

Global Recommendations for EPA and DHA Intake (Rev 16 April 2014)

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Global	World Health Organization (WHO) ¹	Authoritative Body	General adult population	■ n-3 PUFAs: 1-2% of energy/day
	Food and Agriculture Organization	Authoritative	0-6 months	■ DHA: 0.1018%E
	of the United Nations (FAO) ²	Body	6-24 months	■ DHA: 10-12 mg/kg bw
			2-4 years	■ EPA + DHA: 100-150 mg
			4-6 years	■ EPA + DHA: 150-200 mg
			6-10 years	■ EPA + DHA: 200-250 mg
			Pregnant/Lactating Women	■ EPA + DHA: 0.3 g/d of which at least should be 0.2 g/d
	International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids (ISSFAL)	Expert Scientific	General adult population for cardiovascular health ³	at least 500 mg/day of EPA+DHA
		Organization	Pregnant/Lactating Women ⁴	■ DHA: 200 mg/day
	NATO Workshop on ω -3 and ω -6 Fatty Acids ⁵	Workshop	General Adult Population	■ 300-400 mg EPA+DHA/day
	World Association of Perinatal	Working	Pregnant and Lactating	 200 mg DHA/ day
	Medicine ⁶	Group	Women	
			Infants, when breastfeeding	0.2-0.5% wt total fat
			is not possible	
	World Gastroenterology Organisation ⁷	Expert Scientific Organization	General Adult Population	3-5 servings/wk of fish
Australia	National Heart Foundation of	Expert	General adult population to	■ 500 mg EPA + DHA per day,
	Australia ⁸	Scientific	lower risk of CHD	obtained through fish, fish oil
		Organization		capsules, or enriched foods & drinks
			Patients with documented	■ 1000 mg EPA + DHA per day,
			CHD	obtained through fish, fish oil capsules, or enriched foods & drinks
			Patients with	1200mg of EPA + DHA per day,
			hypertriglyceridemia	obtained through fish, fish oil

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				capsules or enriched foods & drinks as first-line therapy Increase to 4000 mg of EPA +DHA per day, as needed.
	Australian & New Zealand Health Authorities (Department of Health &	Authoritative Bodies	Infants (0-12 mo)	0.5 g n-3 polyunsaturated fats/day adequate intake
	Ageing, National Health & Medical Research Council) ⁹		Boys & Girls (1-3 yrs)	 40 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day adequate intake
			Boys & Girls (4-8 yrs)	 55 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day adequate intake
			Boys & Girls (9-13 yrs)	 70 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day adequate intake
			Boys (14-18 yrs)	 125 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day adequate intake
			Girls (14-18 yrs)	 85 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day adequate intake
			Men (19+ yrs)	 160 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) per day adequate intake
			Women (19+ yrs)	 90 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day adequate intake
			Pregnancy (14 -18 yrs)	 110 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day
			Pregnancy (19-50 yrs)	■ 115 mg total LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day
			Lactating (14-18 yrs)	 140 mg LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) / day

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			Lactating (19-50 yrs)	■ 145 mg LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) /
			NA Comment of the land	day
			Men-Suggested dietary	• 610mg LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) /
			target to reduce chronic	day
			disease risk	
			Women-Suggested dietary	430mg LC n-3 (DHA+EPA+DPA) /
			target to reduce chronic	day
		_	disease risk	
	Defence Science and Technology	Authoritative	Male soldiers	■ 610mg EPA+DPA+DHA/ day
	Organisation, Australian Government Department of Defence ¹⁰	Body	Female soldiers	 430mg EPA+DPA+DHA / day
Europe	Expert Workshop of the European	Expert	General Adult Population	 People who do not eat fish
	Academy of Nutritional Sciences ¹¹	Scientific		should consider obtaining 200 mg
		Organization		EPA + DHA from other sources
	European Food Safety Authority ¹²	Authoritative	General Adult Population	250mg EPA+DHA /day
		Body	Pregnant & Lactating	■ 100-200 mg DHA / day in
			Women	addition to general adult
				requirements
			Children 7-24 months	■ 100 mg DHA / day
			Children 2-18 years	250mg EPA+DHA /day
	The PeriLip and EARNEST projects of	Expert	Pregnant & Lactating	200mg DHA/day
	the European Commission⁴	Scientific	Women	
		Organization		
	Fifth Joint Task Force of the	Expert	General Adult Population for	 Fish at least twice a week, one of
	European Society of Cardiology	Scientific	Cardiovascular Disease Risk	which to be oily fish.
	and Other Societies on	Organization	Reduction	
	Cardiovascular Disease Prevention			
	in Clinical			
	Practice (constituted by			
	representatives of nine societies			
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Í	and by invited experts) ¹³	_		

