

Supplements for surgery

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The following list of supplements is designed for a healthy patient without complicating medical conditions and one who is not taking pharmaceuticals. You should always check with your physician prior to embarking on any protocol that might enhance or interrupt ongoing therapies.

Stop prior to surgery

Garlic

Ginkgo biloba

EPA

Vitamin E over 400 i.u.

Kava

Milk thistle

St. John's Wort

All caffeine

Supplements to take

Arginine 3 grams a day

A good multivitamin containing up to 50 mg. of zinc and up to 400 i.u. of Vitamin E. Foundation Formula meets these qualifications

Additional Ester C 1,000 mg., three times daily

Acidophilus two capsules, three times daily away from antibiotics

N-acetyl cysteine 500 mg., twice daily

After surgery

Bromelain 500 mg.—five capsules, three times a day

Arnica 6C, three tiny pills or three drops under tongue, three times daily day prior and day after surgery. (Although a recent study casts doubt on Arnica's ability to relieve effects of trauma.)