## Healthy Eating For Diabetes

- Eat at least 3 meals a day and include snacks if necessary, so that you eat every 4 to 5 hours while you are awake. Don’t skip meals. Cut back on portion sizes and limit second helpings if you need to lose weight.
- Limit sugar and sweets such as sugar-sweetened beverages, sugary cereals, snack cakes, candy, and desserts. Extra sugar = Extra carbohydrates. Use sugar substitutes (Sweet'NLow ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$, Equal ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$, Splenda ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$, Stevia, etc.) to lower your intake of sugar.
- Choose high fiber foods such as dried beans and peas, whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Eat the right amount of carbohydrate foods:


## 1 carbohydrate serving $\mathbf{= 1 5}$ grams of total carbohydrate

Men: Choose 3-4 carbohydrate servings at
Women: Choose 2-3 carbohydrate servings at each meal (total 45-60 grams)
Choose 1 - 2 carbohydrate servings at each snack each meal ( total 30-45 grams)

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- Eat protein such as meat, fish, cheese, eggs, or peanut butter with all meals and snacks. Meat portions should be about the size of a deck of cards or a woman's palm. Bake, broil, boil, and grill rather than frying.
- Eat foods lower in fat. Cut back on sauces, gravy, salad dressings, mayonnaise, butter or margarine. Limit fried foods. Avoid fatty meats such as bacon, sausage, bologna and hotdogs.
- Enjoy plenty of non-starchy vegetables at each meal and snack. They fill you up, have little effect on your blood sugar, and add lots of fiber.
- Consider if a meal delivery service like Home Chef, Hello Fresh, or Sun Basket would be a good option for you.
- Check with your doctor before drinking any alcohol. It may raise your triglycerides and interact
 with your medications.

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## Carbohydrate foods include:

Below are general guidelines. Each amount listed is $\mathbf{1}$ carbohydrate serving which is $\mathbf{1 5}$ grams of carbohydrate.
Please read food labels for specific information for the products you use.

| Starches | Fruit | Milk | Sweets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 / 2$ cup cooked corn, beans or peas | 1 small fresh fruit (tennis ball sized) | 1 cup $1 \%$ or less fat milk | 2" square plain cake or brownie |
| $1 / 2$ cup potatoes | $1 / 2$ cup canned "lite" fruit | 2/3 cup plain or light yogurt | 2 small cookies |
| 1/3 cup cooked rice or pasta | 2 tablespoons raisins | 1 cup soy milk, unflavored | $1 / 2$ cup ice cream or frozen yogurt |
| $1 / 2$ cup cooked oatmeal | $1 / 2$ medium banana |  | $1 / 2$ cup sugar-free pudding |
| 1 slice bread | 1 cup berries or melon |  | $1 / 2$ cup regular jello |
| 6 crackers | 4 ounces fruit juice |  | 5 vanilla wafers |
| 1 (6") tortilla, corn or flour |  |  | 1 tablespoon jelly, syrup, honey or sugar |
| $3 / 4$ cup dry cereal | 10 |  | 2 tablespoons light syrup |
| 1 small roll, biscuit or muffin | - |  |  |
| $1 / 2$ small hamburger or hotdog bun |  |  | $0 \cdot 00000$ |
| 10 to 12 baked chips | $\because$ |  |  |
| 3 cups light popcorn |  |  |  |
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