## Intro to Ketogenic Therapies

# **1.** Gradually Transition to a Low-Carb Whole food based (paleo) Diet (2-4 Weeks)

Before diving into full ketosis, reduce your daily carbohydrate intake slowly over 2-4 weeks, with a focus on whole foods (paleo diet). Decrease by 25-50 grams of carbs per week based on your current intake.

Example:

-If eating 250g of carbs daily, reduce to 200g in Week 1, 150g in Week 2, 100g in Week 3, and 50g by Week 4.

-By Week 5, aim for 20g Net Carbs.

#### • Resources:

Whole Foods Paleo Diet Food List.pdf

#### 2. Clean Up Your Pantry

Keto success starts with your environment. Go through your pantry and fridge to **remove nonketo-friendly foods** like sugary snacks, refined carbs, and processed foods. Stock up on **whole, keto-friendly foods** like healthy fats, low-carb vegetables, and quality proteins. This ensures you are prepared and eliminates temptation.

• Resources:

Whole Foods Ketogenic Diet Food List.pdf Keto friendly foods-shopping list.pdf Fat Sources.pdf

#### 3. Calculate Your Personalized Macros

Resources:
<u>MACROS CALCULATOR LINK</u>
<u>How to calculate net carbs</u>

## 4. Use a Food Scale to Accurately Measure Ingredients

## 5. Start Logging Your Meals:

**CARB MANAGER** (Free or premium version is about \$40/year) **CRONOMETER** (Highly accurate for tracking micronutrients)

**DIET DOCTOR MEAL PLAN** (30 day free trail)

## 6. Electrolytes + Hydration

• Resources:

**Electrolyte supplement.pdf** 

#### 7. Testing Ketones

Blood Glucose & Ketone Meter Kit (KETO MOJO) Urine Strips (AMAZON)

#### 8. Get Baseline Blood Work Done

CBC (Complete Blood Count) CMP (Comprehensive Metabolic Panel) Vitamin D Fasting Lipid Panel Uric Acid Thyroid Panel Free/Total Carnitine HbA1c & Fasting Insulin C-reactive Protein

## 9. Get Clear on Your "Why" and Cultivate the Right Mindset

The keto therapeutical intervention is more than just a diet change—it's a **lifestyle transformation**. Take time to reflect on why you want to make this shift:

- What are your reasons for change? (e.g., mental health improvement, energy, long-term health, reduce or eliminate the side effects of meds, etc)
- How will your life look different? How will the benefits of this intervention impact other areas of life such as career, relationships?

Having a strong "why" will help you stay committed and focused through challenges, and the right mindset will guide you toward success.

## **10. Helpful Resources**

DIET DOCTOR: KETO FOR BEGINNERS ARTICLE HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT KETO.PDF TIPS FOR SUCCESS WITH YOUR NEW DIET PLAN.PDF PATIENT HANDOUT - IS THE KETOGENIC DIET SAFE

#### **\*\*DIET CONTRADICTIONS:**

-Active Anorexia -Genetic Disorders of fat metabolism -SGLT2 Inhibitors -Pregnancy, breast feeding