# There's Amazing (Science) Inside Florida Orange Juice

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# **Nutrition Research**



# **Nutrition Research – In vitro studies**

- Attributes:
  - Examines mechanisms on a cellular level
  - Very controlled setting
  - Inexpensive and quick
  - Provides a base for future research
- Challenges:
  - Very limited in scope
  - Doesn't model the complex human body
  - Can't be applied to diet recommendations
- Example:
  - Novel information concerning mechanism of how sugars in OJ may be absorbed \*\* BUT \*\* was an in vitro study that cannot completely and exactly imitate what happens in the human digestive tract.
  - Effect of the flavonoid hesperidin on glucose and fructose transport, sucrase activity and glycaemic response to orange juice... Kerimi et al.





# **Nutrition Research – Animal studies**

- Attributes:
  - Relatively quick and inexpensive
  - Very Controlled setting
  - Examines mechanisms
  - Extend to organs, systems, and disease state
- Challenges:
  - Doesn't necessarily mimic the human body
- Example:
  - Found that hesperidin was able to prevent oxidative stress associated with intense exercise \*\* BUT \*\* was in rats and the results may not necessarily relate to how humans would respond.
  - Protective Effect of Hesperidin on the Oxidative Stress Induced by an Exhausting Exercise in Intensively Trained Rats - Estruel-Amades et al.





# Nutrition Research – Epidemiological (Observational)

- Attributes:
  - Large amount of data (outcomes, participants)
  - Once data is collected, relatively easy to analyze
  - Can be generalized to a larger population
- Challenges:
  - Data is self reported
  - Difficult to account for all lifestyle variables
  - Cannot show cause and effect only associations
- Example (Cross-sectional):
  - Found that adults who consumed OJ had better diet quality and were less likely to be obese compared to those who did not drink OJ \*\* BUT \*\* was based on information gathered at a single point in time with limited dietary data and could not fully account for other lifestyle factors that might affect the results.
  - 100% Orange juice consumption is associated with better diet quality, improved nutrient adequacy, decreased risk for obesity, and improved biomarkers of health in adults: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2003-2006 -O'Neil et al.





# **Nutrition Research – Human Clinical Trials**

- Attributes:
  - Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) are considered the gold standard
  - Directly test a food vs. control
  - Can more closely address cause-and-effect
- Challenges:
  - Expensive





- Limited number of subjects (issues with generalizability)
- Ethical limitations
- Results may be influenced by the interindividual variability
- Example:
  - Found that consumption of 500 ml OJ daily for 4 weeks increased skin blood flow and reduced diastolic blood pressure \*\* BUT \*\* study only had 24 people and all were overweight men age 51-63 years old so not generalizable to the population. Study only lasted for 4 weeks.
  - Hesperidin contributes to the vascular protective effects of orange juice: a randomized crossover study in healthy volunteers - Morand et al.



# Nutrition Research - Systematic Review/Meta-Analysis

- Attributes:
  - Review the body of literature (multiple studies on a topic)
  - Followed a designed set of rules for identifying and selecting studies for review
  - Pool results of different studies and statistically analyze as one giant study
  - Can more easily generalize results
- Challenges:
  - Studies have differences that need to be accounted for
  - There must be multiple, strong studies on a specific topic
- Examples:
  - Systematic review of 22 studies between 2005-2013, concluded there are no significant independent effects of 100% juice on weight status apart from energy intake. Children who consume 100% fruit juice have higher intakes and adequacy of vitamin A, vitamin C, magnesium, potassium, and higher intake of fiber and iron than non-consumers.
  - Impact of 100% Fruit Juice Consumption on Diet and Weight Status of Children: An Evidence-based Review. - Crowe-White et al.





# How is this type of general nutrition research used:

## Inform Policy

### • Dietary Guidelines for Americans

- Educate the general public
- Shape the school breakfast/lunch programs
- Women, Infants and Children Program

# Educate/Communicate to Health Professionals

- Registered Dietitians
- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners



# **Orange Juice Research**



# **100% Orange Juice – A Nutrient Dense Beverage**

## **Excellent Source:**

Vitamin C Calcium, Vitamin D (fortified)

## **Good Source**

Potassium Folate Thiamin Vitamin B6

### Lesser Amounts (<10% Daily Value):

Magnesium Riboflavin Niacin Vitamin A

## **Phytonutrients:**

Flavonoids

- Hesperidin unique to citrus
- Naringenin

### Carotenoids

- Beta-carotene
- Alpha-carotene
- Beta-cryptoxanthin
- Lutein
- Zeaxanthin

8 oz. serving

## **Bioactives: Polyphenols**

Polyphenols are associated with benefits seen with cocoa/ chocolate, red wine, green tea, grape seeds and skin



Hesperidin plays a valuable role in the overall benefits of 100% orange juice and may play a positive role in:

- Antioxidant activities
- Anti-inflammatory processes
- Heart and vascular health
- Glucose metabolism
- Cognition

OJ is the only commonly consumed food that is a SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF HESPERIDIN



# **Research Supporting Health Benefits**



## **Heart Health**

100% OJ consumption has been associated with favorable effects on several markers of cardiovascular health, including blood lipids, blood pressure, blood vessel function, and inflammatory and oxidative stress markers.



## **Brain Health**

Flavonoids and hesperidin in oranges may help maintain cell health in brain tissue. These flavonoids are able to cross the bloodbrain barrier, which the body uses to protect the brain from harmful agents.



