

OPTIONS, INFLUENCES AND CHOICES - HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT FUEL Presented by Maggie Rettelle and Briana Baker
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## What influences food guidelines?

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans provide sciencebased advice to help everyone-no matter their age, race, socioeconomic, or health status-achieve better health

Lower Risk of Heart Disease


Lower Risk of Type 2 Diabetes

of American adults are overweight or obese

## 6 in 10 adults

are living with one or more diet-related chronic diseases



Lower Risk of Cancer


Lower Risk of Obesity

Lower Risk of Hip Fracture

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- Follow a healthy dietary pattern at every life stage.
- Customize and enjoy nutrient-dense food and beverage choices to reflect personal preferences, cultural traditions, and budgetary considerations.
- Focus on meeting food group needs with nutrient-dense foods and beverages, and stay within calorie limits. . Eat: vegetables; fruits; whole grains; fat-free and low fat milk, yogurt and cheese; high quality protein foods ; and healthy oils.
- Limit foods and beverages higher in added sugars, saturated fats, and sodium, and limit alcohol beverages.

- how well you generate and process energy in the body.
- Efficiency of breaking down the substances you eat and drink and turn them into energy for your body to use
- you are considered metabolically healthy if you have less than $\mathbf{3}$ of the following risk factors:
- High blood pressure - Systolic blood pressure under 130 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure under 85 mmHg
- Glucose intolerance - Fasting glucose reading less than $100 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{dl}$
- High Triglyceride levels -Fasting triglyceride level less than $150 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{dl}$
- Low HDL cholesterol levels - Fasting HDL-Cholesterol level under $40 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{dL}$ in men and under 50 $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{dL}$ in women
- Abdominal fat- waist measurement of 35 inches or more for women and 40 inches or more for men


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Influences on chronic conditions


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What are common themes in chronic conditions?

## Inflammatory factors

- Alcohol in excess
- Obesity
- Excessive exercise or lack of physical activity
- Chronic stress

- Smoking



## What influences food choices?

## Guidelines based on research related to current statistics

- DHHS- USDA Dietary Guidelines
- CDC, WHO, Independent and non-profit research


## Depends on where you live

- Food desserts in certain geographic regions
- Abundance or lack thereof healthy options and the commercial promotion of products


## Depends on the times

- Cold War in 1950's - canned foods stocked up
- 1980's emergence of ramen noodles and capri suns
- 1990 health-conscious consumer - rise of fat-free and SlimFast shakes; on the opposite, Hot Pockets and Lunchables introduced
- 2000's Atkins and low carb trend - furthering the push for alternative food-like substances to replace out carb choices
News and internet outlets, social media
- TikTok, Instagram influencers, Facebook
- Twitter and Reddit feeds

Your local Provider or community nutrition expert?

- How much value is relied on here?

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## Trends in eating habits and routines

Intermittent fasting
Fad diets
Snacks vs meals
Time to prepare/plan
Convenience
Lack of knowledge of nutrients and calories consumed


How many of you with a chronic condition or metabolic syndrome try different trends without having a professional evaluation?

How many of you avoid nutrients/eating, thinking it will help and results of your weight or

How many of you try something that is effective but don't stick to it?

How many of you address one part of the root cause and not the entire problem, only to fail?

- Skipping breakfast
- Eating the wrong breakfast

- Neglecting strength training
- Not getting enough protein (balanced with calories)
- Not drinking enough water
- Consuming way too many refined carbs
- Too little low-fat dairy/too high processed dairy
- Regularly consuming fast-food/highly processed foods
- Regularly overusing alcohol

- Sitting too much
- Neglecting strength training
- Stressing out
- Sleeping in too high of heat *66of (19ㅇ)
- Not getting enough sleep
- Smoking (any amount)


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Hormone

Ghrelin

Leptin

| Healthy hormone | Obesity hormone |
| :--- | :--- |
| levels | levels |

## levels

High before
meals; low after
meals

Low before meals; High
high after meals

| Effect on healthy <br> weight <br> individuals | Effect on obese <br> individuals |
| :--- | :--- |
| Person feels <br> hunger only before <br> meals | Person feels <br> hunger regardless <br> of a meal |
| Person feels full <br> after meals | Resistance <br> prevents feeling <br> full |

## What diet is best for me?



## Why is eating breakfast and lunch Important?

Each meal can provide roughly $1 / 3$ of our daily energy and nutrient needs - (*fiber and magnesium*)

Boosts your afternoon productivity

Promotes appropriate work-life balance

Improves your confidence in controlling your evening appetite and hunger

Allows your body plenty of time to use and burn off the food as energy

## Why Micronutrients Matter

Micronutrient deficiencies can have devastating consequences. Micronutrients, also called vitamins and minerals, are key to helping fetuses, infants, and children grow and thrive. Facts about six essential nutrients are outlined here.


Iron helps develop the brain of a fetus and child. Iron deficiency is a leading cause of anemia. Severe anemia during pregnancy can result in poor fetal growth, preterm birth, or low birth weight. Anemia during pregnancy also increases the risk of death for both the mother and baby. In addition, iron deficiency limits physical productivity and work capacity. See more.


Folate is a general term for many different forms of vitamin $B 9$, which is essential in the earliest days of fetal growth. Folic acid, the form of folate found in supplements and fortified foods, is the only form shown to prevent serious birth defects of the brain, spinal cord, and skull. These birth defects are often preventable if women get enough folic acid before and during early pregnancy. See more.


Vitamin A supports healthy eyesight and immune system functions. Children who are deficient face an increased risk of blindness and death from infections such as measles and diarrhea. See more.

lodine is also required during pregnancy and early infancy for brain and cognitive development. Iodine deficiency can lead to developmental delays and is the most common cause of preventable mental retardation. See more.


Zinc promotes immunity, resistance to infection, and proper growth and development of the nervous system. This mineral is also important for healthy pregnancies. See more.

Vitamin $D$ is essential for bone health as well as muscle and nerve functions. Vitamin $D$ also helps the immune system fight off bacteria and viruses. See more.

- Involved in hundreds of biochemical reactions in your body
- May boost exercise performance
- May combat depression
- May support healthy blood sugar levels
- May promote heart health
- Boasts anti-inflammatory benefits
- May help prevent migraine attacks
- May improve PMS symptoms
- May promote bone health
- May support better sleep
- May help reduce anxiety symptoms
- Safe and widely available

MAGNESIUM FOOD SOURCES - Include $\mathbf{3 2 0 - 4 0 0} \mathbf{~ m g}$ daily in diet

| Food | Serving size | Mg Magnesium | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% RDI } \\ & (400 \mathrm{mg}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Calories per serving | Gm Carb per serving |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dark chocolate (at least 70\%) | 1 oz (28 gm) | 64 | 16 | 168 | 12.8 |
| Avocado (medium) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup (150 } \\ & \mathrm{gm}) \end{aligned}$ | 58 | 15 | 240 | 12.8 |
| Cashews/Almonds | 1 oz (28 gm) | 82/80 | 20 | 155/167 | 9.2/5.4 |
| Peanut Butter | 2 Tbsp (32gm) | 51 | 13 | 188 | 6.9 |
| Black Beans and other legumes* | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup (172 } \\ & \text { gm) } \end{aligned}$ | 120 | 30 | 227 | 40.8 |
| Pumpkin seeds | $1 \mathrm{oz}(28 \mathrm{gm})$ | 150 | 37 | 151 | 5 |
| Chia Seeds | $1 \mathrm{oz}(28 \mathrm{gm})$ | 95 | 26 | 137 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 12.3(10.6 \mathrm{GM} \\ \text { FIBER) } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Spinach, boiled | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} 1 \text { cup (180 } \\ \text { gm) } \end{array} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 157 | 39 | 41.4 | 6.7 |
| Dry buckwheat and other grains** | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { 1-ounce (28- } \\ \text { gram) } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 65 | 16 | 95 | 20 |
| Brown Rice, cooked | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1 / 2 \text { cup (100 } \\ & \text { grams) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 50 | 10 | 108 | 22.4 |
| Salmon/halibut | Half a fillet <br> (154 grams) | 57 | 14 | 280 | 0 |
| Tofu | 3.5-ounce <br> (100-gram) | 58 | 14 | 145 | 4.3 |
| Banana | one large banana | 37 | 9 | 121 | 31 |

