1800 Calories Per Day
One-Day Sample
Allowed Food

| Group Exchanges | Menu | Food Group |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Breakfast |  |  |
| 3 breads | - 1 whole English muffin | 2 breads |
| 1 fruit | - 3/4 c. corn flakes | 1 bread |
| 1 milk | - 1/2 c. orange juice | 1 fruit |
| 1 fat | - 1 c. skim milk | 1 milk |
| Free | - 1 tsp. margarine <br> - coffee, tea, sugar substitute | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { fat } \\ & \text { Free } \end{aligned}$ |
| Lunch |  |  |
| 3 breads | - Turkey Sandwich |  |
| 3 meats | 2 slices whole wheat bread | 2 breads |
| 1 vegetable | 3 oz. roasted turkey breast | 3 meats |
| 1 fruit | 1 leaf lettuce | Free |
| 1 fat | 1 tsp. mustard | Free |
| Free | - Tossed Salad <br> 1 cup lettuce and cucumbers 1 med. tomato 1 tbsp. salad dressing 1 small peach 6 vanilla wafers tea, sugar substitute | Free <br> 1 vegetable <br> 1 fat <br> 1 fruit <br> 1 bread <br> Free |
| Dinner |  |  |
| 3 breads | - 3 oz. lean roast beef | 3 meats |
| 3 meats | - 1 small baked potato | 1 bread |
| 2 vegetables | - 2 tbsp. sour cream | 1 fat |
| 1 fruit | - 1 c. broccoli, steamed | 1 vegetable |
| 1 milk | - 1/2 c. carrots, steamed | 1 vegetable |
| 2 fats | - 1 dinner roll / 1 tsp. margarine | 1 bread / 1 fa |
| Free | - $1 / 3$ c. crushed pineapple | 1 fruit |
|  | - 1 c. skim milk | 1 milk |
|  | - 3/4 c. sugar free gelatin | Free |
|  | - tea, sugar substitute | Free |
| Snack |  |  |
| 1 fruit | - 1/3 cantaloupe | 1 fruit |

## Daily Checklist

Use this checklist to keep track of your daily food consumption. When you consume a food from a certain group check a circle for that day


## Tips

Avoid Saturated Fats - replace with polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats.
Saturated Fats - meat, poultry, whole milk dairy products, coconut oil,
palm oil, and cocoa butter
Polyunsaturated Fats - sunflower oil, safflower oil, corn oil, vegetable oil,
and soybean oil.
Monounsaturated Fats - olive oil, canola (rapeseed) oil.
Avoid Hydrogenated Oils - more solid and saturated than regular vegetable oils
Limit egg yolks - 2 to 3 per week. Two egg whites can be used in baking
Choose Lean Meat - remove skin and trim visible fat off meat. Bake, broil, roast, or grill
instead of frying and set meats on a rack when cooking to allow fat to drip off meat.
Limit liver - one 3 oz. serving per month as it is high in cholesterol but a good source
of iron.
Choose skim milk and nonfat dairy products.
Total milligrams of cholesterol in sample meal plan is 185 mg and $30 \%$
of calories are from fat.
Limit salt intake for sodium restricted diets.

## Fruits, Juices, Vegetables, and Milk

Starchy vegetables are counted as a bread and are found under the "Breads and Starches" list. Free vegetables are great to snack on and can be found under the "Free Foods" list.
Fruits

- 1 small: apple, kiwi, pear, orange,
nectarine, peach
- 1/2 banana
- $1 / 2$ grapefruit
- 15 small grapes
- 2 plums
- 1-1/4 c. strawberries or watermelon
- $1 / 8$ med. size honeydew melon
- $1 / 3$ cantaloupe
- 3/4 c. blackberries, blueberries
- 12 large raw cherries
- $3 / 4$ c. raw pineapple
- $1 / 3$ c. canned pineapple
- $1 / 2$ c. canned, unsweetened fruits

Juices

- $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. of the following: apple or apple cider, orange, grapefruit, pineapple, vegetable
- $1 / 3$ c. of the following: cranberry, grape, prune


## Vegetables

The serving sizes for vegetables are:

- $1 / 2$ c. cooked vegetables
- 1 c . raw vegetables

Milk

- 1 c. milk: skim, $1 / 2 \%, 1 \%$, $2 \%$, lowfat, buttermilk, whole
- 8 oz. yogurt: plain, nonfat, lowfat, whole
- $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. evaporated milk: skim or whole


