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# Celiac disease

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

## Definitions

### Protein

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The inability to digest and absorb **proteins** called gluten found in wheat, rye, and barley. Celiac disease causes damage to the lining of the small intestine and prevents absorption of nutrients. Also called celiac sprue, gluten intolerance, and nontropical sprue.