Create Healthy & Delicious Meals

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What is a **Diabetes Meal Plan?**

A diabetes meal plan tells you how much and what kinds of food and drinks you can choose, and how much to have at meals and snacks. For most people with diabetes, a healthy, nutritious diet consists of 40% to 60% of calories from carbohydrates, 20% from protein, and 30% or less from fat. Follow a balanced eating plan filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and a controlled amount of lean meats and poultry. Try to eat fish at least twice a week. Also, cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars. It is important to pay attention to how much you eat—even with healthful foods, you can have too much of a good thing!

Carbohydrates are 1 of 3 sources of calories or energy that we need in our diets (the other 2 are protein and fat). Carbohydrates provide most of the energy needed in our daily lives, and tend to have the greatest effect on blood sugar. Carbohydrates are found in fruits, vegetables, beans, dairy foods, and breads (1 serving of bread is a single slice)—as well as mayonnaise, ketchup, and mustard.

Protein comes from meat, chicken, fish, dairy products (such as cheese, milk, and yogurt), beans, and some vegetables. In following a nutritious diet, try to eat more chicken and fish than red meat, and trim extra fat off all meat. Also choose non-fat or reduced-fat dairy products. One serving of meat is about the size of a deck of cards. One serving of cheese is about the size of a single domino.

Healthy Eating

Because everyone is different, monitoring your blood sugar before and after meals gives you a picture of how (and what) foods affect your levels. Ask your health care team to help you plan meals and snacks.



The amount listed is for the serving size shown. Are you eating more, less, or the same?



Autumn Salad

This fresh and tasty salad will delight all.

Ingredients/serves 6)

- 1 medium Granny Smith apple, ½ cup dried cranberries sliced thinly (with skin)
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice 1 bag (about 5 cups) mixed lettuce greens (or your favorite lettuce)
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped 1/4 cup unsalted sunflower seeds
 - 1/2 cup low-fat raspberry vinaigrette dressing

Directions:

- · Sprinkle lemon juice on the apple slices.
- · Mix the lettuce, cranberries, apple, walnuts, and sunflower seeds in a howl
- Toss with tup of raspberry vinaigrette dressing, to lightly cover the salad.

Nutrition Facts	
Autumn Salad	
Serving Size 1 cup	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	138
Total Fat	7 g
Saturated Fat	1 g
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	41 mg
Total Carbohydrate	19 g
Dietary Fiber	3 g
Potassium	230 mg
Protein	3 g





The number of carbs i a food or drink is listed on the lutrition Facts table that's on all packaged foods and drinks

Lamb or Turkey Stew

This dish goes nicely with a green leaf lettuce and cucumber salad and a dinner roll. Plantains or corn can be used in place of the potatoes. . Preheat oven to 375°F.

pepper, sliced

Ingredients:

1 pound lean lamb or turkey breast, cut into cubes

2 Tbsp. whole wheat flour 1/4 tsp. salt (optional)

1/4 tsp. pepper

1/4 tsp. cumin

1½ Tbsp. olive oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 medium onions, sliced 2 stalks celery, sliced

and cubed

5 cups beef or turkey broth, 5 small potatoes, peeled

1 medium red/green bell

1 medium tomato, finely minced

12 small carrots, cut into

large chunks

11/4 cups green peas

- Directions: · Mix the whole wheat flour with salt.
- pepper, and cumin. Roll the beef or turkey cubes in the mixture. Shake off excess flour. · In a large skillet, heat olive oil over
- medium-high heat. Add beef or turkey cubes and sauté until nicely brown, about 7-10 minutes.
- · Place beef or turkey in an ovenproof casserole dish.
- · Add minced garlic, onions, celery, and peppers to skillet and cook until vegetables are tender about 5 minutes.
- · Stir in tomato and broth. Bring to a boil and pour over turkey or lamb in casserole dish. Cover dish tightly and bake for 1 hour at 375°F.
- · Remove from oven and stir in potatoes, carrots, and peas, Bake for another 20-25 minutes or until tender.

