readily available, is not accurate. However, combining the clinical picture with a brief dietary history along with this simple measurement may give further insight into the likely iodine requirements of an individual. Supporting nutritional deficiency in subclinical hypothyroidism is proposed to be helpful in reducing possible requirements for pharmacology or intervention in the future although further studies are needed in this area. This is of particular importance in high risk groups such as those trying to conceive, or patients with subfertility or recurrent miscarriage.

Case description: In this case report a 66-year-old woman with asymptomatic subclinical hypothyroidism presents with a low dietary intake of iodine and a competing low urine iodine. These three factors taken together suggested a possible iodine deficiency. Replacement of iodine with a safe and moderate amount of iodine (75 µg/day, 50% RDA) via supplement and counselling the patient to increase iodine sources of iodine in the diet restored euthyroidism and relieved all symptoms.

Conclusions: We propose a simple strategy for the frontline healthcare provider to estimate iodine requirements in an individual considering a brief dietary history, low urine iodine and subclinical thyroid function tests. We recommend that supplementation to increase iodine is conservative and in the short-term only to avoid iodine excess. Dietary intake of iodine should be encouraged to maintain levels thereafter.

Keywords
 Iodine, Hypothyroid, Subclinical hypothyroidism, Pre-conception

Introduction
 Hypothyroidism affects 4.6% of the US population

While a meta-analysis of European studies has identified a prevalence of 3.05% with over 85% being subclinical [2], iodine is essential for thyroid hormone synthesis and hypothyroidism is recognised by the WHO as an iodine-deficiency disorder and a major cause of goitre [1]. Iodine deficiency is prevalent worldwide and not restricted to developing countries. In fact, Europe has the highest percentage of iodine deficiency with 52% of the population having inadequate iodine intake.

It is important to note that the most common cause of hypothyroidism is autoimmune in nature for which anti-TPO levels can be used to support diagnosis in the clinical setting [4]. Iodine excess in autoimmune thyroid conditions can aggravate and so should be avoided in those positive for antibodies [5]. Iodine excess should be avoided in general as this may increase incidence of hypo or hyperthyroidism but this is likely linked to autoimmune pathogenesis or in cases where severe deficiency is treated with a sudden load of iodine [6]. However, restoration of iodine status and nutritional support in clinical practice represents a modifiable risk for disease progression, or an adjunct to pharmacological treatment in non-autoimmune thyroiditis. Further studies are needed here however.

There are particular groups that may benefit from nutritional support. Pharmacological treatment of subclinical hypothyroidism is not always warranted and may depend on additional risk factors such as age of patient, presentation of symptoms and likelihood of pregnancy [7]. We propose that correcting nutritional deficiencies which may be reducing thyroid function in subclinical non-autoimmune hypothyroidism may slow the progression to overt hypothyroidism and therefore reduce the need for pharmacological intervention, or in any case, be supportive of overall thyroid function.

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FEMALE 66 years

Onset 2yrs: lethargy, extreme fatigue, weight loss resistance, constipation, distension and hot flashes

SUBCLINICAL HYPOTHYROID

TSH 4.82 (0.27-4.2 mIU/L)

free T4 14.3 (12.0-22.0 pmol/L)

Anti-TPO antibodies undetectable

Dietary iodine: Low intake, almost dairy free, no fish

Urine iodine: 22 µg/L, borderline severe deficiency

Table 1: Epidemiological criteria from the WHO for assessment of iodine status in a population using urine iodine measurement [3].

Urine iodine µg/L	Iodine Intake	Iodine Status
< 20	Insufficient	Severe deficiency
20-49	Insufficient	Moderate deficiency
50-99	Insufficient	Mild deficiency
100-199	Adequate	Adequate iodine nutrition
200-299	Above requirements	Slight risk of more than adequate intake in the overall population
> 300	Excessive	Risk of adverse health consequences (iodine-induced hyperthyroidism, autoimmune thyroid diseases)

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FEMALE 66 years

Gently restore iodine, supplement with 37.5ug/day increasing to 75ug/day only, increase fish in diet

EUTHYROID

TSH	2.17	(0.27-4.2 mIU/L)
free T4	14.2	(12.0-22.0 pmol/L)

Anti-TPO antibodies undetectable

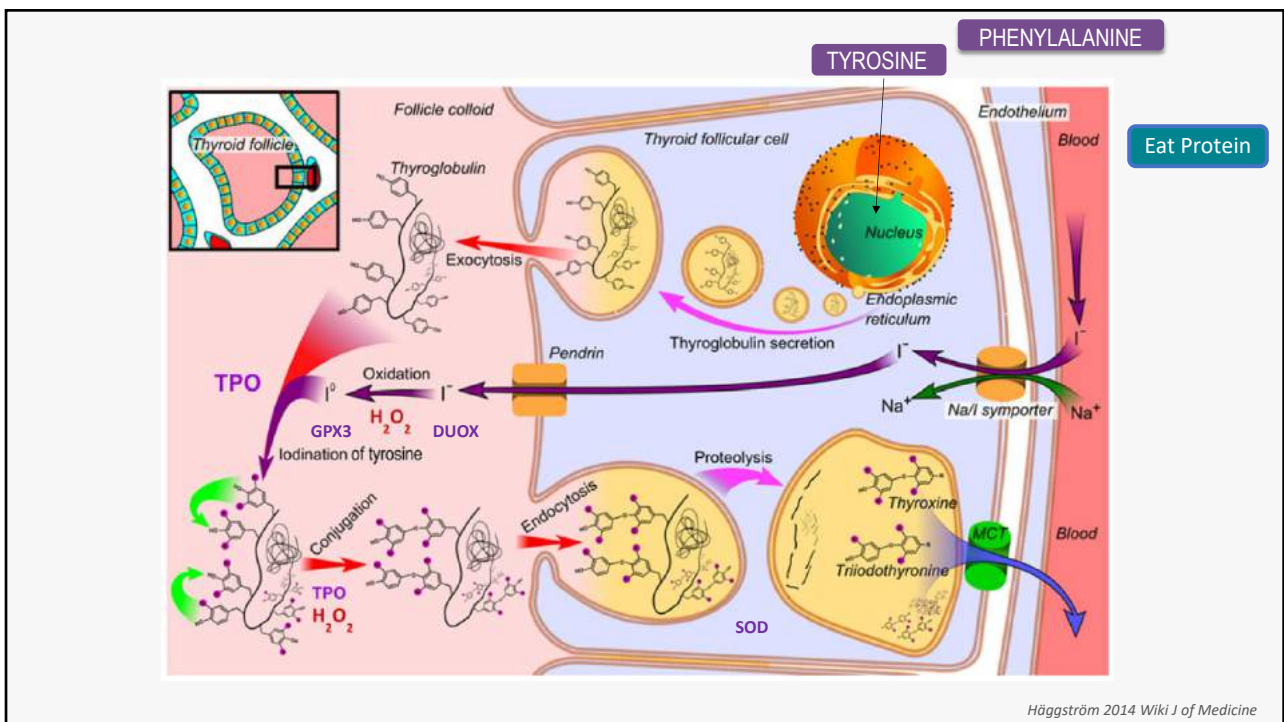
Dietary Iodine: fish x 4 per week

Urine Iodine: 132 ug/L, adequate iodine

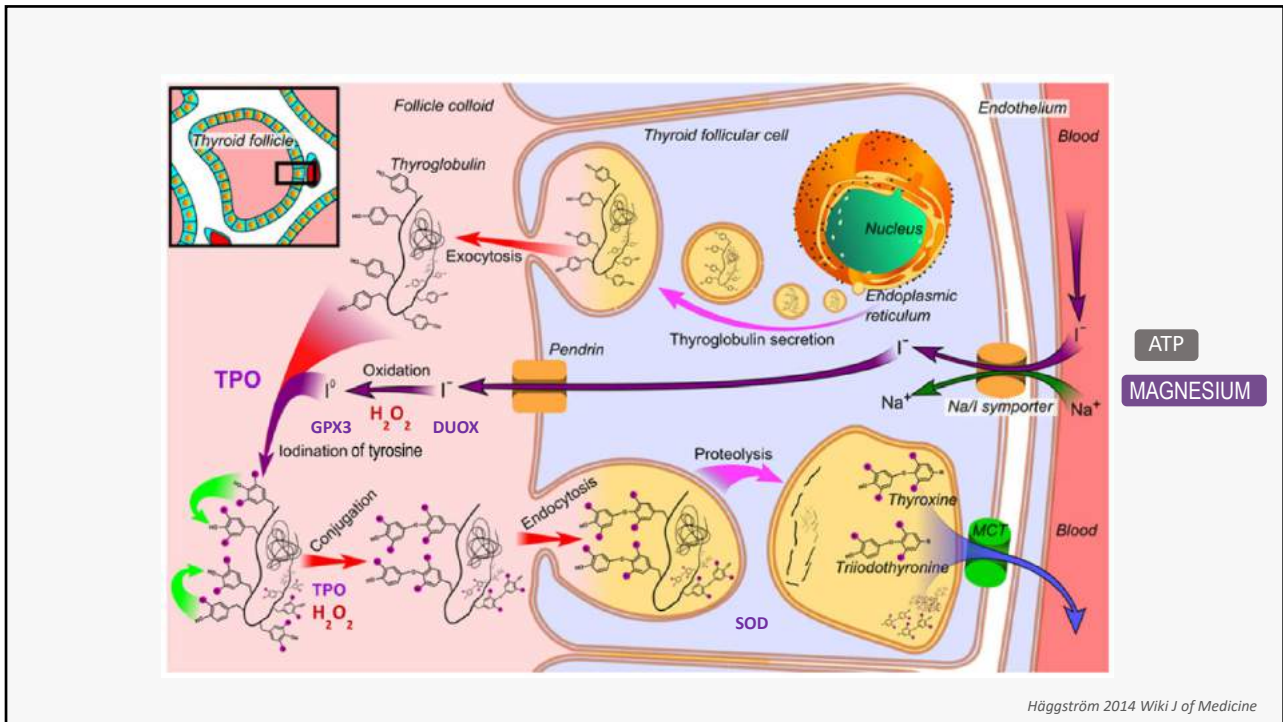
“After three months, the patient reported that her energy and wellbeing was markedly improved, she was no longer fatigued, was beginning to lose weight and there was complete cessation of hot flashes. Her digestion had also markedly improved with a daily well-formed bowel movement.”

