

## EPISODE 118: OBESOGENS AFFECT WEIGHT & FASTING The Fasting Podcast WOW (Wellness & Optimal Weight)



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Affect Weight & Fasting

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### What are Obesogens?

- Man-made chemicals that can interfere with how the body works including handling of fat, appetite, fertility, health, fasting results
- Obesogens are found in food, food containers & wraps, non-stick cookware, plastic drinking bottles, personal products like shampoo, clothing e.g. flame-retardant, certain carpets, cigarette smoke, and our polluted air and polluted water
- Obesogens are a subset of hormone-disrupting chemicals
- There are over 20 obesogens, with terminology coined in 2006
- Obesogens increase one's susceptibility/sensitivity to weight gain
- They promote obesity by altering the programming of fat cell development, increasing energy storage in fat tissue, & interfering with neuroendocrine control of appetite and satiety/fullness
- They can also increase effects of high-fat/sugar diets
- Linked to terminology "xenoestrogen" and risk of abnormal cells



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### **Some Types of Obesogens**

- Phthalates chemicals added to plastics for flexibility & longevity (cosmetics, food, toys, food containers, sunscreens, detergents... Estimated 75% Americans have detectable levels
- Bisphenol A (BPA) chemicals in plastic bottles & dinnerware, toys, dental sealants, beer kegs, metal coffee cans, cooking oil bottles, aluminum beverages cans... - linked to inflammatory conditions, fertility issues, vit D deficiency, obesity, diabetes, delayed puberty...
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in drinking water, some fish, food crops, paper, paints, plastic/rubber products – linked to obesity, insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome...
- Atrazine (ATZ) 2<sup>nd</sup> most used herbicide in USA, it sticks to crops, soil, surface water at unsafe levels <u>–</u> linked to hormonal changes that can lead to serious developmental, reproductive, immune, neuro issues, insulin resistance, obesity...
- Tributyltin (TBT) contaminates water supply since it is used in boat paint/fishnet = may affect fat processes & signal stem cells to turn into fat cells

## **Some Types of Obesogens**



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- Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) drinking water contaminent "likely to be carcinogenic in humans" by US EPA Science Advisory Board also linked to increased risk for childhood obesity and higher BMI
- Parabens preservative in food, supplements, cosmetics, paper products, some medicines (also anti-depressants & anti-histamines may have obesogenic effect linked to weight gain & inability to lose weight
- Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) flame retardants in fabric or furniture or clothing
- **Pesticides** used in commercial farming with obesogenic effects
- Cigarette smoke link between fetal development & obesity when exposed while in utero
- Alkylphenols surfactant & thickener used in rubber, paint...

### **Options to Consider**

- ✓ All natural and organic food, drink, personal items like shampoo, deodorant, cosmetics, cleaning agents, etc. (fragrance free)
- Excellent water purification without depleting beneficial minerals
- ✓ Drink from glass or stainless steel bottles or cups
- ✓ Avoid plastic drinking bottles (water/soda)- filled with toxins
- ✓ Excellent air purification that also addresses surfaces
- ✓ Thoroughly clean fruits/veggies possibly using acidic water to clean
- ✓ Don't store food or heat food in plastic
- ✓ Use stainless steel cookware rather than non-stick typical Teflon-type
- ✓ Choose carpets & furniture & clothing NOT flame or stain resistant
- Periodically cleanse including option of an extended water fast remove toxins/heavy metals & liver cleanse & organic cruciferous veggies like broccoli, cauliflower to help detox

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