# coeliac uklive well gluten free Coeliac disease and the gluten free diet 

## What will be covered?

- About coeliac disease
- Symptoms
- Diagnosis
- Gluten free diet
- Naturally gluten free foods
- Substitute foods
- Oats
- Reading food labels and using the Food and Drink Guide
- Cross contamination
- Eating out and travelling
- Vaccinations
- Coeliac UK membership


## About coeliac disease

1 in 100 people have coeliac disease.

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Only 30\% of people with coeliac disease are diagnosed ||
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Risk increases to 1 in 10 for people with a first degree relative (parent, sibling or child) with coeliac disease.


Twice as many women as men have coeliac disease.

## What is coeliac disease?

- Coeliac disease is a lifelong autoimmune disease (not an allergy or intolerance)
- The body attacks its own tissues when you eat gluten. This damages the lining of the gut.

Coeliac disease:



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## Your body can react to tiny amounts of gluten

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- Antibodies are part of the immune system
- They normally react to bacteria and viruses and help to fight infection
- In coeliac disease, antibodies react to gluten and attack the body
- Antibodies react to tiny amounts of gluten, so it is important to follow a strict gluten free diet


## Most common symptoms

TIREDNESS ANAPMTA<br>NAUSEA VOMITING<br>WEIGHT LOSS<br>BLOATITNG<br>CONSTIPATION<br>MOUTH ULCERS<br>FREQUENT DIARRHOEA<br>DERMATITIS HERPETIFORMIS

## Dermatitis Herpetiformis (DH)

- The skin manifestation of coeliac disease
- Less common than coeliac disease (1 in 3,300 )
- Commonly occurs on elbows, knees, shoulders, buttocks and face



## Diagnosis

- Gluten must be in the diet in more than 1 meal a day for 6 weeks before testing
- Blood test to look for antibodies
- Endoscopy and biopsy to look for damage to the lining of the gut


## Why is a gluten free diet important?

- Improves symptoms
- Allows the gut to heal
- Allows the body to absorb nutrients from food
- Reduces the risk of long term complications
- Osteoporosis
- Fertility problems
- Neurological conditions
- Nutritional deficiencies
- Very rare Lymphoma and small bowel cancer



## What is gluten?

- Collective name for proteins found in:
- Wheat
- Barley
- Rye

- Gluten is also found in strains of wheat including spelt, triticale, Khorasan wheat (kamut)


## Naturally gluten free foods

- Fruit and vegetables
- Plain meat, fish and poultry
- Eggs
- Plain milk, cream, cheese (including pregrated cheese), yoghurt
- Rice
- Lentil and pulses
- Corn
- Potatoes
- Butters, margarines and oils
- Nuts and seeds
- Herbs and spices
- Wine, cider and spirits



## Foods which contain gluten

- Bread
- Pasta
- Crackers
- Breakfast cereals
- Couscous and semolina
- Pastry
- Biscuits
- Cakes
- Soy sauce
- Barley squash
- Malted milk drinks
- Ales, beers, lagers, stouts
- Some processed foods such as sausages, soups, sauces and ready meals



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## Gluten free substitute foods

- There are gluten free versions of many foods which are traditionally made from gluten containing grains including:
- Bread
- Pasta
- Crackers
- Breakfast cereals
- Biscuits
- Cakes
- Breaded/battered fish or meat products
- Beer


## Gluten free food on prescription

- Access to gluten free food on prescription varies across the UK
- See www.coeliac.org.uk/prescription-policies/ for the latest


## Coeliac UK's food information

- Access to over 100,000 products with weekly updates
- Available in print and digitally
- Food alerts
- Additional dietary needs via Gluten Free Food Checker app
- Coeliac UK's Food Labelling Video
- https://www.coeliac.org.uk/foodlabe llingvideo



## Gluten free food checker app



## Food and Drink Guide

Coeliac UK's hard copy guide to food and drinks suitable for a gluten free diet, including branded and supermarket own brand products.

