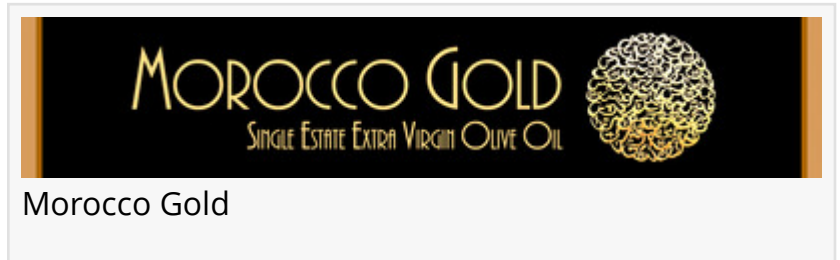


Olive Oil the Key to Reducing Dementia-Related Death

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [Recent research reveals](#) that consuming just half a tablespoon of olive oil daily can significantly reduce the risk of dementia-related death. This finding is part of a growing body of evidence that highlights the numerous health benefits of olive oil. Notably, the positive impact of olive oil on dementia risk is independent of overall diet quality, making it a simple yet effective addition to daily routines.

Olive Oil Consumption and Mortality

A study published in JAMA Network Open explored the relationship between olive oil intake and dementia-related mortality. Researchers utilized data from two large U.S. cohorts—the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study—comprising a total of 92,383 participants. The study found that individuals consuming more than 7 grams of olive oil daily had significantly lower rates of dementia-related deaths compared to those with lower consumption levels.

Key Findings:

- **Participant Demographics:** The study included 65% women with an average age of 56 years, followed over a 28-year period.
- **Olive Oil Intake:** Initial consumption averaged 1.3 grams per day, with higher intake linked to a 28% reduction in dementia-related mortality.
- **Lifestyle Factors:** Higher olive oil consumers tended to have better overall diet quality, higher physical activity levels, and lower smoking rates.

The Broader Health Benefits of Olive Oil

In addition to its potential to reduce dementia-related deaths, olive oil is associated with lower

risks of various other diseases, including cardiovascular disease, cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, and respiratory conditions. This wide range of benefits underscores the importance of incorporating olive oil into a balanced diet.

Substituting Olive Oil for Other Fats

Researchers also examined the effects of substituting other fats with olive oil. Replacing just 5 grams per day of margarine or mayonnaise with olive oil resulted in an 8% to 14% lower risk of dementia-related deaths. However, similar substitutions with other vegetable oils or butter did not yield significant benefits.

Expert Opinions on Olive Oil and Brain Health

Experts not involved in the study, such as dietitian Caroline Thomason and nutritionist Anne Danahy, emphasize the established benefits of monounsaturated fats found in olive oil for brain health. They highlight that olive oil's rich content of vitamin E, [polyphenols](#), and anti-inflammatory properties contribute to its protective effects against cognitive decline and dementia.

Practical Tips for Increasing Olive Oil Intake

Incorporating more [olive oil into your diet](#) can be straightforward. Here are some practical suggestions:

- **Cooking and Dressing:** Use olive oil as a base for salad dressings or drizzle it over proteins as a marinade.
- **Healthy Substitutions:** Swap out other cooking oils, such as vegetable oil, for olive oil in your recipes.
- **Diverse Use:** While butter has its place in certain dishes, make olive oil your go-to option for most of your cooking needs.

Olive Oil Supplements: Are They Necessary?

While olive oil supplements are available, experts recommend obtaining the benefits directly from the oil itself through your diet. Supplements may not provide the same effectiveness and can be redundant if added to an unhealthy diet.

Embrace Olive Oil for a Healthier Life

The evidence is clear: incorporating olive oil into your daily diet can play a crucial role in reducing the risk of dementia-related mortality and promoting overall health. Its benefits extend beyond brain health, offering protection against various chronic diseases. By making olive oil a staple in your kitchen, you can enjoy its delicious flavor while reaping substantial health rewards.

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