

Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder that affects nearly one in every hundred people. Unfortunately, 97 percent remain undiagnosed and untreated. To find out if you may have this very common disease, complete the following health questionnaire:

Section1: Symptoms

Check each of the symptoms that you have experienced at least once a week during the past three months:

- Bloating
- Gas and/or stomach cramping
- Diarrhea or runny stools
- Constipation
- Joint pain
- Numbness or tingling in your extremities
- Itchy skin lesions
- Constant unexplained fatigue
- Frequent headaches or migraines

Section II: Diagnosis

Check if you have had or been diagnosed with any of the following

- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Eczema or unexplained contact dermatitis
- Fibromyalgia
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Nervous stomach (non-ulcer dyspepsia)

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Section III: Associated Illnesses

Check if you have any of the following:

____ Lactose intolerance

____ Osteopenia and/or osteoporosis

____ Autoimmune disorders

 Thyroid disease(hypo/hyper)

 Diabetes mellitus (Type I)

 Sjogren’s syndrome

 Chronic liver disease

____ An immediate family member with an autoimmune condition

____ Peripheral neuropathy

____ Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma

____ Small intestinal cancer

____ Psychiatric disorders or depression

____ Anemia (iron deficiency)

____ Infertility

Scoring: If you have checked one or more line in either Section I or II and have any of the illness in Section III (especially males or women under forty-five with osteopenia and/or osteoporosis). You should consider testing for celiac disease. If you have checks in all three sections, you and your doctor(s) should definitely explore a diagnosis of celiac disease.

All of the symptoms in Section I, all of the diagnoses in Section II, and all of the associated illnesses in Section III are intimately related to celiac disease.

Reference: Green, Peter H. R., M.D., Jones, Rory, *Celiac Disease, A Hidden Epidemic*, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY