## Basic Carbohydrate Meal Planning: Plan Your Plate



| Bread, Grains, and Starchy Vegetables | Fruit | Milk | Sweets | Non-Starchy Vegetables | Meat and Protein | Fat |
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| 1 choice = | 1 choice = | 1 choice $=$ | 1 choice $=$ | 3-5 servings/day | 4-6 oz. per day | Use very little |
| 1/4 large bagel <br> 1 slice bread $1 / 2$ hamburger or hotdog bun 1/2 English muffin 1/2 large biscuit 5-6 crackers 4 inch pancake or frozen waffle $1 / 3$ cup rice or pasta (cooked) 1/2 cup grits or oatmeal (cooked) 3/4 cup dry unsweetened cerea 1/2 cup bran cereal 10 French fries 12-15 chips 1/2 medium potato 1/2 cup mashed/ boiled potato 1/2 cup dry beans/ peas (cooked) $1 / 2$ cup green peas 1/2 cup corn <br> 3 cups popcorn (popped) | 1 small piece of fruit: <br> - apple <br> - pear <br> - peach <br> - orange <br> 1/2 large banana <br> 1 cup melon cubes: <br> - cantaloupe <br> - honeydew <br> - watermelon <br> 1 cup berries: <br> - strawberries <br> - blueberries <br> - raspberries <br> 15 grapes or cherries <br> 1/2 cup canned fruit in light syrup or juice <br> 2 Tbsp. raisins <br> 3 prunes <br> 4 oz. (1/2 c.) <br> fruit juice | 8 oz. milk <br> 6 oz. yogurt <br> (artificially <br> sweetened) <br> 12 oz. soy <br> milk | 1/2 cup ice cream <br> 1/4 cup sherbet <br> 1/2 glazed <br> doughnut <br> 6 vanilla wafers <br> 2 Oreos <br> 1/2 cup sugar-free <br> pudding <br> 2 inch unfrosted <br> brownie <br> 3 graham cracker <br> squares <br> 3 peppermints <br> 5 chocolate <br> Kisses <br> 1 TootsieRoll pop | 1 serving=1cup raw pr 1/2 cup cooked Asparagus <br> Beans: <br> Italian, Wax, Green <br> Beets <br> Broccoli <br> Brussels sprouts <br> Cabbage <br> Carrots <br> Cauliflower <br> Celery <br> Cucumbers <br> Greens <br> -ettuce <br> Mushrooms <br> Okra Onions <br> Peppers <br> Radishes <br> Squash Spinach <br> Tomatoes <br> Turnips | Chicken <br> Turkey <br> Beef <br> Pork <br> Fish <br> Shellfish <br> Cheese <br> Cottage cheese <br> Eggs <br> Peanut butter <br> Nuts and seeds | All fats are high in calories Unsaturated: (Healthier) <br> Olive oil <br> Canola oil Vegetable oil Soft Margarine <br> Mayonnaise <br> Salad dressing <br> Peanut butter <br> Nuts and seeds <br> Saturated: <br> (Less Healthy) <br> Bacon <br> Sausage <br> Butter <br> Cream <br> Cream <br> cheese <br> Gravy <br> Shortening <br> Sour cream |



Don't skip meals:
Aim for 3 meal per day and space 4-5 hours apart

## Eat smaller portions

Eat out less - no more that $\mathbf{3}$ times each week
Include healthy foods everyday: vegetables, fruit, whole grains, nuts, dried beans and peas, low-fat dairy

Be physically active as your doctor advises
Avoid sugar-sweetened beverages and fruit juice

## Reading a Food Label

## Servings per Container

- Serving per container shows how many recommended servings are in the entire package.
- This container has 4 servings of food.
- If you eat more than one serving of a product, multiply the nutritional facts by the number of servings you eat.



## Serving Size

- The serving size is the portion size used for all the values on the label.
- Different foods have different serving sizes.
- The serving size on this label is $1 / 2$ cup.


## Total Carbohydrates

- Indicates the total amount of carbohydrate (starch and sugar) in one serving of this product.
- One carb choice or serving of carbohydrate rich food has about 15 grams of carbohydrate
- This food has 13 grams of carbohydrate per $1 / 2$ cup serving.

