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Introduction
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Breast Cancer Case Study
CASES - PART 1
2014 Hormone Metabolites

2: Methylation & Genetic SNPs
GENE MUTATIONS
MTHFR
Methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase

3: Being Proactive and Preventative
REVITALIZE YOUR HORMONES
In order to have a positive impact on the number of incidences of breast cancer we must not only educate practitioners we must also bridge the gap between patients and health care.

1: Understanding Estrogen Function and Detoxification
METHOXYESTROGENS:
• Methoxyestrogens are deactivated forms of estrogen formed from methylation of catechol estrogens.
• This methylation conversion prevents the bioactivation of hydroxyestrogens into quinone-oxone-DNA adducts (DNA damage) and the byproduct formation of reactive oxygen species.
• Methoxyestrogens also inhibit cell proliferation by inhibiting mitosis.

Estrogen Metabolites: The "Good" Estrogens
2-Hydroxy Estrogens
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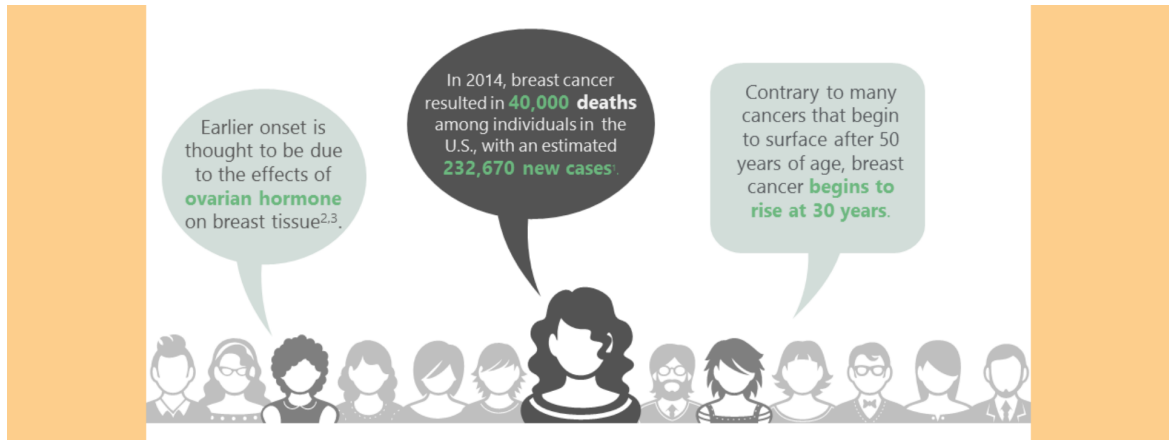
INTRODUCTION

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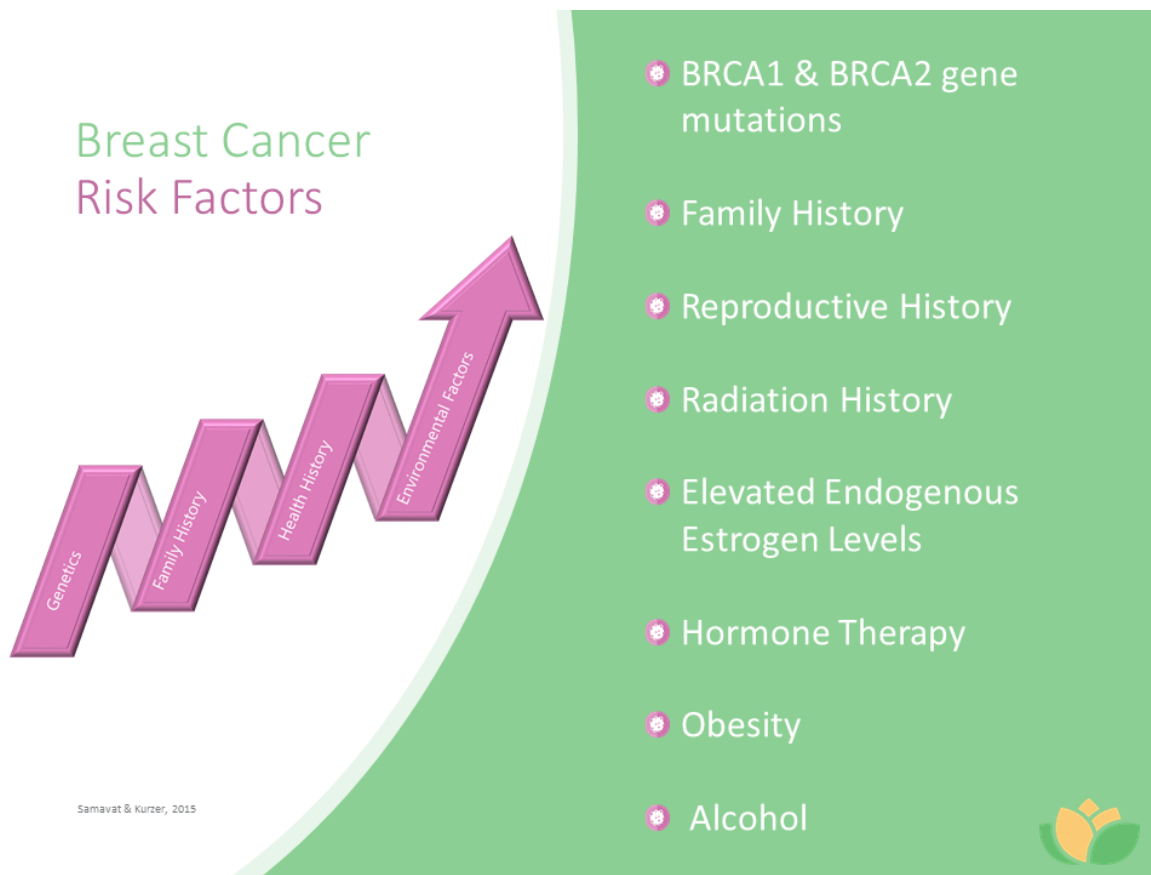
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Contrary to many cancers that begin to surface after 50 years of age, breast cancer begins to rise at 30 years. Earlier onset is thought to be due to the effects of ovarian hormone on breast tissue.



We will explore the role of estrogen metabolism and key genes in methylation with my theory of excess estrogen as a link to breast cancer through reviewing:

- Functions of hormones and estrogen detoxification
- Review of methylation and basic genetic snps
- Discuss how MTHFR and COMT increase the risk of breast and uterine cancer
- Describe how to be more proactive and preventative

Note: Each section has a video to delve deeper into the slides and you are welcome to reach out to Dr. Scott with any questions.

1: UNDERSTANDING ESTROGEN FUNCTION AND DETOXIFICATION



I think of Estrogen
like three sisters



We know that a balance of estrogen and progesterone are needed for an optimal menstrual cycle. We are going to explore the function and detoxification of estrogen and show that an imbalance can put one at a higher risk for breast cancer.

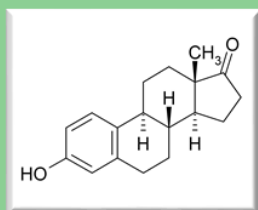
Key Hormone Functions

- Estrogen causes proliferation
- Progesterone inhibits proliferation, a decline in DNA synthesis, and interferes with estrogen receptors
- Estrogen stimulates many oncogenes that mediate estrogen-induced growth
- Progesterone antagonizes transcription of oncogene mRNA

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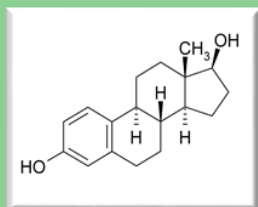
Three Types of Estrogen

Estrogen promotes growth and body development along with slows bone loss.



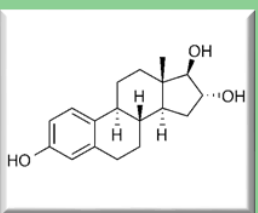
Estrone (E1) Predominant estrogen in **postmenopausal** women.

