

MDS Brings Omega-3 Fatty Acid Test to Canadians

New diagnostic tool can help prevent heart disease

TORONTO, Nov. 27, 2003—MDS Diagnostic Services announced today that it is providing national access to a newly developed test for Omega-3 essential fatty acids.

“Consumers are becoming increasingly aware of the benefits of omega-3 fatty acids,” said Dr. Brian Sheridan, Senior Vice-President of Medical Affairs for MDS. “Now we have a way to help patients and their physicians monitor Omega-3 levels and pro-actively manage this aspect of heart health.”

The test, developed by Nutrasource Diagnostics Inc. (NDI) of Guelph, Ont., uses a small blood sample to determine an Omega-3 fatty acid score. Patients with low levels can then modify their diets to boost their results. Desirable levels of Omega-3 fatty acids have been linked with significantly reduced risk of heart disease.

“Heart disease is a leading killer of Canadians,” said William Rowe, President and CEO of NDI. “According to the clinical literature, understanding Omega-3 levels is an essential component of cardiovascular disease risk assessment.”

For more information on Omega-3 and the testing program visit the MDS Diagnostic Services website at www.mdsdx.com. People interested in having the test performed should discuss it with their physician.

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