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As Kiwi's, collectively we are a Summer bunch aren't we? We are all about beaches and BBQ's and enjoying the long sunny days with our family and friends. But there is another thing

us Kiwis apparently like to do over the Summer months, and that is create babies! According to our NZ statistics records, September and October are the busiest birth months, meaning that in NZ our Mums and Dads tend to fall pregnant over the Summer holiday season. Which makes this the perfect time to talk to you about the importance of pre-conception, pregnancy, and children's health within the pages of this magazine.

As a mum myself, I know the energy and love that we parents put into our babies, children, teenagers, and of course even our adult 'babies', and I really wanted to share with you some of the knowledge I've learnt along the way. Also included, are articles from our team of Hardy's Experts sharing their own pearls of wisdom, and highlights around some of our BEST recommendations for all stages of the Baby-to-Young-Adult life cycle.

Raising a happy healthy vibrant child can be an emotional roller-coaster at times, with highs and lows. So I want you to know that as parents we all share this amazing crazy journey; we can share the load and support one another, share our stories, and come together to raise our future generations. There is an old proverb that states "it takes a village to raise a child". It might be an old proverb, but it certainly still rings true today because children really flourish when they have a supportive community environment to interact with, to grow, learn and gain positive life experiences from. We hope that any Parents-to-Be, new Mums and Dads and even old Mums and Dads, can consider our Hardy's family to be a part of your village.

As always fabulous readers, I wish you much love, light and sunshiny joy, for the coming Summer and festive season.

Jana



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"I'M PREGNANT!" "Wow, congratulations, "that's brilliant news!" that's brilliant news!" People often think of this bit, as the starting point of a new human's life. starting point of a new human's life. starting point of a new human's life. this wee human's starting point Right? Well, what if I said to you that actually, this wee human's starting point should really be considered a good six should really be considered a good six should really be considered a good six anonths or so prior to conception. Because how healthy mum and at Because how healthy mum and start are, usually determine how healthy their precious bundle turns out to be. IN THIS MAGAZINE WE WANT TO TAKE YOU THROUGH ALL STAGES OF A CHILD'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING, RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE BEGINNING! FROM PRE-CONCEPTION, THROUGH TO PREGNANCY, BREASTFEEDING, SCHOOL AGE, TWEENS, TEENS AND ONTO YOUNG ADULTHOOD.

To be able to share our pearls of wisdom throughout the pages of this edition, we consider a great privilege and a blessing. Let's face it – the kids of today are our future! They are the adults of tomorrow. So, it's our hope that we might be able to contribute, in even the smallest way, to build up healthy happy well rounded little people that grow up and go out to make this world a better place.

Working in store, we'll often get mums and dads come to us for advice after they get pregnant. They want to know what things to consider to give their bubba the best starting chance at life. And that is amazing and wonderful. But what I want to do here, is to let you know – we want you to come and see us WAAAAY before that, when bubba is still nothing more than a cheeky twinkle in your eye. But if you haven't, don't worry, because it's certainly never too late to start making changes for your sweet bundle of love and joy (no matter how old!)

It's at this point, that I, the writer of this article, would like to make a confession. I do not have children of my own. My parenting experience extends to that of furry babies – but I'm working on the basis that the health and wellbeing principles are the same. And I want to share my story to make the point about it never being too late to make changes to influence health and wellbeing for the better.

So let me tell you...

My dog was a rescue, and I didn't know her health history, nor the health history of her parents, or anything about where she came from. I got her age 3 from an amazing foster carer who had put love into her for a year before I adopted her. But my baby was still scared, not loving food, and eating dirt and grass when she came to me. I understand about the principles of 'nature vs nurture', and I was determined to nurture my baby to her best health potential since I had no idea about the health of her parents or her genetic / disease risks. Fast forward 2 years, and my little 'sausage-bunny' is now a picture of health and vibrancy. She is confident, food driven, happy and healthy. She eats multiple protein sources a week, she eats soft bones for her teeth, furry bits and feathers to sweep out her intestines, she gets veggies, fermented herbs and probiotics, she gets good quality supplements such as fish oil and mushroom powders, and she gets regular walkies and enrichment games for her



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mental health (such as playing tug of war with her lammie). So why am I telling you all this 'crazy-dog-lady' stuff about my little sausage-bunny, when this article is about kids? Because the same points apply to our non-furry human babies! (Although I am absolutely not advocating feeding your human babies' furry bits and feathers, just for the record).