Primarily synthesized from **androstenedione** by aromatase conversion in the ovaries.
Reversibly converted into estradiol by enzyme, 17 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase Type II.



Estradiol (E2) Predominant estrogen in **premenopausal** women.

Primarily synthesized by **developing follicle** in the ovaries.
Reversibly converted into estrone by enzyme, 17 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase Type I.
Most biologically active estrogen in women.



Estriol (E3) Predominant estrogen in **pregnant** women.

Synthesized from **estrone**, which can be converted from the hydroxylation of estradiol or 16-Hydroxyestrone.
Most abundant in the urine.

Samavat & Kurzer, 2015



'The Three Sisters'

Estradiol is like the gal who is great at sports, academics, beautiful, good at everything

Estriol is like the meek, shy girl hiding behind the others

Estrone is like the girl who is good as well, however, she has a tendency to be goth and do things she shouldn't especially when she hangs with the wrong crowd

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1. Chavling et al., 2009
2. Sakurai et al., 2005
3. Luttering et al., 1982

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1. Semiram & Kuttar, 2015
2. Gupta et al., 1998

Estrogen Metabolites: The "Bad" Estrogens

16 α -HYDROXYESTRONE

- 16 α -Hydroxyestrone is the intermediate between estrone and estradiol.
- Higher urinary concentrations of 16 α -Hydroxyestrone were associated with mammary cell proliferation in animals¹.
- 16 α -Hydroxyestrone has been found to be higher cancer breast tissue relative to normal breast tissue².
- 16 α -Hydroxyestrone is inversely proportional to 2-hydroxyestrone.
- Recent evidence has drawn into question the significance in the 16 α -Hydroxyestrone breast cancer relation^{3,4}.



1. Tsang et al., 1992
2. Sakurai et al., 2005
3. Oh et al., 2012, 2012
4. Wang et al., 2012

Estrogen Metabolites: The "Bad" Estrogens

4-HYDROXYESTROGEN QUINONE METABOLITES

- Lead to the formation of depurinating adducts¹.
- Women with or at high risk for breast cancer had high levels of adducts in their urine².
- In cellular preparations of adenocarcinoma, 4-hydroxyestradiol was 4x higher than 2-hydroxyestradiol³.



1. Cavalieri et al., 1997
2. Cavalieri & Rogan, 2010
3. Laro & Hill, 1998

Reasons for Elevated Estrogen

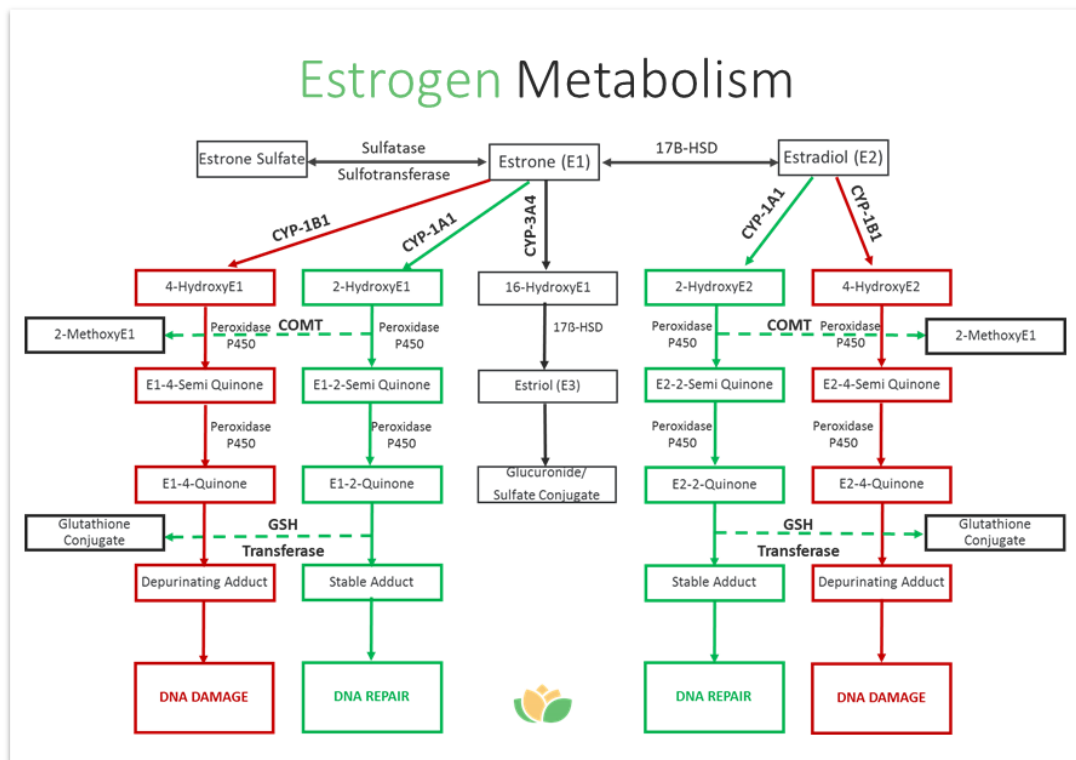
- Environmental Sources
- Obesity
- Genetics – You Can't Detox It
- Your Body Makes Too Much
- You Have Had A Hysterectomy And Are Not Taking Both Estrogen and Progesterone

Estrogen Detoxification

Step 1: Cytochrome P450

Step 2: COMT or Methylation

Step 3: Beta-glucuronidase



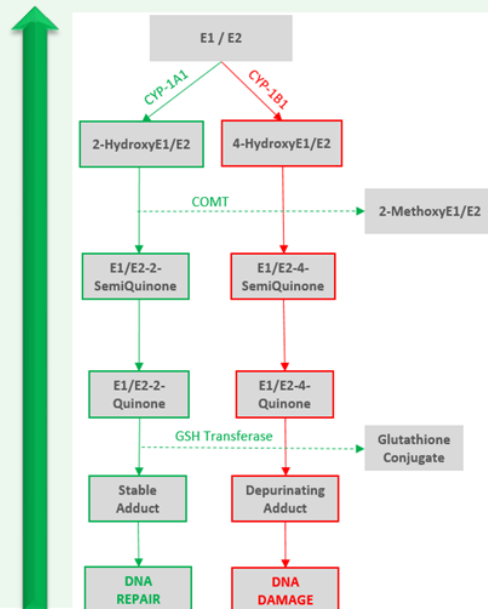
Preventing Negative Estrogen Burden

It is easier to Increase CYP 1A1 than to decrease CYP 1B1

Preventing Negative Estrogen Burden

Increase
2-HydroxyE Pathway
Activity

- Increase **CYP 1A1**
- Increase **COMT**
- Increase **quinone reductase**
- Increase **glutathione conjugation**
- **Resveratrol**
- **N-Acetylcysteine**
- **Iodine**
- **Bifidobacterium**
- **Calcium D-Glucurate**
- **Avoid Insecticides**



- Reduce **CYP-1B1**
- Reduce **Peroxidase**
- Decrease **β-glucuronidase** activity

BREAST CANCER CASE STUDY



CASE I – PART I

Cecilia is a new patient that presents to you for hormone evaluation after recently being diagnosed with **breast cancer**. She is married and has no children (by choice). Cecilia wants to have her hormones checked due to the **estrogen receptor positive tumor** she is diagnosed with (ER 95%; PR 95%; HER2 Negative). She had BRAC testing, which was negative. Cecilia’s primary complaints are **fatigue, sleep disturbances, and headaches** the day before her periods (periods are otherwise normal). Below is a summary of her lab results from a prior practitioner.



