

## **Healthy Eating Diet Sheet**

British and Irish Hypertension Society Committed to preventing cardiovascular disease		Choose from	Eat in moderation	Eat in moderation	Avoid Eating
Committee to preventing cardiovascular disease		this group daily	2-3 times a week only	once a week or less	
	Cereal food i.e. cornmeal	Wholemeal bread, wholemeal flour, whole grain cereals, crispbreads, brown rice, wholemeal pasta, cornmeal, unfrosted sugar-free muesli, rice cakes.	White bread, white flour, white rice & pasta, water biscuits, wholemeal or oat scone, teacake, pancake.	Sugar-coated cereals. Plain semi sweet biscuits. Ordinary muesli.	biscuits (unless cooked in rape seed oil), croissants.
	Fruit & vegetables	All fresh, frozen & dried vegetables, fruit, tofu. Eat at least 5-7 portions of different fruit/veg per day, not including potatoes. 1 portion = approx 80g or the size of a small fist.	Baked potatoes, avocado.	Fruit in syrup, crystallised fruit. Chips & roast potatoes cooked in rape seed oil. Oven chips labelled 'cooked in sunflower oil & 40% less fat' (grill if possible). Olives, unless unsalted.	Deep-fat-fried chips, roast potatoes (unless cooked in rape seed oil). Crisps & savoury snacks.
	Nuts & seeds	Small amounts (not more than 25g) of unsalted nuts/seeds daily either as snacks, sprinkled on salad or mixed with dried fruit.			Coconut.
	Fish	All fresh & frozen fish (avoid frying) e.g. cod, plaice, herring, mackerel.  1 portion = 140g about the size of the palm of a hand.	Fish fried in suitable oil (rapeseed, olive, sunflower, corn. Do not use palm or coconut oil). Fish fingers or fish cakes (grilled). Tinned fish in oil (drained) or tomato sauce e.g. sardines, tuna.	Prawns, lobster, crab, oysters, molluscs, winkles. Smoked fish e.g. salmon.	Fish roe, taramasalata, fried scampi. Anchovies. Smoked salmon, haddock, cod, mackerel.
	Meat	Chicken, turkey (without skin), veal, rabbit, game, soya protein meat substitute, very lean red meat (grilled).  1 portion = 60-90g, about the size of a pack of cards.	Lean beef, pork, lamb, ham & gammon, very lean minced meat.	Liver, kidney, tripe, sweetbreads. Grilled back bacon (pre-boil in water). Duck (without skin). Low-fat pate.	Sausages, all processed meats, pate, salami, streaky bacon, burgers, goose, meat pies, sausage rolls, pasties, scotch eggs, visible fat on meat, crackling, chicken skin. Ham, gammon.
	Eggs & dairy foods	Skimmed milk, soya milk, powdered skimmed milk, cottage cheese, low-fat curd cheese, low-fat yoghurt, egg white, low-fat fromage frais.	Semi-skimmed milk, no more than 3 whole eggs per week including those in baked items e.g. cakes, quiche, flans.	Medium-fat cheeses e.g. edam, camembert, gouda, brie, cheese spread. Half-fat cheeses labelled 'low-fat'. Sweetened condensed skimmed milk.	Whole milk & cream. Full-fat yoghurt, cheese e.g. stilton, cheddar, cream cheese, evaporated or condensed milk, imitation cream, excess eggs i.e. 4 or more per week.
	Fats & oils	Small amounts only - see next column.	Olive oil, rape seed oil.	Margarine & shortening labelled 'high in polyunsaturates' or corn oil, sunflower oil, soya oil, safflower oil, grapeseed oil, groundnut (peanut) oil, reduced fat & low-fat spreads.	All margarines, shortenings & oils not labelled 'high in polyunsaturates'. Butter, lard, suet & dripping, vegetable oil or margarine of unknown origin. All spreads not labelled 'low-fat'. Coconut oil.
	Prepared foods	, , ,	Home made pastry, puddings, cakes, biscuits, sauces etc. made with wholemeal flour & fat or oil as above, low-fat ready-prepared meals.		Processed pastries, puddings, cakes & sauces made with whole milk & fat or oil as above, suet dumplings or puddings, cream soups. Packet soups.
	Sweets, preserves, jams & spreads	Sugar-free artificial sweeteners, low-fat jam & marmalade.	Jam, marmalade, honey low-fat soft cheese, low-fat spreads.	Boiled sweets, fruit pastilles & jellies. Chutneys & pickles, fish & meat pastes, peanut butter.	Chocolate spreads, chocolates, toffees, fudge, butterscotch, carob chocolate, coconut bars. Marmite, Bovril.
	Drinks	water, fruit juice (unsweetened).  1 x 150ml glass of fruit juice counts as a portion of fruit.	Alcohol 1-2 Units/day. Maximum 14 units/week - women, 21 units/week - men.	Sweetened drinks, squashes, fruit juice (sweetened), malted milk or hot chocolate drinks made with skimmed milk.	Whole milk drinks, cream-based liqueurs, coffee whitener.
	Salt, sauces & dressings	pepper.	Homemade salad dressings & mayonnaise made with suitable oils as above. Low-fat or low-calorie mayonnaise & dressings.	Parmesan cheese.	Salt, tabasco, soy sauce, ordinary or cream dressings & mayonnaise, Worcestershire sauce.
	Note: If you are overweight, aim to eat most of your food from the far left column				
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