## Keeping your Guide up to Date

- It is important to check for updates as products do change and many new products are added throughout the year
- Monthly updates to the Food and Drink Guide:
- on the Coeliac UK website
- in Coeliac UK's monthly email newsletter



## Oats

- Oats do not contain gluten but are often contaminated during milling
- Only oats labelled "gluten free" are suitable for people with coeliac disease
- The terms "100\% oats" or "pure oats" does not tell you anything about gluten contamination
- Oats contain avenin which is similar to gluten. Most people with coeliac disease can tolerate avenin in gluten free oats. A small number of people are sensitive to avenin in gluten free oats.



## Gluten free and the crossed grain symbol

- "Gluten free" has a legal definition
- $\leq 20 \mathrm{ppm}$ gluten
- Applies to packaged foods, loose foods and in catering
- Safe for all people with coeliac disease
- Coeliac UK's Crossed grain symbol
- Nationally and internationally recognised symbol
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## Reading food labels

- Manufacturers must list ALL ingredients on an ingredients list
- The gluten containing grain used must be listed and emphasised:
- Wheat
- Rye
- Barley
- Oats
- Gluten cannot be "hidden"
- If you're unsure if a product is suitable (e.g. if there is a may contain statement), you can call Coeliac UK's Helpline to check (0333 2033 332)


## Is this food suitable?

Whole Wheat Cereal with Added Vitamins \& Iron. 36 Biscuits.

## OUR RECIPE

Ingredients:Wholegrain Wheat (95\%), Malted Barley Extract, Sugar, Salt, Niacin, Iron, Riboflavin(B2), Thiamin (B1), Folic Acid.

## ALLERGY ADVICE

For allergens including cereals containing gluten, see ingredients in bold.

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- No
- Wheat and barley are ingredients. These cereals contain gluten.

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Sesame allergy sufferers due to manufacturing methods.

Suitable for vegetarians and vegans

MPORTANT Please remember small children can choke on nuts.

Made in the UK.
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$\checkmark$ There is no wheat, rye, barley or oats in the ingredient list
$\checkmark$ There is no "may contain" statement $\checkmark$ Nuts are allergens and are listed in bold. However, these are emphasised for people with allergies and are not a problem for people with coeliac disease

## Is this food suitable?

Crunchy cereal bars made with whole grain rolled oats and Canadian maple syrup.
Ingredients: Whole grain rolled oats (59\%), sugar, sunflower oil, canadian maple syrup ( $2 \%$ ), honey, salt, molasses, emulsifier: sunflower lecithin; raising agent: sodium bicarbonate, natural flavouring.
For allergens, see ingredients in bold.
May contain peanut, tree nuts and soy ingredients.
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- No
- This product contains oats which are not gluten free


## Is this food suitable?

| honey roasted cashew nuts <br> INGREDIENTS <br> Cashew Nuts (82\%) <br> Sugar • Sunflower Oil - <br> Glucose Syrup - <br> Honey (1\%) • Salt • Stabiliser: <br> Xanthan Gum. | NUTRITION <br> Serves approximal environ Noor ongelie Typical values Valeurs moyennes Gemiddelde waarde Energy kJ/Energe Energy kca/EEneo |
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## Is this food suitable?



- No
- There is no wheat, rye, barley or oats in the ingredient list
- But there is a "may contain" statement. There is a risk of contamination with cereals containing gluten during manufacturing


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INGREDIEMIS: Gluten free rolled oals", raw cane
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$\checkmark$ Yes
$\checkmark$ There is no wheat, rye or barley in the ingredient list and the oats are gluten free
$\checkmark$ There is no "may contain" statement for gluten

## Frequently Asked Questions

Is barley malt vinegar safe?

Can people eat glucose syrups derived from cereals containing gluten?

Malt vinegar can be made from barley but the gluten is removed during processing


Do I need to use gluten free beauty products e.g. shampoo?

