



Ways to Boost Your Ferritin

Serum Ferritin(SF) will be low if you are iron deficient. SF can be elevated if inflammation is present (infection or chronic disease can cause inflammation.) SF can distinguish between iron deficiency and anemia caused by inflammation.

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"Meat Meal" is lean, red meat: beef, venison, lamb or dark meat chicken, turkey or fish. Eat with: a leafy green salad and vitamin C rich food such as juice: (tomato, vegetable juice or orange juice.) Take iron supplements* with this meal.

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**iron supplementation should be discussed with your healthcare provider who can decide with you which product is best for you.*

IMPORTANT: antacids or medicines to reduce stomach acid will reduce the amount of iron absorbed.