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	the Management of ST-	Scientific		3 fatty acid (oily fish)
	Segment Elevation Acute Myocardial Infarction of the European Society of Cardiology ¹⁴	Organization		 Supplementation with 1 g of fish oil in patients with a low intake of oily fish omega-3 supplements should be considered in patients who do not tolerate statins, especially if TG >150 mg/dL (1.7 mmol/L)
	Task Force for the management of	Expert	General Adult Population for	At least two or three portions of
	dyslipidaemias of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the	Scientific Organization	Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction	fish per week
	European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS) ¹⁵		Secondary prevention of CVD	 1 g/day n-3 unsaturated fats, which is not easy to derive exclusively from natural food sources, and use of nutraceutical and/or pharmacological supplements may be considered
France	AFFSA ¹⁶	Authoritative Body	General Adult Population	 500 mg EPA + DHA / day 250 mg EPA / day 250 mg DHA / day
			Metabolic Syndrome- Diabetes-Obesity Risk Reduction	■ 500 mg EPA + DHA / day
			Cardiovascular Risk Reduction	■ 500-750 mg EPA + DHA / day
			Breast & Colon Cancer Risk Reduction	■ 500 mg EPA + DHA / day
			Neuropsychiatric Risk Reduction	>200-300 mg EPA + DHA / day
			Age-Related Macular Degeneration Risk Reduction	■ 500 mg EPA + DHA / day
			Infants (0-6 months)	0.32% of fats from DHAEPA < DHA

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			Infants & Toddlers (6 months	■ 70mg DHA /day
			to 3 years)	
			Children (3-9 years)	■ 125mg DHA /day
				250mg EPA+DHA /day
			Adolescents (9 to 18 years)	250mg DHA /day
			•	250mg EPA+DHA /day
			Pregnant & Lactating	250mg DHA /day
			Women	 250mg EPA+DHA day
Austria	Austrian Society for Nutrition ¹⁷	Expert	General adult population	 250mg LCPUFA / day for primary
	·	Scientific	, ,	prevention of CVD
		Organization	General adult population	0.5% of energy total n-3 PUFA
			, ,	intake
			CHD Patients	 1g LCPUFA / day for secondary
				prevention of CVD
			Pregnant & nursing women	 At least 200mg DHA / day
Germany	German Society for Nutrition ¹⁷	Expert	General adult population	 250mg LCPUFA / day for primary
		Scientific		prevention of CVD
		Organization	General adult population	 0.5% of energy total n-3 PUFA
				intake
			CHD Patients	 1g LCPUFA / day for secondary
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	Healthy Start - Young Family	Expert	Pregnant women	to supply the recommended
	Network ^{25, 45, 57}	Scientific		200mg/day of DHA, consume 2
		Organization		servings/wk of marine fish,
				including at least one serving of
				fatty sea fish (such as mackerel,
				Herring, sardines, salmon)
				pregnant women who do not
				regularly consume fish, the use of
				supplements with the Omega-3
				fatty acid DHA is recommended
Switzerland	Swiss Society for Nutrition Research	Expert	General adult population	 250mg LCPUFA / day for primary