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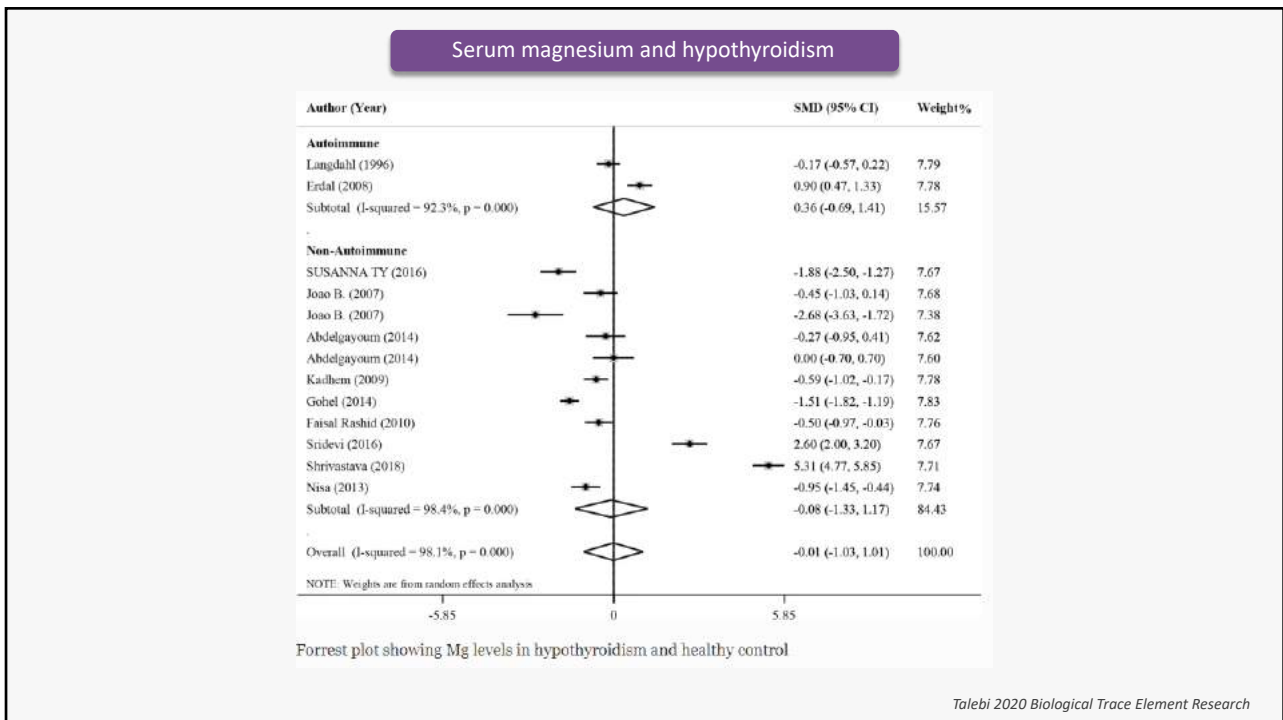
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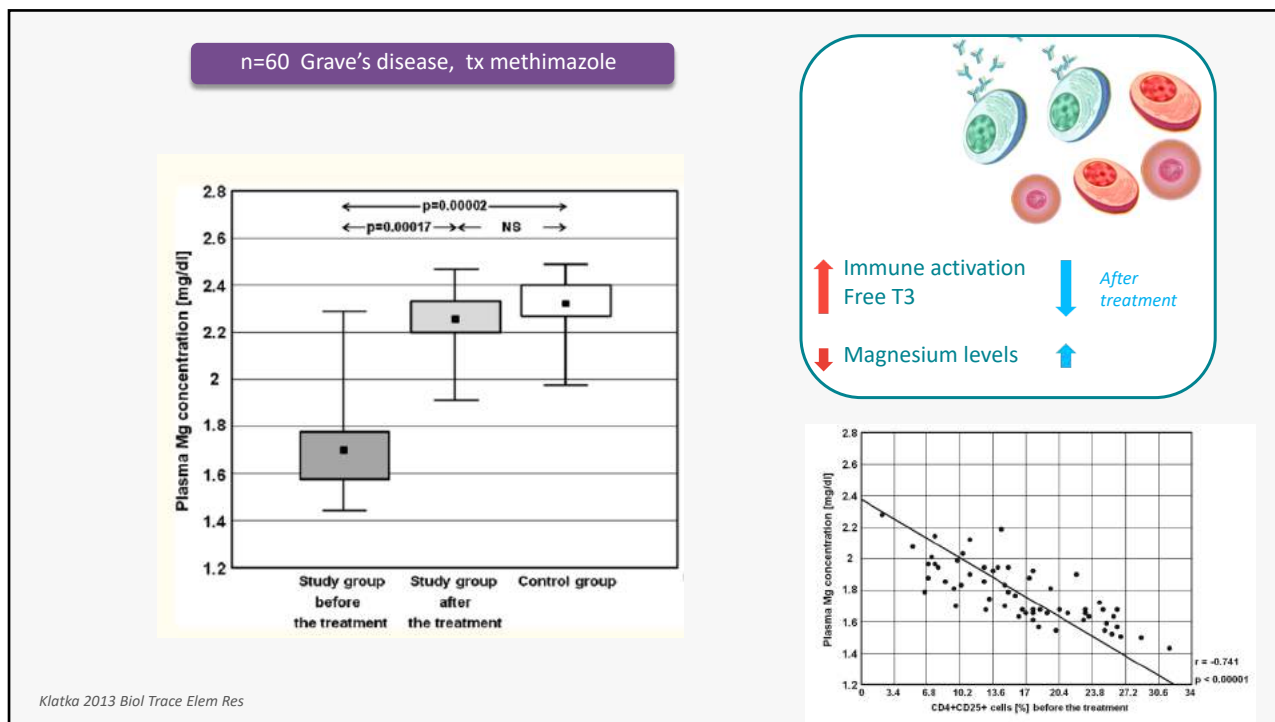
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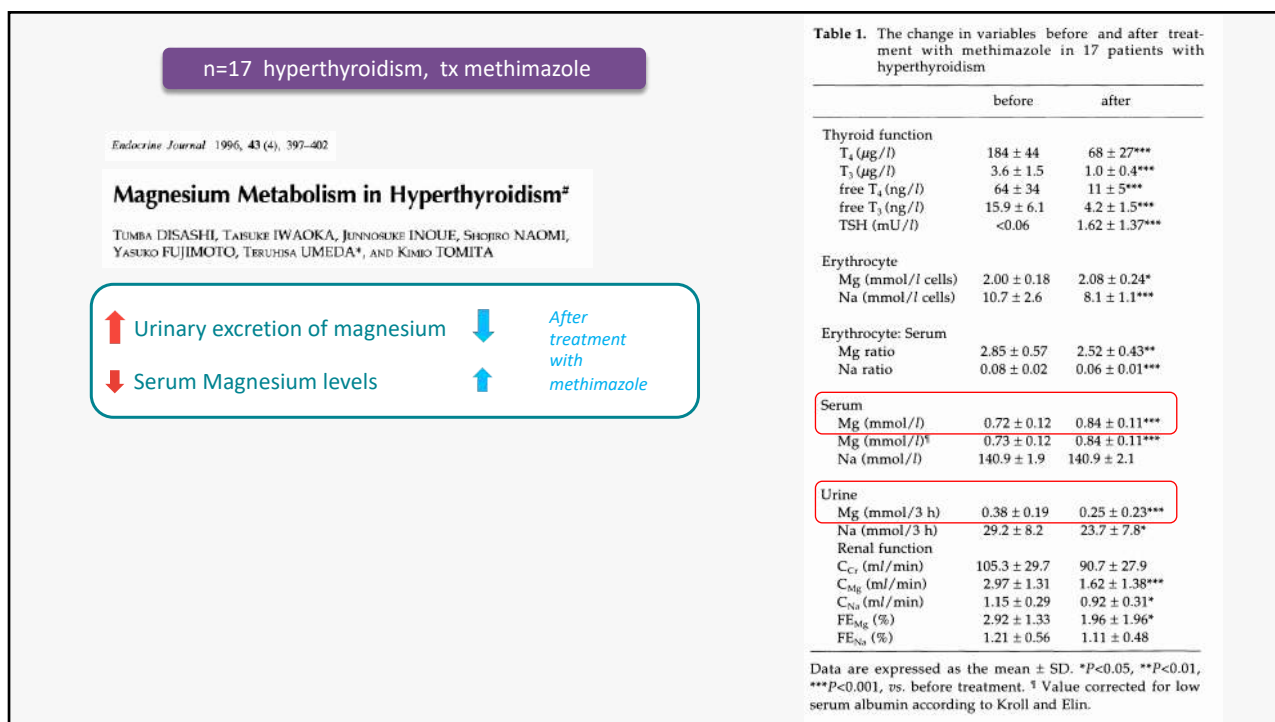
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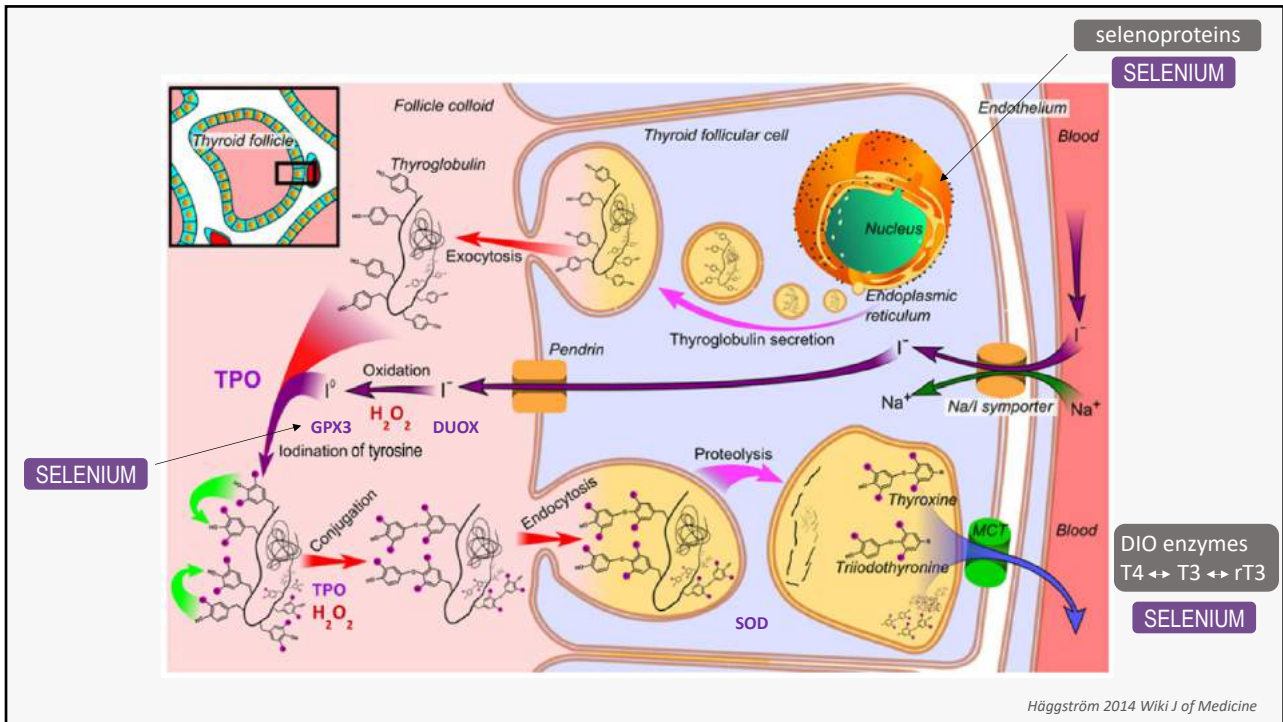
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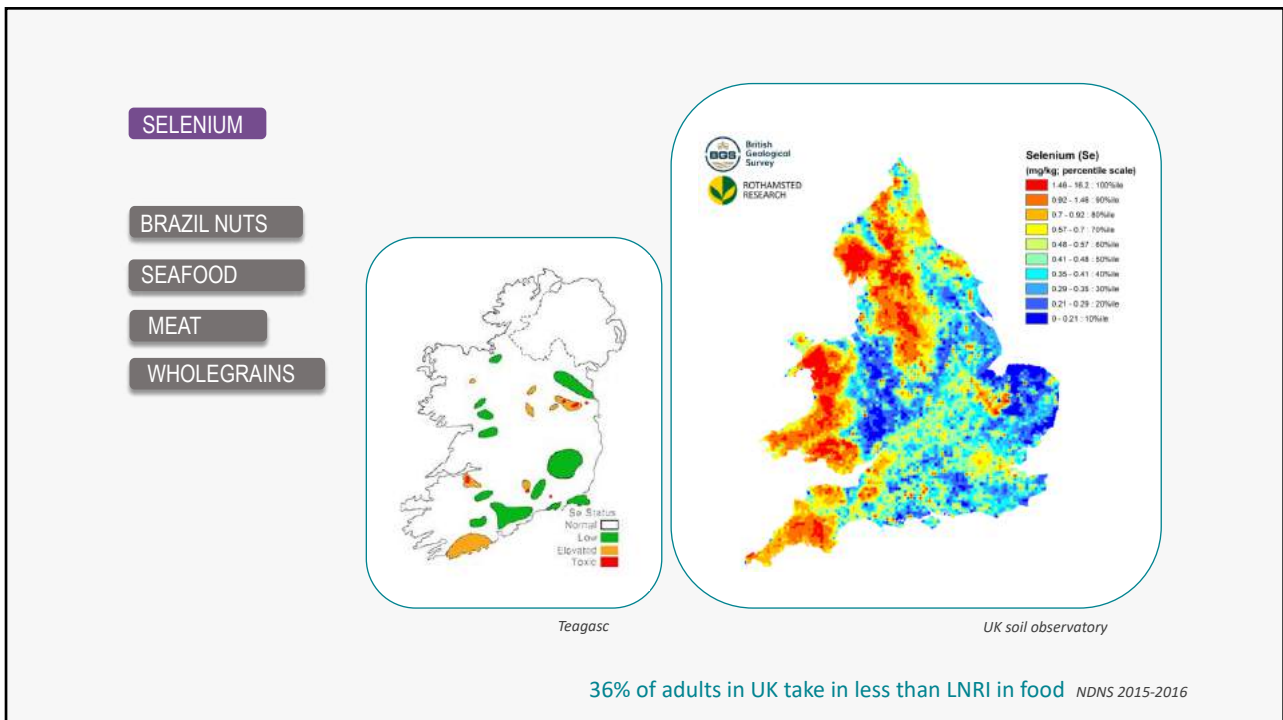
