

## **\* Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension**

**DASH** \* Lifestyle

Food Groups	Daily Servings	Serving Size	Examples and Notes
Grains and grain		1 slice of bread (approx 2 servings)	Whole wheat bread, English muffin,
products	6-8	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup dry cereal	pita bread, bagel, cereals, grits,
		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup cooked rice, pasta, or cereal	oatmeal
Vegetables		1 cup raw leafy vegetables	Tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas,
	4-5	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup cooked or raw vegetables	squash, broccoli, turnip, artichokes,
		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup vegetable juice	beans, sweet potatoes
Fruits		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup fruit juice	Apricots, bananas, dates, grapes,
		1 medium fruit	oranges, orange juice, grapefruit,
	4-5	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup dried fruit	grapefruit juice, melons, mangoes,
		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup fresh, frozen or canned fruit	peaches, pineapples, prunes, raisins,
			strawberries, tangerines
Low-fat or nonfat		1 cup milk	Skim milk, skim buttermilk, nonfat
dairy	2-3	1 cup yogurt	or low-fat yogurt, skim mozzarella
		$1 \frac{1}{2}$ oz. cheese	cheese, nonfat cheese
Lean meats, poultry		1 oz cooked meats, poultry or fish	Lean meats (trimmed of visible fat),
and fish	6 or less	1 egg	broiled, roasted or baked poultry
			with skin removed
Nuts, seeds and		$1 \frac{1}{2}$ oz. or $1/3$ cup nuts	Almonds (10-12 fresh, non-roasted,
legumes		$\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or 2 Tbsp. seeds	non-salted, not covered in
	4-5 <u>per week</u>	2 tbsp peanut butter	chocolate), filberts, mixed nuts,
		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup cooked legumes	peanuts, walnuts, sunflower seeds,
			kidney beans, lentils

To lose weight, a reduction in the # of servings may be necessary.

Diabetic patients may need to reduce the above recommended daily servings to meet their caloric restrictions. Diabetic patients should avoid eggs, including eggs in prepared/packaged foods (e.g. mayonnaise, cake, etc) In general substitute egg whites for whole egg or use egg substitutes.

## Sodium Reduction

- o Recommended daily intake of sodium equals 2,400mg or approximately one teaspoon of table salt
- Use reduced or no-salt-added products
- Buy fresh, plain frozen, or canned vegetables
- Use fresh poultry, fish and lean meat rather than canned, smoked or processed types
- Limit cured foods (bacon, ham) or foods packed in brine (pickles, olives, sauerkraut) and condiments (MSG, mustard, ketchup, horseradish)

## Exercise

 $\circ$  30 -45 minutes of aerobic exercise daily and/or 10,000 – 14,000 steps daily using a pedometer.

Go to <u>www.nhlbi.nih.gov</u> (recipes on line) Google: American Heart association "No Fad Diet" see web site