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Complete Hormones (FMV)



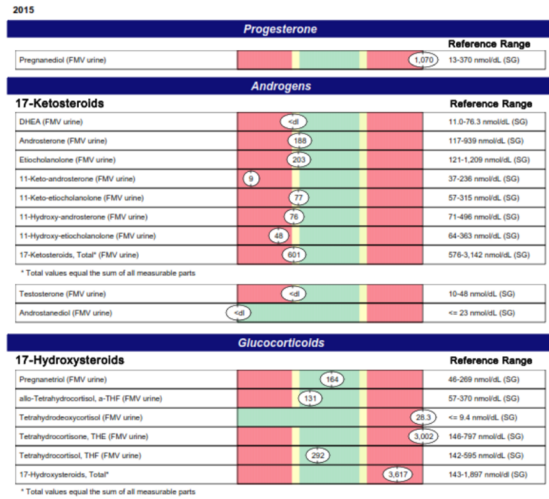
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2014 Hormone Metabolites

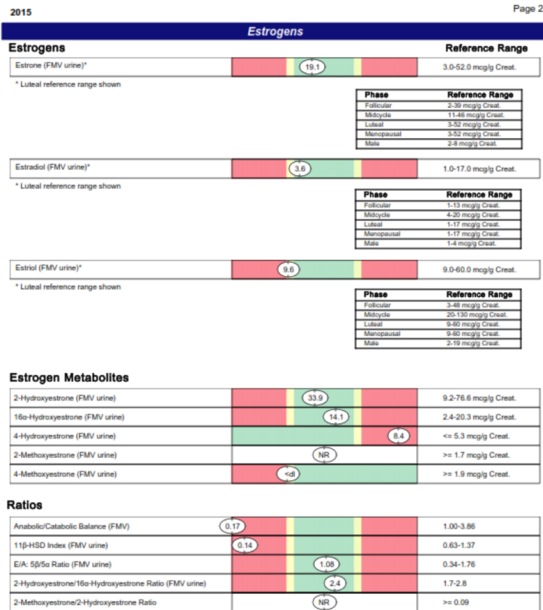
2014		Reference Range	
Progesterone			
Pregnenolol (FMV urine)	472	13-370 nmol/dL (SG)	
Androgens			
17-Ketosteroids			
DiHEA (FMV urine)	93	11.0-78.3 nmol/dL (SG)	
Androstenedione (FMV urine)	579	117-639 nmol/dL (SG)	
Etiocatenolone (FMV urine)	664	121-1,209 nmol/dL (SG)	
11-Keto-androstenedione (FMV urine)	13	37-236 nmol/dL (SG)	
11-Keto-etiocholanolone (FMV urine)	76	57-315 nmol/dL (SG)	
11-Hydroxy-androstenedione (FMV urine)	117	71-496 nmol/dL (SG)	
11-Hydroxy-etiocholanolone (FMV urine)	54	64-363 nmol/dL (SG)	
17-Ketosteroids, Total* (FMV urine)	1,431	576-3,142 nmol/dL (SG)	
* Total values equal the sum of all measurable parts			
Testosterone (FMV urine)	7	10-48 nmol/dL (SG)	
Androstenediol (FMV urine)	7	<= 23 nmol/dL (SG)	
Glucocorticoids			
17-Hydroxysteroids			
Pregnenolol (FMV urine)	285	46-269 nmol/dL (SG)	
allo-Tetrahydrocortisol, a-THF (FMV urine)	96	57-370 nmol/dL (SG)	
Tetrahydrocortisol (FMV urine)	19.1	<= 9.4 nmol/dL (SG)	
Tetrahydrocortisone, THE (FMV urine)	2,471	146-787 nmol/dL (SG)	
Tetrahydrocortisol, THF (FMV urine)	484	142-595 nmol/dL (SG)	
17-Hydroxysteroids, Total*	1,362	143-1,897 nmol/dL (SG)	
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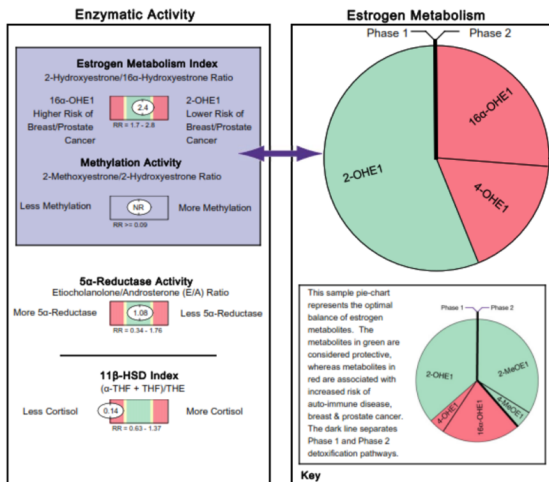
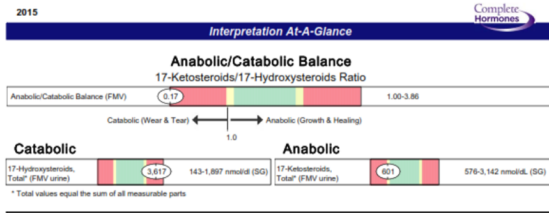
2015 Hormone Metabolites



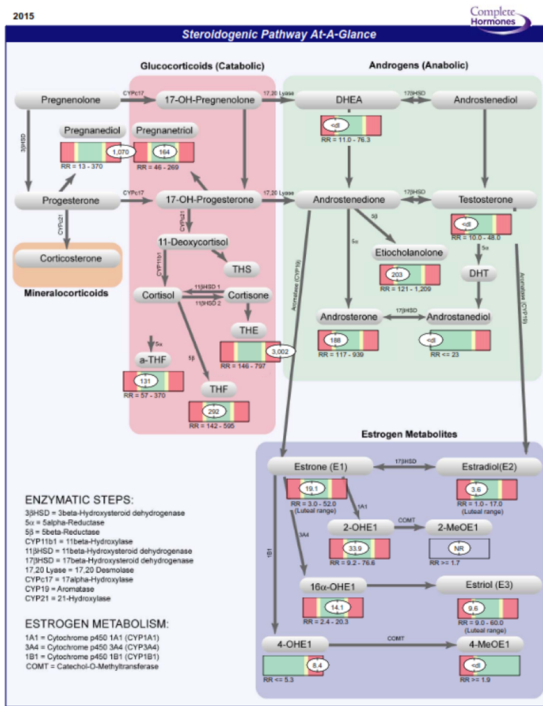
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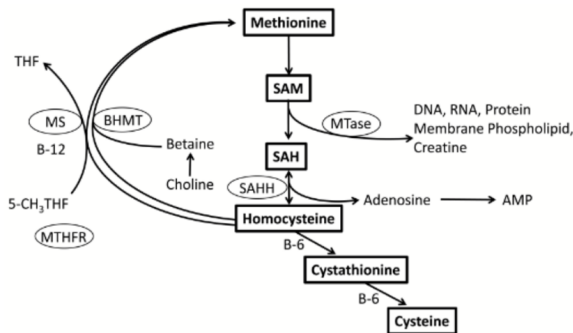


2016 Methylation Panel

Methylation Profile; plasma

	PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE METABOLITES				
	RESULT/UNIT	REFERENCE INTERVAL	PERCENTILE		
			2.5 th	16 th	50 th 84 th 97.5 th
Methionine	3.0 μmol/dL	1.6 - 3.6			
Cysteine	29 μmol/dL	20 - 38			
S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)	111 nmol/L	86 - 145			
S-adenosylhomocysteine (SAH)	12.6 nmol/L	10 - 22			
Homocysteine	5.9 μmol/L	< 11			
Cystathionine	0.01 μmol/dL	< 0.05			

METHYLATION INDEX		
RESULT	REFERENCE INTERVAL	PERCENTILE
SAM : SAH	> 4	50 th 95 th





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2016 Hormone Metabolites

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Androgens

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Testosterone (FMV urine)		10-48 nmol/dL (SG)
Androstenediol (FMV urine)		<= 23 nmol/dL (SG)

Glucocorticoids

17-Hydroxysteroids		Reference Range
Pregnenolol (FMV urine)		46-269 nmol/dL (SG)
16alpha-Tetrahydrocortisol, = THF (FMV urine)		37-379 nmol/dL (SG)
Tetrahydrodeoxycortisol (FMV urine)		<= 9.4 nmol/dL (SG)
Tetrahydrocortisone, THF (FMV urine)		522-6,529 nmol/dL (SG)
Tetrahydrocortisol, THF (FMV urine)		142-595 nmol/dL (SG)
17-Hydroxysteroids, Total*		859-9,018 nmol/dL (SG)
* Total values equal the sum of all measurable parts		

