# What is Nutrition?

Making healthy food and beverage choices from the 6 building blocks of fats, carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins, minerals & water



#### **Daily Servings:**

- 6 ounces of grains
- 3 cups of **dairy**
- 5.5 ounces of protein





AND





# Goals of Nutrition

- Optimize blood pressure to reduce the risk for vascular disease, and lipid profile
- Improve health through healthy food choices
- Prevent the risk of developing diabetes

## The ABCs to Good Nutrition

Aim for Fitness

Build Healthy Diet

Choose Sensibly

Making small changes that you can maintain long

#### What are healthy examples of grains, dairy, and protein?

Grains	Dairy	Protein
Whole grains (pasta, brown rice,	Fat free, skim or 1% milk, low fat	Chicken (without the skin), fish
oatmeal, popcorn), potatoes, beans (pinto), green peas	yogurt, plain soy milk	(tuna, salmon, cod), lean beef/pork cuts, eggs, cheese

#### How can you lower your risk for diabetes?

According to the <u>American Diabetes Association</u>, you can lower your risk for type 2 diabetes by:

- ×,
- Nutrition is important therapy for controlling blood sugar in the body and preventing heart disease.
- Additionally, losing just 5-7% of your body weight (or 10-14 pounds if you weigh 200 pounds).
- Losing weight can improve your blood pressure, blood glucose, and cholesterol levels.
- Doing moderate physical activity (such as brisk walking) for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

Visit <u>www.nutrition.gov</u> to learn more about meal planning, food labels, smart nutrition, my plate resources, and exercise & diet.

#### What is the diabetes?

Diabetes is a serious health condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal due the body not being able to create enough insulin or not able to use insulin properly in the body.

### Did you know you could have prediabetes before diabetes?

Approximately 88 million American adults—more than 1 in 3—have prediabetes. Of those with prediabetes, more than 84% don't know they have it. Prediabetes puts you at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and stroke prior to being diagnosed with diabetes. It is important to be screened for prediabetes and diabetes.

**BUT I FEEL FINE...**You may have prediabetes without having any clear symptoms, so it often goes undetected until serious health problems occur. Screening for prediabetes and diabetes is very important to prevent progressing to diabetes.

Who is at risk? It's important to talk to your pharmacist about getting your blood sugar tested if you have any of the risk factors for diabetes, which includes:

- Overweight
- 45 years or older
- A family history of diabetes
- Physically active less than 3 times a week



#### **Improving Nutrition**

- Build healthy eating habits throughout life
- Focus on variety, nutrient density and amount consumed
- Fill half of your plate with vegetables and fruits
- **Limit** calories from added sugars
- **Reduce** sodium intake



- Ever having gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy) or giving birth to a baby who weighed more than 9 pounds
- African American, Hispanic/Latino Americans American Indian, or Asian.

#### How do I get screened for prediabetes or diabetes?

- Fasting glucose test (FGT) Measures blood sugar after you haven't eaten anything for at least 8 hours (overnight fast)
- Glucose tolerance test (GTT) measures blood sugar after you haven't eaten for at least 8
  hours and 2 hours after you drink a liquid that contains glucose provided by a doctor or
  laboratory.
- A1C test Measures your average blood sugar level over the past 3 months.

Diabetes	Normal	Prediabetes	Diabetes
test			
FGT, mg/dL	<100	100-125	>125
GTT, mg/dL	<140	140-199	>199
A1C	<5.7	5.7- 6.4	≥ 6.5

## If you would like a <u>Diabetes Screening</u>, fill out this <u>secure contact form</u> or call Bremo Pharmacy at 804-288-8361

#### **References:**

- 1. Nutrition and Weight Status | Healthy People 2020. Available at: <a href="https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status">https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status</a>. Accessed on April 9, 2021.
- 2. Nutrition Principles and Recommendations in Diabetes. American Diabetes Association. 2004;27(suppl 1): s36-s36.
- 3. What is the Diabetes Plate Method? *Diabetes Food Hot*. February 2020. Available at: <a href="https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/articles/what-is-the-diabetes-plate-method.html">https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/articles/what-is-the-diabetes-plate-method.html</a>. Accessed on April 9, 2021.
- Aim Build Choose for Good Health. USDA Dietary Guidelines. 2020. Available at: <a href="https://health.gov/sites/default/files/2020-01/DGA2000.pdf">https://health.gov/sites/default/files/2020-01/DGA2000.pdf</a>.
   Accessed April 9, 2021.
- Prediabetes Your Chance to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. June, 11, 2020. Available at: https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/prediabetes.html. Accessed on April, 9, 2021.
- Diabetes Tests. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. May 15, 2019. Available at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/getting-tested.html">https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/getting-tested.html</a>. Accessed on April 9, 2021.
- 7. Evert A, Dennison M, Gardner C, et al. Nutrition Therapy for Adults With Diabetes or Prediabetes: A Consensus Report. *American Diabetes Association*. 2019; 42(5): 731-754. https://doi.org/10.2337/dci19-0014.

Jackleen Yousef, PharmD Candidate Class of 2021