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## Tips for creating a more balanced diet

The USDA recommends getting up to 35 percent of your calories from fat. This means:
-up to 97 grams of fat per day in a 2,500-calorie diet
-up to 66 grams of fat per day in a 2,000 -calorie diet
-around 50 grams of fat per day in a 1,500-calorie diet
But not all fats are created equal. It's best to avoid eating foods that contain trans fats whenever possible.
It's fine to include some saturated fats - such as eggs, meat, or dairy - in your diet. But try to get most of your fat intake from monounsaturated and polyunsaturated sources such as:
-olives and olive oil
-nuts and seeds
-fatty fish and fish oil
-avocado

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## What about fruits and vegetables?

## Research says 5 servings daily

## How?

- Always include vegetables in meals
- Eat fresh fruit and raw vegetables as snacks
- Eat fresh fruit and vegetables in season
- Eat a variety of fruit and vegetables-think COLOR!


What if I don't like veggies?
Hide in recipes
What about supplements?

- Consider liver tolerance?

Fruits often share same nutrients by color

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Breakfast Essentials

## Whole grains

- target least 3 grams of fiber per serving
- Packed with energy containing Bvitamins, anti-cancer plant properties \& 'fiber fill factor' to keep you satisfied


## Protein/Healthy fat

- has staying power because it stays in the belly longer \& breaks down slower-meaning you won't be hungry so quick


## Fruit

| Whole Grain | Protein | Fruit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| English muffin | Ricotta cheese | Avocado Slices |
| Bran muffin | Greek yogurt | Peach |
| Wheat Crackers | Hard-boiled egg | Banana |
| Toast | Veggie omelet | Grapes |
| Oatmeal | 1 sc protein powder | Diced apples w/ <br> cinnamon |
| Bagel | Nut butter | Melon |
| Waffle | String Cheese | Pear |
| Granola | Yogurt | Berries |
| Pita |  <br> hummus | Tomato Slices |
| 1T bran or flaxseed | Milk | Frozen fruit blend |
| Dry Cereal | Mixed nuts | Dried fruit |
| Tortilla | Ham/cheese | Pineapple |
| Fiber granola bar | Milk |  |

- Low calorie, high concentration of vitamins/ minerals, 'fill fiber factor' \& water


## 爰QuadN Get to Know Nutrition Facts Labels.

Form a healthy habit by reading food labels to
determine what's inside and make informed food choices


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Ideality vs reality


## What about amounts and frequency?

## Maggie and Briana's food philosophy:

- If you eat it every day, then make it healthier
- If you eat seldomly or in small amounts, the high calorie density or lack of nutrients will not impact you as much
- If is small amounts, sugar and fat will not have a great impact on metabolic activity
- If eaten in conjunction with something healthier

Examples:

- Holiday eating, homemade baked goods
- Special occasions (i.e., Halloween candy)
- Peanut butter, dressings, restaurant meal, traveling treats, etc......


## A Guide to Choosing Frozen Meals

Calories: aim for 300-500 calories/entire meal (not per serving).
Dietary fiber: aim for 3-5 grams. Fiber helps keep you feeling full longer, so the more fiber the better.
Sodium: look for less than 600 milligrams/meal. All frozen meals have salt to maintain freshness, but the less the better.

Fat: less than $30 \%$ of the meal (the fat calories should be less than $1 / 3$ of the total calories).
Protein: about 20-35 grams/meal.

- Avoid meals that contain extra portions or dessert; add a piece of fresh fruit instead for a healthier dessert choice.
- Try vegetarian meals, which tend to be higher in fiber and lower in calories.
- Beware! Organic meals don't always mean low calories or less fat.
- Frozen kids' meals are a great alternative for adults looking for smaller portions and who still love spaghetti \& meatballs.


