DASH DIET

Dietary Approaches to **S**top **H**ypertension

Goal: To increase whole foods and decrease processed foods daily.

Food Groups	Recommended Servings	
Lean Meats, Poultry, Fish:	5 - 6	Per Day
Fruits:	4 - 5	Per Day
Vegetables:	4 – 5	Per Day
Grains & Bread:	7 – 8	Per Day
Nuts, Seeds and Beans:	4 – 5	Per Week
Low-Fat Milk Products:	2 - 3	Per Day
Fats & Oils:	2 - 3	Per Day
Sweets:	4 – 5	Per Week

Serving Sizes

Protein sources: meat, poultry, fish, eggs, beans, legumes, nuts, whole grains low fat milk products, almond milk, whey, quinoa.

Leans Meats, Poultry, Fish: 2 ounce: cooked skinless, lean meat or fish, 2 egg

Low-Fat Milk Products: 8 ounces milk, 1 cup yogurt, 1 ½ ounces cheese

Total Daily Protein intake: 1 – 2 grams of protein per Kg of body weight

Fruits: 1/2 fruit, 1 medium fruit, 1/2 cup diced, 1/4 cup dried, 6 ounces juice

Vegetables: 1 cup raw leafy, 1/2 cup cooked, 6 ounces vegetable juice

Grains: 16 grams, 1 slice wheat bread, 1 cup wheat cereal, 1/2 cup cooked brown rice, pasta, cereal

Nuts, Seeds, Beans: 1/3 cup or 1 ½ ounces nuts, 1 tablespoon or 1/2 ounce of seeds, 1/2 cup cooked dry beans

Fats & Oils: 1 tsp. Soft butter, 1 Tbsp low-fat mayonnaise, 2 Tbsp light salad dressing, 1 tsp *olive oil*

Sweets, Simple Carbs / Sugars: white bread, white rice, white pasta, cereal candy, cakes, syrups, canned fruit juices, carbonated beverages, soda

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