Liver: The Body's Natural Cleanser By: Kirstin Jensen, BSPE, MAED

Thinking of participating in a body detox or cleanse? Forget the latest fad diets or "all juice" myths that come across your social media...turn to your body's natural filter: the liver.

Your liver is your body's natural cleanser, filtering out all manner of substances, such as alcohol, pesticides, and medications. In addition to what you might put into your body for your liver to deal with, other factors such as obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and high cholesterol can add to the environmental stressors on your liver.

Not to worry...there are a few dietary and lifestyle changes you can make to assist your natural filter and improve your liver's overall function!

Increase your consumption of cruciferous veggies! This vegetable group consists of cauliflower, brussels sprouts, cabbage, and broccoli to name a few. These vegetables are all great sources of antioxidants which can boost levels of enzymes required for the liver to eliminate environmental contaminants.

Attempt to swap whole grains for refined ones...try to dear out all the "white" foods in your cupboards. Whole grains' naturally occurring phytochemicals appear to help the body dear out harmful liver fat. Avoid added sugars, white flours, white pastas, white breads, and switch to whole grain oats, breads,

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