## Meats, Fish, Poultry, and Dairy

Low Fat

- 1 oz. USDA "select" or "choice" grades of lean beef such as top loin steaks, round, and tenderloin
- 1 oz. chicken or turkey (without skin)
- 1 oz. Canadian bacon, lean pork, and tenderloin
- 1 oz. veal
- 1 oz. fish (fresh or frozen)
- $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. tuna in water
- 2 oz. crab, lobster, shrimp or clams; fresh or in water
- 6 medium oysters
- 3 egg whites or $1 / 2$ c. egg substitute: 55 calories/4 oz.
- 1 oz. $95 \%$ fat free lunch meat
- 1 oz. diet cheese: 55 calories/oz.
- 2 tbsp. parmesan cheese
- $1 / 4$ c. cottage cheese


## Medium Fat

- 1 oz. most beef products such as ground beef, roast, and steak
- 1 oz. chicken or turkey (with skin)


## Fats

Saturated

- 1 tsp. butter
- 1 strip bacon
- 2 tsp. coconut
- 4 tsp. coffee creamer, powder
- 2 tbsp. cream; light or coffee
- 2 tbsp. sour cream
- 1 tbsp. cream cheese
- oz. most pork products such as chops, roasts and cutlets
- 1 oz. most lamb products
- $1 / 4 c$. tuna in oil
- $1 / 4$ c. canned salmon
- 1 whole egg
- $1 / 4$ c. egg substitute: 55-80 calories per 1/4 oz.
- 1 oz. lunch meat: $86 \%$ fat fre
- 1 oz. liver, heart, kidney
- 1 oz. diet cheese: 55-80 calories/oz
- 1 oz. skim or part-skim mozzarella and ricotta cheese
High Fat
- 1 oz. USDA "prime" grades of beef such as ribs
- 1 oz. pork sausage, spareribs, and ground pork
- 1 oz. fried fish
- 1 oz. Polish bratwurst or Italian sausage
- 1 frankfurter (chicken or turkey)
- 1 tbsp. peanut butter

Unsaturated

- $1 / 8$ med. avocado
- 1 tsp. margarine or mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. oil: corn, olive, safflower, sunflower
- 2 tbsp. salad dressing: mayo type

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- 1 tbsp. regular dressing
- 2 tbsp. reduced calorie dressing
- 1 tbsp. diet margarine or mayonnaise


## Bread and Starches

Breads (1 oz.)

- $1 / 2$ bagel
- 1 slice bread: white, rye, wheat, French
- 1/2 English muffin
- $1 / 2$ hamburger bun
- $1 / 2$ pita (6" across)
- 1 small roll

Cereals (unsweetened)

- 1/2 c. flaked bran
- $1 / 2$ c. cooked oatmeal
- 3 tbsp. grape nuts

3/4 c. ready-to-eat

- 1-1/2 c. puffed rice or wheat

Crackers/Snacks

- 8 animal crackers
- 3 graham crackers, 2-1/2" square


## Free Foods

Free foods are low in calories (<20 calories/serving) and you can eat as much of them as you want, unless otherwise indicated.

Condiments

- unsweetened pickles
- 1 tbsp. ketchup or mustard
- 2 tbsp. low calorie salad dressing
- 3 tbsp. taco sauce

Drinks

- bouillon (no fat)
coffee/tea, club soda
- sugar free soda and drink mixes
- 3 c. plain popped popcorn
- 3/4 oz. pretzels
- 6 saltine crackers
- 6 vanilla wafers

Miscellaneous

- $1 / 3$ c. cooked beans, peas, lentils
- $1 / 2$ c. cooked pasta

Starchy Vegetables

- $1 / 2$ c. corn
- $1 / 2$ c. green beans
- $1 / 2$ c. lima beans
- 1 small baked potato
- 1/2 c. mashed potatoes
- $1 / 3 \mathrm{c}$. plain sweet potatoes
- 1 c. winter squash

Fruits

- $1 / 2$ c. unsweetened cranberries

Vegetables (1 cup raw)

- cabbage, celery, cucumbers, endive, green onion, hot pepper, lettuce, mushrooms, radishes, romaine lettuce spinach, zucchini
Sugar Substitutes (all sugar free)
- Sweet'n Low ${ }^{\circledR}$ or Equal ${ }^{\circledR}$
- hard candy \& gum, gelatin, jam, or jelly
- 1 to 2 tbsp. pancake syrup
- 2 tbsp. whipped topping

