ALL ABOUT VITAMINS - HANDOUT

Risks and Vitamin Deficiencies

Most Common deficiencies (risk varies depending on procedure type) – In order of highest risk to lowest risk:

- <u>Vitamin D and Calcium</u> (Burning sensation in mouth, diarrhea, insomnia, myopia, nervousness, osteomalacia, **osteoporosis**, **rickets**, scalp sweating)
- <u>Copper</u> (Anemia, arterial damage, depression, diarrhea, fatigue, **fragile bones**, hair loss, hyperthyroidism, weakness)
- Zinc (Acne, amnesia, apathy, brittle nails, delayed sexual maturity, depression, diarrhea, eczema, fatigue, growth impairment, hair loss, high cholesterol levels, immune impairment impotence, irritability, lethargy, loss of appetite, loss of sense of taste, low stomach acid, male infertility, memory impairment, night blindness, paranoia, white spots on nails, wound healing impairment)
- <u>Vitamin A</u> (Acne, dry hair, fatigue, growth impairment, insomnia, hyperkeratosis (thickening and roughness of skin), immune impairment, night blindness, weight loss)
- <u>Folic Acid</u> (Anemia, apathy, diarrhea, **fatigue**, **headaches**, **insomnia**, loss of appetite, neural tube defects in fetus, paranoia, shortness of breath, weakness)
- <u>Iron</u> (Anemia, brittle nails, confusion, constipation, depression, dizziness, fatigue, headaches, inflamed tongue, mouth lesions)
- <u>B1</u> (Confusion, constipation, digestive problems, irritability, loss of appetite, memory loss, nervousness, numbness of hands and feet, pain sensitivity, poor coordination, weakness)
- **B12** (Anemia and neurological disorders)