





### Immune-Boosting Nutrients in This Recipe

Over the years, research has shown that healthy dietary patterns can reduce risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers. Dietary patterns, such as the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet and the Mediterranean diet, which are mostly plant-based, have demonstrated significant health benefits and reduction of chronic disease. There are a few "superfoods" that offer important nutrients that can power-pack meals and snacks and further enhance a healthy eating pattern, including leafy greens, nuts and olive oil.

**Spinach** – Contains vitamin K, vitamin A, vitamin C and folate as well as being a good source of manganese, magnesium, iron and vitamin B2.

- Vitamin K is important for maintaining bone health
- It is difficult to find vegetables richer in vitamin K than spinach

**Almonds** – Contain healthy fats, fiber, protein, magnesium and vitamin E.

- Health benefits include lower blood sugar levels, reduced blood pressure and lower cholesterol levels
- They can also reduce hunger and promote weight loss

Olive oil — Contains large amounts of antioxidants

• Has strong anti-inflammatory properties

 Helps in preventing strokes and controlling weight gain and obesity

Paprika – Boosts immune system

 Has vitamin A, capsaicin and carotenoid antioxidants – substances that may help prevent inflammation and improve your cholesterol, eye health and blood sugar levels

**Strawberries** – These potent little packages protect your heart, increase HDL (good) cholesterol, lower your blood pressure and guard against cancer

 Packed with vitamins, fiber and particularly high levels of antioxidants known as polyphenols, strawberries are a sodium-free, fat-free, cholesterol-free, low-calorie food **Salmon** – Rich in a protective antioxidant, astaxanthin

- An excellent source of high-quality protein, vitamins and minerals, including potassium, selenium and vitamin B12
- It is the content of omega-3 fatty acids in salmon that receives the most attention: Omega-3s can fight autoimmune diseases, fight Inflammation and improve risk factors for heart disease

## Ingredients

#### **Spinach Salad**

1 pound fresh baby spinach

1 pound fresh strawberries

4 TBSP slivered almonds

#### **Grilled Salmon**

4 – 4 oz salmon fillets, grilled

Black pepper – to taste

Garlic powder - to taste

1 TBSP margarine or olive oil -

3 TBSP+ 2 ¼ tsp water

3 TBSP white wine

4 each lemon slices

#### **Sesame Vinaigrette Dressing:**

2 1/4 tsp sesame seeds, toasted

1/4 tsp poppy seeds

3 TBSP + 1 ¾ tsp white granulated sugar

1 TBSP + 1 ¾ tsp olive oil

1 TBSP + 1 ½ tsp apple cider vinegar

Pinch paprika

1 tsp minced red onion

Salt and pepper to taste

### Instructions

**Prepare dressing:** Whisk all ingredients – sesame seeds, poppy seeds, sugar, oil, vinegar, paprika and onions. Cover and refrigerate until serving

Wash spinach, drain and set aside

Clean and slice strawberries

**Assemble:** Place ½ cup spinach on chilled salad plate, top with ¼ cup sliced strawberries and 1 tbs almonds. Place salmon filet on top, drizzle 1½ tbs of prepared dressing

Top salmon with a thin slice of lemon

# ENJOY!



### **Nutrition**

Calories: 491kcal Protein: 6mg

Carbohydrates: 42.9mg

Dietary fiber: 6.23

Fat: 35.2mg Sodium 62.9mg Vitamin C: 110.3mg