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## Healthy Eating on the Go

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## Did You Eat Breakfast?



## What's Your Meal Made Of?

What and when you eat can affect your...

- Energy
- Mood
- Productivity
- Weight



## Stay Energized with Proper Meal Size

- Parasympathetic nervous system
- "Rest and digest"



## Choose Your Fuel Wisely



Unleaded gas in a sports car... It will run, but will it run well?

## Meal Composition

Less Satisfying

- Liquids
- Low fiber
- Low protein
- Low fat

More Satisfying

- Solids
- Higher fiber
- Higher protein
- Higher fat*


## Choose Your Fuel Wisely



## The Blood Sugar Rollercoaster

## Lower protein and fiber



Higher protein and filber

## Finding the Balance



## Best Bets for Breakfast

- Balance carb, protein, and fat
- Higher fiber carbs
- 1-2 eggs (protein)
- 2 slices whole wheat toast (carbs; grains)
- $1 / 4$ cup shredded cheese (protein + fat; dairy)
- Small glass of orange juice (carbs; fruit)

* Oatmeal (carbs; grains)
* Sliced banana (carbs; fruit)
* Peanut butter (protein + fat)
* Glass of low-fat milk (protein; dairy)



## Between Meals

How do you feel when you go too long without eating?

## Meal Timing

Try to eat every 3-4 hours

- Breakfast $\Rightarrow$ Lunch
- Small snack if needed
- 100-200 calories
- Lunch $\Rightarrow$ Dinner
- More substantial snack

- About 250 calories


## Strategies for Snacking

## Protein + higher-fiber carbohydrate

Watch portions to keep it from becoming a meal

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1 oz cheese

1-2 tbsp peanut butter or hummus
4 oz cottage cheese
2 oz sliced chicken or turkey breast
Low-fat yogurt
Hardboiled egg

## Pick one

Whole grain crackers

Fresh fruit (1 medium piece or 1 cup sliced)

Fresh veggies (carrots, celery, bell pepper, etc.)
$1 / 2$ whole grain pita
1 slice whole grain bread

## Take Breaks

- Physical activity
- Keeps blood sugar normal
- Increases blood flow
- Improves cognitive function
- Small amounts add up



## What's Your "Usual?"

## Does knowing the nutritional value affect your choice?



## Out to Eat

- Don't arrive hungry - snack beforehand (100-150 calories)
- Freebies (bread, chips)... can you handle it?
- Start with salad or broth-based soup



## Can I Get You Something to Drink?

- Beverages
- Non-alcoholic
- Water is the best choice
- Opt for diet soda
- Choose 100\% juice over juice "drinks" - can still add a lot of calories
- Alcoholic
- Alcohol has calories!
- Mixers
- Decreases inhibition, increases hunger



## Extra Calories

- Preparation method
- Sauces



## Menu Terminology

## Menu terminology to avoid:

- Buttered/buttery
- Fried- French fried, batter fried, pan fried
- Breaded
- Creamed/creamy/cream sauce
- Gravy-In its own gravy, with gravy
- Hollandaise
- Au gratin
- Cheese sauce
- Scalloped
- Rich


## Menu Terminology to look for:

- Steamed
- Broiled
- Baked
- Grilled
- Poached
- Roasted


## Extra Calories

- Toppings
- Spreads
- Dressings

- Don't be fooled by... salads?!
- Mayo-based salads
- Gourmet extras



## Build to Suit

- Sandwiches and burgers
- Choose 1 high-fat topping
- Cheese, mayo, guacamole, OR bacon
- Add veggies - extra lettuce/tomato

- Salads
- Choose 2 toppings
- Grilled protein
- Dressing on the side
- Do the fork dip!



## Portion Distortion

- Choose smallest size or get an appetizer or side as a meal
- Try kid's or senior portions
- Split with a friend
- Take half home?



## Plan Ahead

- Check out the menu/nutrition online
- Decide what you want beforehand
- Be the first to order!




## Plan Ahead

- Eat lighter throughout the day
- Get in extra activity



## Is Your Car Road Trip Ready?

- Contingency items
- Granola bars
- Portioned nuts
- Play it cool
- Finger-fruit (bananas, grapes, berries, etc.)
- Veggies (carrots, grape tomatoes, celery sticks)
- Single serving dairy (yogurt cups, string cheese, milk)
- Deli turkey

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## En Route

- Checkpoint-friendly foods
- PB and J
- Sandwich with meat/cheese (eat within 2hours!)
- Crackers, pretzels, rice cakes, nuts
- String cheese
- Fruit/veggies (no liquids)
- Avoid gels/liquidy foods (e.g., yogurt)


## At the Hotel

- Look for lodging with fridge/microwave
- Scout out a grocery store
- Buy only what you can reasonably consume!
- Water bottles



## Tracking with Apps

- Self-monitoring is extremely important for maintaining a healthy lifestyle
-Do you use apps?
-If yes, which ones?



## MyFitnesspal

- App offers tutorial videos
- Tracks fat, calories, protein and carbohydrates, iron, calcium, vitamin A, C, potassium
- Includes database of more than 350 fitness exercises, with calories burned for a "net" calories remaining
- At the end of the day, it gives a summary of: "If every day were like today (how I ate), you would weigh: over or under in 5 weeks." Basically, if you keep eating this way (good or bad), keep it up or change it up
- You may add friends for support as you work toward goals
- Provides reports and charts of your progress over time for motivation
- Database with more than 1,100,000 foods with the option for food or recipe entry


## Calorie Counter Plus by Plus Sports



- Beyond counting calories, this app also offers the option to track glasses of water
- May be integrated with Facebook and Twitter
- The summary page is visually pleasing and easy to understand and navigate
- The database is adequate and includes more than 400,000 brands, varieties and restaurants
- Allows you to set your own goals for weight loss, weight gain or keeping fit and create your own diet and physical activity plan
- Log your physical activity and keep track of calories burned


## Keeping it Fresh



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