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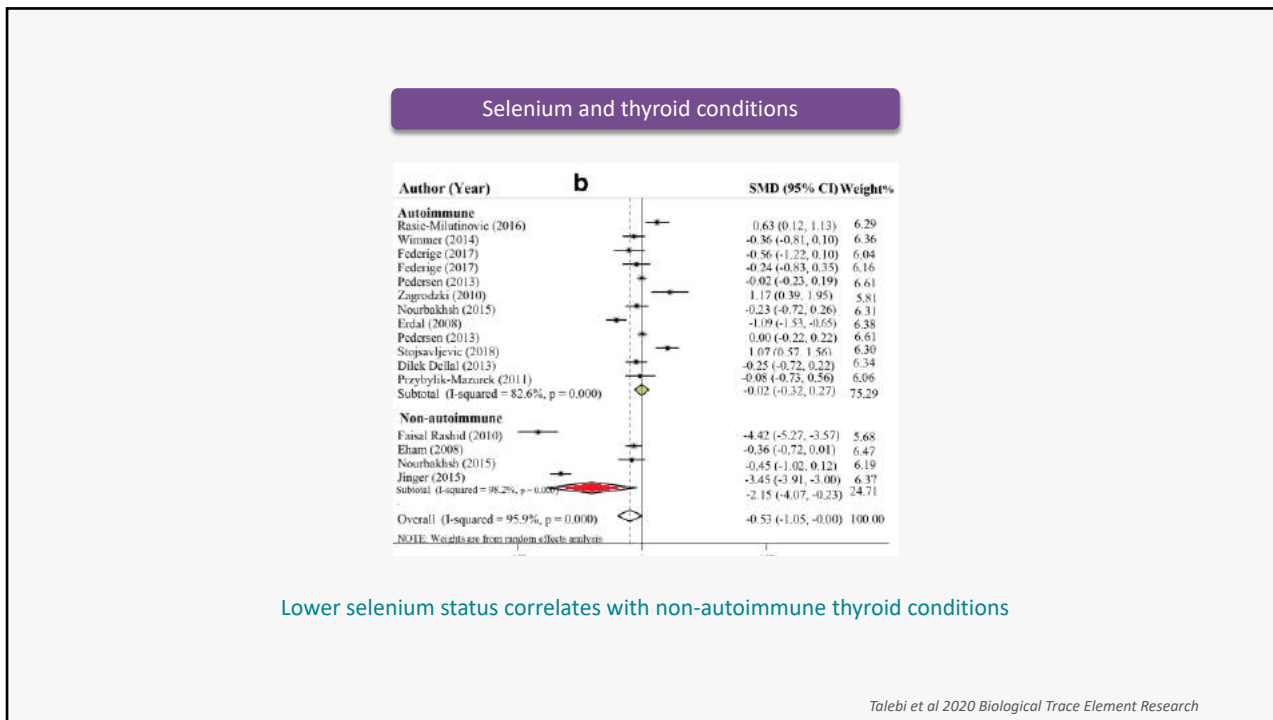
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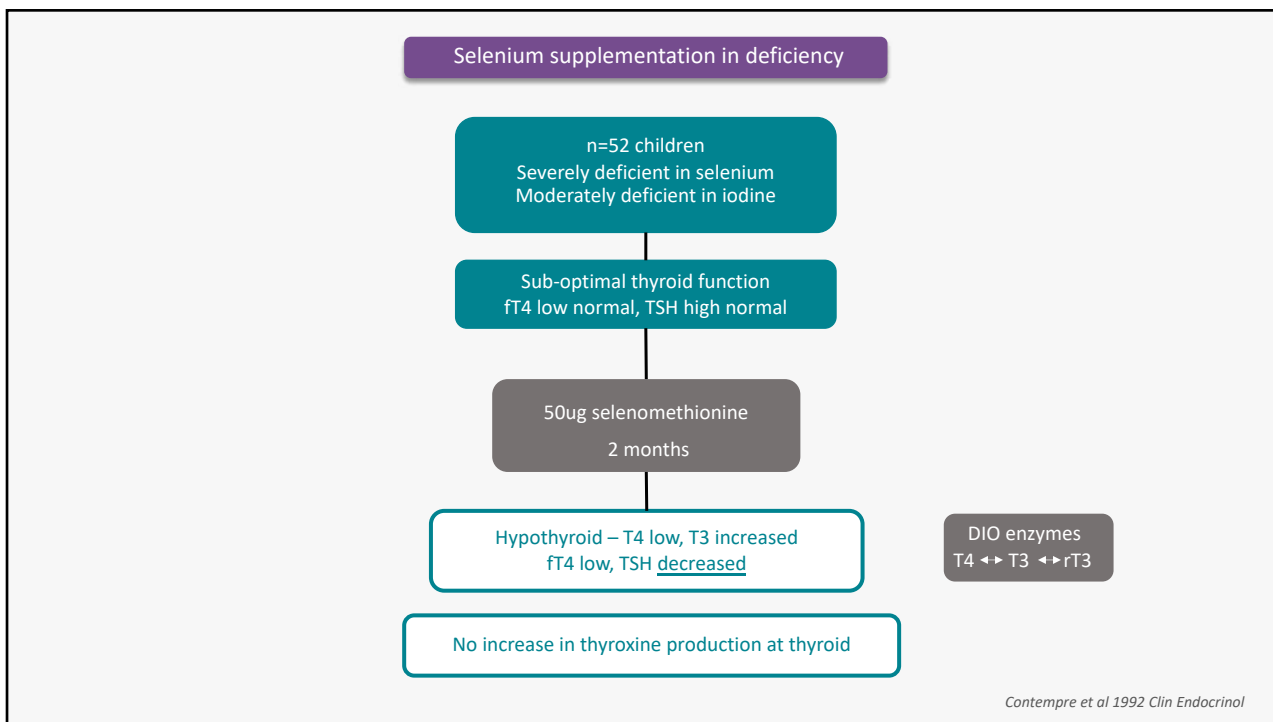
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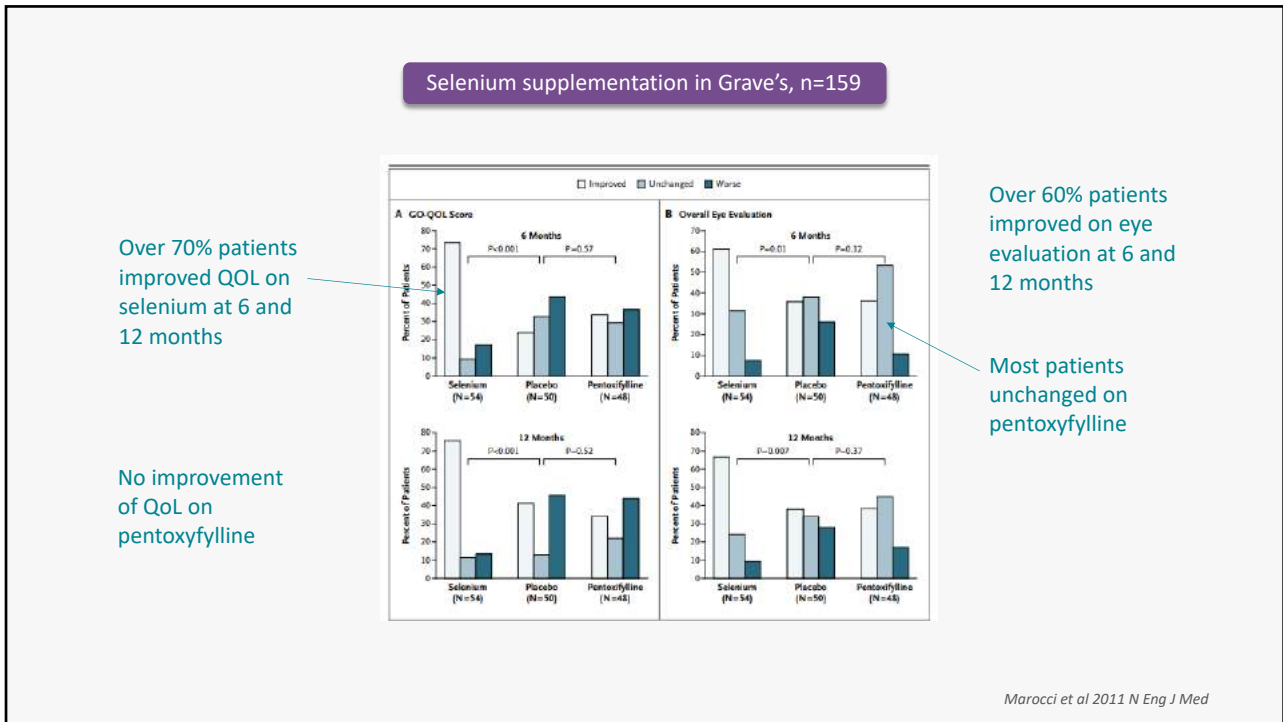
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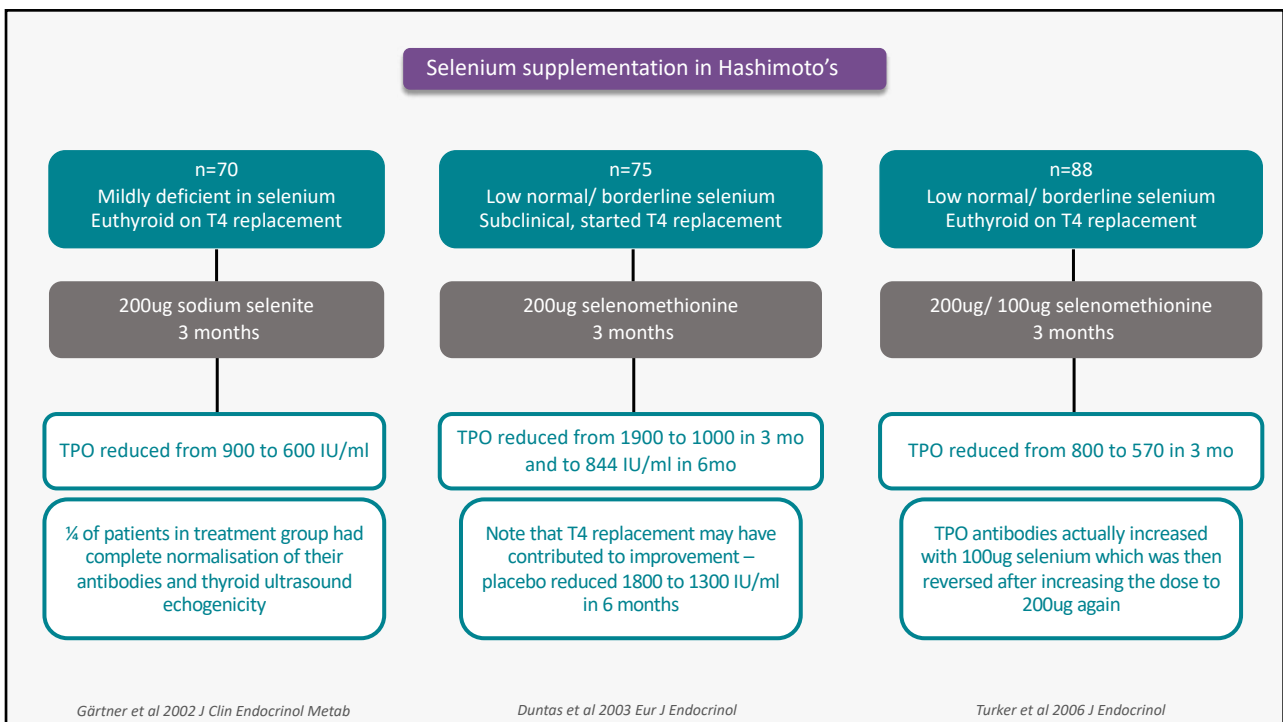
Over 70% patients improved QoL on selenium at 6 and 12 months

