About Mercury

Mercury occurs naturally in the environment, but pollution from coal-fired power plants and other industries contributes to this global problem.

Mercury is a concern for pregnant women and nursing moms because, when a baby’s brain is developing, too much mercury can impact memory, attention and language.

Most popular seafood species contain very little mercury, but sometimes older or larger fish have more mercury than others. Seafood is one of the best sources of protein for children’s developing brains and adults’ healthy hearts. Our goal is to help you make informed choices and eat seafood with confidence.

Have Your Hair Tested If...

• You are thinking about becoming pregnant.
• You often eat seafood caught by friends and family.
• You are tired of hearing confusing messages about mercury risks and would like to get all the solid facts.

Mercury Testing

Curious about the amount of mercury in your body?

The University of Georgia Marine Extension offers an EPA-approved method for testing mercury levels in hair.
Instructions

• Fill out the short form.
• Ask someone to snip hair from the back of your head as close as possible to your scalp. A nice bundle of around 30 hairs works well.
• Tape the bundle of hair to this brochure.
• Enclose a check for $20.
• Make the check out to:
  UGA Marine Extension
• Mail to:
  Mercury Program
  University of Georgia
  Marine Extension
  715 Bay Street Brunswick, GA 31520
• Questions?
  Phone: (912) 262-3338
  Email: klaustin@uga.edu
  marex.uga.edu/mercury

Short Form

I am:

- Female
- Male
- Under 21
- 21-30
- 31-45
- Over 45

I am:

- Pregnant
- Nursing
- Cooking for small kids
- A child under age 7
- Thinking about getting pregnant
I eat seafood:

- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

Mail my results to:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

Email