

Candida Albicans

When it comes to *Candida Albicans*, *confusion* seems to be the watchword. In order to help clear up this confusion for you and your Distributors and customers, the Neo-Life Scientific Advisory Board has been researching the issue to provide you with definitive information. The S.A.B. has contacted leading infectious disease experts at major universities and hospitals, as well as the U.S. Government's Center for Disease Control.

This letter from Neo-Life's S.A.B. addresses doctors and health professionals with confirmation that the nutritional yeast used in certain Neo-Life products cannot cause or contribute to yeast infections.

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Dear Doctor/Health Professional:

Concern, either real or imagined, over the yeast *Candida Albicans* has grown within the general public in North America to the point that confusion and fear are becoming somewhat widespread. There is no doubt that *Candida Albicans* infections can be a very annoying and sometimes serious health problem. The purpose of this letter, however, is not to discuss the cause nor recommend treatment for *Candida* infections, but to clarify the relationship between *Candida Albicans* and *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae*, a nutritional yeast.

The Neo-Life Company of America has been a leading manufacturer of nutritional supplements since 1958. Over the years, we have relied upon many natural ingredients for their nutritional contributions to our products. One such ingredient is a "primary grown nutritional yeast" of the family *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae*, commonly known as Brewer's Yeast. (This is not a by-product of the brewing industry, however, as it is grown specifically for nutritional value.)

Here are some facts about these two different strains of yeast:

Besides sharing the name "YEAST," these two strains of yeast have little else in common.

Candida Albicans is a member of the normal flora of the mucous membranes in the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and female genital tracts. Following ingestion, *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* is broken down into protein, amino acids, vitamins and minerals by digestive fluids, just like any other food. Ingestion of *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* cannot cause nor contribute to *Candida Albicans* infection.

There is little doubt that the vast majority of Health Professionals understand that there is no connection between *Candida* and yeasts used in dietary supplements. However, if you have any questions or comments concerning this subject, please feel free to write to the Neo-Life Scientific Advisory Board or contact Dr. Michael McNeil, Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia (404) 329-3311.

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