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	/ Swiss Nutrition Association ¹⁷	Scientific		prevention of CVD
		Organization	General adult population	 0.5% of energy total n-3 PUFA intake
			CHD Patients	 1g LCPUFA / day for secondary prevention of CVD
			Pregnant & nursing women	 At least 200mg DHA / day
Belgium	Superior Health Council of Belgium ¹⁸	Authoritative	Pregnant & nursing women	 250mg DHA / day
		Body	General adult population (primary cardioprevention)	Two servings of fatty fish/wk
			secondary cardioprevention	■ 1g EPA+DHA per day
Netherlands	Health Council of the Netherlands	Authoritative Body	0-5 months ¹⁹	■ DHA: 20 mg/kg/day
		,	6-11 months ¹⁹	 N-3 fatty acids from fish: 15-20 mg/kg/day
			1-18 years old ¹⁹	 N-3 fatty acids from fish: 15-20 mg/kg/day
			19 years + ¹⁹	N-3 fatty acids from fish: 20 mg/kg/day
			Pregnant women ¹⁹	 N-3 fatty acids from fish: 20 mg/kg/day
			Lactating women ¹⁹	 N-3 fatty acids form fish: 20 mg/kg/day
			Adults ²⁰	 n-3 fatty acids from fish: 450 mg/day
Scandinavia	Nordic Council of Ministers ²¹	Authoritative Body	6-11 months	 n-3 fatty acids should contribute at least 1 E%
		·	12-23 months	 n-3 fatty acids should contribute at least 0.5 E%
			Adults and children from 2 yrs of age	 n-3 fatty acids should contribute at least 1.0 E%
			Pregnant & Lactating Women	1 E% from n-3 fatty acids of which 200 mg/d should be DHA
United Kingdom	British Nutrition Foundation ²²	Expert	Adults, 19-50 yrs	 one to two portions of oil-rich

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		Scientific Organization		fish per week, which will provide around 2-3g of the very long chain <i>n-3</i> fatty acids weekly intake of 1.5g of EPA + DHA
	Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA) ²³	Authoritative Body	Adults	 at least two portions of fish, of which one should be oily, weekly n-3 PUFA intake: 0.2 g/day
	Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN) ²⁴	Authoritative Body	Adults	 at least two portions of fish, of which one should be oily, weekly n-3 PUFA intake: 0.45 g/day
	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (May 2008) ²⁶	Authoritative Body	People at high risk of or with CVD	 consume at least two portions of fish per week, including a portion of oily fish
	Joint British Societies ²⁷	Expert Scientific Organization	General Adult Population	 Regular intake of fish and other sources of omega 3 fatty acids (at least two servings of fish per week)
	Irish Heart Foundation ⁵⁴	Expert Scientific Organization	General Adult Population	 200 mg/day long-chain fatty acids
	National Collaborating Center for Primary Care ²⁸	Expert Scientific Organization	General Adult Population	 At least two servings of omega-3 fatty acid containing fish per week
			People with Established CVD	 At least two servings of omega-3 fatty acid containing fish per week week)
Italy	Italian Ministry of Health ⁵²	Authoritative Body	Pregnant and Nursing Women	 Vegan women should consume foods rich in DHA
Spain	Spanish Society of Intensive Care Medicine and Coronary Units and Spanish Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition ²⁹	Expert Scientific Organization	Individuals with acute coronary syndrome and patients with chronic heart failure	 Administration of 1 g/day of omega-3 (EPA+DHA) in the form of fish oil can prevent sudden death in the treatment of acute

