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# Nutrition & Wellness: Keeping Yourself off the Gurney!

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# On the Chopping Block...



- The American lifestyle: Dietary statistics, heart disease
- Nutrition 101: Nutrients, ETOH, calories
- Plants, animals, & sugar: Facts, medical statistics
- Agency/Dept wellness: Are you ready?
- Implement change: Healthy modifications, easy swaps
- Movement: Recommendations, examples
- Avoiding the gurney: Tips, tricks



### The American Real Deal

America has the largest number of fast food chains in the world at 196,839. 1/3 of Americans are eating fast food on any given day (5) 47% of Americans have at least one of these three risk factors for heart disease: smoking, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol (4)



42.5% of U.S. adults aged 20 and over have obesity, including 9.0% with severe obesity. Another 31.1% are overweight. (2) 3 year study in MA revealed more than 75% of emergency responder recruits were overweight or obese (3)

America's alcohol intake is higher than average worldwide. It accounts for 10% of the global total, yet we make up only 5% of people on Earth





Per the CDC:

In the United States, someone has a **heart attack** every 40 seconds

One person dies every 34 seconds from heart disease...



Heart disease costs about **\$229 billion** each year



.... which is 697,000 people in 2020

Heart disease is the #1 cause of death in both men and women in the US



## Nutrition 101

Rice Couscous Cereals Bran Potatoes Pasta Odts Corm English Muffins Pancakes Whole GrainsBeans SproutedEggs SalmonAcocado AcocadoCorm Corm English Muffins Pancakes Whole GrainsSproutedFish BisonBacon Buffalo BisonAcocado AcocadoWhole Wheat Corm English Muffins Pancakes Whole GrainsMost YogurtsChia Seeds Low/Non-fat Cottage Low/Non-fat greek yogurtWhole Frai MilkAcocado Acocado	Carbohydrates		Macro	Cheat	Sheet
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Cream of Wheat CornEgg WhitesBacon BuffaloNut ButtersEnglish Muffins Pancakes 	Pasta Oats		Turkey		Acocado
Whole Wheat/ Whole Grains Vegetables Squash 	Corn English Muffins	Grains	Fish Buffalo		
Squash     Skim Milk     Low/Non-fat     Whole Fat       Pumpkin     Skim Milk     Low/Non-fat     Whole Fat       Berries     Peas     Cheese     Milk     Oils       Fruits     Peas     Low/Non-fat     Duck     Olives       Sugars     Use     Whole-Fat     Olives	Whole Wheat/ Whole Grains		Whey Protein Turkey Bacon	Cottage	Egg Yolks
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		Peas	Low/Non-fat		
Yogurt Flaxseed				Whole-Fat Yogurt	Flaxseed
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#### MACROS

Fat: 1g = 9 calories Carbs: 1g = 4 calories Protein: 1g = 4 calories



Don't forget when it's 5 o'clock somewhere... Alcohol: 1g = 7 calories

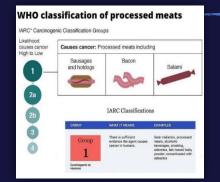


#### MICROS: Vitamins & Minerals

# The Animal World

Research shows that men who consume 3 or more servings of dairy products a day have a 141% higher risk for prostate cancer death compare to those who consume less than 1 serving.





#### One 50-gram serving of processed meat per day increases colorectal cancer risk by 18%.

#### Physicians Committee Demonstrate

#### Dairy is NOT a Health Food



#### According to the NIH, approximately 65% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION IS LACTOSE INTOLERANT.

- Research published this year found that a single milkshake mangled red blood cells and increased risk of chronic heart disease.
- A dairy allergy is the result of a immunological response cows' milk proteins
- ASTHMA, the most common chronic disease in childrein, CAN IMPROVE IN AS FEW AS 8 WEEKS WHEN EGGS AND DAIRY ARE REMOVED FROM THE DIET. Insulin Growth Factor 1 (IGF-1), a growth-stimulating hormone, CONNECTS DAIRY TO ACNE, ECZEMA, OBESITY, HEART DISEASE, AND MULTIPLE CANCERS.