No improvement of QoL on pentoxifylline

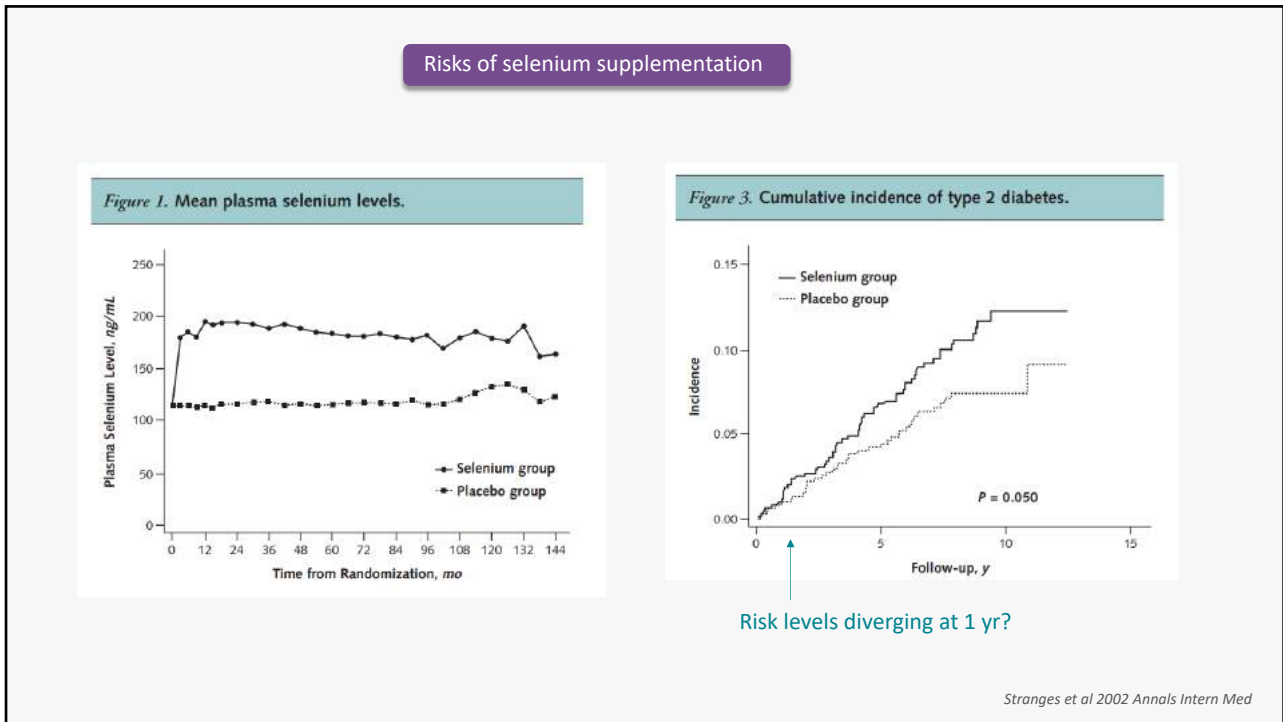
Over 60% patients improved on eye evaluation at 6 and 12 months

