

The following steps will help you optimize your ferritin levels safely and effectively so you can feel your best.

## Signs and symptoms of iron deficiency

Fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, increased heart rate, lump in throat, sore tongue, anxiety, lack of motivation.

## Testing

- CBC
- Ferritin
- Iron
- TIBC
- Transferrin Saturation
- Folate

You can order tests at https://www.ultalabtests.com/drwholeness

Timing of testing:

- Morning
- Fasting
- Well-hydrated
- Before heavy exertion (at least a 12-hour) window after a workout)
- Not acutely sick

#### Review iron tests

- Ferritin is the most important value and the gold standard in assessing iron status.
- Ferritin under 50 in most cases is a sign that supplementation is needed. Rx - One dose of two capsules per day.

# Supplement accordingly with Blood Vitality

How to take Blood Vitality:

- Away from exercise, dairy, coffee, black tea, calcium supplements
- Lifestyle adjustments eat high iron foods, mix high vitamin C foods with high iron foods

# Enjoy a decrease in symptoms

Retest 1 month after starting supplementation.

- CBC
- Ferritin
- TIBC
- Transferrin saturation

Adjust supplementation as needed, Retest again at 6 months.

# Maintenance

After a 6-month follow-up blood test, you should be able to tell what dose you will need to maintain optimal iron levels.