Milk Allergy vs. Lactose Intolerance

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

COW'S MILK ALLERGY	LACTOSE INTOLERANCE
 Cause Your immune system treats the proteins in milk as a threat. This causes your immune system to attack the protein and your body makes a reaction. 	Cause Your body cannot break down the sugar in milk (lactose), which causes symptoms in your digestive system. Does not involve the immune system.
AgeUsually starts before age 1Most children outgrow it by age 3	Age • Usually starts after age 2
Possible Symptoms Skin Red, itchy, rash, swelling Airways Trouble breathing or swallowing, runny nose, coughing Tingling, itchy, swollen lips or mouth Digestion Diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting Anaphylaxis Severe allergic reaction, can result in death if not treated	Possible Symptoms Only affects digestion • Diarrhea • Stomach cramps • Nausea • Vomiting • Bloating • Gas
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 Treatment Do not consume any food or drinks that contain milk protein. Breastfeed, if possible, exclusively for 6 months to age 2 and beyond. If formula feeding, talk to your health care provider about a formula that would be appropriate for your infant. 	Treatment Reduce intake of food and drinks that contain lactose (many people with lactose intolerance can consume some lactose with no symptoms). If you have symptoms, choose foods and drinks that are low lactose or lactose-free. Ask a pharmacist about a lactase enzyme supplement to help improve symptoms; it helps to break down lactose for you.

READ LABELS TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF MILK

Nutrient Claims to Look For:

- Contains milk
- May contain milk
- Contains milk ingredients
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Ingredients: Enriched Flour
Bleached (wheat flour, niacin,
iron, thiamin mononitrate,
riboflavin, folic acid), Sugar, Corn
Syrup, Partially Hydrogenated
Soybean and/or Cottonseed Oil,
Brown Sugar, Palm Oil, Modified
Corn Starch, Leavening (baking
soda, monocalcium phosphate,
sodium aluminum phosphate),
Cinnamon, Salt, Corn Starch,
Distilled Monoglycerides,
Xanthan Gum, Soy Lecithin,
Cellulose Gum, Colour Added.

CONTAINS WHEAT AND SOY; MAY CONTAIN MILK INGREDIENTS.

Words to Look For in the Ingredient List:

- Butter
- Butter solids/fat
- Buttermilk
- Casein
- Caseinate
- Rennet casein
- Calcium caseinate
- Sodium caseinate
- Potassium caseinate
- Cheese
- Cheese flavour
- Condensed milk
- Cream
- Cultured milk
- Curds
- Demineralized whey
- Delactosed whey

- Dried milk
- Evaporated milk
- Half and half
- Sour cream
- Ice cream
- Lactoalbumin
- Lactoglobulin
- Lactoferrin
- Lactose
- Malted milk
- Milk fat
- Modified milk ingredients
- Milk powder
- Milk protein
- Milk solids
- Sour milk solids

- Whey
- Whey protein concentrate
- Yogurt

Ingredients: Organic Corn Meal, Expeller-Pressed Sunflower Oil, Whey, Cheddar Cheese (Milk, Sea Salt, Cheese Cultures, Enzymes), Maltodextrin, Sea Salt, Natural Flavours, Organic Sour Cream (Cultured Organic Skim Milk, Organic Cream, Cornstarch, Dry Organic Skim Milk (Acidophilus and Bifidus Cultures Added]), Torula Yeast, Lactic Acid. and Citric Acid.

CONTAINS MILK INGREDIENTS.