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				coronary syndrome and can also help to reduce hospital admission for cardiovascular events in patients with chronic heart failure
	Spanish Society of Intensive Care Medicine and Coronary Units and Spanish Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition ³⁰	Expert Scientific Organization	patients with acute lung injury (ALI) or acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)	 An enteral diet enriched with ω-3 diet fatty acids may have a beneficial effects
Brazil	Brazilian Society of Cardiology ³¹	Expert Scientific Organization	Patients with coronary artery disease	 supplementation of 1 g / day of omega-3 (EPA + DHA) capsules
United States	Institute of Medicine ³²	Authoritative Body	Boys & Girls 1-3 yrs	 ALA: 0.7 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Boys & Girls 4-8 yrs	 ALA: 0.9 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Boys 9-13 yrs	 ALA: 1.2 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Boys 14-18 yrs	 ALA: 1.6 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Girls 9-13 yrs	 ALA: 1.0 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Girls 14-18 yrs	 ALA: 1.1 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Adult men ≥ 19 yrs	 ALA: 1.6 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
			Adult women ≥ 19 yrs	 ALA: 1.1 g/day of which ~ 10% EPA+DHA
	American Diabetes Association ⁵⁵	Expert Scientific Organization	Individuals with diabetes	Eat fish (particularly fatty fish) at least two times (two servings) per week.

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	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	Expert	General Adult Population ⁵⁶	■ 500 mg EPA+DHA per day
	(formerly American Dietetics Association)	Scientific Organization	Varied ⁵³	Those with increased requirements (e.g., pregnant and lactating women or those with diseases associated with poor essential fatty acid status) or those at risk for poor conversion (e.g., people with diabetes) may benefit from direct sources of long-chain n-3 fatty acids, such as DHA-
	March of Dimes ³⁴	Expert Scientific Organization	Pregnant and Nursing Women	rich microalgae 200 mg DHA/day
	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Cholesterol Education Program ³⁵	Authoritative Body	Persons with CHD or multiple risk factors for CHD	 Supported AHA recommendation to include fish as part of a CHD risk reduction diet. Higher dietary intakes of n-3 PUFAs are an option for reducing CHD risk
	Omega-3 Fatty Acids Subcommittee,	Expert	Adults	■ Eat fish >/= 2X/wk
	assembled by the Committee on Research on Psychiatric Treatments of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) ³⁶	Scientific Organization	Patients with mood, impulse control, or psychotic disorders	■ 1 g EPA + DHA / day
	American Heart Association	Expert Scientific Organization	All adults without CHD ³⁷	 Eat fish (particularly fatty fish) at least two times a week; include oils and foods rich in ALA
			General adult population ⁵⁸	 Fish with 500 mg or more of EPA+DHA per 85 g (3 oz cooked) can apply for the AHA Heart- Check food certification program at heartcheckmark.org.
			Patients with CHD ³⁷	 Consume approximately 1 g/day of EPA+DHA preferably from oily

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				fish. EPA+DHA supplements could be considered in consultation with the physician
			Patients with high triglycerides ³⁷	 2-4 g/day EPA+DHA as capsules under a physician's care
			Patients with high triglycerides ⁵¹	 …increasing consumption of marine-based omega-3 products,…, will further optimize triglyceride-lowering efforts.
			Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction in Women ³⁸	 Consume fish, especially oily fish, at least twice a week Consumption of omega-3 fatty acids in the form of fish or in capsule form may be considered in women with hypercholesterolemia and/or hypertriglyceridemia for primary and secondary prevention
			Patients with Coronary and Other Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease ³⁹	 For all patients, it may be reasonable to recommend omega-3 fatty acids from fish or fish oil capsules (1 g/d) for CVD risk reduction

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,. •	U.S. Dept of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ⁴⁰	Authoritative Body	General adult population	 Increase the amount and variety of seafood consumed by choosing seafood in place of some meat and poultry
			Pregnant or breastfeeding women	 consume at least 8 and up to 12 ounces of a variety of seafood per week
	Executive Office of the President ⁵⁰	Authoritative Body	General population	Dietary Guidelines and Food Guide Pyramid should be revised to emphasize the benefits ofincreasing consumption of foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids
	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality ⁴⁹	Authoritative Body	General population	Fish and fish oil supplements reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease
	American Academy of Pediatrics ⁴¹	Expert Scientific Organization	Nursing Women	The mother's diet should include an average daily intake of 200 to 300 mg of the ω-3 long-chain PUFAs (DHA) to guarantee a sufficient concentration of