Most patients unchanged on pentoxifylline

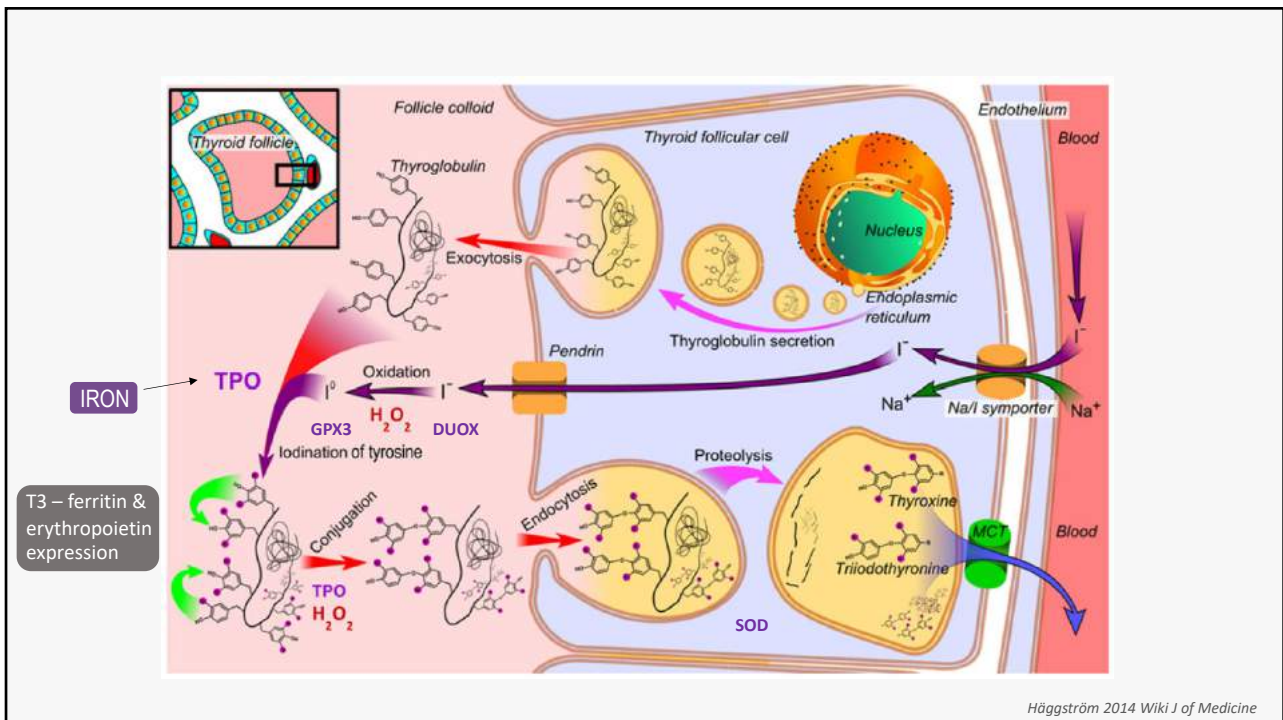
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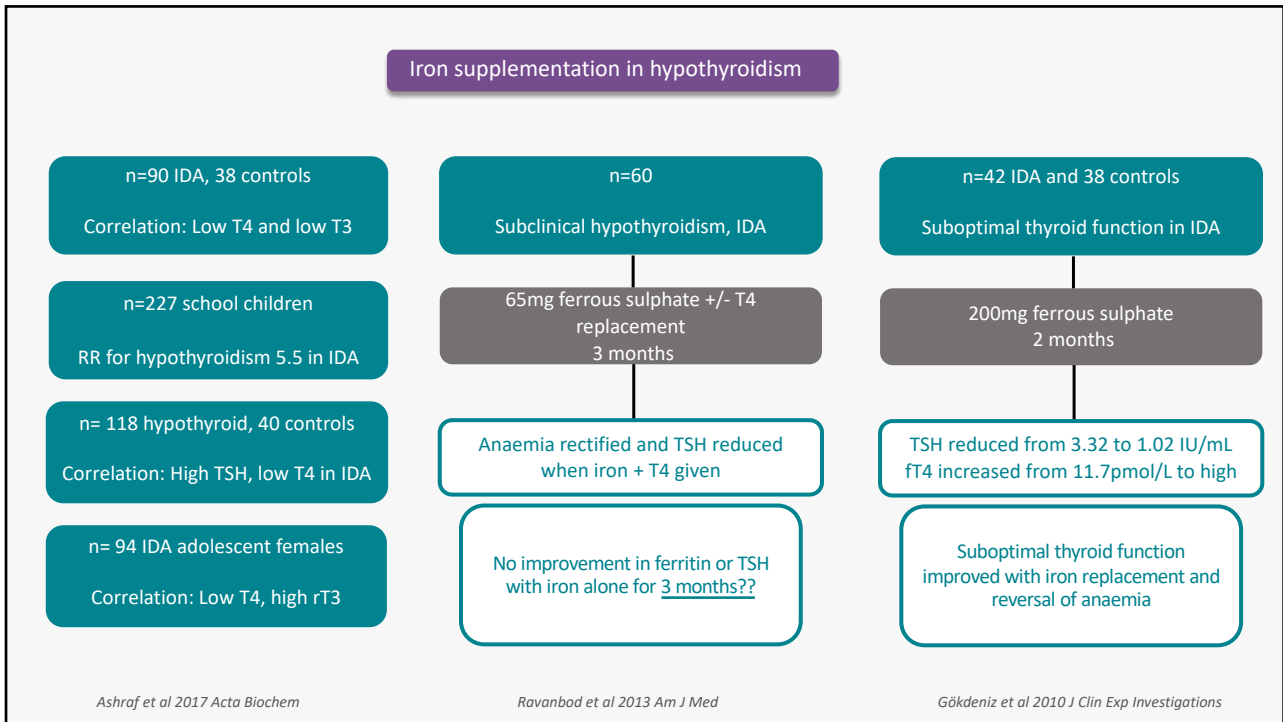
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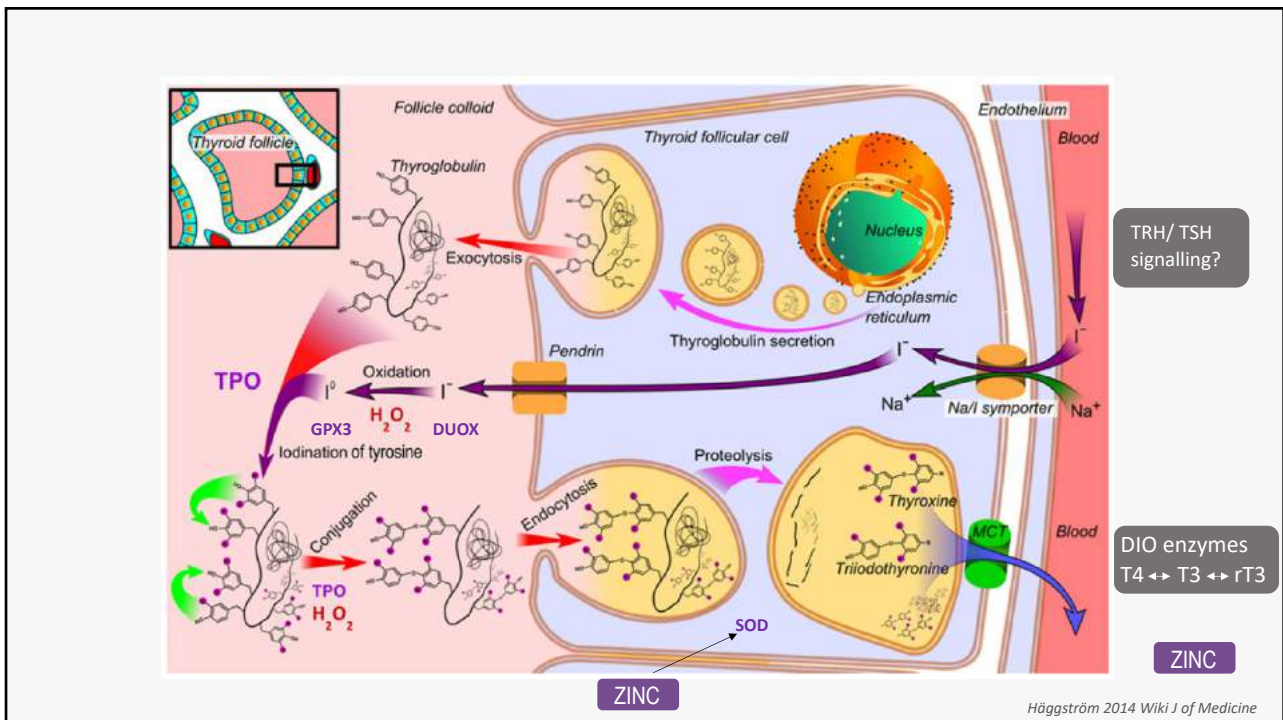
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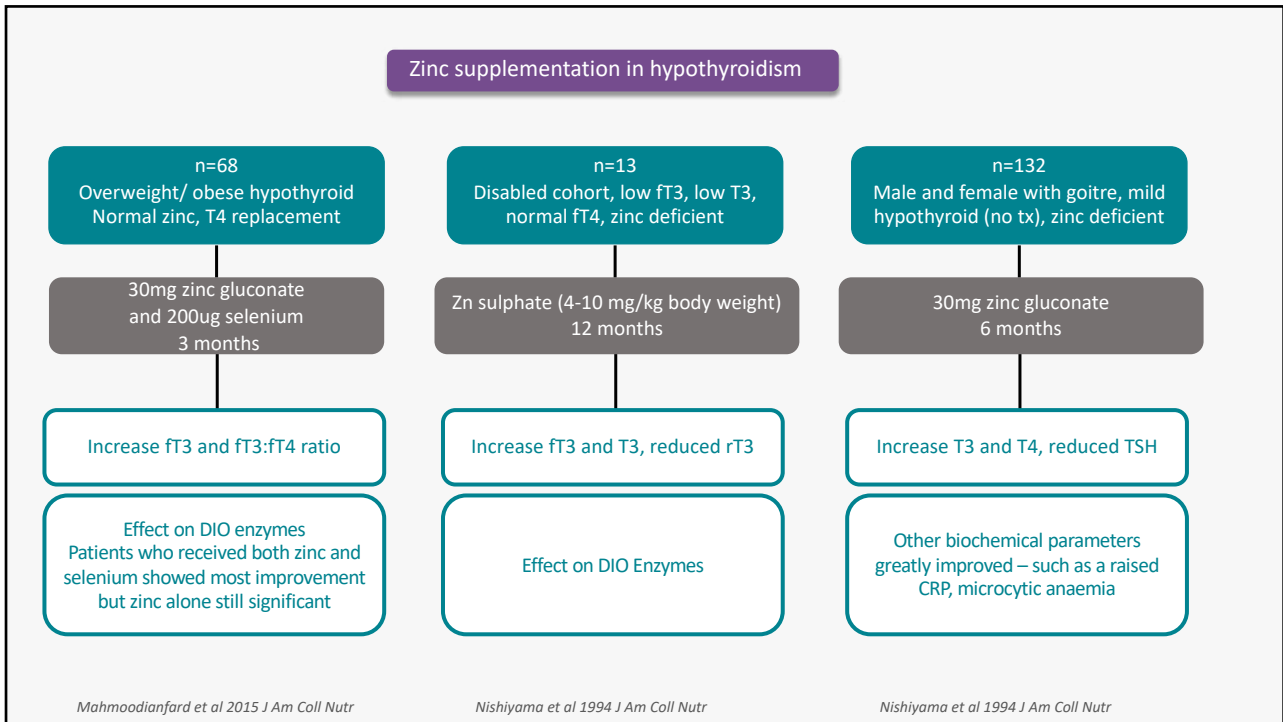
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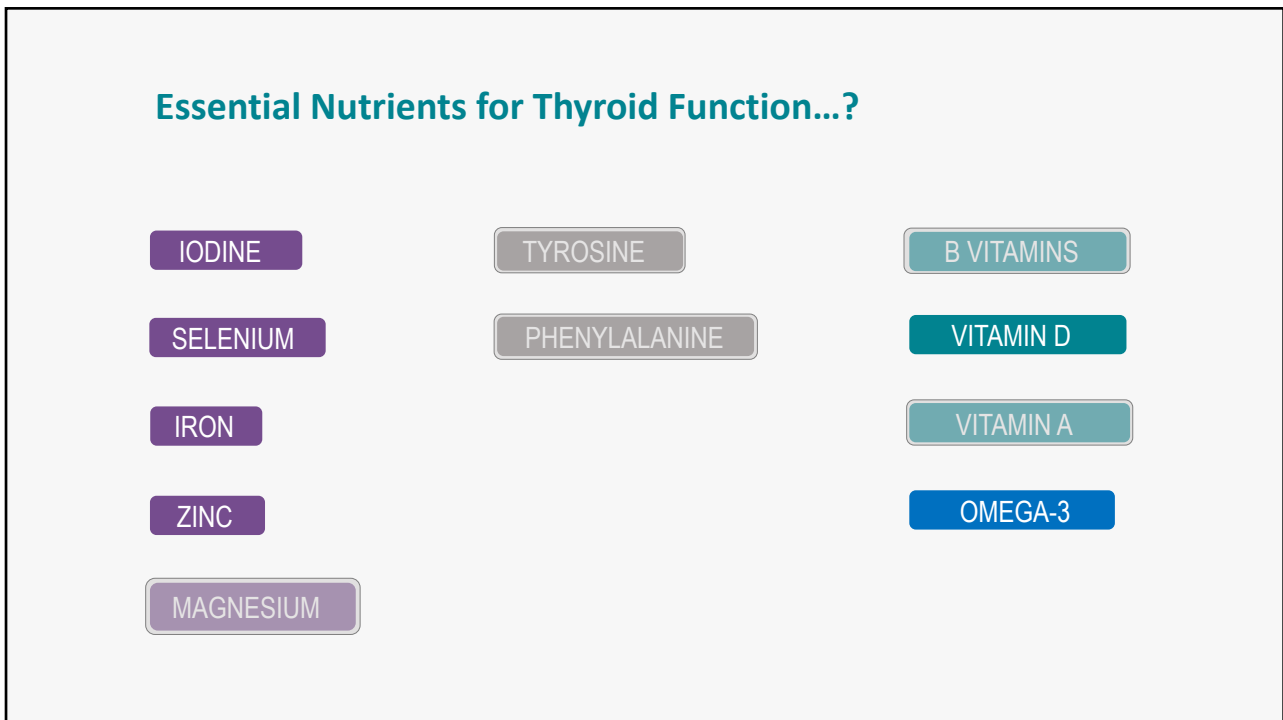
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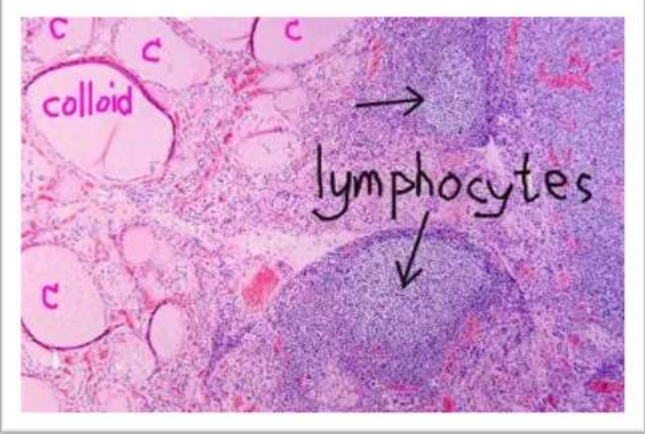