It's just as a passionate health-conscious mamma, I want to pass this knowledge on to all the other passionate mammas', mammas' to be, and dads out there, about the importance of good nutrition, good quality supplements, and exercise and fun-times for your child's physical and mental health.

And we at Hardy's, also want to shed some light on current issues facing the kids today. For example, since Covid particularly, we have a lot of concerned parents coming to see us worried about their children's stress levels and mental health. Kids may be having problems sleeping, feeling anxious around school, and tending towards withdrawing into depression, or expressing their stress through behavioural outbursts. In some instances, this has been affecting the child's appetite and their relationship with food (this whole thing with our 'gut-brain axis' can be even more tightly-wound for younger people).

Childhood allergies such as eczema, hayfever and chronic respiratory issues are also becoming more common place these days. These things can be triggered by bacterial imbalance in the digestive system, food sensitivities, stress, or even things like being exposed to moulds (mould issues due to damp buildings are sadly quite common in NZ). They place a further burden on the body, create inflammation, and add to the stress of the child, which then results in an increased demand for nutrients and antioxidants to help the body cope with the higher load of toxins.

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FOOD PREP

TOO.

Because an inflamed or stressed body tends to use up a lot more resources (aka nutrients) in the body more quickly, nutrition becomes even more important than usual. But when stress may be impacting appetite or behaviour this can become tricky! This is when the art of 'smuggling' can play a role in getting different things into the diet. A colourful yummy smoothie can be a fantastic way to 'smuggle' extra ingredients into the diet. Just make sure to call it a 'smoothie' and not a 'fish-oil-brussel-sprout-shake' if you get my drift. Dress it up with extra protein, a banana, some yummy plant-based powders, some yoghurt, some peanut butter, or whatever flavours your little treasure end run, with lots of different shapes or stick figures made

enjoys. This is also a good opportunity to sneak in a quality probiotic or SporeBiotic to further enhance the health benefits of the shake. Probiotics support not just gut health, but mental health, skin health, immunity and so on.

Get kids involved in food prep too. Make plates colourful and fun, with lots of different shapes or stick figures made out of fruit and veggies. Make star-charts for food and number of veggies consumed and reward more stars with fun-filled family days out. These don't need to be expensive, just a picnic in the park with a ball or frisbee with family and friends can be a brilliant incentive for stressed out kiddies to focus on their 'milkshakes' or veggie-stick plates.

For our older kids and teens, they may not be so easily swayed by the art of disguise, so this is when a good quality multi-vitamin can really reap dividends in terms of boosting overall health, and especially in the case where stress and/ or anxiety/depression may be present. Do be aware that 'not all supplements are created equal' and choosing one that is free from nasty additives, heavy metals or other chemicals, and that is bio-available (easily absorbed by the body) is incredibly important. It's better to take one good quality supplement just a few

times a week, than a poor-quality one every day. It works out easier on the wallet in the long run too.

> For a child or young adult of any age, being well nourished with macro nutrients (protein, carbs and fibre, and essential fats), micro nutrients (vitamins

and minerals) and phytonutrients (plant chemicals that benefit health and wellness) will support overall health, growth and development, brain function, immunity, gut health and mental health, and will build resilience for navigating through our sometimes stressful world full of twists and turns. And remember that all these same principles apply to mum and dad so that the cheeky twinkle in their eye will become a bouncing healthy happy bundle of joy somewhere down the line.



The Importance of Protein As We Age

Protein plays an essential role in almost everything our bodies do, including the recovery and repair of tissues in the muscles, skin, organs, blood, hair and nails. Adequate dietary protein also provides the building blocks for hormones, good gut health, mental well-being, detoxification, blood sugar balance, and quality sleep.

