

## **SUMMARY**

## What nutrients do you need?

NUTRIENTS	TENDENCY	GOOD SOURCES INCLUDE
Vitamin A	BELOW AVERAGE	Carrots, Kale, Tuna
Vitamin B6	BELOW AVERAGE	Pistachios, Watermelon, Potatoes
Folate	BELOW AVERAGE	Pinto Beans, Asparagus, Broccoli
Vitamin B12	NORMAL	Lean meat, Seafood, Fortified Dairy Product
Vitamin C	NORMAL	Red Bell Peppers, Strawberries, and Oranges
Vitamin D	LOW	Salmon, Egg Yolks, Fortified Dairy Milk

## HOW DO MICRONUTRIENTS AFFECT MY BODY WEIGHT?

Micronutrients have not been shown to have a direct effect on body weight or body fat. So why are they included in this genetic analysis?

The vitamins tested play important roles in a variety of functions in the body that may affect your body weight—or your ability to manage it.

Many micronutrients are involved in the body's metabolism of fat, carbohydrates and protein. When you are eating and exercising, you want your metabolism to function smoothly. The body does find ways to cope when some nutrients are not available. But for optimum performance and energy, you'll do best when your body has all it needs to work properly.

Some nutrients such as vitamin C and vitamin D may not affect body weight directly, but they play a role in bone health, inflammation and healing. The stresses you put your body under when exercising may be bolstered if you are well nourished in these nutrients.

## DO MY RESULTS SHOW THAT I AM LOW IN NUTRIENTS?

If you scored LOW or BELOW AVERAGE, your genotype results show that you may have a higher risk for having blood levels of certain nutrients that may be in the lower end of the normal range. For a few nutrients, such as vitamin B12, it may be optimal to be in the mid range of normal, or higher. This genotype risk assessment is based on studies where study participants with certain genotypes for the various nutrients tested were shown to be more likely to be in the lower end of the normal range for a nutrient.

Be careful of assuming these results indicate you are low, or deficient in a certain nutrient. The only way to know for sure if you are in the low end of the normal range for a nutrient, or if you are actually deficient, is to consult with your physician and get a specific blood test designed to assess a specific nutrient. This genetic test can only assess your risk; the blood test is what can assess your actual levels.