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IMMUNE SUPPORT

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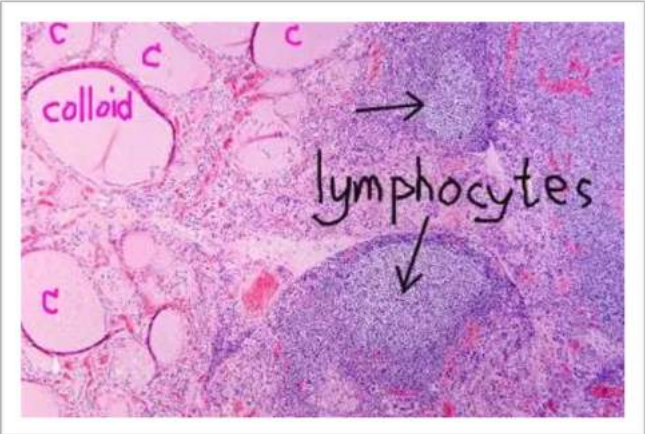
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HASHIMOTO'S

- Anti-TPO Th1
- Anti-Tg IL-1 β
- IFN γ
- Th17

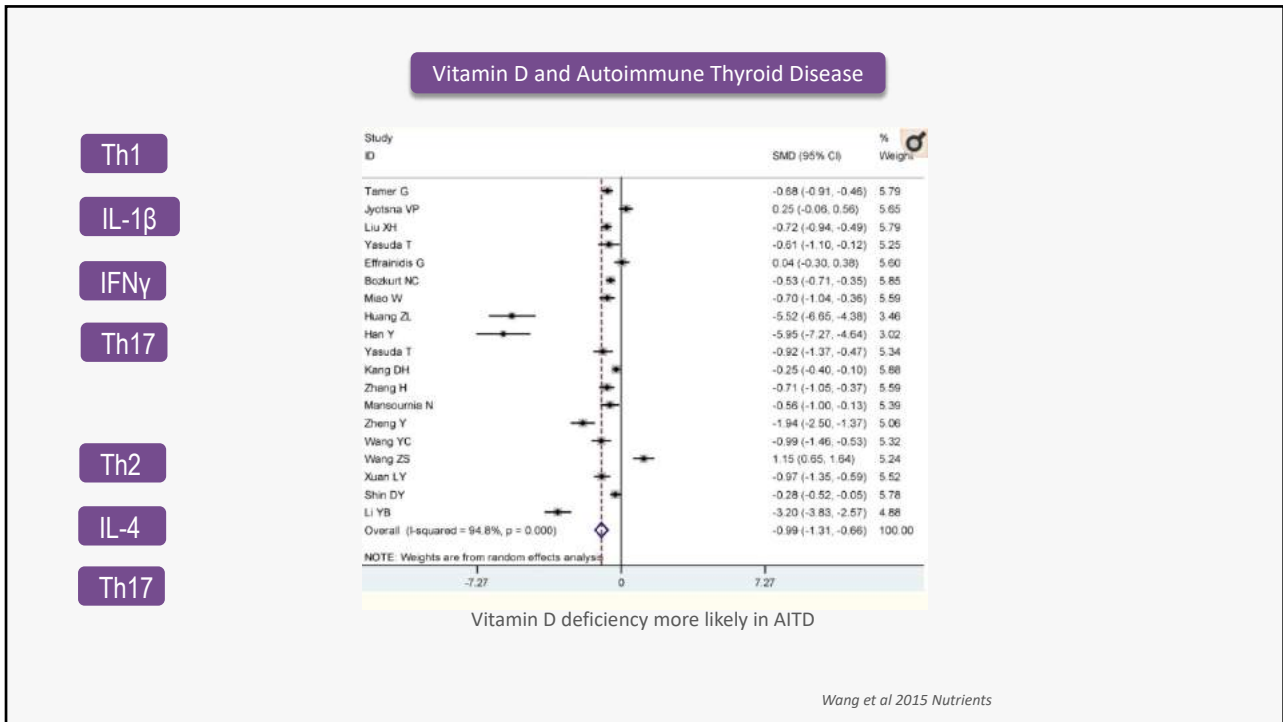
GRAVES

- Anti-TRAb Th2
- Anti-TPO IL-4
- Anti-Tg Th17

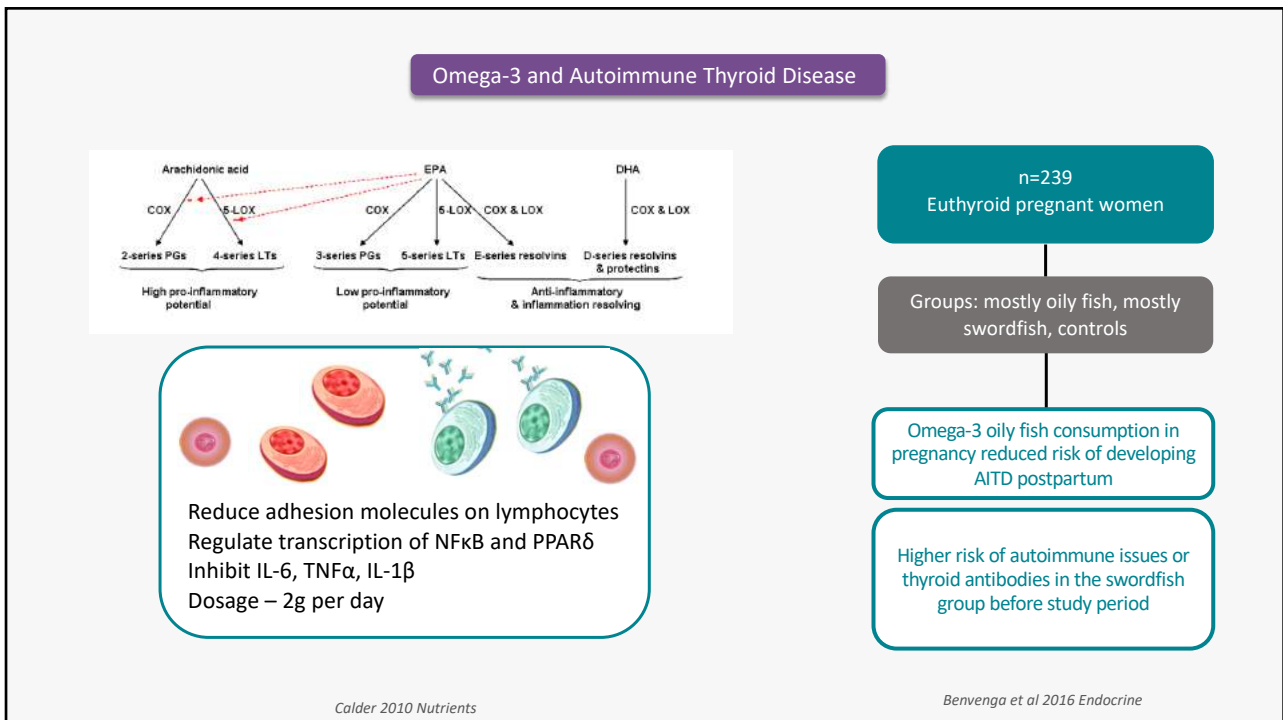


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Gluten and Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

Prevalence of celiac disease (CD) in autoimmune thyroid disorders.

Author (year of publication)	Population screened	Prevalence of CD
Collin et al (1984) ³¹	83 autoimmune thyroid disease	4.8%
Sategna-Guidetti et al (1988) ²⁵	152 autoimmune thyroid disease	3.3%
Cucco et al (1999) ²⁸	22 Hashimoto's disease	4.3%
	23 Graves' disease	
Valentino et al (1990) ²⁷	150 autoimmune thyroid disease	3.3%
Berti et al (2000) ²⁹	172 autoimmune thyroid disease	3.5%
Volta et al (2001) ³⁰	220 autoimmune thyroid disease	3.2%
Larizza et al (2001) ³¹	90 Pediatric autoimmune thyroid disease	7.8%
Meloni et al (2001) ³²	297 autoimmune thyroid disease	4.4%
Mainardi et al (2002) ³³	100 autoimmune thyroid disease	2%
Ch'ng et al (2005) ¹²	115 Graves' disease	4.5%

HLA MHC Complex
human chromosome 6

Lye Ch'ng 2007 Clin Med Res

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Coeliac and Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

n=34
Subclinical coeliac
High thyroid antibodies, euthyroid

Gluten free diet v gluten containing
6 months

TPO abs reduced from 900 to 700
Tg Abs reduced from 830 to 630

All had relatively low vit D at 50 nmol/L starting, tx group increased to 62.5 nmol/L after 6 months

n=128
Untreated coeliac
Subclinical thyroid disease

Gluten free diet
12 months

Some individual improvements in TSH, from subclinical to euthyroid

On GFD, nutritional indices improved - Improvements in non-autoimmune thyroid conditions were attributed to improved nutrition

