# VITAMIN E $(\alpha-TOCOPHEROL)$



## MAIN FUNCTIONS

- Boosts antioxidant defense
- Protects cell membranes
- Enhances immune function

# DAILY RECOMMENDATION



All Adults

# **GOOD SOURCES**

# Vegetable Oil

Sunflower Oil, 1 tablespoon,5.6 mg



mg = milligrams

#### Nuts

### hazelnuts • peanuts

Almonds, 1 ounce (23 almonds),7.3 mg



Avocado,1 medium-sized,2.7 mg



## SPECIAL NOTES

- The term "vitamin E" actually refers to a family of eight compounds.  $\alpha$ -Tocopherol is the most active vitamin E compound.
- More than 90% of Americans do not meet the dietary requirement for vitamin E.
- Synthetic vitamin E (in supplements and fortified food) is less bioavailable than naturally occurring vitamin E from food.