Nutrition Facts	
Beef or Turkey Stew	- 1
Serving Size 1½ cup	- 1
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	320
Total Fat	7 g
Saturated Fat	1.5 g
Trans Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	40 mg
Sodium	520 mg
Total Carbohydrate	41 g
Dietary Fiber	8 g
Sugars	9 g
Protein	24 g



Spanish Omelet

This tasty dish provides a healthy array of vegetables and can be usedirections: for breakfast, brunch, or any meal! Serve with fresh fruit salad and a • Preheat oven to 375°E

Ingredients:

whole grain dinner roll. 5 small potatoes, peeled and sliced

Vegetable cooking spray 1/2 medium onion, minced

1 small zucchini sliced 11/2 cups green/red peppers, sliced thin 5 medium mushrooms, sliced 3 whole eggs, beaten 5 egg whites, beaten

Pepper and garlic salt with herbs, to taste 3 ounces shredded part-skim mozzarolla choceo

- · Cook potatoes in boiling water
- · In a nonstick pan, add vegetable
- spray and warm at medium heat. Add onion and sauté until brown. Add vegetables and sauté until
- tender but not brown. · In a medium mixing bowl. slightly beat eggs and egg whites, pepper, garlic salt, partiskim mozzarella cheese. Stir egg-cheese
- mixture into the cooked vegetables. · In a 10-inch pie pan or oven-proof skillet, add vegetable spray and transfer potatoes and egg mixture to pan. Sprinkle with low-fat parmesan cheese and bake until firm and brown on top, about 20-30 minutes.
- · Remove omelet from oven, cool for 10 minutes, and cut into 5 pieces.

Nutrition Facts Spanish Omelet	
Serving Size ¼ of ome	elet
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	260
Total Fat	10 g
Saturated Fat	3.5 g
Trans Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	135 mg
Sodium	240 mg
Total Carbohydrate	30 g
Dietary Fiber	3 g
Sugars	3 g
Protein	16 a



Flavorful Green Beans The seasonings are perfect companion to the green beans.

Ingredients(serves 7)

2 pounds fresh green beans nonstick cooking spray 1/2 cup water 1/2 tsp. black pepper

1/2 cup onions, chopped 1/2 tsp. dried basil

4 cloves garlic, chopped 1/2 tsp. oregano

Directions:

- · Rinse green beans and snap off tips.
- · Place green beans in a large pot and
- add 1/2 cup of cold water.
- · Cook green beans on stovetop over medium heat for 10 minutes
- In a separate pan, sauté chopped onions and garlic, using the cooking spray, for 5 minutes or until they are tender and very lightly browned.
- · Add onions, garlic, and black pepper to green beans. Spray the cooking spray over mixture, and cook on medium heat for another 20 minutes or until green beans are tender but not soft. Stir occasionally.
- · Sprinkle dried basil and oregano over green beans. Mix and serve.

Flavorful Green Beans Serving Size 1 cup nount Per Servin Total Fat Saturated Fat Cholestero otal Carbohydrate tary Fiber

Smothered Greens

These healthy greens get their rich flavo smoked turkey, instead of fatback.

1/2 tsp. thyme

1 scallion, chopped

1 tsp. ginger, ground

1/4 cup onion, chopped

2 pounds greens (mustard, turnip, collard, kale, or mixture)

Ingredients/convoc 5)

3 cups water 1/4 pound smoked turkey breast, skinless 1 Tbsp. fresh hot pepper, chopped

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper 1/4 tsp. cloves, ground 2 cloves garlic, crushed

Directions:

- · Place all ingredients except greens into large saucepan and bring to boil. Prepare greens by washing thoroughly and removing stems.
- · Tear or slice leaves into bitesize pieces.
- · Add greens to turkey stock. Cook for 20-30 minutes until tender

Nutrition Facts	
Smothered Greens	
Serving Size 1 cup	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	80
Total Fat	2 g
Saturated Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	16 mg
Sodium	378 mg

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Amount Per Serving	
Calories	80
Total Fat	2 9
Saturated Fat	0 6
Cholesterol	16 m
Sodium	378 m
Total Carbohydrate	9 9
Dietary Fiber	4 9
Potassium	472 m

Caribbean Red Snapper

This fish can be served on top of vegetables along with whole grain ricerctions:

and garnished with parsley Salmon or chicken breast can be used in . In a large skillet, heat olive oil place of red snapper.