n=13
Newly diagnosed coeliac

Gluten free diet
Followed from age 10-20 yrs

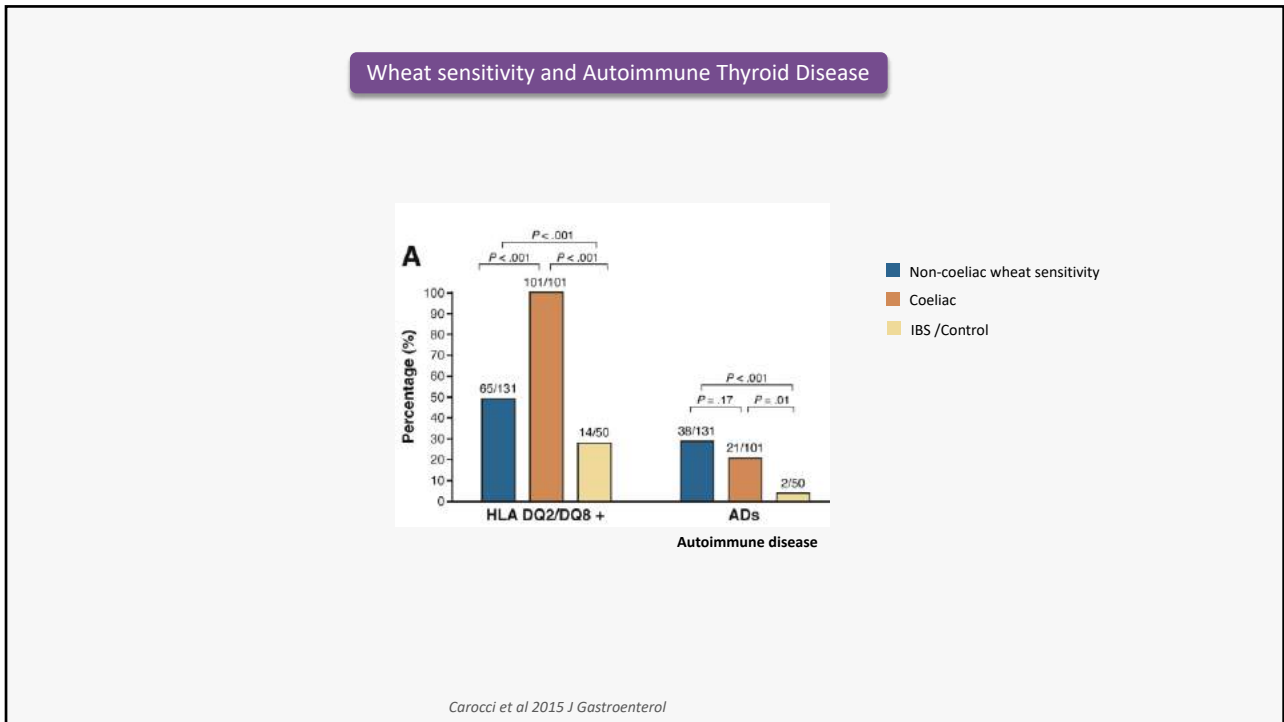
TPO antibodies

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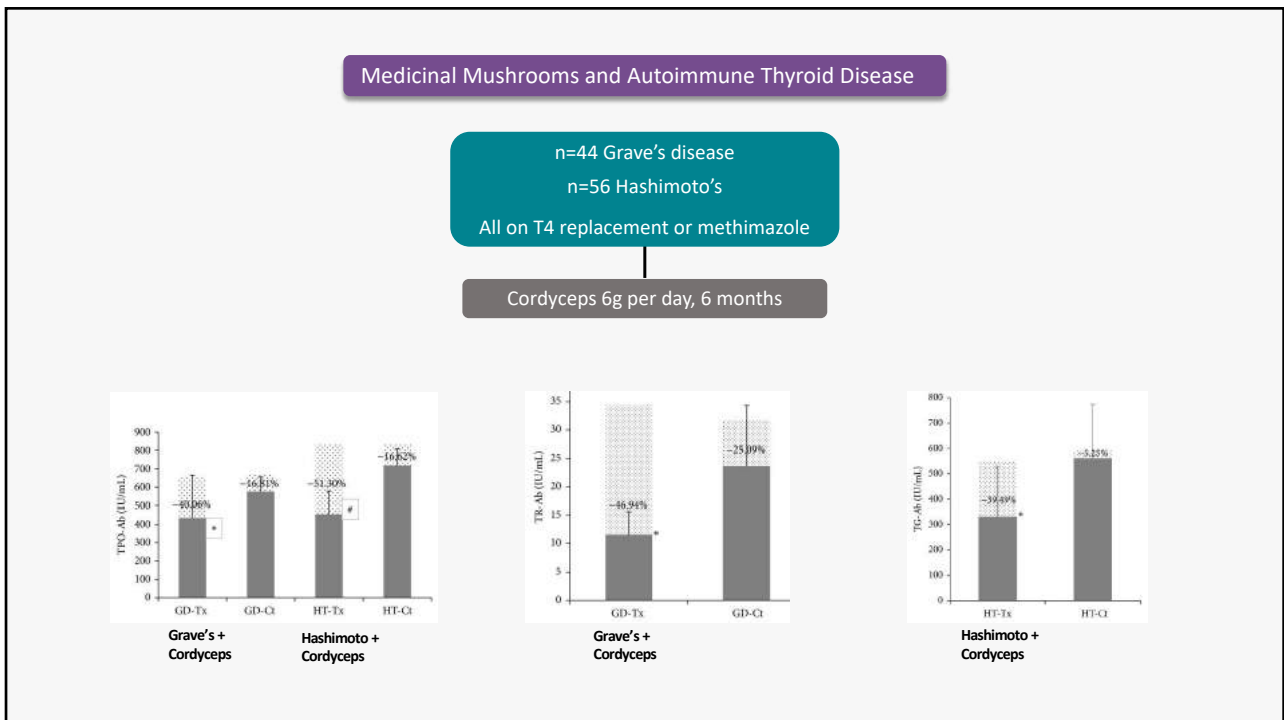
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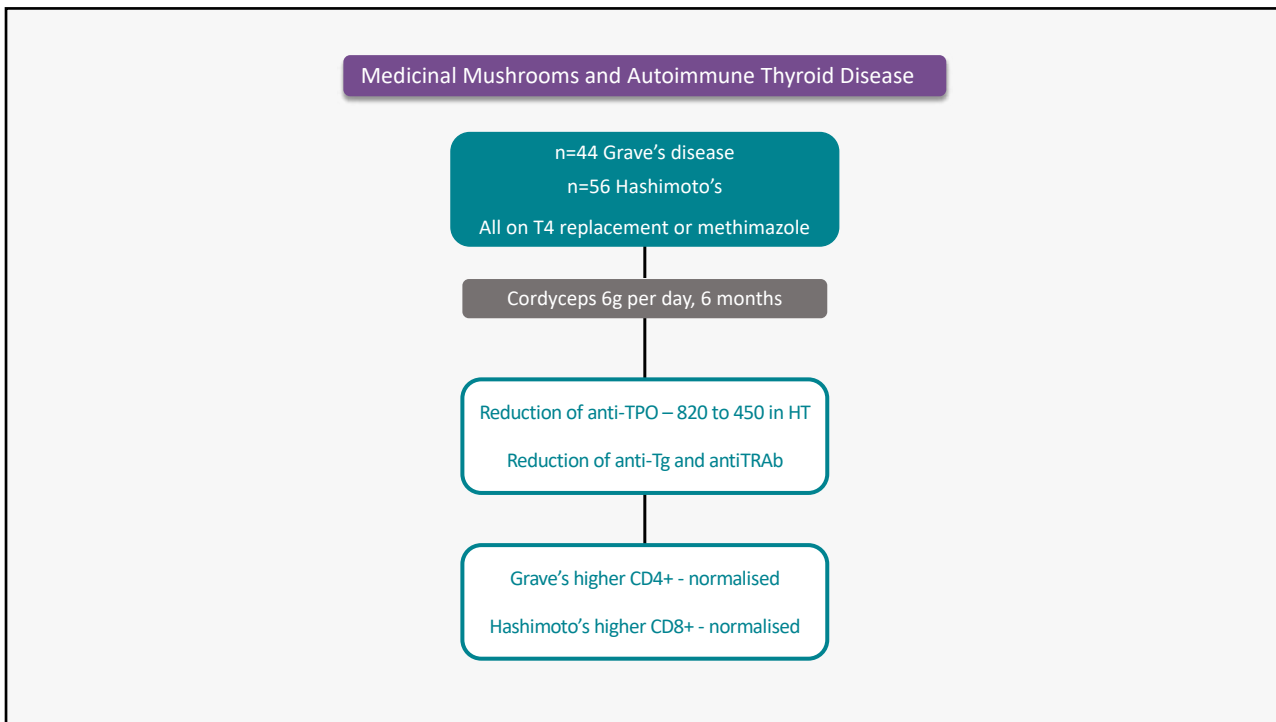
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Medicinal Mushrooms and Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

CD4+ T Cells	CD4+	53.3% H ↑↑
	Expected Range	34.000 - 47.000
CD8+ T Cells	CD8+	17.2%
	Expected Range	16.000 - 28.000
CD4 to CD8 Ratio	eq	3.1 H
	Expected Range	1.400 - 2.800

1.5g Cordyceps and 1.5g Coriolus for 3 months, 1.5g mesima already

CD4+ T Cells	CD4+	49.6% H ↑
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CD8+ T Cells	CD8+	17.2%
	Expected Range	16.000 - 28.000
CD4 to CD8 Ratio	eq	2.9 H
	Expected Range	1.400 - 2.800

Reduced CD4+ T Cells

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Case Studies and Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

Female 33yrs TTC, IVF
Dx hypothyroid by GP
Euthyroid on T4 replacement

June 2020

TSH	0.61	µIU/mL	[0.27 - 4.20]
Free T3	4.38	pmol/L	[3.10 - 6.80]
Free T4	17.60	pmol/L	[12.00 - 22.00]
Anti-TPO	10.60	IU/mL	[0.00 - 34.00]
Anti TG Abs	230.00	IU/mL	[0.00 - 115.00]

Plasma and Red Cell Elements

Element	Result	Units	Reference Interval
Plasma:			
Calcium	2.20	mmol/L	2.10 - 2.60
Cholesterol	10.3	mmol/L	6.2 - 11.6
Copper	24.9	µmol/L	12.5 - 25.0
Iron (Female)	15.8	µmol/L	10.7 - 32.0
Magnesium	0.90	mmol/L	0.70 - 1.00
Manganese	10.4	nmol/L	9.0 - 40.0
Selenium	1.86	µmol/L	1.00 - 3.80
Szine	13.3	µmol/L	11.5 - 20.0
Red Cells:			
Red Cell Magnesium	2.44	nmol/l	2.08 - 3.00
Total 25-hydroxy vitamin D	73	nmol/L (29 µg/L)	75 - 200 nmol/L (30 - 80 µg/L)

Urine Iodine **36** µg/L (0.28 µmol/L)

Interpretation
The urine iodine concentration is recommended as the best single indicator of iodine nutrition, with the following stratification of reference values:

Urine iodine µg/L	Iodine intake	Iodine nutritional status
<20	Insufficient	Severe deficiency
→ 20 - 40	Insufficient	Moderate deficiency
50 - 89	Insufficient	Mild deficiency
100 - 199	Adequate	Optimal
200 - 299	More than adequate	Risk of iodine-induced hyperthyroidism
> 300	Excessive	Risk of hyperthyroidism and autoimmune thyroid disease

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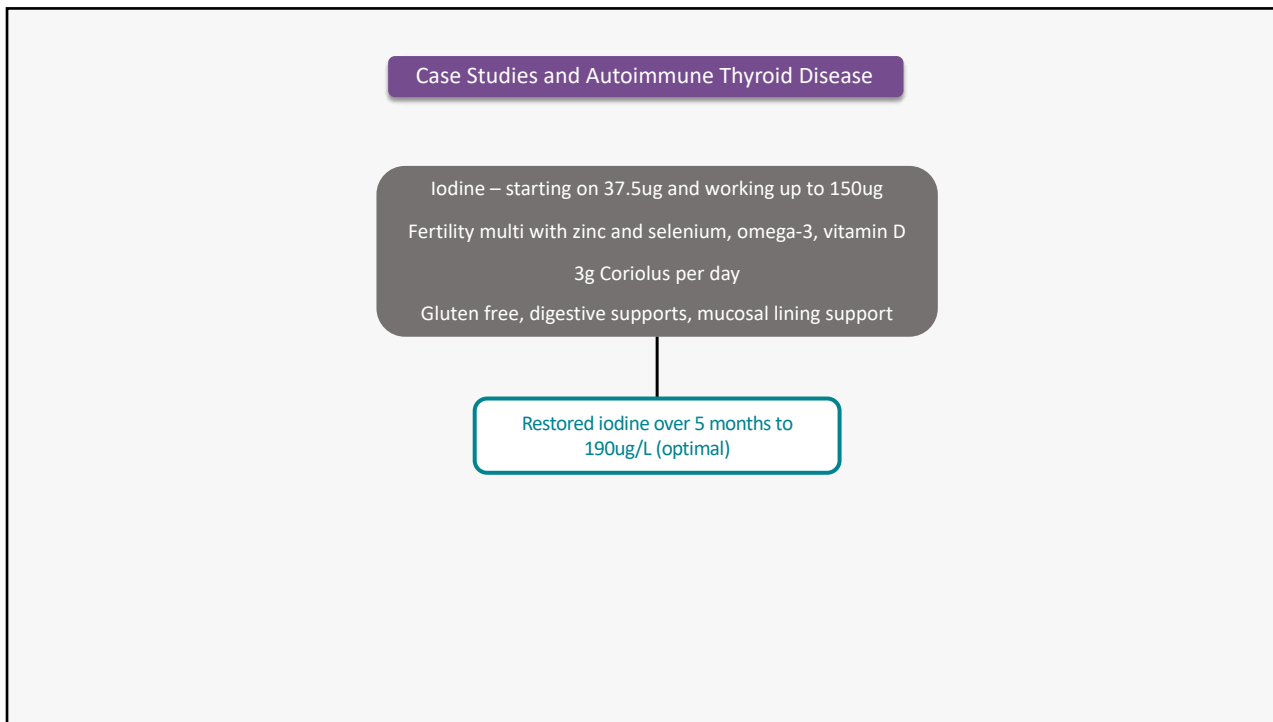
GI Health Markers (ELISA)

