Finally, returning to the beginning of life – the potentially revolutionary concept of the opportunity to establish a ‘lifelong’ optimised flora in the first 6 months of life – will be proposed with tentative real research evidence.

KEY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

• Overview of the current status of understanding of the basic characteristics and structures of the human microbiota.
• Mechanisms of how the microbiome drives and maintains major parts of our physiology particularly the immune, and the body’s mucosal systems will be explained.
• Evidence and potential mechanisms into how the microbiome is associated with chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, IBD, allergies, IBS, will be clearly elucidated providing the participant with real understanding of these fundamental processes.
• Suggested protocols for manipulation of the microbiome for specific disease conditions.

Astonishingly, the microbiome provides 10 times the cell numbers, and 200 times the genetic diversity of the human host and it is only recently that this complexity together with its implications on health is being fully recognised.

In this one-day intensive overview, a brief exploration of the characteristics, structure, role, and diversity of the human microbiome will be discussed as well as evidence of how it becomes a key driver to our health status in the period following birth and continues as a critical contributor to our health throughout the rest of our lives.

Although it has now been acknowledged that the the microbiome has enormous influence on immune and intestinal health, it is now apparent that differences in the microbiome are also associated with chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, inflammatory bowel disease, IBS and allergies. Mechanisms of how the microbiome may exert its influence on disease risk factors as explored together with the gathering evidence that many may be associated with the use of antibiotics.

Finally, the microbiome is unique in being a part of our physiology that can be manipulated and potentially optimised by use of probiotics and prebiotics. Clinical evidence of the effects of these nutritional factors on health and disease will be discussed, including original, new, and exciting published research by Dr. Plummer and his research team, indicating positive benefits in the risk of developing allergies, reduction in inflammatory response, and enhanced immune function indicated by reduced rate of common infections.
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Dr. Plummer lectures extensively in North America and the UK/ Europe and has developed an interest in the concept of fetal disease programming, the controlling factors involved and the potential to influence programmed events as a means of prevention of chronic disease development.

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