As we age and evolve, so too do our protein requirements:

Protein for Kids

Protein is vital for the growth and development of children and adolescents. In fact, growth delays during childhood can be a clear sign a child may not be getting the protein and nutrients they need for healthy development.

Any parent or caregiver will know how challenging it can be to get enough nourishment into kids, especially at breakfast time. A morning protein-enriched smoothie offers an easy and tasty way to get protein into your kid's morning and help set them up for greater mood balance and focus for their day ahead.

Protein for Adulthood

From the age of 25, our bodies stop growing and our growth hormone levels begin to decline. Prior to this, our growth hormone gives us the ability to maintain our body composition, physical fitness and metabolic health regardless of what we eat and how we move. Beyond this growth stage of life, we become more reliant on adequate dietary protein to maintain our muscle health, metabolism, mobility and physical well-being.

How much protein do adults actually need?

Recent research shows that men and women alike need a minimum of 1.2g of net protein per kilogram of body weight at rest to feel at their best. If you're physically active through your work or you're a regular exerciser, or you're on a mission to lose weight or build muscle, upping this to 1.5g - 2.2g of net protein per kilogram of body weight appears to be more beneficial and often necessary to support our physical well-being.

Protein for menopause and beyond

Protein is particularly important for women from the age of 40 onwards as a useful tool for supporting mood stability, weight management, sleep and stress tolerance as they journey through perimenopause, menopause and beyond.

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Some of you lovely readers may remember me telling you my story about eczema, and how I used to be covered in it! Well, I'm talking about it again!

The reason being, is that it is one of our most common childhood complaints that we chat to worried parents about. We even see parents who have teeny tiny babies who already have angry red skin for one reason or another. As it turns out, our skin is a very expressive organ that likes to alert us in a BIG LOUD VOICE, that something isn't right. And if the person involved is a wee one, they will often also express their discomfort in a BIG LOUD VOICE. So, we ideally want to get to the root of the problem to help it resolve, rather than just focus on a 'band-aid' type approach (whilst resorting to ear-plugs).

One of the drivers of eczema and rashes for babies is food sensitivities – even if baby is just on breast milk! For example, when we see wee babies with eczema in store, one of the first things we do is ask mum about her diet. Foods such as dairy, gassy type foods (think beans, broccoli etc) or overly processed foods, can affect the baby's digestive tract from the proteins that have passed through in the milk. This creates gut inflammation, which can then express through the skin.

Other drivers can include yeast or bacterial imbalance (in the digestive tract or on the skin), household chemicals (think in washing powders etc), mouldy homes, or heavy metals (again, very common in our modern world!) so it's absolutely worth doing some digging to find out the root cause.

Sensitivities, Comprehensive We have a number of BEST solutions Nutritional, and the Heavy in store that span the typical drivers of Metals test. eczema as well as soothing balms and creams that help take away the redness and itchy pain. Depending on the age of the child may determine what we recommend, but with breastfed babies we can often just 'treat the mum' and it helps the baby - how cool is that! Introducing relevant probiotic or SporeBiotic strains to mum during pregnancy and breastfeeding can have a profound effect on a child's skin health, through aiding the gut, and the immune response. And things such as essential fatty acids (think fish oils) and nutrients, can make such a difference to skin health. Of course, if the child is old enough they can take these things themselves! For older children, a good 'gut-powder' may also provide much needed relief.

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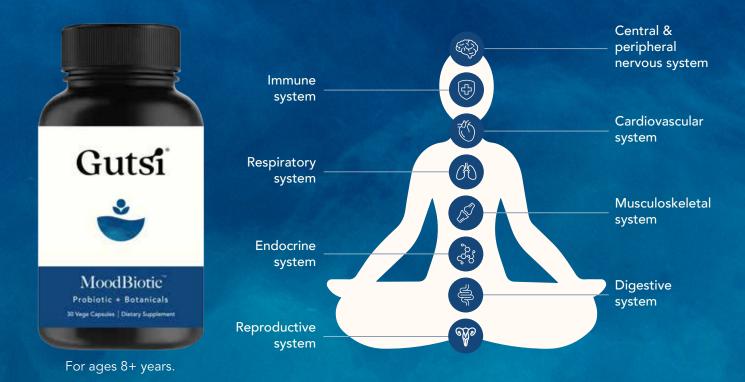
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These days, stress seems to hit us from every possible angle. Stress can impact all systems of the body, and continuous stressors can have a cumulative toll on our mental and physical health.

