Functional foods & beverages (enriched foods, supplements, food ingredients)

- properties additional to only meeting nutritional needs
- concept to improve health through individual contribution/management
- no current legal classification
- "biologically-active components that enhance health or reduce disease risk"
- exponential increase in production of functional foods



Session will discuss current and emerging challenges in risk assessing functional foods











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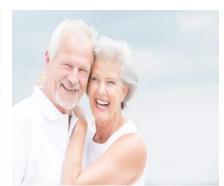










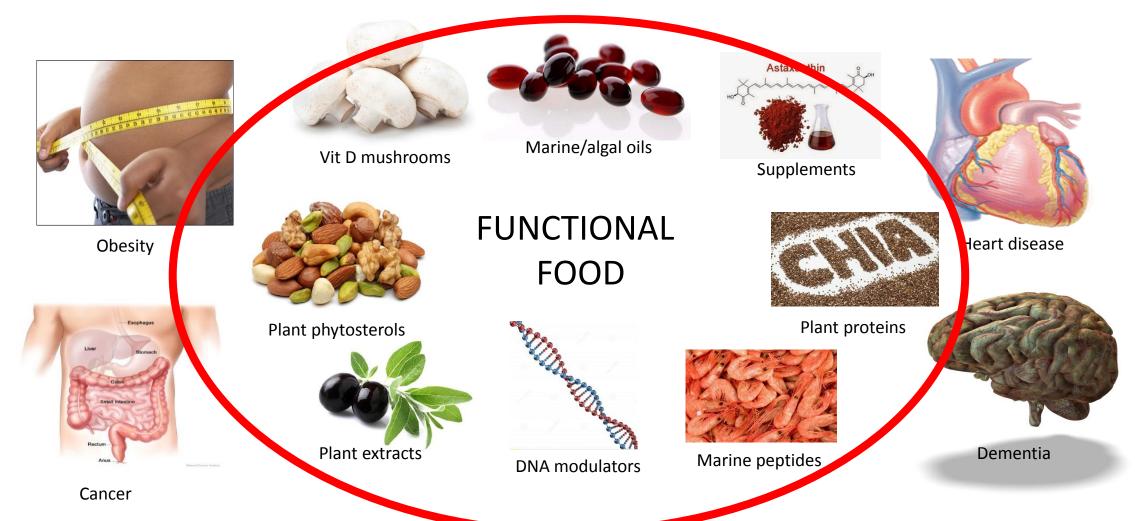


**Populations** 

Specific target groups



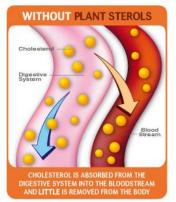
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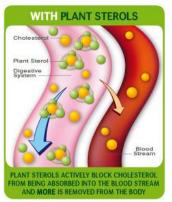


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