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Estrogens

Estrone (E1)*		2.0-26.2 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		2.0-26.2 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		1.1-26.2 mcg/L Creat.
Male		1.4-8.8 mcg/L Creat.
Estrodiol (E2)*		0.6-11.2 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		0.6-11.2 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		0.6-15.4 mcg/L Creat.
Male		0.4-3.1 mcg/L Creat.
Estriol (E3)*		0.6-19.9 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		0.6-19.9 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		0.7-30.8 mcg/L Creat.
Male		0.3-5.1 mcg/L Creat.
Estrogen Metabolites		
2-Hydroxystosterone + 2-Hydroxyestradiol [2-OH(E1+E2)]*		1.3-36.3 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		1.3-36.3 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		0.3-43.8 mcg/L Creat.
Male		0.7-12.5 mcg/L Creat.
16alpha-Hydroxystosterone (16-OH E1)*		0.5-8.9 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		0.5-8.9 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		0.4-7.7 mcg/L Creat.
Male		<= 0.2 mcg/L Creat.
4-Hydroxystosterone+4-Hydroxyestradiol [4-OH(E1+E2)]*		<= 5.9 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		<= 5.9 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		<= 8.8 mcg/L Creat.
Male		<= 1.6 mcg/L Creat.
2-Methoxyestrone+2-Methoxyestradiol [2-MeO(E1+E2)]*		0.2-8.6 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		0.2-8.6 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		0.3-5.9 mcg/L Creat.
Male		0.2-2.9 mcg/L Creat.
4-Methoxyestrone+4-Methoxyestradiol [4-MeO(E1+E2)]*		<= 1.0 mcg/L Creat.
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		<= 1.0 mcg/L Creat.
Menopause		<= 1.6 mcg/L Creat.
Male		<= 1.0 mcg/L Creat.

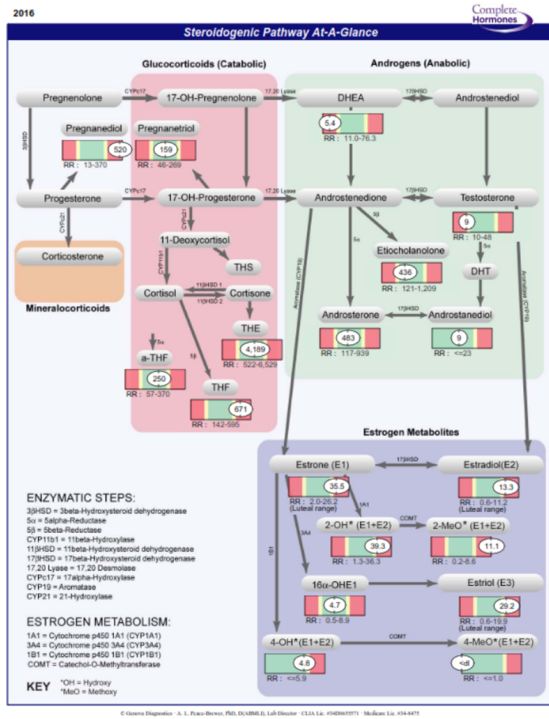
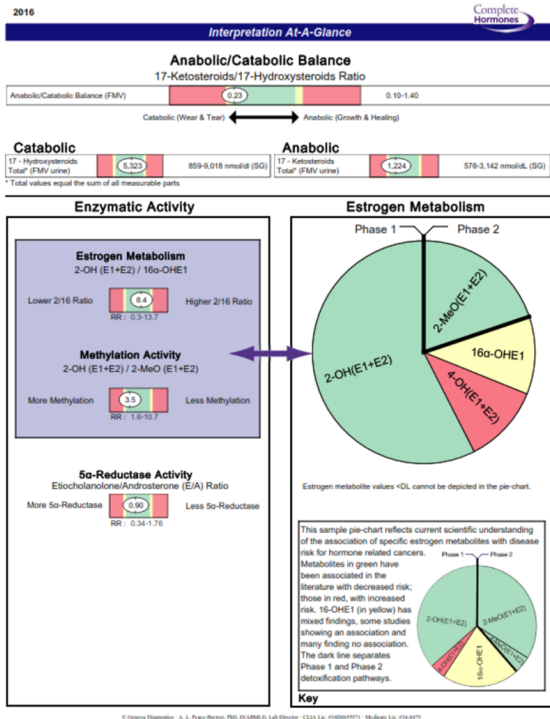
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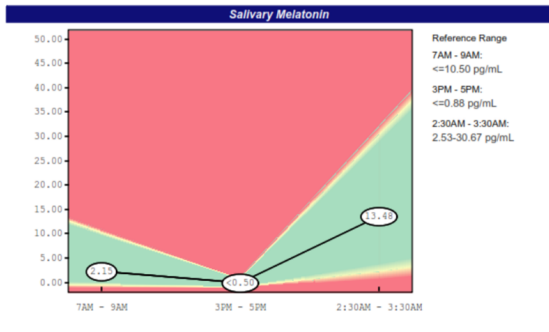
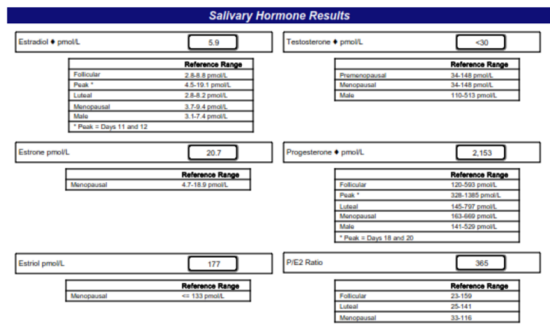
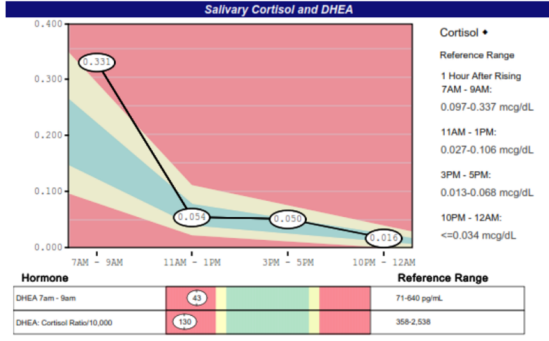
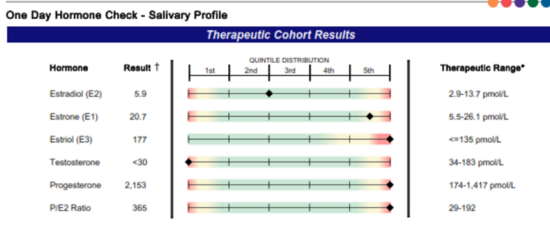
Estrogens

Ratios		Reference Range
Anabolic/Catabolic Balance (FMV)		0.10-1.40
E1A, 5b/5a Ratio (FMV urine)		0.34-1.76
2-OH(E1+E2) / 16-OH E1*		0.3-13.7
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		0.3-13.7
Menopause		0.3-13.1
Male		0.8-13.9
2-OH(E1+E2) / 2-MeO(E1+E2)*		1.6-10.7
* Premenopause (Uteal) reference range shown		
Reference Ranges		
Premenopause		1.6-10.7
Menopause		1.4-11.6
Male		1.0-8.9