## Frozen Dinners \& Meals





## Number of ingredients....

72 grams of fat!!!
$2,060 \mathrm{mg}$ sodium!!!

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## Be mindful of "healthy options"



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| 1 Serving Per Container |
| :--- |
| Serving Size $\quad \mathbf{1}$ pizza ( $\mathbf{2 8 4} \mathbf{~ g}$ ) |
| Amount Per Serving <br> Calories |


| Total Fat $\mathbf{1 4 g}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\quad$ Saturated Fat 9 g | $\mathbf{4 5} \%$ |
| Trans Fat 0 g |  |
| Cholesterol 50 mg | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ |
| Sodium 780 mg | $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ |
| Potassium 200 mg | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 37 g | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ |
| $\quad$ Dietary Fiber 2 g | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| Total Sugars 4 g |  |
| $\quad$ Added Sugars 1 g | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ |
| Protein 17 g |  |
|  |  |
| Iron 1 mg | $6 \%$ |
| Calcium 420 mg | $30 \%$ |
| Vitamin D Omcg | $0 \%$ |

*Percentage Daily values are based on a 2,000
calore diet.Your Daily values may be higher or lower
depending on your calorie needs

Nutrition Facts
マ Select Ingredients Four Cheese Pizza


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3 (Per serving) Serving Per
Container
Serving Size $\quad 1 / 3$ pizza ( 135 g )

| Amount Per Serving |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Calories | \% Daily Value* |


| Total Fat 14 g | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\quad$ Saturated Fat 5 g | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ |
| Trans Fat 0 g |  |
| Cholesterol 20 mg | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| Sodium 670 mg | $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ |
| Potassium 270 mg | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 50 g | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ |
| $\quad$ Dietary Fiber 2 g | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| Total Sugars 2 g |  |
| $\quad$ Added Sugars 0 g | $\mathbf{0 \%}$ |
| Protein 15 g |  |
|  |  |
| Iron 0.4 mg | $2 \%$ |
| Vitamin D 0 mcg | $0 \%$ |
| Calcium Omg | $0 \%$ |

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Watch added sugars

| Nutrition Facts |  | Nutrition Facts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Organics Original Almond Milk |  | Organics Unsweetened Original Almond Milk |
| about 8 (1 cup ( 240 mL )) Serving |  | 8 Serving Per Container |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Per Container } \\ \text { Serving Size } \\ \text { a } \\ \text { cup }(240 \mathrm{~mL}\end{array}\right)$ |  | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { Serving Size } & 1 \text { cup (8 fl oz) } 240 \\ \mathrm{~mL} \end{array}$ |
| Amount Per Serving <br> Calories |  | Amount Per Serving <br> Calories <br> 40 |
| \% Daily Value* | - MEEB | \% Daily Value* |
| Total Fat 2.5 g ( $\mathbf{3}$ | rganics | Total Fat 3g 4\% |
| Saturated Fat $0 \mathrm{~g} \quad 0 \%$ | ALMONDMILK | Saturated Fat 0 g ( $0 \%$ |
| Trans Fat 0 g | NSWEETENED | Trans Fat 0 g |
| Monounsaturated Fat 1.5 g <br> Polyunsaturated Fat 0.5 g | $\stackrel{\text { ORIGINAL }}{\square} \mathrm{m}$ | Monounsaturated Fat 2 g <br> Polyunsaturated Fat 0.5 g |
| Cholesterol 0mg 0\% |  | Cholesterol 0 mg ( $0 \%$ |
| Sodium 150 mg 年 7 |  | Sodium 150mg 7\% |
| Potassium $40 \mathrm{mg} \quad 0 \%$ |  | Potassium 30 mg ( $0 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate $8 \mathrm{~g} \quad \mathbf{3 \%}$ |  | Total Carbohydrate $2 \mathrm{~g} \quad 1 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 1 g ( $4 \%$ | -mos | Dietary Fiber 1 g ( $4 \%$ |
| Total Sugars 7g <br> Added Sugars 7g <br> 14\% | , | Total Sugars 0.5 g Added Sugars 0 g |
| Protein 1 g | Roll over image to zoom in | Added Sugars 0 g $0 \%$ <br> Protein 1 g $2 \%$ |
| Calcium 50mg 4\% |  | Vitamin E 7.5mg 50\% |
| Iron Omg 0\% |  | Vitamin D 5 mcg 25\% |
| Vitamin B12 0.6mcg 25\% |  | Vitamin B120.6mcg $\quad 25 \%$ |
| Vitamin D 5mcg $\quad 25 \%$ |  | Vitamin A 90 mcg (109\% |
| Vitamin E 7.5mg $50 \%$ |  | Calcium 50 mg ( 4\% |
| Vitamin A 90mcg 10\% |  | Iron Omg 0\% |
| *Percentage Daily values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.Your Daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs |  | *Percentage Daily values are based on a 2.000 calorie dietYour Daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs |

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## Do it yourself meals, keep it simple

1. Choose your fruit/vegetables: (yes, choose these FIRST!)
2. Choose your lean protein: (could be a plantbased mixture)
3. Choose your grain, starchy vegetable, legume/bean (any combo)
4. Choose a healthy fat and seasoning

5. Mixed greens, diced tomato with chilies (any veggies)
6. Any lean meat, plant-based protein or grain, low fat dairy (crock pot, bake, grill)
7. Microwaved sweet potato, red potato, steamed rice or grain
8. Any dressing, healthy fat (slivered almonds, avocado

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Simple, no prep meal

## Breakfast

| Calories <br> kcal | Carbs <br> $\mathbf{g}$ | Fat <br> $\mathbf{g}$ | Protein <br> $\mathbf{g}$ | Sugar <br> $\mathbf{g}$ | Fiber <br> $\mathbf{g}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

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## Lunch

| Heb - Sliced Grilled Chicken Breast, 85 g (30z) | 110 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tomatoes - Grape Tomatoes, 0.5 cup | 15 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Taylor Farms - Creamy Dill Pickle Salad Kit, 1.5 cup | 225 | 18 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Baby spinach, 1 cup | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
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Simple, minimal prep meal


## Thai Coconut Curry (serve over rice or

 cauliflower rice)- $1 / 4$ cup Peanut Butter
- 2 Tbsp Red Curry Paste
- 2 Tbsp Fish Sauce
- 3 Tbsp Lime Juice
- $1 / 2$ cup chicken stock
- 2 tsp Ginger, granulated
- $1 / 2$ tsp red pepper flakes
- $1 \underline{1 / 2 \mathrm{lbs} \text { Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast }}$
- 14 fluid ounce (1 can) Coconut Milk Lite
- 2 Tbsp Garlic granulated

Chop chicken into small chunks

| Nutrition Facts |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Servings 4.0 |  |
| Amount Per Serving |  |
| calories 417 |  |
|  | $\%$ Daily Value * |
| Total Fat 19 g | $29 \%$ |
| Saturated Fat 7 g | $36 \%$ |
| Monounsaturated Fat 0 g |  |
| Polyunsaturated Fat 0 g |  |
| Trans Fat 0 g |  |
| Cholesterol 98 mg | $33 \%$ |
| Sodium 969 mg | $40 \%$ |
| Potassium 32 mg | $1 \%$ |
| Total Carbohydrate 7 g | $2 \%$ |
| Dietary Fiber 1 g | $5 \%$ |
| Sugars 2 g |  |
| Protein 41 g | $82 \%$ |
|  |  |

Sautee with a small amount of water or oil until chicken cooked through

Add chicken stock. Coconut milk, fish sauce, lime juice, red curry paste, peanut butter (mix well), red pepper flake and granulated garlic. Simmer for approximately 15 minutes stirring intermittently
Serve over cauliflower rice or brown rice

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Why not to snack?