Did you know that supplementing the microbiome with a distinctive type of probiotic can support occasional stress, mood and sleep challenges? Brain and mood health is related to the composition of good and bad bacteria in the gut that are able to influence behaviour and regulate the gut-brain axis. The gut-brain axis is a two-way communication between the gut bacteria, known as the microbiome, and the central nervous system in which communication is exchanged continually. This 'information superhighway' explains how stress and emotions can be felt in the gut, and conversely, how the gut can play a role in supporting mood, sleep, and brain function. The mix of bacteria in the gut microbiome that influences thoughts, feelings and behaviours is referred to as the 'psychobiome'. Psychobiotics are probiotics for your brain!

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WHILST WE OFTEN THINK OF ACNE AS ONLY **BELONGING IN THE REALM** OF 'TEENAGE ANGST', THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT ACNE CAN AFFECT ANYONE, AT ANY AGE. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THERE CAN BE MANY DRIVING FORCES BEHIND THE ANGRY SKIN FLARE UPS.

After sitting down and chatting with Diana we realised we have similar stories when it comes to our teenage years and Acne. For Diana eating wheat and dairy was the driver behind hers, later finding out that she is in fact Coeliac. My own story started when I was put on the pill as a young teen to turn off my hormones to quench the acne, which was raging! Big angry deep red pimples that left me traumatised looking in a mirror. Turns out my teenage acne was being driven by the big angry hormone monster with ferocious fangs and giant claws... and the yeast overgrowth, the dysregulated insulin, and the stress of just living life as a teenager. But don't forget, acne can occur at any age!

Now you know why Diana and I are so passionate about this topic and love helping others in similar situations. So, let's take a dive into the reasons why this pesky condition might develop.

Let's start with 'Hormones' as this can be a very common driver of acne flare-ups. The reason is that with hormonal ups and downs, there is an increase in the amount of oil the skin produces. This oil is called sebum, and it's a waxy substance, which is why it's able to clog pores the way it does. This oil then interacts with bacteria on the pores of the skin where the hair grows (ie the follicle) which results in acne.

Insulin resistance is another thing worth discussing, as it is becoming more common due to modern-day lifestyles and is affecting people at a much younger age. Essentially higher sugar levels in the blood create inflammation, and extra insulin can trigger the release



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of excess androgen hormones (think testosterone). PCOS is a condition that can be driven by insulin resistance, resulting in excess androgens, which can lead to acne on the neck and upper back.

Gut and Stress are also key players in the Acne game – in fact they are linked as a trio known as the Gut-Brain-Skin axis. One explanation is that inflammation and bacterial imbalance in the digestive tract, and any of the little toxin-type-by-products from the bacteria, can affect not only a person's state of mind, but also their skin. The gut inflammation then affects nutrient absorption, meaning essential key nutrients that help the skin heal and recover can become deficient. This is where a high-quality acne formula comes in.

Poor diet is another common culprit that can initiate an inflammatory gut/skin cascade. For example, sugary diets can lead to a yeasty overgrowth, which can create IBS type symptoms in the gut, and this in turn upsets the skin as we sweat out the yeasty toxins. The yeast imbalance can then affect brain function, which creates stress, and the sugary diets can drive the insulin resistance we just mentioned, which can then affect the hormones.... See how everything in the body can be linked? Imbalances in the body can be likened to a chain reaction, where one thing affects another, affects another and so forth.

So where to from here....? What can be done? Come in store and have a chat to one of our awesome Hardy's Health Experts! We have been able to help a lot of our customers with their acne woes, so don't be afraid to approach us for a chat. We have a great range of products to help with your individual situation. Our Experts can work with you to figure out what the key drivers may be. For those who may wish to do some investigating and testing, we can even chat to you about our Allergenics hair analysis tests, and which test/s might help you discover the root of the issue.

