



## PureHeart<sup>™</sup> K<sub>2</sub>D

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## What Is It?

Vitamin K includes a group of compounds that contain a central ring structure with varying side chains. These differing side chains account for differences in absorption, bioavailability, transport and tissue distribution. Vitamin K<sub>1</sub>, phylloquinone, is the most common form and is found in plants and green vegetables. Vitamin K<sub>2</sub> (MK-7) is less common and found primarily in fermented soy. Studies indicate that while vitamin K<sub>1</sub> is primarily concentrated in the liver, vitamin K<sub>2</sub> (MK-7) is concentrated in extra-hepatic tissues, including vascular tissues, allowing for targeted support. MK-7 also has a longer half-life.\*

## Uses For PureHeart<sup>™</sup> K<sub>2</sub>D

*Vascular Health:* Vitamin K<sub>2</sub> menaquinone-7 (MK-7) promotes healthy vascular calcium homeostasis and cardiovascular function. In a systematic review involving 5 studies, higher intakes of vitamin K<sub>2</sub> were associated with cardiovascular health. Research indicates that it supports the carboxylation of matrix Gla-protein (MGP), a key protein involved in calcium balance. Unlike vitamin K<sub>1</sub>, which concentrates in bone, MK-7 concentrates in vascular tissue where it supports healthy arterial blood flow and vascular elasticity. In an observational study involving 564 postmenopausal women, higher intake of vitamin K<sub>2</sub> was associated with healthy calcium balance in the vascular tissue. Optimal serum levels of vitamin D are also important to maintain healthy calcium balance in vascular tissues, in part by supporting the activity of MGP. Studies indicate that the combination of vitamin K and D provides synergistic support.\*

### What Is The Source?

Vitamin K<sub>2</sub> (MK-7) is naturally derived from flower extracts geraniol and farnesol. Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> is derived from lanolin. Hypo-allergenic plant fiber is derived from pine cellulose.

### Recommendations

Pure Encapsulations recommends 1-2 capsules daily, with a meal.

# Are There Any Potential Side Effects Or Precautions?

If pregnant or lactating, consult your physician before taking this product. Vitamin K may be contra-indicated for individuals on dialysis treatment. Consult your physician for more information.

## Are There Any Potential Drug Interactions?

Vitamin K supplementation may be contraindicated for those taking Coumadin/warfarin anticoagulant medication. Consult your physician for more information.

#### PureHeart<sup>™</sup> K<sub>2</sub>D

each vegetarian capsule contains 🛛 💥 v 3
vitamin D (as cholecalciferol) (D <sub>3</sub> )
Not for individuals taking blood thinning medications

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