# WHAT IS FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE?

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### **HELLO**

SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE

"I am first and foremost committed to providing each patient with an individualized diagnostic and therapeutic approach to assist them in their journey to live a healthy and fulfilled life."

I started my journey with functional medicine over 10 years ago, before the term was even coined. I had been looking for a true natural approach to treating disease and disorders of the human body.



I look forward to helping you get started on your functional health journey!

Dr. Michael Husmillo

# WHAT IS FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE?

Functional medicine is a form of healthcare that utilizes a holistic approach to an individual's health. This approach will include functional health testing as well as natural supplements from vitamins, minerals, herbs and essential nutrients.

Traditional western medicine looks at pathology only, and if an individual's lab test falls within an acceptable range, they may be considered normal. **Functional medicine** will look at a person's overall functional health which is a true indication of an individual's well being.

Functional medicine looks to find the true cause of the problem and provides an individualized approach to improving one's health naturally.



# **HEALTH EVALUATION**

IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE STARTING AND YOUR GOALS WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR HEALTH.

YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS	CHECKLIST
TOP 3 PRIORITIES	



It is more important to understand the imbalances in your body's basic systems and restore balance, rather than name the disease and match the pill to the ill.

MARK HYMAN, M.D.

Brain - Gut Connection

#### HOW IT WORKS & WHAT IS INVOLVED

1 THE BRAIN



3 THE VAGUS NERVE

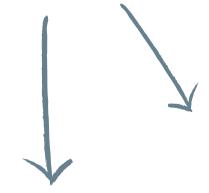
SENDS SIGNALS FROM
THE BRAIN TO GUT +
GUT TO BRAIN

<sup>2</sup> THE GUT



**IMMUNE SYSTEM** 

CELLS IN THE GUT
LINING SECRETE
ANTIBODIES



DIGESTION ABSORPTION

BREAKSDOWN AND
ABSORBS VITAL
NUTRIENTS

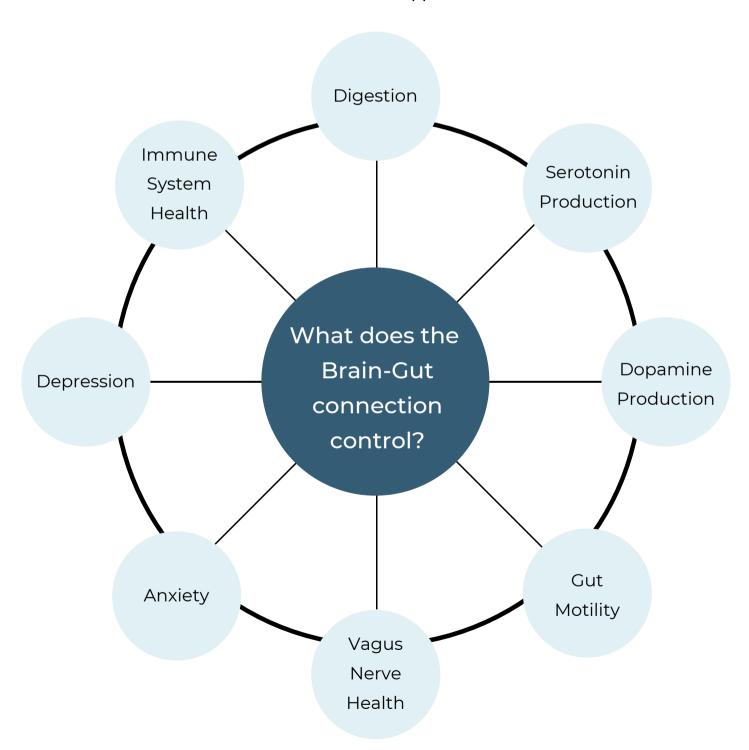
NEURO-TRANSMITTERS

DOPAMINE AND
SEROTONIN ARE ALSO
PRODUCED IN THE GUT

# **BRAIN - GUT CONNECTION**

One of the most important connections that affects one's health is the connection between the **brain and the gut**. Recent studies indicate this connection plays a role in anxiety, depression, autoimmune diseases, Alzheimer's, Parkinsons, ADHD and autism spectrum disorder.

My belief is that understanding this connection in every patient or client is vital to their treatment approach.



The Vagus Merve

#### Links your brain and gut

The **vagus nerve** extends from the **brain stem** all the way down into the **abdomen** and branches out into your heart, lungs, stomach, and intestines.

A good functioning vagus nerve will help to improve brain health as well as gut health!

- 1 SIGNS OF VAGUS NERVE DYSFUNCTION
  - · Poor digestion
  - · Infrequent bowel movements
  - · High blood pressure
  - · Abnormal heart rate
  - Anxiety
- 2 VAGUS NERVE EXERCISES
  - · Splash cold water on your face
  - · Gargle water for 30 seconds
  - Humming
  - Singing
  - Meditation



True healing comes from connecting the brain and gut. They work together. Treating them separately is only 50% healing.

DR. MICHAEL HUSMILLO

## SO WHAT NOW?

Are you ready to get started on your functional health journey?