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Solgar[®] Beta Glucans and Elderberry Immune Complex is ideal for those wanting to support their health with the addition of Beta glucans. This supplement has the added support of Elderberry fruit concentrate and key immune supportive nutrients, while being gluten free.



GREAT BEGINNINGS

Menatal & pregnancy care

For those of us who have mastered the art of planting a vegetable garden and reaping the rewards of brightly coloured, delicious and nutritious home-grown harvests, the concept of preparing the soil before planting will come as no surprise.

And for those who haven't as yet dabbled in the greenfingered art, the summary is this – in order to grow nutrient-rich, tasty fruit and veggies, you need to do some work on the soil beforehand. This is to ensure that the conditions are right and the correct nutrients and microbes are present, to ensure a little baby seedling can grow up to become a mature plant bursting with flavour, vitamins and minerals.

Many things in nature follow similar principles... and growing a human baby from a seedling includes some prep-work beforehand as well! If we consider that creating a new human requires certain building blocks, it's important to note that Mum and Dad need a good supply of these to make sure they don't run out halfway through the building process. This means it's important for both parents to have a good supply of essential nutrients so that all their building blocks are complete and abundant for the creation and building (or growing)

process of their offspring. This includes vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids, and the right microbes, to ensure the little baby seedling will implant and begin to grow and flourish in the 'garden'.

So, if you are planning to conceive in the near future, it's never too early to start tending to your garden! The idea is to start focusing on a whole foods diet, adequate water intake, and regular exercise, as well a few good quality supplements (think pregnancy-multi, fish oil, and a relevant probiotic) at least 6 months prior to conception. Consider this part the same as tending to the soil before planting the seeds and ensuring the building blocks are all in place.

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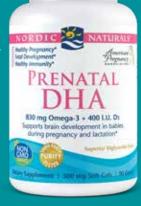
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NZ summer has got to be one the best times of the year – a time when family and friends get together for road trips, beach days, and creating memories in the sun. There's one companion who always joins you on these adventures – providing protection, safety, and reassurance – sunscreen! But how trustworthy is your sunscreen? Is it really SPF50? Does it protect against both UVA and UVB rays? What chemicals are being applied, and soaking into your family's skin? And what effect do those chemicals have on your health, and the coral reefs?

Your companion you can trust (with data and proof!) Filled with skin-loving ingredients including zinc, sweet almond oil, shea butter, and beeswax - it's perfect for sensitive skin, and can be used on babies from 2 months old. New Zealand-made and owned, cruelty-free, coral-reef safe, and most importantly - Certified 100% Natural. This certification 'NATRUE' by BioGro, the leading Australasian certifying organisation, reassures you that what you're putting on your skin is free from synthetic chemical fragrances, parabens, colours, preservatives, phthalates, and silicones. Solimara Mineral Sunscreen has a very high UVA rating (UVA PA++++), conducted by Eurofins Dermatest Australia.

One of our customers' favourite things about Solimara Sunscreen is there is zero wait time for it to become effective. That's right, the kiddos can jump straight into the sea after applying - no more "has it been 20 minutes yet!" This is due to

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the zinc creating a natural barrier on the skin to reflect the sun's rays, as opposed to regular sunscreen where you must wait 20 minutes for it to absorb and a chemical reaction to occur.

A summer must-have for the whole family - your skin and the environment will love you for making the switch to Solimara Mineral Sunscreen.

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Natures toolbox

The best way to keep kids of all ages happy and well. It's simple!

- REAL nutritious foods
- Fresh air
- Movement in open green spaces
- Love & Laughter
- Sunshine
- Healthy sleep patterns

MAKING REAL FOOD FUN!

Remember, try not to unwittingly make veggies the 'bad guy'. You know the old saying, "you're not getting any pudding until you eat all your vegetables". This makes pudding the desirable, and vegetables the undesirable, which is a concept that then starts to set in a child's mind. Rather make veggies fun, lively and desirable! Fruit and veggie 'art' can be a wonderful way to cultivate a healthy mindset towards real food and encourage eating ALL the colours of the rainbow in fun and creative ways.