Ingradiante:

2 Tbsp. olive oil 1 medium onion, chopped 1/2 cup red pepper, chopped 1/2 cup carrots, cut into strips 1 clove garlic, minced 1/2 cup dry white wine

3/4 pound red snapper fillet 1 large tomato, chopped

2 Tbsp. pitted ripe olives, chopped 2 Tbsp. crumbled low-fat feta or low-fat ricotta cheese over medium heat. Add onion, red pepper, carrots, and garlic, Sauté mixture for 10 minutes. Add wine and bring to boil. Push vegetables to one side of the pan.

· Arrange fillets in a single layer in center of skillet. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.

· Add tomato and olives. Top with cheese. Cover and cook for 3 minutes or until fish is firm but moist

Transfer fish to serving platter Garnish with vegetables and pan juices.

Nutrition Facts Caribbean Red Snapper Serving Size ¼ red snapper wi ½ cup vegetables (233g)		
Amount Per Serving		
Calories	220	
Total Fat	10 g	
Saturated Fat	2 g	
Trans Fat	0 g	
Cholesterol	35 mg	
Sodium	160 mg	
Total Carbohydrate	8 g	
Dietary Fiber	2 g	
Sugars	4 g	
Protein	19 a	

Rice with Chicken, Spanish Style

This is a good way to get vegetables into the meal plan. Serve with a mixed green salad and a serving of whole wheat bread.

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp. olive oil 2 medium onions, chopped 6 cloves garlic, minced 2 stalks celery, diced 2 medium red/green peppers, cut into strips

1 cup mushrooms, chopped 2 cups uncooked whole grain rice 3 pounds boneless chicken

breast, cut into bite-sized pieces. skin removed

11/2 tsp. salt (optional) 21/2 cups low-fat chicken broth Saffron or Sazörfor color

3 medium tomatoes, chopped 1 cup frozen peas

1 cup frozen corn 1 cup frozen green beans

Olives or capers for garnish (optional)

tomatoes. Bring water to a boil. · Reduce heat to medium-low cover. and let the casserole simmer until water is absorbed and rice is tender about 20 minutes.

· Heat olive oil over medium heat in a nonstick pot. Add onion,

garlic, celery, red/green pepper, and

mushrooms. Cook over medium

heat, stirring often, for 3 minutes or until tender

· Add whole grain rice and sauté for

· Add chicken, salt, chicken broth,

mix all ingredients.

water, Saffron/Säzénd

2-3 minutes, stirring constantly to

Directions:

· Stir in peas, corn, and beans and cook for 8-10 minutes. When everything is hot, the casserole is ready to serve. Garnish with olives or capers, if desired.

Nutrition Facts		ı
Rice with Chicken, Sp	anish St	rie
Serving Size 11/2 cup		Г
Amount Per Serving		ı
Calories	400	ı
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Total Fat	7 g	ı
Saturated Fat	1.5 g	ı
Trans Fat	0 g	ı
Cholesterol	85 mg	ı
Sodium	530 mg	ı
Total Carbohydrate	46 g	ı
Dietary Fiber	3 g	ı



Two-Cheese Pizza

Serve your pizza with fresh fruit and a mixed green salad garnished with red beans to balance your meal.

Ingredients:

1/2 tsp. dried basil

2 Thsp. whole wheat flour 1 can (10 ounces) refrigerated 2 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 tsp. salt (optional) Vegetable cooking spray 2 Thsp. olive oil 1/2 cup low-fat ricotta cheese

1 small onion, minced

4 ounces shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese 2 cups mushrooms, chopped 1 large red pepper, cut into strips

Directione

- Preheat oven to 425°F
- · Spread whole wheat flour over working surface. Roll out crust with rolling pin to desired crust thickness.
- · Coat cookie sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Transfer pizza crust to cookie sheet. Brush olive oil over crust
- Mix low-fat ricotta cheese with dried basil, onion, garlic, and salt. Spread this mixture over crust.
- · Sprinkle crust with part-skim mozzarella cheese. Top cheese with mushrooms and red pepper
- . Bake at 425°F for 13-15 minutes or until cheese melts and crust is deep golden brown.
- · Cut into 8 slices.