INITIAL CONSULTATION Start with a consultation with Dr. Husmillo to see how a functional medicine approach could help you! **HEALTH EVALUATION** 2 We'll go over all of your symptoms and concerns, as well as family history, to get a full health picture. TREATMENT PLAN Through a mix of brain exercises, supplements, diet recommendations, and physical exercises, Dr. Husmillo will tailor a treatment plan specifically to you! CHECK-IN'S You'll have a follow up visit to check in and re-evaluate your symptoms

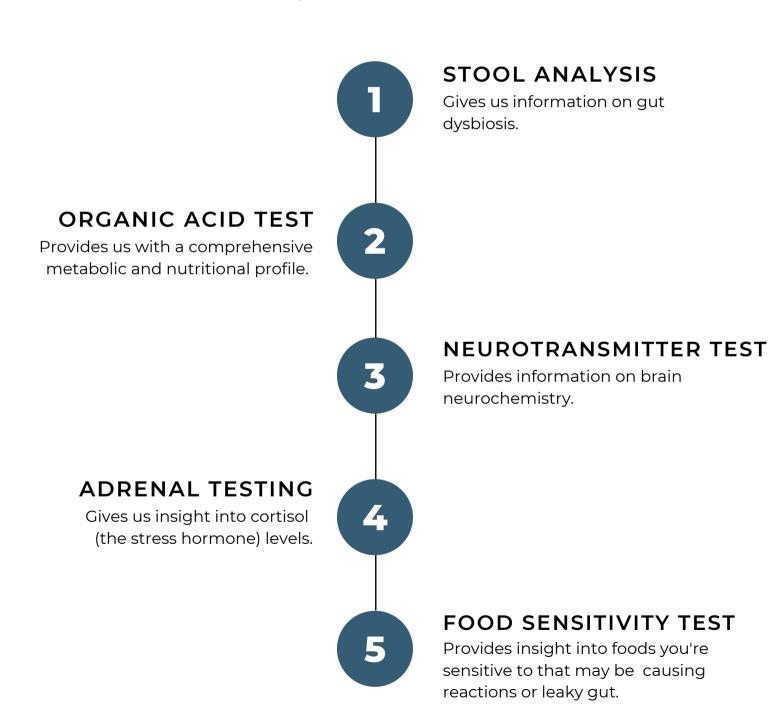
and possible adapt it to any new

concerns you may have



My philosophy is don't guess, but test.

Functional medicine testing can provide valuable insight into what a person many need in terms of *vitamins*, *essential nutrients*, and *probiotics*, just to name a few.

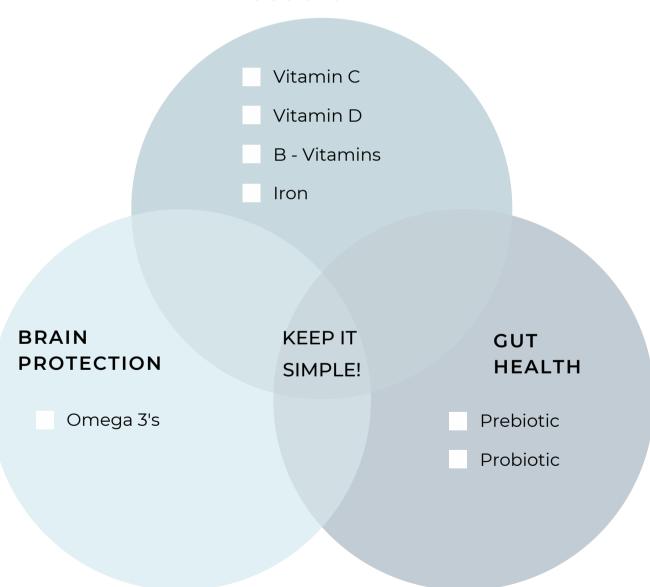


Supplements

People ask me all the time what they can take to get their recommended amount of vitamins and nutrients. My approach: **Keep it simple.** 

Here are some recommendations that I use to improve brain neurochemistry, while protecting the brain & improving gut health.

#### **NERVOUS SYSTEM HEALTH**



TANDEM GAIT



#### PRE-FRONTAL CORTEX

#### THESE EXERCISES HELP WITH LEARNING, MEMORY & EMOTIONS

#### Scale:

- 1: No changes in gait while reciting
- 2: Able to recite every other month correctly but gait is slowed
- 3: Unable to recite & gait was altered

#### · Walk 10 steps

· Continue to walk, then start reciting every other month of the year out loud ex: January, March...etc.

#### **CEREBELLUM**

#### THESE EXERCISES HELP WITH BALANCE & COORDINATION

- Stare at a fixated point
- Walk 10 steps forward & 10 steps
   backwards making sure to walk heel-to-toe both directions
- Repeat until your balance feels steady

How many steps can you take without losing your balance?

With your **feet together**, stand without falling or losing your balance.

• Try once with eyes open and once with eyes closed

How long can you stand still?

#### Scale:

1: < 5 secs

2:5 to 10 secs

3:11 to 20 secs

4:21 to 30 secs

5:>30 secs

# HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

If you experience **5 or more** of the following symptoms, you may be a good candidate for functional medicine.

SYMPTOMS	
Difficulty falling asleep	Get bloated immediately after eating
Difficulty staying asleep	Headaches after eating certain foods
Wake up with low energy	Experience 'brain fog'
Low energy after eating lunch	Difficulty with short term memory
Feel anxious for seemingly no reason	Difficulty regulating your emotions
Get depressed for no reason	Difficulty getting motivated
Frequent constipation	Frequent loose stools
YOUR	GOALS
1.	
2.	
3.	

