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# **IBD Nutrition Guide:**

## **Managing Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease Through Diet**

### **Evidence-based strategies for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis - from nutrient needs to meal planning and symptom management**

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Chronic inflammatory bowel diseases affect approximately 400,000 people in Germany, with a rising trend. Proper nutrition plays a central role in the course of the disease and quality of life for those with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. But which foods are tolerable? How can nutrient deficiencies be avoided? And how can a balanced diet be achieved despite restrictions? This practical specialist book offers scientifically based strategies for everyday nutrition with IBD. From nutrient supply during acute flare-ups to long-term dietary adjustments, all relevant aspects are explained clearly. Concrete guidelines for food selection and meal planning help to directly implement theoretical knowledge. With this guide, you will gain more confidence in managing your condition and can tailor your diet to your individual needs. Take control of your nutrition now—for greater well-being and quality of life with IBD.

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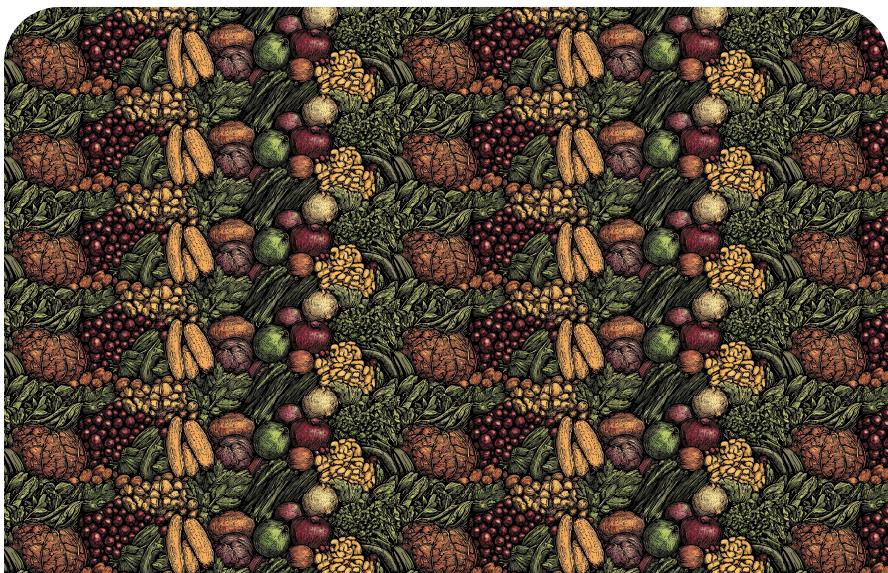
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# 1. Basics of Nutrition in Bowel Diseases



How does our diet influence the course of chronic inflammatory bowel diseases? The intestine, as a central digestive organ, reacts particularly sensitively to the composition of our food and its processing in the body.

Individuals with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis face special challenges in their daily food choices. The right diet can not only alleviate symptoms but also significantly improve quality of life. In this chapter, you will discover the fundamental connections between diet and gut health—knowledge that can sustainably change the management of the disease.



## 1. 1 Nutrient Requirements in Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



hronic inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) impose special requirements on nutrition. Inflammation, malabsorption, and diarrhea affect the need for macro- and micronutrients. Inadequate supply can negatively influence the course of the disease and lead to deficiencies. This section highlights the specific nutrient needs in IBD and the challenges of optimal nutrient supply. It addresses the importance of protein, vitamins, and minerals, particularly during acute flare-ups and in cases of malabsorption. Read on to understand the fundamentals of a needs-based diet in IBD and positively impact your quality of life.

*In chronic inflammatory bowel diseases, there is an increased need for protein, vitamins, and minerals due to inflammation, malabsorption, and diarrhea, which should be regularly monitored and balanced through an adjusted diet or supplementation.*

## Protein supply in acute flare-ups



uring an acute flare-up of a chronic inflammatory bowel disease (CED), the protein requirement increases. [s1] This heightened demand results from the inflammatory process and the associated loss of proteins through the intestine. Adequate protein intake is crucial during this phase to support the healing process and minimize muscle mass loss. Protein intake is particularly important when oral food intake is restricted. For instance, severe pain or diarrhea can make the consumption of solid food difficult. In such cases, oral nutritional supplements can be a sensible addition to meet the increased protein needs. [s1] Enteral nutrition, which involves supplying nutrients directly into the stomach or small intestine via a tube, can be another option, especially when oral intake is insufficient or not possible. [s1] [s2]

Parenteral nutrition, where nutrients are administered directly into the bloodstream, may also be considered to ensure nutrient supply. [s1] [s2] The decision regarding which form of nutrition is most suitable for the individual case should be made in consultation with the treating physician or a specialized nutrition team. [s1] Particularly in ulcerative colitis, attention should be paid to a balanced protein intake from



*Legumes* <sup>[i1]</sup>



*Yogurt* <sup>[i2]</sup>

various sources. Fish, lean poultry, fermented dairy products, and eggs provide high-quality protein and can be integrated into the diet. [s3] Red and processed meat should be reduced, as it can further irritate the intestinal mucosa. [s3] Plant-based proteins from legumes are also an option but should be well-prepared to improve digestibility. [s3] Fermented dairy products like yogurt can positively affect the gut flora. [s3]



*stomach* [i<sup>3</sup>]

## Good to know

### **Acute Flare-up**

A phase of acute inflammation in the intestine, which may be accompanied by symptoms such as abdominal pain, diarrhea, and weight loss. During this phase, nutrient needs are often increased.

### **Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease**

CED includes conditions such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, characterized by chronic inflammation in the digestive tract and potential nutrient losses.

### **Fermented Dairy Products**

Dairy products produced through fermentation with bacterial cultures, such as yogurt. They can have positive effects on gut flora.

### **Oral Nutritional Supplements**

Nutritional supplements taken orally to meet the needs for specific nutrients that may not be sufficiently absorbed through food due to CED.