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				preformed DHA in the milk.
				Consumption of 1 to 2
				portions of fish (e.g., herring,
				canned light tuna, salmon) per
				week will meet this need. The
				concern regarding the possible
				risk from intake of
				excessive mercury or other
				contaminants is offset by the
				neurobehavioral benefits of an
				adequate DHA intake and can
				be minimized by avoiding the intake of predatory fish (e.g.,
				pike, marlin, mackerel, tile fish,
				swordfish). Poorly nourished
				mothers or those on
				selective vegan diets may require
				a supplement of DHA as well as
				multivitamins
Canada	Minister of National Health and	Authoritative	General adult population	• 1.2-1.6 g/day total n-3 PUFAs
	Welfare, Canada ⁴²	Body		(ALA, EPA, DHA)
	Dietitians of Canada ³³	Expert	General adult population	• 500 mg n-3 long-chain PUFAs/day
		Scientific		
		Organization		
India	Cardiology Society of India ⁵⁹	Expert	For patients with high	Omega-3 acid ethyl esters (2-
		Scientific	triglycerides and patients	4g/day)
		Organization	after MI for secondary	
		A .1	prevention	
Japan	Ministry of Health, Labour and	Authoritative	General adult population	• >1g EPA+DHA per day
	Welfare ⁴³	Body	0-5 months – boys and girls	0.9g total omega-3 per day
			6-11 months- boys and girls	0.9g total omega-3 per day
			1-2 years – Boys and Girls	0.9g total omega-3 per day

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			3-5 years – Boys and Girls	• 1.2g total omega-3 per day
			6-7 years – Boys	• 1.6g total omega-3 per day
			(6-7 years) –Girls	• 1.3g total omega-3 per day
			8-9 years – Boys	1.7g total omega-3 per day
			8-9 years – Girls	1.5g total omega-3 per day
			10-11 years – Boys	• 1.8g total omega-3 per day
			10-11 years – Girls	1.7g total omega-3 per day
			12-14 years – Boys and Girls	2.1g total omega-3 per day
			15-17 years – Boys	2.5g total omega-3 per day
			15-17 years – Girls	2.1g total omega-3 per day
			Adults (18-29 years) – Men	2.1g total omega-3 per day
			18-29 years – Women	1.8g total omega-3 per day
			30-49 years – Men	2.2g total omega-3 per day
			30-49 years – Women	1.8g total omega-3 per day
			50-69 years – Men	2.4g total omega-3 per day
			50-69 years – Women	2.1g total omega-3 per day
			Over 70 years – Men	2.2g total omega-3 per day
			Over 70 years – Women	1.8g total omega-3 per day
			Pregnant Women	• 1.9g total omega-3 per day
			Nursing Women	• 1.7g total omega-3 per day
Malaysia	Ministry of Health	Authoritative	Acute ST Segment Elevation	 Increased intake of omega 3 –
		Body	Myocardial Infarction ⁴⁶	fatty acids (1g daily) is beneficial.
				Eat fish at least twice a week.
			Women with CHD ⁴⁷	 omega-3-fatty-acids (>1gm/day)
				have been found to be beneficial
			Management of	A dose of 3-9 gm/day to lower TG
			Dyslipidemia ⁴⁸	levels

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				A dose of 0.75-1 gm/day as secondary prevention to prevent sudden death
Israel	Israel Heart Society ⁴⁴	Expert Scientific Organization	For people with high risk or secondary prevention	1000 mg EPA + DHA/day as supplement for people who don't eat fish
			For the general public or primary prevention	• 500-1000 mg EPA + DHA/day as fish

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