

Collagen – More Than a Supplement

Collagen is the most abundant protein in the human body. It's one of the main building blocks of your skin, joints, bones, muscles, ligaments, and even your gut lining. When collagen is plentiful, skin looks firmer, joints feel more flexible, and tissues can recover more smoothly from everyday wear and tear.

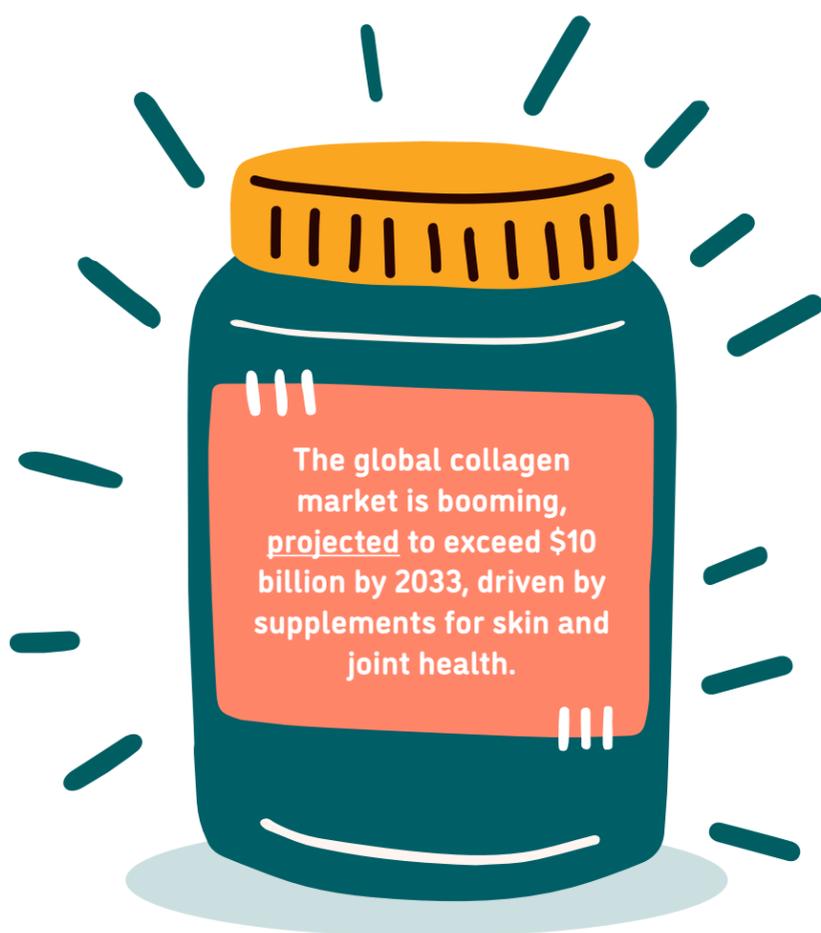
But starting in your mid-20s, your body naturally produces less collagen. This slow decline is completely normal, but it's the reason fine lines become more noticeable, joints feel a bit stiffer, and skin gradually loses elasticity over time.

Your body is constantly making collagen, but how well it makes it depends on everyday habits such as your diet and nutrition, sun exposure, sleep, stress, and smoking.

The Role of Collagen Supplements

Research is ongoing, but some studies [suggest](#) collagen peptides may support skin hydration and elasticity or help with joint comfort in certain individuals. However, collagen supplements are not magic potions. They won't reverse aging, eliminate wrinkles, or "fix" joint problems on their own. Think of them as one tool — not the whole toolbox.

Ultimately, the goal isn't just "boosting collagen." It's supporting your body in a balanced, sustainable way so you can look and feel your best at any age.



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BENEFIT SPOTLIGHT

Primary Care or Specialist? Making the Right Choice

Primary Care Physicians: Your First Point of Contact

Think of a Primary Care Physician (PCP) as your healthcare home base. They're the provider you turn to for everyday concerns, annual check-ups, [preventive screenings](#), and the "something isn't quite right" moments that don't clearly point in one direction.

What PCPs excel at whole-person care, preventive health, early diagnosis, and coordinating care. In many ways, your PCP is the quarterback of your health team — calling plays, coordinating strategies, and helping you navigate every twist and turn.

Specialists: The Experts for Specific Conditions

A specialist steps in when a condition requires deeper, more targeted expertise. While PCPs have wide-ranging knowledge, specialists have laser-focused training in one specific area of medicine (cardiologists, dermatologists, endocrinologists, orthopedic surgeons, etc.).

Specialists bring advanced diagnostics, treatments, and procedures that go beyond the scope of primary care. Specialists are crucial — but they work best with your primary care doctor, not instead of one.

How PCPs and Specialists Work Together to Create Better Outcomes

The most effective healthcare isn't about choosing one over the other — it's about having both in your corner. Primary care physicians and specialists form a coordinated system that keeps you healthy, supported, and informed.

When you're unsure where to turn, start with your primary care physician. They're trained to evaluate your symptoms, treat what they can, and guide you to the right specialist when needed.