# **Benefits of Omega-3**

**3-6 YEARS** 

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INPORTANT NOTICE. Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended during the first 6 months of life followed by the introduction of adequate nutritious complementary foods, along with sustained breastfeeding up to two years of age and beyond.

### **OMEGA-3 & ITS BENEFITS**

#### One of the essential fats for our body & is present in food under 3 different types:

- Alpha-Linoleic Acid
- Eicosapentaenoic Acid
- Docosahexaenoic Acid

### WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL?

- $\bullet$  It is essential because our bodies cannot produce it properly & we must obtain it from the food we eat.
- $\bullet\,$  It is also essential because it plays key roles in our body related to health & disease prevention.
- The health benefits conferred by n-3 fatty acids are important throughout the lifespan which means that omega-3 has major health benefits on all age groups.

### **OMEGA-3 BENEFITS**

#### **1 BRAIN & VISION HEALTH IN EARLY AGE DEVELOPMENT**

- Healthy brain development (increase in volume & enhanced motor skills) in infants and children "brain growth spurt" that starts from the last trimester Of pregnancy until first 5 years of child's age.
- Enhanced cognitive development: May lead to better vocabulary comprehension, better verbal intelligence, better attention & memory, reasoning & strategic planning.

• May improve visual development in children

#### 2 HEALTHY IMMUNITY IN EARLY AGE DEVELOPMENT

Helps in the development of a good immune system in children to fight allergies  $\&\ sickness$ 

## **NATURAL SOURCES OF OMEGA-3**

- Breast Milk
- Salmon
- Sardines
- Tuna
- Flax Seeds
- Chia Seeds
- Soy Beans
- Walnuts
- Canola Oil
- Salflower Oil
- Sunflower Oil