Homestyle Biscuits

Update your homestyle biscuits with this easy, low-fat recipe.

Ingredients(serves 15) 2 cups all purpose flour

2 Tbsp. sugar 2 tsp. baking powder % cup low-fat (1%) buttermilk

1/4 tsp. baking soda 3 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. vegetable oil 1/4 tsp. sal

Directions:

- Prohest oven to 450°E . In medium bowl, combine flour baking powder, baking soda, salt, and sugar
- · In small bowl, stir together buttermilk and oil. Pour over flour mixture and stir until well mixed.
- · On lightly floured surface, knead dough gently for 10-12 strokes. Roll or pat dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut with a 2-inch round biscuit or cookie cutter dipping cookie cutter in flour between cuts. Transfer biscuits to an ungreased baking sheet.
- · Bake for 12 minutes or until golden brown, Serve warm,

style Biscuits

erving Size 1 biscuit

Amount Per Serving

Sodium Total Carbohydra

Dietary Fiber

Potassium

Total Fat

Oven-Fried Fish

This heart-healthy dish can be made with kinds of fish-to be enjoyed over and over

Ingredients:

2 pounds fish fillets 1/4 tsp. salt

1 Tbsp. lemon juice, fresh 1/4 tsp. onion powder

1/4 cup fat-free or 1% buttermilk1/2 cup cornflakes, crumbled, 2 drops hot sauce

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 tsp. fresh garlic, minced

1 fresh lemon, cut into wedges 1/4 tsp. white pepper, ground

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 475°F
- · Clean and rinse fish. Wipe fillets
- with lemon juice and pat dry
- · Combine milk, hot sauce, and garlic.
- · Combine pepper, salt, and onion powder with crumbs and place on plate.
- · Let fillets sit briefly in milk. Remove and coat fillets on both sides with
- seasoned crumbs. Let stand briefly until coating sticks to each side of fish
- · Arrange on lightly oiled shallow baking dish.
- Bake for 20 minutes on middle rack without turning.
- · Cut into 6 pieces. Serve with fresh lemon.



Vegetable Stew

Here's a great new way to use summer vegetables.

Ingredients/serves 8) 3 cups water 1 cube vegetable bouillon, low sodium 2 cups white potatoes, cut in 2-inch strips 2 cups carrots, sliced 4 cups summer squash. cut in 1-inch squares

1 cup summer squash, cut in 4 chunks

1 15-oz can sweet corn, rinsed and drained (or 2 ears fresh corn, 11/2 cups) 1 tsp. thyme 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 scallion stalk, chopped 1/2 small hot pepper, chopped

1 cup onion, coarsely chopped 1 cup tomatoes, diced (Add other favorite vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, etc.)



to thicken.

- · Heat water and bouillon in a large
- pot and bring to a boil. · Add potatoes and carrots to the broth and simmer for 5 minutes.
- · Add the remaining ingredients except for the tomatoes and continue cooking for 15 minutes over medium heat.
- · Remove 4 chunks of squash and purée in blender
- Return puréed mixture to pot and let cook for 10 minutes more. · Add tomatoes and cook for another
 - 5 minutes Remove from flame and let sit for 10 minutes to allow stew

Nutrition Facts	
Vegetable Stew	
Serving Size 11/4 cup	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	119
Total Fat	1 g
Saturated Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	196 mg
Total Carbohydrate	27 g
Dietary Fiber	4 g
Potassium	524 mg



Curried Chicken

The name tells all-ginger and curry powder make it irresistible.