Understanding the 'GARDEN TO TABLE' principle is the best way to keep kids connected to their food. Getting the little ones involved in their own food production provides a valuable life lesson about our connection to the natural environment, and how it sustains us. By planting and nurturing a baby seed through to a mature vegetable which can then be harvested, prepared, and eaten, helps to establish a healthy relationship with real food from a young age.

SPEND TIME IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

SUNSHINE! Just like our baby veggies need sunshine to grow, so do our kids! Time spent outdoors in sunshine boosts the 'happy' hormones and ensures a good dose of Vitamin D (known as the sunshine vitamin), to promote healthy bones and development, as well as a strong immune function. Vitamin D is also needed for a healthy 'sleep/wake' cycle, making time outdoors a winner for good overall health on so many different levels.

Playing with friends out in the fresh air and connecting with nature is so important to foster good physical and mental health. Socialising, getting their hands into the soil, breathing in the goodness of gardens, all helps to promote overall health and wellbeing. The more kids are outdoors living life the less time they'll spend indoors on their screens and devices. Encourage family fun outdoor activities, such as starting a veggie garden with friends or joining up with a local community garden project.

GOOD FOOD AND TIME OUTDOORS ENCOURAGES HEALTHY SLEEP

Remember, too much screen time can be over-stimulating, especially if late at night. Getting kids outdoors to really tire themselves out for a bit after school and at weekends, and then having a lovely nutritious colourful dinner that provides all the key nutrients required for the body's 'sleep/wake' cycle, does wonders to help the little ones drift off for some good night zzzzz's.

Ear, Nose & Throat Ear, Nose Throat

CHILDREN'S EAR, NOSE & THROAT

A handy syrup for stuffy heads and dripping noses. Éar, Nose & Throat dries excess mucus, supports clear sinuses, and soothes heavy heads and raw throats. Suitable to take long term during spring allergen season for little ones prone to sneezing and watery eyes. For ages 0-12 years.

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- Settles a busy mind and body to support falling asleep.
- Helps re-set healthy sleep patterns.
- Supports falling asleep and staying asleep.
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Calm & Sleep can be used day or night to relax the nervous system. When feeling relaxed, little ones can settle into sleep if they need it, or just snuggle in for some quiet time. Great to calm restless or worried children during the day and soothe teething babies. For ages 0-12.

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Summer Fun Support with Magnesium Kids

Summertime Fun

Summer is here and the kids will be home for the holidays. But while school stops, your child's need for nutrition doesn't stop. Nutrients should come from a child's diet, one that contains plenty of nutrient-dense animal foods, and the fruits and veggies that they like. But Christmas and summer are times for sugary treats and lots of outdoor play and one nutrient that can become depleted when muscles are tired, and sugar is on the menu, is magnesium.

Why magnesium for kids?

Magnesium is essential for over 700 metabolic and cellular processes within the body. It plays a key role in supporting stable blood sugar – 28 molecules of magnesium are required to metabolise 1 molecule of table sugar! It helps our muscles and nerves function properly, supports a steady heart rhythm and healthy immune function and support in keeping bones strong. Magnesium is commonly used as a gentle aid to help ease restlessness, support relaxation, and a restful night's sleep. Rest and recovery are essential parts of maintaining healthy immune and nervous systems, and overall health and well-being.

Good Health Magnesium Kids is vital for every cell in growing bodies, supports kids during growth spurts, soothes muscle tension, and supports a better night's sleep by having a calming and relaxing effect on busy minds and bodies. Magnesium Kids contains vitamins C and D, also depleted when sugar is in the diet, and zinc, to help support strong bones for later in life. At Good Health we design products for everyone in the family. Whether big or small, anyone can be affected by poor nutrition, especially at Christmas time and in the summer. While you can try and avoid those sugary sodas, ice creams, etc, that deplete magnesium, supplementation can give you peace of mind over the holidays. Getting sufficient magnesium can make a huge difference to how you function every day, supporting the wellbeing of the whole family!



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