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2016 Saliva



2: METHYLATION & GENETIC SNPS

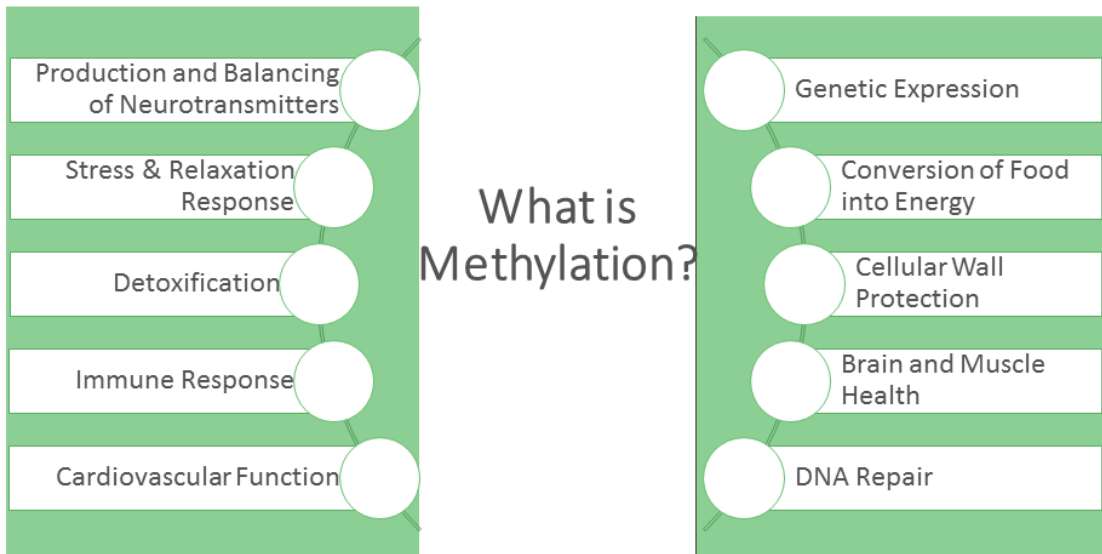
Methylation

refers to the process by which a methyl group (CH_3^-) is transferred from a methyl donor to another molecule.

Genetics 101

Methylation is a chemical reaction adding a methyl group to something such as a gene, enzyme, hormone, neurotransmitter, or vitamin in your body.

MTHFR is one of the more 'famous' genes however there are many more genes involved.



A Chemical reaction adding a “methyl group” to something such as a gene, enzyme, hormone, neurotransmitter or vitamin in your body



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Not All SNPs Are The Same

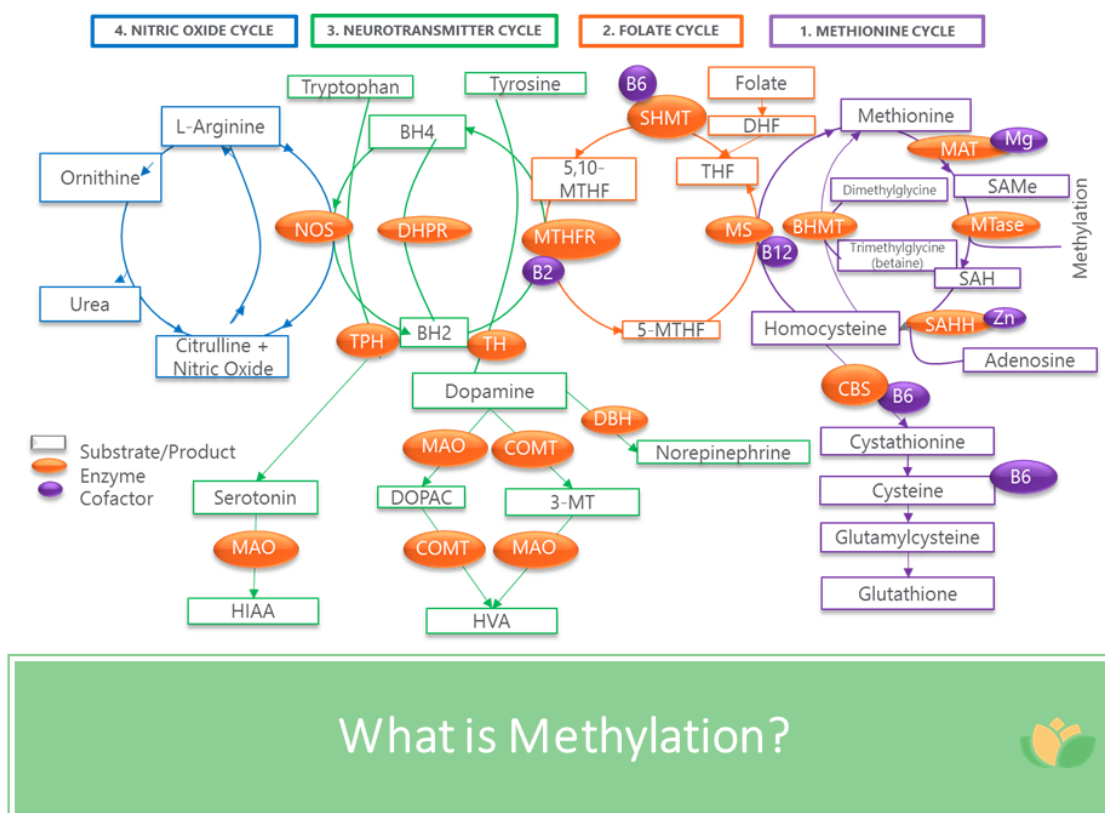
<p>Dr. Jay Scott</p>	<p>Dr. Joy Scott</p>	<p>Are you coming too?</p>	<p>Are you two coming?</p>
<p>Some SNPs change the meaning but not the function</p>		<p>Some SNPs are of no consequence</p>	
<p>Color Personalize</p>	<p>Colour Personalise</p>	<p>Cut</p>	<p>Cat</p>
<p>Some SNPs just denote ethnicity</p>		<p>Some SNPs totally change the meaning</p>	

- Homozygous = 2 variants
- Heterozygous = 1 variant
- Wild Type = No variant

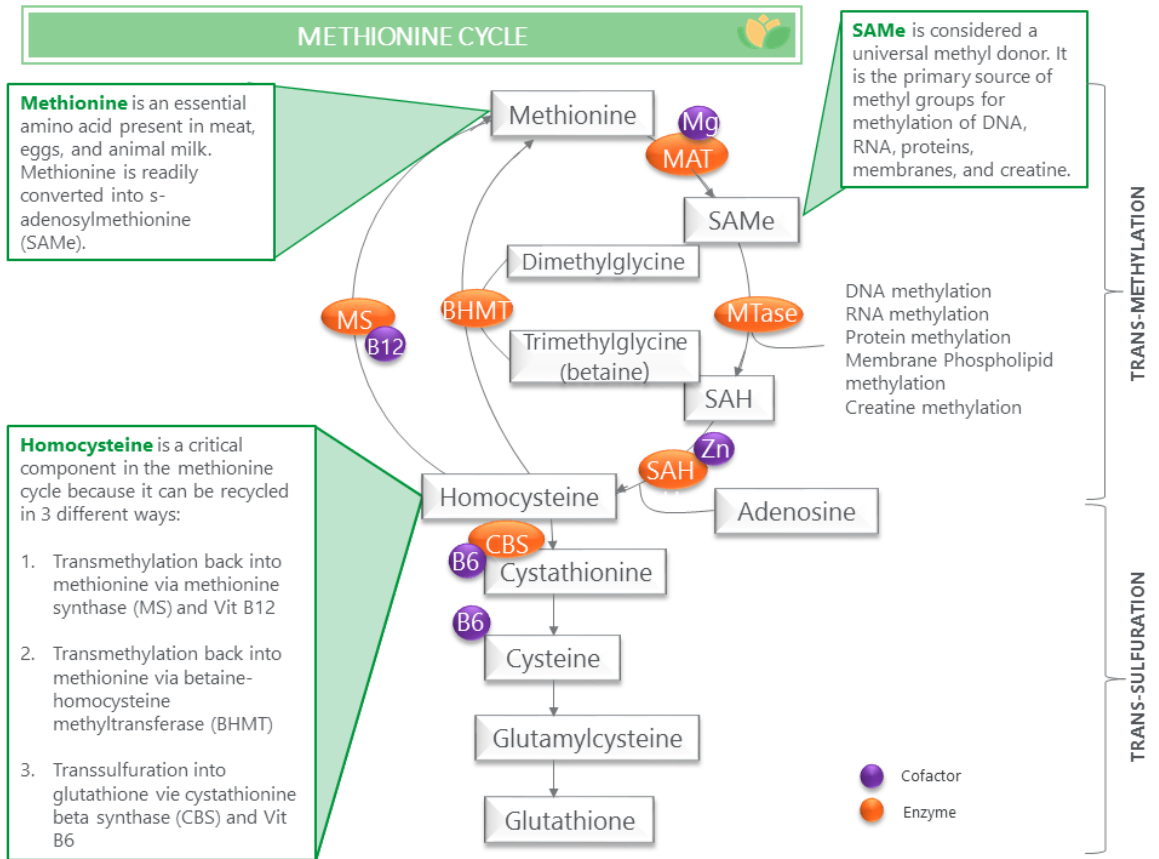
Pathway Overview

Some of the key processes methylation is involved in are:

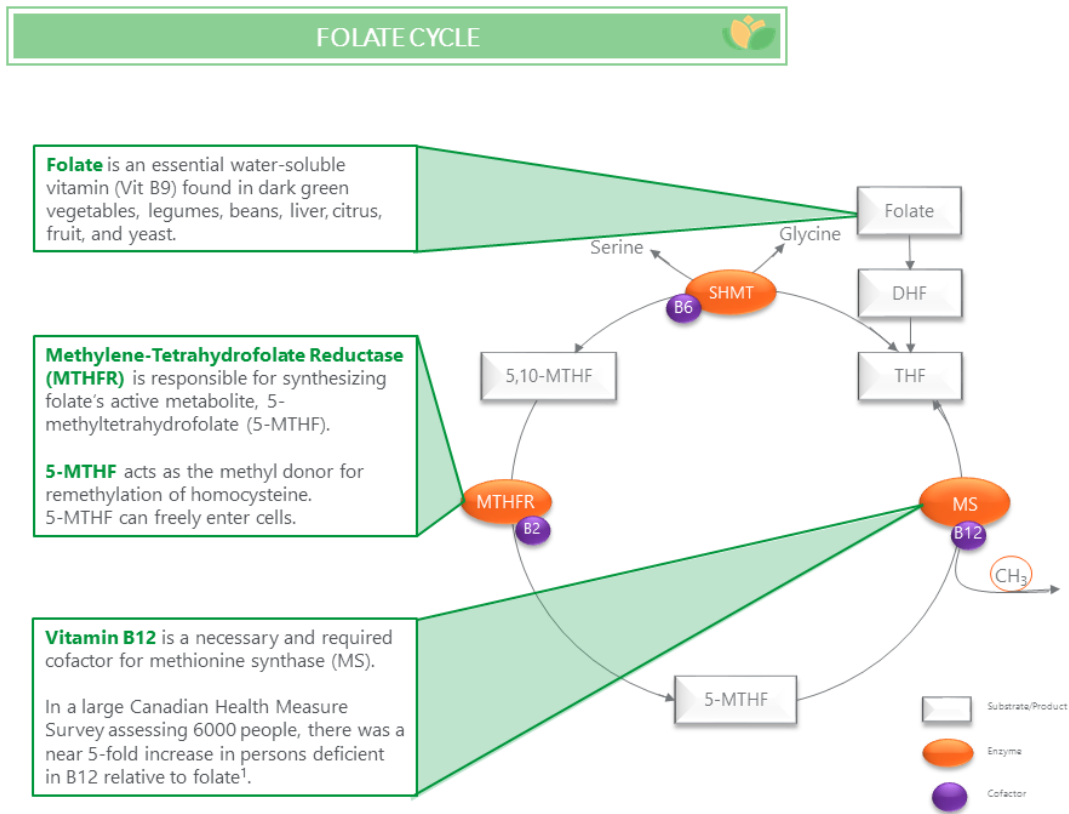
- Detoxification
- Epigenetic Modification
- Neurotransmitter Synthesis
- Pyrimidine and Purine Synthesis



The Methionine Cycle



The Folate Cycle



Estrogen Related SNPs

- MTHFR

- MTHFD1
- COMT
- CYP 1A1
- CYP 1B1
- GSH
- ESR1
- PGR
- SULT1
- STS

Key Breast Cancer Related SNPs

- MTHFR
- COMT
- CYP 19A1
- CYP 1B1
- CYP 2D6



What does the
evidence say
about
Methylation and
Breast Cancer?

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GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS



MTHFR C677T Treatment

MTHFR C677T can be enhanced by treatment with folate and/or vitamin B12.

- E.g., In a study that assessed individuals with high dietary folate intake (>225 mcg/day), serum folate levels were significantly lower in individuals with 677TT than those with 677CC¹.
- Authors recommended that individuals homozygous for 677TT consume approximately **1.4 times more folate** to reach levels seen in individuals with 677CC of 677TC genotypes¹.

1. Nishio et al., 2008

Catechol-O-Methyl Transferase (COMT)

COMT is responsible for the metabolism of monoamines and catechol estrogens.

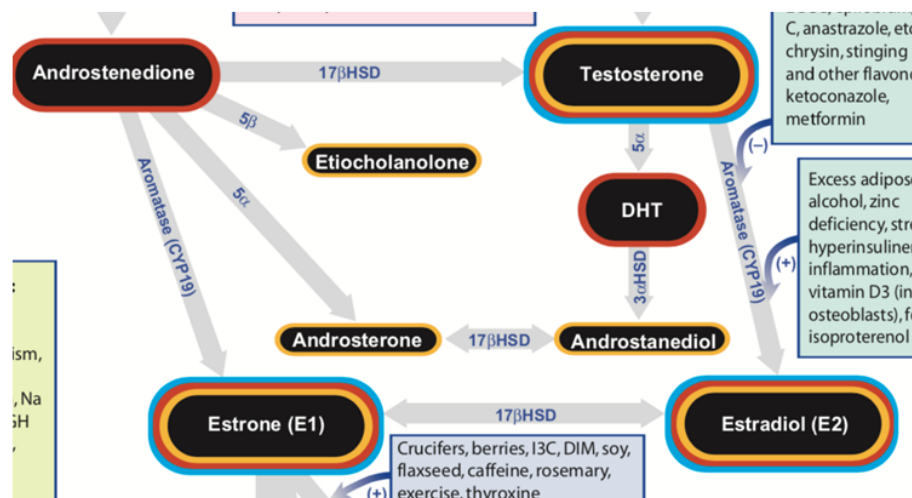
COMT V158M involves a base change from valine to methionine at base pair 158.

COMT V158M results in reduced COMT activity.

Reduced COMT activity is associated with **higher dopamine and norepinephrine levels**¹, **lower pain tolerance**², and **catechol estrogen accumulation** (DNA damage)³

E.g., Individuals with homozygous 158MM genotype administered significantly more morphine post-surgery².

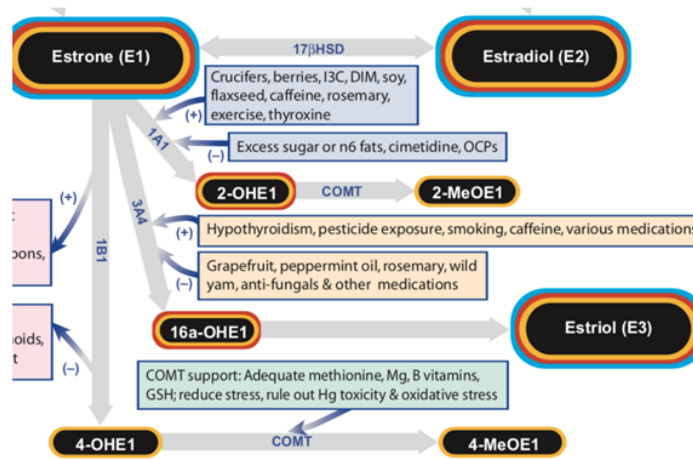
1. Koyuk et al., 2015
2. Tan et al., 2016
3. Ashton et al., 2006