Ingredients(serves 10) 11/2 tsp. curry powder

1 tsp. thyme, crushed

1 scallion stalk, chopped

1 Tbsp. hot pepper chopped

1 tsp. black pepper, ground 8 cloves garlic, crushed

- 1 Tbsp. ginger, grated
- 3/4 tsp. salt 8 pieces chicken, skinless
- (4 breasts, 4 drumsticks)
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup water
- 1 medium white potato, diced



Directions:

- · Wash chicken and pat dry.
- · Mix together curry powder, thyme, scallion, hot pepper black pepper, garlic, ginger, and salt
 - · Sprinkle seasoning mixture on chicken.
 - · Marinate for at least 2 hours in refrigerator.
 - · Heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and sauté.
 - · Add water and allow chicken to cook over medium heat for
 - 30 minutes. · Add diced potatoes and cook
 - for an additional 30 minutes. Add onions and cook for
 - 15 minutes more or until meat is tender.

Nutrition Facts		
Curried Chicken		
Serving Size 1/2 breast	or 2 sm	II le
Amount Per Serving		
Calories	134	
Total Fat	4 g	
Saturated Fat	1 g	
Cholesterol	49 mg	
Sodium	279 mg	
Total Carbohydrate	7 g	
Dietary Fiber	1 g	
Potassium	302 mg	
Protein	7 g	

Macaroni and Cheese

This recipe proves you don't have to give up your favorite dishes to eat heart-healthy meals. Here's a lower-fat version of a true classic.

Ingredients:

2 cups macaroni ¼ tsp. black pepper

2 cups onions, chopped 11/4 cups low-fat cheddar cheese,

2 cups evaporated fat-free milk finely shredded

nonstick cooking spray as 1 medium egg, beaten



Directions:

- · Cook macaroni according to directions-but do not add salt to the cooking water Drain and set aside.
- Spray casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray
- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Lightly spray saucepan with nonstick cooking spray Add onions to saucepan and sauté for about 3 minutes.
- In another bowl, combine macaroni. onions, and the rest of the ingredients and mix thoroughly
- · Transfer mixture to casserole dish. · Bake for 25 minutes or until
- bubbly. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition Facts Macaroni and Cheese rving Size 1/2 cup nt Per Servini 2 g Total Carbohydrate Dietary Fiber Potassium

Limas and Spinach

Your family will love vegetables cooked this way.

Ingredients(serves 7)

2 cups frozen lima beans 4 cups leaf spinach, washed thoroughly

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 cup fennel, cut in 4-inch strip\$ Tbsp. distilled vinegar

1/2 cup onion, chopped ¼ cup low-sodium chicken broth Tbsp. raw chives

Directions

- · Steam or boil lima beans in unsalted water for about 10 minutes. Drain.
- · In skillet, sauté onions and fennel in oil
- · Add beans and broth to onions and cover. Cook for 2 minutes.
- · Stir in spinach, Cover and cook until
- spinach has wilted, about 2 minutes. · Stir in vinegar and pepper Cover and
- let stand for 30 seconds.
- · Sprinkle with chives and serve.



Tropical Fruits Fantasia

The tropics offer a great variety of fruits that will make this delicious and colorful recipe stand out; it will also make your mouth water even before you taste it!

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Ingredients/serves 3)

8 ounces fat-free,

- sugar-free orange yogurt
- 5 medium strawberries. 1/4 tsp. black pepper
 - cut into halves
 - 3 ounces honeydew melon, cut into slices (or ½ cup cut
 - into cubes) 3 ounces cantaloupe melon.
 - cut into slices (or 1/2 cup cut into cubes)

Directions:

- · Add yogurt and all fruits to a bowl
- and carefully mix together.
- Pour orange juice over fruit mixture
- Mix well and serve.

- 1 papaya, peeled and seeded, cut into cubes
- 3 ounces watermelon, seeded and cut into slices (or 1/2 cup
- cut into cubes) 2 oranges, seeded and cut into slices

1/2 cup unsweetened orange juice

Nutrition Facts Tropical Fruits Fantasia Serving Size 1/2 cup	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	170
Total Fat	0.5 g
Saturated Fat	0 g
Trans Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	0 mg
Sodium	40 mg
Total Carbohydrate	41 g
Dietary Fiber	5 g
Sugars	30 g
Protein	4 g

