Reasons Why Sugar is Ruining Your Health from "Lick the Sugar Habit" By Nancy Appleton, Ph.D.

(this includes sugar and high fructose corn syrup in any foods or beverages)

- 1. Sugar can suppress the immune system. (which reduces defense against infections)
- 2. Sugar can cause fatigue, hyperactivity, anxiety, depression, difficulty concentrating, and irritability in adults and children.
- 3. Sugar increases triglycerides.
- 4. Sugar causes premature aging.
- 5. Sugar can increase cholesterol, esp. LDL.
- 6. Sugar increases inflammation and pain .
- 7. Sugar can cause tooth decay and periodontal disease.
- 8. Sugar causes memory loss.
- 9. Sugar can cause diabetes.
- 10. Sugar can damage the pancreas.
- 11. Sugar can increase fluid retention.
- 12. Sugar can cause migraines and other pain.
- 13. Sugar contributes to obesity, causes more hunger and excessive food intake.
- 14. Sugar makes ADD and ADHD worse.
- 15. Sugar can cause asthma and allergies.
- 16. Sugar increases allergic response to other foods.
- 17. Sugar causes acne.
- 18. Sugar contributes to uncontrolled yeast infection (Candida).
- 19. Sugar can cause gallstones and kidney stones.
- 20. The more sugar you eat the more elasticity and function of the body you lose.
- 21. Sugar can cause heart disease because it robs the body of vitamins and minerals.
- 22. Sugar can cause appendicitis.
- 23. Sugar increases the risk of all cancers.
- 24. Sugar has causes mineral deficiencies which leads to arthritis and osteoporosis because it interferes with absorption of calcium and magnesium.
- 25. Sugar can make bones and tendons brittle.
- 26. Sugar may make eyes more vulnerable to myopia (nearsightedness), age-related macular degeneration and cataracts.
- 27. Sugar causes hypoglycemia.
- 28. Sugar raises homocysteine levels.
- 29. Sugar can cause hemorrhoids and varicose veins.

- 30. Sugar can cause indigestion and acid reflux. Sugar can cause IBS and constipation because it lacks enzymes so therefore slows food travel time through GI tract.
- Sugar increases the concentration of bile acids in stools and bacteria in the colon. This can modify bile to produce cancercausing compounds, esp. in the colon.
- 32. Sugar can increase risk of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.
- 33. Sugar can make stomach ulcers worse.
- 34. Refined sugar reduces learning capacity.
- 35. Sugar can increase your risk of getting gout.
- 36. Sugar can cause a rapid rise in adrenaline in children and adults.
- 37. Sugar can cause toxemia during pregnancy.
- 38. Sugar can contribute to eczema.
- 39. Sugar can impair DNA and change structure of protein.
- 40. Sugar can lower the amount of Vitamin E and other vitamins and minerals causing restless legs, heart problems, etc.
- 41. Sugar can cause emphysema.
- 42. Sugar can cause a fatty liver.
- 43. Sugar can contribute to Alzheimer's.
- 44. Sugar can cause hormone imbalance in men and women (increases estradiol and creates so many more problems, especially thyroid and adrenal glands)
- 45. Sugar can make PMS worse.
- 46. Sugar can cause platelet adhesiveness.
- 47. Sugar causes free radicals and oxidative stress causing cell death.
- 48. Sugar is an addictive substance and can be intoxicating similar to alcohol.
- 49. High sugar intake can cause epileptic seizures.
- 50. Sugar can cause high blood pressure.
- In juvenile rehab centers, when children were put on a low sugar diet, there was a 44% drop in antisocial behavior.
- 52. Sugar dehydrates newborn babies.
- 53. Sugar can cause low birth weight babies.
- 54. Sugar lowers libido