CYP 19A1


- Converts Androgens (androstenedione and testosterone) into estrogens (estradiol and estrone)
- If this is a fast version, it will make estrogen dominance worse





CYP 1B1

- Metabolizes estrogen in 4 OH estrogens
- If this is FAST, will increase the risk of estrogen dominance , especially if coupled with a slow COMT



Tamoxifen (TAM) → **4-hydroxyTAM** (via CYP2D6, CYP3A4/5)

TAM → **N-desmethylTAM** (via CYP3A4/5)


4-hydroxyTAM → **Endoxifen** (via CYP2D6)

N-desmethylTAM → **Endoxifen** (via CYP2D6)

Genetics of CYP2D6		
Genetic Type	CYP2D6 Activity	Ethnic Differences (Approximate)
Poor metabolizers	None	Caucasians 6%-10% Mexican Americans 3%-6% African Americans 2%-5% Asians ~1%
Intermediate metabolizers	Low	Not established
Extensive metabolizers	Normal	Most people are extensive metabolizers
Ultrarapid metabolizers	High	Finns and Danes 1% North Americans (white) 4% Greeks 10% Portuguese 10% Saudis 20% Ethiopians 30%

CYP 2D6

Converts Tamoxifen into endoxifen which is the active metabolite



Symptoms of Methylation Imbalance

- Breast Cancer

- Elevated Homocysteine
- Endometrial Cancer
- Estrogen Imbalances
- Fatigue
- Fibroids, Endometriosis, Heavy Periods
- Intolerance to Oral Contraceptives
- Migraines
- Miscarriages
- Sensitivities to Sulfite Containing Foods

Which Patients Should Be Evaluated for Methylation Issues?

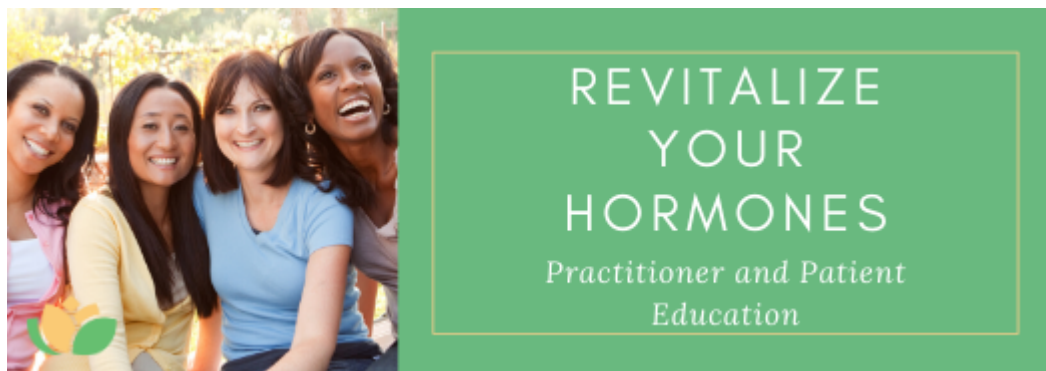
Those with:

- Breast Cancer
- Elevated Homocysteine
- Endometrial Cancer
- Estrogen Imbalances
- Fatigue
- Fibroids, Endometriosis, Heavy Periods
- Intolerance to Oral Contraceptives
- Migraines
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We DON'T Treat the SNP

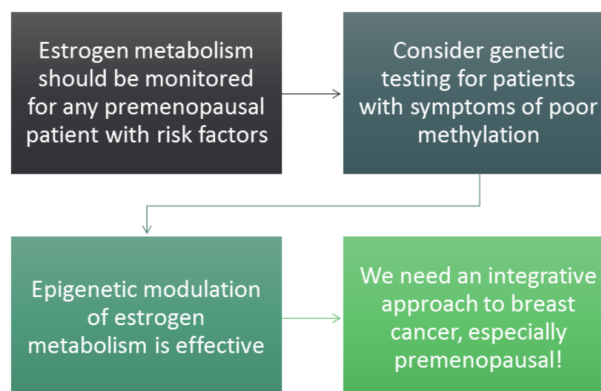
It is important to evaluate the entire picture and not treat the SNP. We need to look at the entire methylation and adjoining pathways, co-factors, environmental, and lifestyle factors when assessing methylation.

3: BEING PROACTIVE AND PREVENTATIVE



[VIDEO] <https://www.youtube.com/embed/mhH5ujgWtWs?feature=oembed&fs=1&modestbranding=1&rel=0&showinfo=0>

In order to have a positive impact on the number of incidences of breast cancer we must not only educate practitioners we must also bridge the gap between patients and health care providers.



Preventing Estrogen Burden

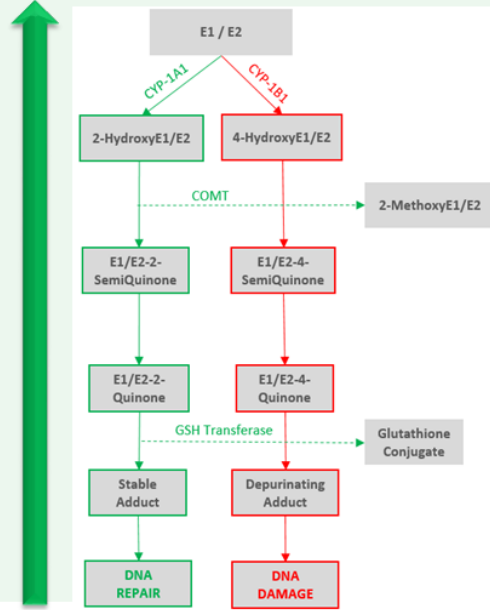
Remember it is easier to increase CYP 1A1 than it is to decrease CYP 1B1

- Support COMT
- Increase Glutathione Conjugation
- Supplements such as
 - Resveratrol
 - NAC
 - Bifidobacterium
 - Calcium D-Glucurate
 - Potentially, Iodine
- Avoid Pesticides
- Reduce Peroxidase

Preventing Negative Estrogen Burden

Increase
2-HydroxyE Pathway
Activity

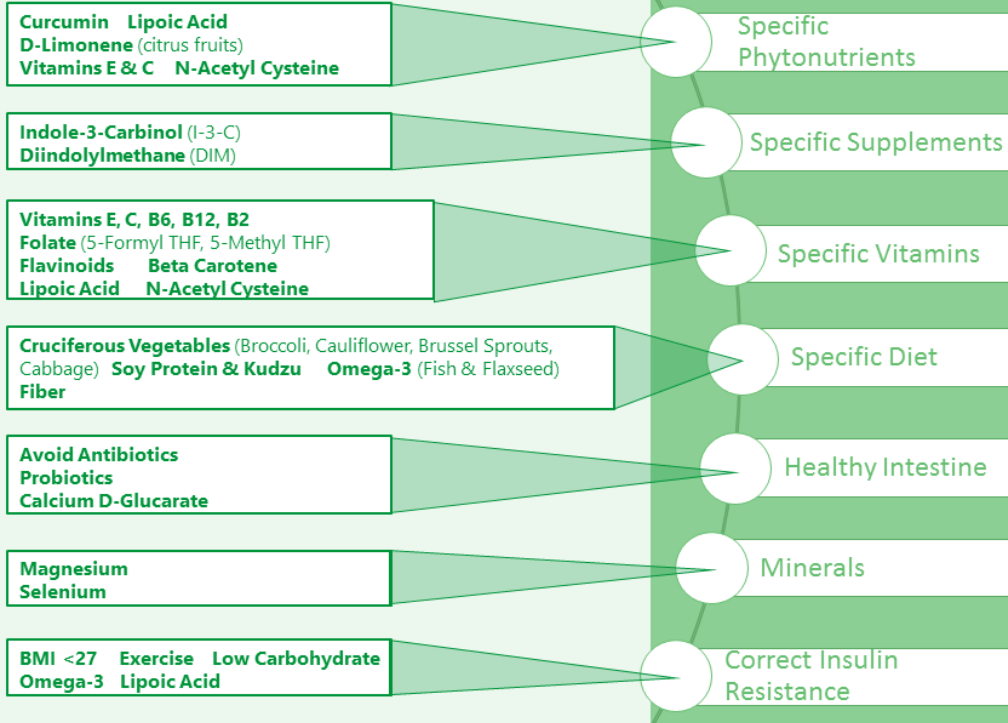
- Increase **CYP 1A1**
- Increase **COMT**
- Increase **quinone reductase**
- Increase **glutathione conjugation**
- **Resveratrol**
- **N-Acetylcysteine**
- **Iodine**
- **Bifidobacterium**
- **Calcium D-Glucurate**
- **Avoid Insecticides**