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# The **Plant** World

A daily intake of 5 servings of fruit/vegetables is associated with: 35% lower respiratory disease mortality 13% lower total mortality 12% lower CVD mortality 10% lower cancer mortality

(Nurses' Health Study and Health Professionals, 2014)



Just 3 weeks on a plant-based diet composed of mostly whole grains, vegetables, and beans, participants received a 10% drop in BP, a 35% drop in LDL cholesterol, and a 38% drop in fasting blood sugars. AND

Plant-based diets have been shown to lower cholesterol just as effectively as first-line statin drugs, without the risks

(nutritionfacts.org, 2019)

\*There is only one way of eating that's ever been proven to reverse heart disease in the majority of patients, and that's whole plant foods\*

(Dr. Dean Ornish)

## Sugar's Bitter Truth

Added sugar is put in during processing. It comes in many forms...which is why it's hard to identify on labels. There are at least 61 different names for sugar listed on food labels

Sneaky examples: sucrose, high-fructose corn syrup, barley malt, dextrose, maltose rice syrup, maltodextrin



#### Good Sugars

- These are found in fruits and vegetables, dairy and wholegrains
- They are absorbed slowly into the system over a period of time (sugar high avoided!)
- Good sugars are loaded with additional vitamins and nutrients
- Good sugars can be converted into energy
- Good sugars help support your body to function and be active

#### **Bad Sugars**

- Bad sugars live in processed foods like white bread, pastas, cakes, and soft drinks
- Bad sugars are absorbed quickly into the system (hello sugar highll)
- Bad sugars are high in calories and have limited nutritional impact
- Bad sugars don't fill you up & increase cravings
- Bad sugars can cause health problems, like type 2 diabetes, and tooth decay

### Wellness: Are You Ready?



### In order to create change, you have to *LEARN* and *AGREE* that:

- $\checkmark$  Food is fuel
- ✓ You have control over your lifestyle. Every bite and purposeful movement is a choice
- You want to be healthy for yourself, your family, your crew, and your patients
- ✓ You need to combine fuel and movement to create a healthy lifestyle

# Implement Change



- Spray/spritz oil. Not PAM!
- Water or broth to saute
- Avo instead of mayo
- Decrease dairy
- Plant based butter



- Applesauce
- Mashed banana
- Canned pumpkin
- Plant based butter
- Flax egg





- Chicken, turkey, natural sources
- Avoid processed meats
- Limit red meat

#### Or, even healthier:

 lentils, beans, peas, soy, tofu, tempeh

> You don't have to be vegetarian to eat more plant based!

## **Implement Change**



- Eat what's season and on sale
- Pick a new recipe weekly
- Change cooking styles
- Use greens for filler

#### <u>HEALTHY</u> <u>CARBS</u>

#### \*Monkfruit\*

- Potatoes: sweet potatoes, rutabaga
- Rice: brown rice, risoni, cauliflower rice
- Buns/breads: whole wheat varieties, lettuce wraps, cauliflower crusts, portabellas, lavash
- Pasta: whole wheat, spaghetti squash, spiralized veggies, edamame pasta, chickpea pasta



### Chemicals? No thanks!

#### <u>DIRTY DOZEN</u>

Strawberries Spinach Peaches Pears Nectarines Apples Grapes Cherries Green beans Blueberries Bell/hot peppers Kale/collard green



Shop Smart!



Avocado Sweet corn Pineapple Onions Papaya Sweet Peas (Frozen) Asparagus Honeydew Kiwi Cabbage **Mushrooms** Mangoes Sweet Potatoes Watermelon Carrots

### Add in Movement



A movement mindset isn't just about exercising...

#### If you move well, you also think, feel, and live well

It's proven that healthy movement helps us: •Feel well, physically and emotionally •Function productively •Think, learn, and remember •Communicate and express ourselves •Connect and build positive relationships with others

"Exercise" is just an artificial way to get us to do what our bodies have, for most of human history, known and loved - regular movements that we lost as we matured as a species

#### Recommendations

#### 2.5 hrs/week

Moderate-intensity aerobic activities:

Brisk walking (>2.5 miles per hour)
Easy jogging
Biking <10 miles per hour</li>
Weight machines
Mopping floors
Water aerobics
Gardening



OR

1.25 hrs/week

Vigorous intensity activities:

Carrying heavy equipment
Biking > 10 miles per hour
Jumping rope
HIIT exercises
Running
Swimming laps
Heavy yardwork
Hiking

### Don't Become a 911 Call...



Read labels: Watch serving sizes, calories, macros, and lengthy ingredients

Meal prep: Bulk cook and pack meals/snacks that are whole foods and minimally processed Eat consistently: Small balanced meals keep your metabolism burning

Make smart swaps: Hard boiled eggs and fruit at 7-11 and in breakrooms, instead of slurpees, chips, and donuts. Salads and grain bowls in hospital cafeterias and to-go orders. Plant protein in addition/in place of meat

Move: Create a healthy routine, including strength training 3x week. Set a step goal.

Stay hydrated: Aim for 100oz of water daily

#### HEALTH: A state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being



As one big **Emergency Medical Services** family, let's practice what we preach

THANK YOU!



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