# Hyperthyroidism

### What is it?

• Oversecretion- of Thyroxine

# **Signs and Symptoms:**

 Elevated Metabolic Rate, Tremor, Tissue Wasting, Can't Tolerate Cold or Heat, Nervousness, Increased Appetite

## **Facts:**

- 8 times- more common in Women
- Most Severe Forms- Toxic Goiter, Thyrotoxicosis
  - o had relatives with Altered Thyroid Functioning



# What can I do?

- See your Physician
  - Thyroidectomy- may be needed (up to 90%) with High Protein/High Calorie Diet before Surgery
- See RD for help as needed- Fluid, Low Sodium/High Protein/ Calorie Diet Plan
- Adequate- Calcium, Vitamin D, Phosphorus- 1 quart milk daily
- AVOID- CAFFEINE, use Less Seasoned, Fibrous Foods
- Need Vitamin C, A, B-Complex Vitamins, B6, B12
- **Beware of Natural Goitrogens** Kale, Cauliflower, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Broccoli, Asparagus, Soybeans, Lettuce, Peas, Spinach, Turnip Greens, Watercress can Increase Medication Side Effects

