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# Thyroid Nutrition Guide: Natural Healing Through Diet for Hashimoto's and Graves' Disease A practical approach to hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism nutrition with healing recipes, juice recommendations, and essential nutrient guidelines for optimal thyroid health

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### Dear readers,

We sincerely thank you for choosing this book. With your choice, you have not only given us your trust but also a part of your valuable time. We truly appreciate that.

Thyroid diseases affect millions of people—and proper nutrition plays a key role in treatment. Whether it's Hashimoto's or Graves' disease: choosing the right foods can alleviate symptoms and significantly support treatment success. But which nutrients are truly important, and which foods should be avoided? This practical handbook offers well-founded nutritional strategies for both conditions. With over 50 everyday recipes for nutrient-rich juices and thyroid-friendly meals, those affected can specifically optimize their diet. Particularly valuable: the detailed nutritional tables and seasonal meal planner help integrate the recommendations directly into daily life. Take your health into your own hands—with this scientifically based nutritional guide as a reliable companion on your journey to greater well-being.

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- A compact overall summary
- An audio drama version. (In planning)

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# 1. Fundamentals of Thyroid-Healthy Nutrition

id you know that the thyroid requires nutrients in precisely calibrated amounts daily to function optimally? Proper nutrition plays a central role in thyroid diseases and can significantly alleviate symptoms. While some foods support hormone production, others can disrupt it sensitively. With a solid understanding of the connections between nutrition and thyroid function, one can strategically optimize their diet. In this chapter, you will learn which foods support your thyroid—and which ones you should avoid.



### 1.1 Nutrients and Minerals

odine, selenium, zinc, and iron – these nutrients play a crucial role in thyroid health. Both a deficiency and an excess can affect hormone production and, consequently, the entire metabolism, leading to various ailments. Optimal nutrient intake can positively influence Hashimoto's and Graves' disease, but finding the right balance is essential. Read on to learn how you can specifically adjust your diet.

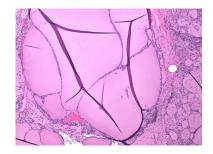
For optimal thyroid function, adequate supply of iodine, selenium, iron, and zinc is crucial, as both deficiency and excess can have negative effects.

# **Optimize Iodine Intake**

odine is essential for the production of thyroid hormones T3 (triiodothyronine) and (thyroxine) [s1]. An iodine deficiency can lead to an enlargement of the (goiter) thyroid gland and <u>hypothyroid</u>ism Conversely. [s1]. excessive iodine intake can promote autoimmune diseases of the thyroid [s1]. Therefore, iodine supply should be adequate to needs. The daily iodine requirement for adults is 150  $\mu$ g [s2]. Pregnant and breastfeeding women require 250 µg and 200 µg of iodine daily, respectively, due to increased needs [s3] [s4]. Iodine deficiency during pregnancy can impair the cognitive development of the child [s2]. Breastfeeding women should also optimize their iodine intake, as the iodine concentration in breast milk directly depends on maternal iodine intake [s4]. If dietary iodine supply is



Iron [i1]



goiter [i2]

insufficient, supplementation may be advisable, especially for women wishing to conceive, pregnant, and breastfeeding women [s5] [s3]. A balanced diet with iodine-rich foods, including fish and iodized salt, contributes to adequate iodine supply [s2] [s3]. Iodine deficiency can negatively affect fertility, as thyroid hormones interact with reproductive hormones, and a hormonal imbalance can disrupt ovulation [s5] [s6]. In addition to iodized salt, iodine intake can be improved by consuming sea fish, dairy products, and eggs. At the same

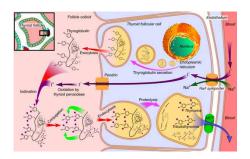
time, it is advisable to reduce the consumption of goitrogenic foods

such as raw cruciferous vegetables (e.g., cabbage, broccoli) and soy products or to heat them to reduce their goitrogenic effect [s7]. Adequate supply of selenium, iron, and zinc additionally supports thyroid function [s2] [s1]. Selenium acts as a cofactor for enzymes involved in the conversion of T4

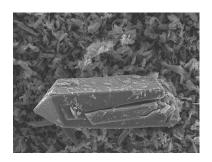
to the more active T3 [s1]. Iron deficiency can increase the risk of thyroid diseases during pregnancy [s2]. Zinc is important for the activation of T3 receptors [s1]. A balanced diet rich in vitamins, minerals, and trace elements forms the basis for healthy thyroid function.



Selenium [i3]



Triiodothyronine [i4]



Zinc [i5]

### Good to know

### Goiter

A goiter is an enlargement of the thyroid gland that can be caused by iodine deficiency or other factors.

### Goitrogens

Goitrogens are substances that inhibit the thyroid's iodine uptake and can thus impair hormone production. They are found in some foods such as raw cruciferous vegetables.

### Hypothyroidism

Hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid does not produce enough hormones. Symptoms may include weight gain, fatigue, and constipation.

### Iron

Iron is important for the formation of red blood cells and the transport of oxygen in the body. Iron deficiency can impair thyroid hormone production and lead to anemia.

### Selenium

Selenium is an essential trace element important for thyroid function, as it supports the conversion of T4 to T3 and protects the thyroid from oxidative stress.

### Zinc

Zinc plays a role in the activation of thyroid hormones and supports the immune system. A zinc deficiency can affect thyroid function.