Zinc 50 mg. Chelate
Immune and antioxidant support

DESCRIPTION
Zinc 50 mg. Chelate tablets, offered by Douglas Laboratories®, provide a significant amount of zinc, an essential mineral. Absorbability of this formulation is enhanced by the chelation of zinc with gluconic acid.

FUNCTIONS
Zinc is an essential trace element required for the activity of over 300 enzymes and is involved in most major metabolic pathways. Zinc participates not only in catalytic processes, but also in the structure and stability of some regulatory proteins.

General signs of human zinc deficiency indicate that zinc has important functions in maintaining immune function, reproduction, healthy skin, and growth.

Numerous studies support the fundamental role of zinc for normal immune response in humans. Immune cells must be able to rapidly divide in order to respond to daily challenges. Like all rapidly dividing cells, immune cells depend on adequate amounts of dietary zinc.

As a cofactor of the antioxidant enzyme superoxide dismutase (SOD), zinc can be considered an antioxidant nutrient. Zinc supplementation has been shown to increase the antioxidant activity of SOD, and provide increased free radical protection. Zinc deficiency is associated with increased oxidative damage.

Absorption of toxic heavy metals, especially cadmium and lead, is lower in individuals with high zinc status compared to those with low zinc status.

The body pool of readily available zinc appears to be small, which renders the body susceptible to deficiency and therefore dependent on a steady dietary supply of bioavailable zinc. While typical zinc intakes in U.S. adults are between 10 and 15 mg per day, which approach the RDA, intakes in the elderly are often low. Pregnant women are also at risk for zinc deficiency, since they have a higher requirement for this trace element.

Frequently, vegetarians and chronically depressed individuals have been found to have low zinc status.

INDICATIONS
Proteozyme Forte™ may be a useful nutritional adjunct for individuals who wish to supplement their diets with proteolytic enzymes and other factors that provide nutritional support after injuries.

FORMULA (#7104)
Each tablet Contains:
Zinc .......................................................... 50 mg
As present in 400 mg Zinc Gluconate in chelated combination

SUGGESTED USE
Adults take 1 tablet daily or as directed by physician.

SIDE EFFECTS
No adverse side effects have been reported.

STORAGE
Store in a cool, dry place, away from direct light. Keep out of reach of children.
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