MARKER	RESULTS	RATING
Beta Defensin 2 RANGE <60.0ng/g	13ng/g +58.0ng/g (+175µg/g associated with IBD)	NORMAL
Calprotectin RANGE <50.0µg/g	44µg/g	NORMAL
Pancreatic Elastase RANGE <200.0µg/g	511µg/g	NORMAL
Secretory IgA RANGE <150.0µg/g	154µg/g	NORMAL
Zonulin RANGE <100.0µg/g	51ng/g	NORMAL

Commensal Bacteria

BACTERIA	RESULTS	ABUNDANCE
<i>Akkermansia muciniphila</i>	<DL	<DL
<i>Alistesostipes caccae</i>	6	LOW
<i>Bacteroides</i> spp	15.9	HIGH
<i>Bifidobacterium</i> spp	8.4	MODERATE
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	2	VERY LOW
<i>Eubacterium rectale</i>	12.8	HIGH
<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i>	10.7	HIGH
<i>Lactobacillus</i> spp	4.0	LOW
<i>Roseburia hominis</i>	8.0	MODERATE

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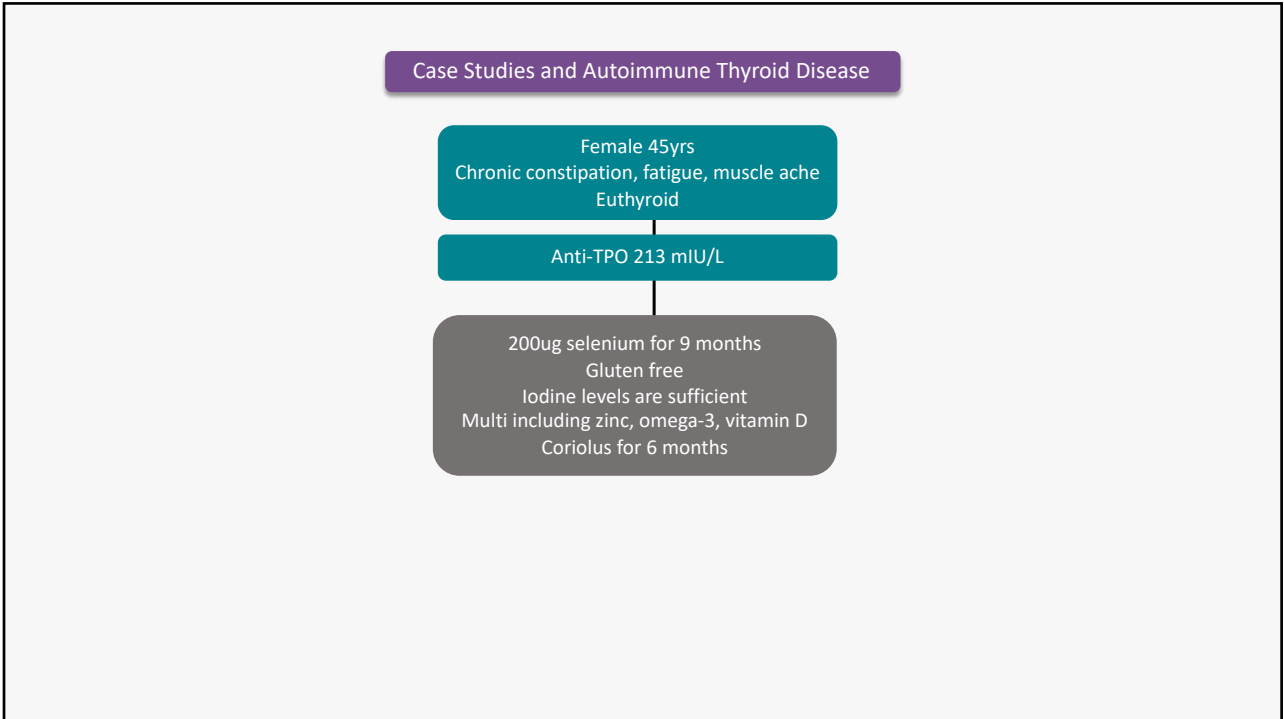
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Reduction in anti-Tg from 230 to 54

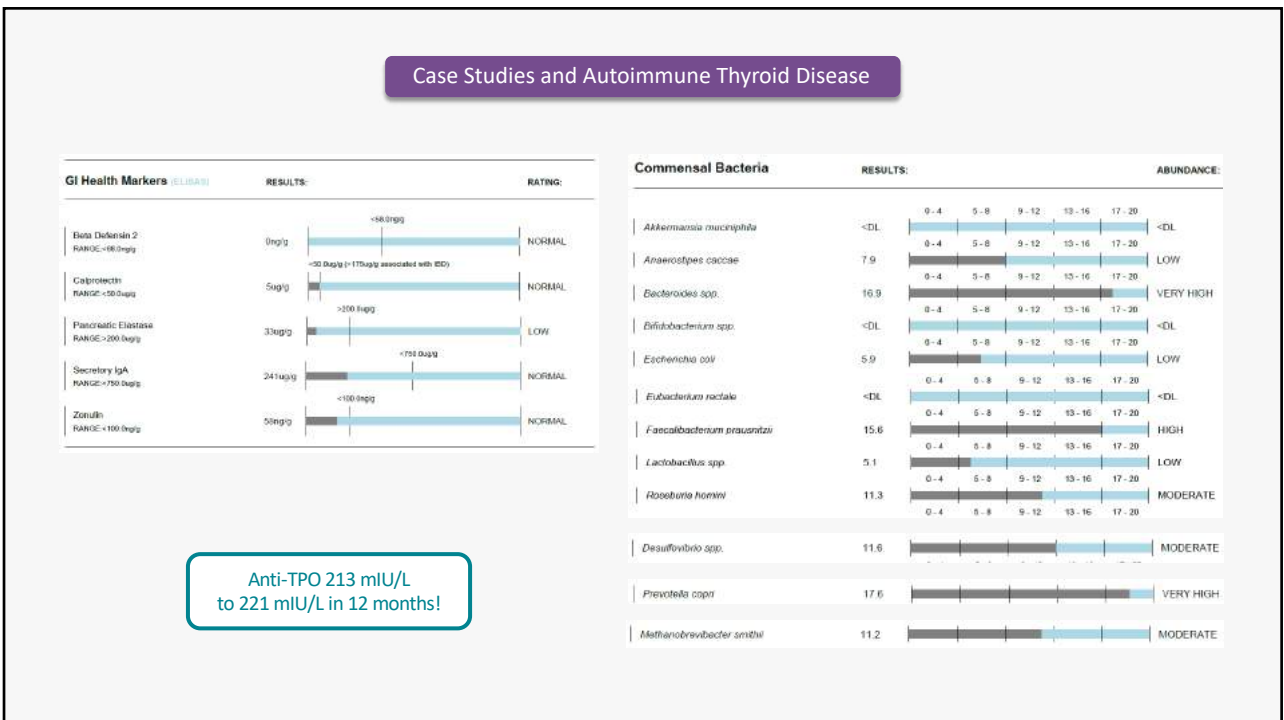
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Sept 2020	TSH	1.23	µIU/mL	[0.27 - 4.20]	
	Anti-TPO	<9	IU/mL	[0.00 - 34.00]	
	Anti TG Abs	117.00	IU/mL	[0.00 - 115.00]	
Oct 2020	TSH	0.42	µIU/mL	[0.27 - 4.20]	
	Free T3	4.44	pmol/L	[3.10 - 6.80]	
	Free T4	19.80	pmol/L	[12.00 - 22.00]	
	Anti-TPO	<9	IU/mL	[0.00 - 34.00]	
	Anti TG Abs	54.00	IU/mL	[0.00 - 115.00]	

Successful IVF, now pregnant

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Case Studies and Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

**Female 36yrs TTC, IVF
Dx hypothyroid by IVF clinic
T4 replacement**

THYROID FUNCTION TEST			
sample type:	Blood		
TSH:	2.83	mIU/L	0.3 - 4.2
Free T4:	12.7	pmol/L	12 - 22

TIBC			
sample type:	Blood		
Iron:	4	umol/l	10 - 30
TIBC:	98.0	umol/l	90 - 80
transferrin:	4	%	15 - 50

Ferritin	L 6	ug/l	(14 - 200)
Vitamin B12	H 705	pg/ml	(200 - 660)
Serum Folate	H 18.1	ng/ml	(3.3 - 17.2)

FULL BLOOD COUNT			
HB	L 9.4	g/dl	(11.5- 16.5)
HCT	L 4.79	x10 ¹² /L	(3.8 - 5.8)
MCT	L 0.319	L/L	(0.360 - 0.460)
MCV	L 66.6	fL	(80 - 98)
MCH	L 19.6	pg	(27.0 - 34.0)
MCHC	L 29.5	g/dl	(31.0 - 36.5)
RDW	H 17.0		(10.9 - 15.7)
PLT	L 276	x10 ⁹ /L	(150 - 450)
WBC	L 3.6	x10 ⁹ /L	(4.0 - 11.0)

Anti-Tg	19.96	IU/mL	HIGH	0.01 - 4.11
Anti-TPO	369.28	IU/mL	HIGH	0.01 - 5.61

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Case Studies and Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

**Fertility multi with zinc and selenium, omega-3, vitamin D
3g Coriolus per day
Gluten free, probiotic
Iron complex + beetroot complex + vitamin C + lysine**

+ 3 months

THYROID FUNCTION TEST			
sample type:	Blood		
TSH:TSH:	1.49	mU/L	0.3 - 4.2
T4F:Free T4:	21.0	pmol/L	12 - 22

THYROID PEROXIDASE ABS			
sample type:	Blood		
TPO:TPO Ab:	189	IU/mL	0 - 35

FREE T3			
sample type:	Blood		
T3F:Free T3:	4.4	pmol/L	3.1 - 6.8

IVF Successful, healthy baby boy

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