

Goodbye to Disordered Eating, High Cholesterol, and Excess Weight!

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traditional (non)solutions, like living on medications! I am so happy to be cholesterol-med-free and PLANT STRONG!

I found *Forks Over Knives* online while looking for ways to naturally drop my “hereditary” high cholesterol, a diagnosis I received at age 25. My doctor told me that once I was done having kids, I needed to go on [statin drugs](#). I had tried lots of diet changes, but nothing seemed to help. I had cut meat out of my diet, but I still ate fish and dairy—and my total cholesterol hit a high of 316! Finally after I had my second baby, I knew that I needed to either find something that worked or start taking cholesterol meds for the rest of my life.

I went 100% plant-strong as a last-ditch effort—and my total cholesterol dropped 90 points in 8 months! My doctor was quite impressed and no longer recommended statins! My HDL number was fantastic, as well.

Not only did going plant-strong have a huge impact on my cholesterol, it has helped me to finally drop extra baby weight effortlessly. In fact, I am now 20 pounds *under* my pre-pregnancy weight. I have always struggled with food addiction, binge eating, exercise and food obsession, and maintaining a healthy weight. Now I no longer obsess about food and exercising. I don't feel deprived. I listen to my body and eat plant-strong until I am satiated. I have found many great blogs and [recipe books](#) to help make this a relatively easy (and tasty) transition for me. I am 5'3" and now weigh 110 lbs., down from 148 lbs., which was a lot of weight on my petite frame!

I am a 35-year-old single mom, and I run a business from home. In addition, I chase my kids (ages 1½ and 4½) from morning until night, manage my house and yard, and still have energy to run five miles whenever I get a kid-free hour. I have *no* doubt that being plant-strong helps me to have the energy to do everything I do.

My sister is another plant-strong success story. She changed her diet when she learned about my success, dropping her own “hereditary” high cholesterol by 80 points in four months.

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