## **Blood Sugar**

Clinical studies across various ethnicities show 100% OJ has no association with fasting glucose, insulin levels, insulin resistance, or other markers for Metabolic Syndrome



# **Research Supporting Health Benefits**





# 100% OJ Drinkers typically have higher diet quality and increased levels of key nutrients

NHANES 2003-2006 Analysis. 100% OJ drinkers are more likely to meet their EAR/AI, have higher fiber and whole fruit intake, higher healthy eating index scores, meet fruit recommendations, lower risk of Metabolic Syndrome (men) and lower total LDL cholesterol

## 100% OJ has No Association with Weight Gain

NHANES 2003-2006 Analysis. 100% OJ adult drinkers have lower BMI, waist circumference, % body fat. Evidence does not support an association between 100% fruit juice consumption and weight status in children.



# 100% OJ is a source for hydration and rehydration after workouts

100% OJ may be a good beverage of choice to support fluid balance as it ranked higher than many other beverages on several measures of hydration in a recent study.

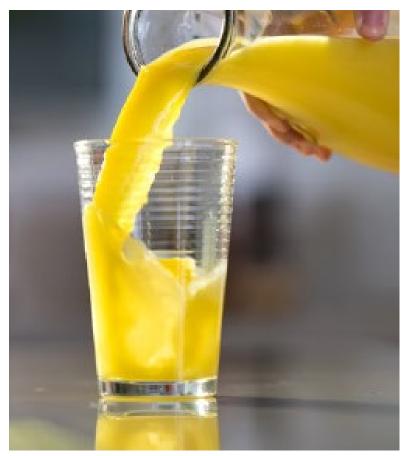


# Communicating the Research



# **The Complete Package**

- Counts as a fruit serving
- Nutrient dense
- Bioactives (polyphenols)
- No added sugar
- Health benefits
- Not associated with weight gain
- Taste and convenience





# 2018-2019 Methods to Reach Consumers



# **OJ Nutrition Website: Floridajuice.com**



### **Florida OJ Health Benefits**

that may reduce the risk of kidney stones

Drinking Florida Orange Juice is not only delicious, it delivers a powerful combination of nutrients, vitamins, and antioxidants that have proven health benefits. From helping to reduce the risk of kidney stones to fighting inflammation, Florida Orange Juice is an excellent choice for overall health. See below to learn more about the benefits Florida Orange Juice provides:

#### Immune System Support > Cardiovascular Health > Skin Health > The nutrients and vitamins found in 100% The vitamins and minerals found in 100% The nutrients and antioxidants found in orange juice play a role in maintaining a orange juice support a healthy immune 100% orange juice can help you maintain healthy heart. system healthy skin. Iron Absorption > **Cognitive Function** > **Respiratory Health >** 100% orange juice may help your body The nutrients and plant compounds in 100% 100% orange juice contains essential absorb iron and other nutrients from foods. orange juice may have positive effects on nutrients that may improve asthma symptoms. brain function. **Inflammation and Oxidative** Kidney Health > Bone Health > Stress > 100% orange juice is one best juices to drink One 8-ounce glass of 100% orange juice 100% orange juice has an array of nutrients

fortified with calcium and vitamin D provides

nutrients that may help maintain strong

bones.

with antioxidant powers.



# **Nutrition Website: Weight Management**

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#### **Detailed Nutrition Information**

#### 100% Orange Juice and Weight in Adults

Clinical studies have reported that 100% orange juice intake had no negative effects on BMI, waist circumference, body weight or body composition in adults (including large amounts of approximately 25 to 33 ounces per day for four to 12 weeks).<sup>5-10</sup> In fact, men and women who consumed orange juice were reported to have a lower BMI and were 21 percent less likely to be obese compared to adults not consuming orange juice  $^4$ 

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many commonly consumed fruit juices AND has fewer calories.<sup>15,16</sup>



# **Promoting Informed Healthy Choices**

- Balanced, healthy eating with more fruits and vegetables
- Focus on nutrient-dense foods, such as 100% OJ
- Including OJ in the diet can help meet daily fruit intake, improve health and diet quality





## **Future Research at the DOC**





# Ongoing and New Research

- Longitudinal analysis of children and OJ consumption as related to weight, health measures, activity and diet quality
- NHANES analysis on OJ consumption and its effect on weight and diet quality in adults and children
- NHANES study of trends relating to OJ consumption and nutrient adequacy in adults and children over time

# **Criteria for projects moving forward**

- Produce useful data/information to be leveraged by FDOC's Global Marketing Department in order to:
  - Support nutritional benefits of OJ
  - Support health benefits associated with OJ consumption
  - Counteract negative media coverage
- Support research studies to:
  - Review and strengthen existing research
  - Fill gaps in existing research and literature
  - Support and advise nutrition policy as related to orange juice



# Summary

- Nutrition research is evolving, varied and not without challenges and is used to inform national nutrition policy.
- OJ is a source of necessary vitamins and minerals and is one of the only commonly consumed foods containing hesperidin, a polyphenol with antioxidant properties and other benefits.
- FDOC relies on OJ research to develop and support communication and marketing strategies that encourage consumption and promote the positive aspects of drinking OJ.
- FDOC continues to plan and fund as well as promote and support nutrition research, which is instrumental in keeping the conversation around OJ current, relevant, and engaging.



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