No, gluten is only a problem if eaten

For more FAQs, see the Food and Drink Guide

## Cross contamination

- Even tiny amounts of gluten can cause symptoms in the short term and gut damage in the long term so it's important to avoid cross contamination:
- Use a separate toaster or toaster bags
- Use clean oil or a separate fryer for gluten free foods
- Ensure chopping boards and utensils are cleaned
 thoroughly before use
- Use separate spreads and condiments or use jam spoons to prevent breadcrumbs from getting into condiments
- Cook gluten free foods at the top of the oven and gluten containing at the bottom in case of spillage from the shelf above


## Eating out

- By law, caterers must be able to provide you with information on any allergens, including cereals containing gluten in the meals they sell.
- This information can be written or oral.
- Call ahead to speak to the chef/waiter or check their website for gluten free options
- Explain that you need a gluten free meal for medical reasons
- List some possible sources of gluten:
- Stock cubes
- Breadcrumbs
- Wheat flour in sauces
- Oil used to fry foods containing gluten
- Soy sauce
- Croutons in salad
- Explain the importance of avoiding cross contamination


## Eating out

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- Search and filter options for over 7,000 venues across the UK
- Read rating and reviews from others
- Available online and via the Gluten Free on the Move app
- Coeliac GF accredited, Local Group recommendations and Visitor recommendation
- Look out for Coeliac UK's GF symbol which tells you that the caterer meets the gluten free standard



## Travelling

- Over 50 Country Guides with translations www.coeliac.org.uk/travel
- Packaged foods in EU are covered by same food labelling laws as the UK
- Plan ahead
- Discuss gluten free catering before booking
- Ask in advance for gluten free airplane/Eurostar meals
- Take emergency snacks
- Taking food abroad
- Check for additional baggage allowance



## Vaccinations

- The spleen is an important part of the immune system. If it doesn't work properly it can lead to an increased risk of infection
- Some people with coeliac disease have reduced spleen function
- Therefore certain vaccinations are recommended:
- Vaccination against pneumococcal infection and a booster every five years

- The need for flu vaccination should be considered by your GP on an individual basis
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y should be given to anyone born between 1995 and 2014


## Coeliac UK membership

Join online www.coeliac.org.uk/join or over the phone 03333322033

|  | Individual |  | Concessionary <br> Complete | Household |  |
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|  | Complete | Digital |  | Complete | Digital |
| Annual fee | $£ 27$ | £15 | $£ 21$ | £33 | £18 |
| Quarterly | £6.75 | $£ 3.75$ | $£ 5.25$ | £8.25 | $£ 4.50$ |
| Monthly | £2.25 | $£ 1.25$ | $£ 1.75$ | $£ 2.75$ | $£ 1.50$ |
| 2 year offer | £48 | - | £42 | £60 | - |
| Services available |  |  |  |  |  |
| Welcome pack* | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Annual Food and Drink Guide | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Live Well Gluten Free Magazine | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Crossed Grain Newsletter | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Gluten Free Food Checker App | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Gluten Free on the Move App | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Food and Drink Information | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Venue Guide | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Recipe Service | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Monthly Newsletters | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Helpline | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Member2Member | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Local Groups | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Exclusive discounts and offers | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |

## Summary

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- Coeliac disease is a lifelong autoimmune disease
- The only treatment is a strict gluten free diet
- Following a strict gluten free diet is important to improve symptoms and reduce your risk of complications
- Gluten is found in wheat, rye and barley. Only oats labelled as gluten free are suitable for a gluten free diet.
- Support is available from Coeliac UK and from your local healthcare team


## Materials needed

- Latest copy of Food and Drink Guide
- Free as part of HCP membership (www.coeliac.org.uk/join-us/HCP)
- If you've not received a copy please call our Helpline 03333322033
- Coeliac UK Membership Forms
- www.coeliac.org.uk/membershipform/
- Leaflets can be printed from the HCP useful downloads page:
- www.coeliac.org.uk/usefuldownloads
- Please note that we regularly review our resources. Please see our website for the latest versions.
- This presentation must not be used beyond January 2021 when it is due for review.
- See www.coeliac.org.uk/usefuldownloads for the latest version


[^0]:    G.B. Gasbrinni and F. Mangiola, 2014