- Unwanted weight gain
- Excess calories
- Bored vs. Necessity
- Decreases hunger at mealtime Why should you snack?
- Provides energy boost
- Blood sugar control

- Nutrient boost (fruit/veg/nuts)


## Chronic condition consideration:

- Hypertension, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular risk, bone health needs
- insulin and leptin resistance


## Individual needs!!







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## Homemade snacks



NUTRITION FACTS
Serving size: 1 Slice ( 14 g )
Servings per container: about 20

| Servings per container: about 20 |  |  | Mutitigrain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount Per Serving (\% Daily Value*) |  |  |  |
| Calories | 35 |  |  |
| Total Fat | 0 g | (0\%) |  |
| Saturated Fat | 0 g | (0\%) |  |
| Trans fat | 0 g |  |  |
| Cholesterol | Omg | (0\%) | Ingredients: <br> Whole Grain Rye Flour, <br> Sourdough, Oat Flakes, Whole Grain Wheat Flour, Whole Grain Oat Flour, Whole Grain Barley Flour, Yeast, Salt, Barley Malt Extract, Sunflower Lecithin.** |
| Sodium | 65 mg | (3\%) |  |
| Total Carb. | 8 g | (3\%) |  |
| Dietary Fiber | 3 g | (11\%) |  |
| Soluble Fiber | 1 g |  |  |
| Insoluble Fiber | 2 g |  | **Adds a trvial amount of fat. Contains wheat. May contain Milk. |
| Total Sugars | 0 g |  |  |
| Includes 0 g added Sug | gars | (0\%) | The \% Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in s seving of |
| Protein | 2 g |  | food contributes to a dally diet. |
| Vitamin D Omcg | 0\% | Calcium | 6mg 0\% |
| Iron Omg | 0\% | Potassium | 70 mg 2\% |



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## Is there really a difference in peanut butters? YES!



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Hard Boiled Egg with
Cheddar \& Apple

Calories: 199
Fat: 8 g
Carbs: 20g
Protein: 14 g
Fiber: 3 g

Mediterranean
Hummus Plate

Calories: 198
Fat: 10 g
Carbs: 25 g
Protein: 6 g
Fiber: 5 g


Yogurt \&
Berry Parfait

Calories: 201
Fat: 6 g
Carbs: 18 g
Protein: 20g
Fiber: 4g



Chocolate
Strawberry
Chia Pudding

Calories: 195
Fat: 10 g
Carbs: 28g
Protein: 7 g
Fiber: 13 g


Cottage Cheese with Pear \& Pistachios

Calories: 202
Fat: 5 g
Carbs: 26 g
Protein: 16 g
Fiber: 5 g

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## Recommending plant based, but how?

Try a couple of days meatless lunches or dinner

- Meatless Monday, Meatless Taco Tuesday
- Meatless chili (butternut squash with beans, etc.), tofu stir fry, stuffed squash/eggplant, bean burritos/lettuce wraps, vegetable/chickpea curries
- Barriers to cooking for family for different people and needs


Meatless Monday - Meatless Monday (mondaycampaigns.org)

## Where do I start?

- BELIEVE fueling is the right thing to do
- Pick one area to work on (highest impact)
- Keep recipes simple, create a grocery list and stick to it
- Plan your meals around in season vegetables and fruits
- Build your meals around a combination of protein, carbs, and healthy fats
- Plan your meals so you are more apt to stick to them
- Use leftovers as lunch for the next day vs impulse choice when hungry
- Purchase pre-cut veggies or commit to prepping vegetables regularly
- Put nutritious foods front \& center \& VISIBLE
- Have single serve healthy foods (yogurt, string cheese) in an easy to grab \& convenient place
- Put less healthy 'treats' OUT OF SIGHT- behind healthier options
- Make an appointment with your Provider/Wellness Coach to help you get organized in your wellbeing objectives


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Dow Family Health Center Registered Dietitian Nutritionist/Wellness Coach is available to employees, spouses \& dependents on the Quad medical plan.

If you have specific nutrition needs or need assistance meal planning or other lifestyle factors, make an appointment to work 1:1 with an .

Call Dow Family Health Center or schedule through MyChart.



[^0]:    *Legumes - lentils, beans, chickpeas, peas and soybeans (edamame)
    **Grains include wheat, oats and barley, as well as pseudocereals like buckwheat and quinoa