- Reduce **CYP-1B1**
- Reduce **Peroxidase**
- Decrease **β-glucuronidase** activity

Other Ways to Optimize Estrogen Metabolism

Promoting Healthy Estrogen Metabolism

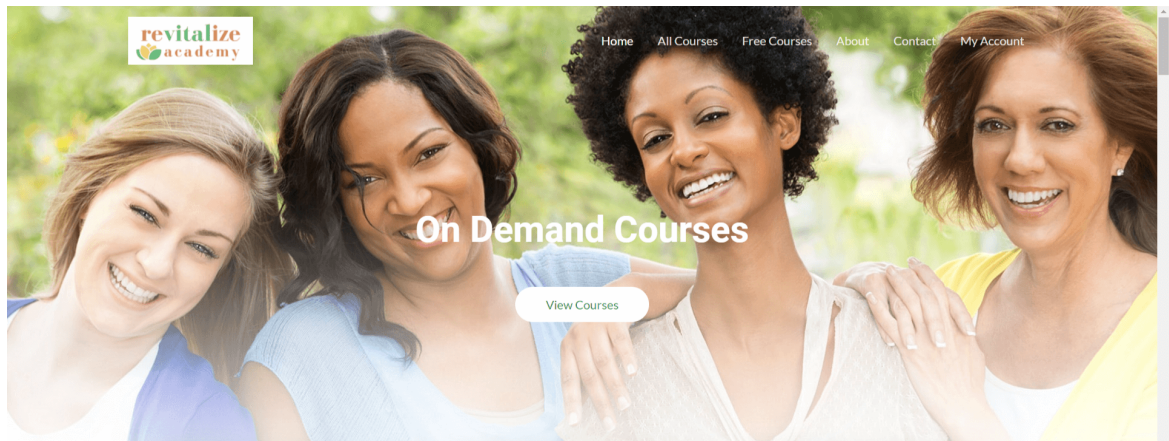


Patient & Provider Education

Perhaps the most important part of reducing the number of deaths from breast cancer lies in paying it forward. Revitalize Academy was born out of a passion and mission to that very thing by educating and empowering others to take a proactive and preventative approach to their health and wellness.



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The doctor of the future will give no medicine but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet and in the cause and prevention of disease.

Thomas Edison

CV



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Dr. Scott has been in front of an audience since she was the president of speech team in high school. This evolved in educating on hormone therapy, having taught doctors in five continents about an integrative approach. With over 20 years' experience practicing OB/GYN, and additional training in Integrative and Functional medicine, Dr. Scott shares a wealth of information by lecturing.

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University of Akron June 1986- August 1988
B.S in Natural Science, Summa Cum Laude

Northeastern Ohio Medical University- 1988-1992
Medical Doctor

Internship- Akron General Medical Center- Transitional Year 1992-1993

Residency- OB/GYN- Summa Health. 1993-1997

Advanced Fellowship, Functional Medicine- A4M, 2010-2012

WORK EXPERIENCE

Summa Health. Medical Director, Integrative Medicine
June 2017- Present
Hired to design and run an Integrative Medicine Department

Revitalize Medical Group. Chief Medical Officer and Founder
June 2013- Present
Founded the areas first Functional and Integrative Medicine Practice- training and supervising NPs, PAs, and NDs

LP3 Network- Speaker- 2010 to present
Created a CME course on an Integrative Approach to Hormone Balancing
Presented in the US, Canada, Australia, Philippines

Paragon Health Associates Feb 2006 until June 2016
Ob/GYN Group Practice

Clinical Assoc. Professor, NEOMED- Lectures OB/GYN residents

Lifespan Women's Health Care
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Started an OB/GYN practice from the ground up

Valley OB/GYN - Staff Physician
1997-2004

CERTIFICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

- Board Certified, American Board of OB/GYN- December 1999
- Menopause Practitioner- North American Menopause Society- 2006
- Advanced Fellow in Anti-Aging and Regenerative and Functional Medicine- 2012
- American Board of Integrative Medicine May 2016 (APBS)
- Institute of Functional Medicine- 2017- AFMCP, Hormone, Immune, GI

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Elective Repeat Cesarean Delivery Versus Trial of Labor: Morbidities in a Community Hospital Setting” - Presented at ACOG 46th Annual Clinical Meeting- May 1998

“Menopause Matters” Nurses CME day at Summa Hospital, October 2007
Also presented to the public May 2009

“Menopause for Residents” Grand Rounds Presentation at Summa Health Systems, May 2008, June 2009, May 2010

“Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome” Grand Rounds Presentation at Summa Health Systems, June 2010; Feb 2013

Women’s Health Day- Keynote speaker- July 2011, July 2012- Jewish Community Center
“Hormone Balance and Health”

Go Red for Women- Medical Message, May 2012- Akron Quaker Hilton- American Heart Association

“Menopause Update” Grand Rounds Summa Health Systems February 2013

“Women’s Wellness” Naples, Florida March 2013- Summa Circle of Women Philanthropists

“Update on Hormonal Contraception” Grand Rounds, Summa, May 2013

“Menopause Update” First Annual Geriatric update- AGMC, Feb 2014

“Go Red for Women: The Heat is on! Hormones and your Heart” Feb 2015

“An Integrative approach to Thyroid Disease” Pharmacology Conference for Advanced Practice Nurses, Summa Health System, February 2018

“An Integrative Approach to Breast Cancer” Spring Meeting, A4M, May 2019

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Introduction to Hormone Balancing” – Sao Paolo, Brazil, July 6, 2013- Consulfarma National Conference of Compounding Pharmacies

“DHEA and Testosterone: The Forgotten Hormones of Menopause”- Singapore August 24, 2013. Singapore International Congress of Ob/Gyn
May 2016, International OB/GYN meeting in Barcelona, Spain

Functional Hormone Restoration Therapy- 2-day course for LP3 Network. Presented since 2010 around the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Philippines

ABSTRACT

There seems to be an increase incidence of premenopausal breast cancer in the United States. Traditionally, HRT has been blamed as a causative factor and also genetics with BRAC 1 and 2. However, these premenopausal patients are not on hormone therapy and many are negative for BRAC genes. My hypothesis is that there are other single nucleotide pleomorphisms (SNPs) that put a patient and increased risk of breast cancer, namely MTHFR 677, MTHFR 1298, and COMT.

MTHFR and COMT genes are involved in methylation processes in the body. This process is a large component of Phase 2 detoxification, especially for estrogen. My theory is that patients with SNPs in MTHFR and COMT have an impaired ability to get rid of estrogens and thus have an accumulation or back up of Estrone or the toxic metabolite 4-OH Estrone which can increase the risk of breast cancer. As a result, there is an imbalance in the hormones that cause hyperplasia (estrogens) and regulation an apoptosis (progesterone) in the breast.

Goals and Objectives:

- Review Estrogen detoxification and discuss epigenetic modulation of the enzymes involved
- Discuss genomics and methylation
- Demonstrate which SNPs may possibly be involved with breast cancer risk
- Provide a literature search on articles already published about methylation and breast cancer risk
- Demonstrate a case study where identifying methylation defects and epigenetic modulation was effective at decreasing harmful 4 OH estrone metabolites.
- Detail a plan to make prevention the target rather than early detection through
 - Raising awareness of practitioners regarding methylation and breast cancer, and an integrative approach
 - Educate patients about hormone risks factors that are tied to increased breast cancer risk- through the Revitalize Academy

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