## LOW FAT DIET

## Indication

The low fat diet may be prescribed to help lower cholesterol. This diet may also be used in the management of gallbladder disease, chronic pancreatitis and malabsorption syndromes where fat is not tolerated, such as cystic fibrosis, radiation enteritis, short bowel syndrome, and tropical sprue.

## Description

The low fat diet limits all types of dietary fat to 50 grams per day. Foods high in fat are omitted and gas-forming foods may be omitted if not well tolerated.

## Nutritional Adequacy

This diet is adequate in specified nutrients from the Recommended Dietary Allowances. It provides approximately 1700-1800 calories, 96 gm protein, 262 gm carbohydrate, 50 gm fat. Prolonged diarrhea or steatorrhea may lead to some nutrient deficiencies of calcium, folic acid, fat-soluble vitamins, iron, magnesium, Vitamin B-12, and B-complex vitamins.

| FOOD GROUP | FOODS ALLOWED | FOODS TO AVOID |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BEVERAGE | Carbonated beverages, cereal beverages (postum), coffee, tea, decaffeinated coffee, cocoa made with cocoa powder and non-fat milk, fruit flavored drinks; alcohol as allowed by physician. | Chocolate-flavored beverages |
| BREADS/ <br> CEREALS | Enriched or whole grain breads (non-fat), yeast type rolls made without extra fat, saltines, soda crackers, melba toast, matzo, cold cereals, whole grain cereal except granola-type, unbuttered popcorn, english muffins, bread sticks, cooked cereals, reduced fat crackers \& cookies, low fat pretzels | Quick breads such as biscuits, muffins, popovers, coffee cake, cornbread, pancakes, waffles, fritters; yeast bread containing excess fat such as dinner rolls, sweet rolls, doughnuts; snack crackers other than those listed as allowed; chow mein noodles, egg or cheese bread, popcorn made with fat, granola cereal |


| DAIRY | Nonfat (skim) milk, buttermilk made with nonfat milk, powdered skim milk, evaporated skim milk, yogurt made from skim milk, frozen yogurt (subtract 1 serving of fat). | Whole milk, buttermilk made with whole milk, chocolate milk 2\% and low fat milk, cream, evaporated milk, yogurt made from whole milk, sour cream ice cream and all beverages made with whole or low-fat milk, cream and egg. |
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| DESSERTS | Angel food cake, sherbet (made with nonfat milk), Weight Watchers frozen dairy dessert, gelatin dessert with allowed food, fruit whip, popsicle, meringues, pudding (not choc) and other desserts made with nonfat milk and foods allowed; fruit; Vanilla wafers, Junket; Ladyfingers, graham crackers, arrowroot cookies; fruit ice. | Desserts made with chocolate, whole or low fat milk, cream, coconut, nuts; any desserts containing egg yolk or fats in excess of allowed amounts; all other cakes, pies, cookies, pastries; non-dairy whipped topping; non-dairy frozen dessert, ice cream, ice milk. |
| FAT (Limited to three servings/day) | One serving of fat is one of the following: <br> Avocado (2T or $1 / 8$ medium) <br> 1 tsp. margarine, mayonnaise, oil, shortenin <br> 2 Tbsp. sour cream <br> 1 Tbsp. Cream cheese <br> 2 Tbsp. Light cream <br> 1 Tbsp. Heavy cream <br> 2 Tbsp. liquid non-dairy creamer <br> 1 Tbsp. powdered non-dairy creamer <br> 1 strip crisp bacon <br> 1 Tbsp. regular salad dressing <br> 2 Tbsp. low calorie salad dressing <br> 1 tsp. regular mayonnaise type dressing <br> 2 Tbsp. low calorie mayonnaise type dressing <br> 6 whole dry roasted almonds <br> 1 Tbsp. dry roasted cashews <br> 2 whole pecans, almonds <br> 20 small or 10 large peanuts <br> 18 whole pistachio <br> 2 tsp. peanut butter <br> 2 tsp. whipped butter <br> 1 tsp. butter <br> 5 large olives <br> 1 piece cornbread <br> 1 small biscuit or muffin <br> 14 " pancake or waffle <br> Use freely: butterbuds sprinkles or Molly Mc | Gravy, cream sauces, any fats in excess of allowed amounts g <br> ng <br> cButter |

All fruits and fruit juices

MEAT/EGG/
CHEESE/FISH
All lean
Recommended preparation methods are broiling, roasting, grilling or boiling
POTATO OR

SOUPS

SWEETS

VEGETABLES Any prepared without added fats or cream sauces.

MISCELLANEOUS All herbs and seasonings, catsup, mustard, vinegar, unbuttered popcorn, pickles, apple butter, fat free gravies or white sauce made with skim milk.

Avocado in excess of amount allowed in fats allowed list.

All fried, fatty or smoked meats such as corned beef,ham, sausage, luncheon meats, cold cuts, frankfurters, spare ribs, salt pork, ham hocks, duck, goose, capon, poultry skin; meat or fish canned in oil, all other cheese, creamed meats.

Fried potatoes, potato or corn chips; any prepared in highly seasoned sauces or cream sauces made with whole, low fat milk or cream.

Commercial soups; soups prepared with cream, fat or whole milk

Candy containing nuts, cream, chocolate, coconut, or fat

Buttered, au gratin, creamed or fried; omit gas-forming if they cause discomfort

Nuts, olives and peanut butter, in excess specified portions.

## Sample Daily Meal Plan

## Breakfast

1/2 c orange juice
$1 / 2$ c Cream of wheat
1 scrambled egg made with egg substitute
1 sl. toast
1 tsp margarine
jelly
1 c skim milk coffee or tea
1 tsp sugar

## Lunch

3 oz FF turkey
2 slices whole wheat bread
1 c. raw carrots
1 apple
10-15 pretzels
1 c. skim milk
2 T . light mayonnaise

## Dinner

3 oz baked chicken (without skin)
1/2 c FF baked potato
$1 / 2$ c FF garden peas
1 sl. angel food cake fruited gelatin salad
1 c. skim milk
1 sl. bread
1 tsp margarine

FF = Fat free or no fat added
NOTE: For Fat-Controlled Bland Diet, omit the following: pepper and highly seasoned foods; chili powder; coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea and other beverages containing caffeine, alcohol.

