## Nutrition 101

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# Balanced Plate - 99\% of Nutrition 

## Agenda

Balanced Plate at a Restaurant

Balanced Plate at Home
$Q$ and $A$

## What Does a Healthy Body Look Like for You?

1. $\mathrm{BMI}-\mathrm{NOT}$ a Good indicator - built by a mathematician as a tool to assess weight distribution across populations, and based on his idea of the "ideal white man."

INSTEAD think about...

1. How a body functions - can your body do what YOU want it to do?
2. Lab values/imaging/other objective criteria
3. Health behaviors that we know promote health
4. Diet - can be achieved with a variety of eating patterns
5. Physical activity
6. Sleep
7. Stress Management
8. Smoking/alcohol intake

## What is a Happy/Purposeful Body?

 Do your health goals align with you core values?- Achievement
- Adventure
- Autonomy
- Compassion
- Challenge
- Community
- Curiosity
- Daring
- Diversity
- Empathy
- Family
- Forgiveness
- Freedom
- Grace
- Honesty
- Intelligence
- Learning
- Open-mindedness
- Peace
- Teamwork
- Security


## Nutrition Basics - Balanced Plate

Why It Works

- Intuitive appetite regulation
- Food Synergy
- Freedom of increased variety
- Reduced food shaming
- High Sustainability

Where We Go Wrong

- Not enough food in the first half of the day
- Incomplete meals

Fruit (1 cup)

- Apple
- Banana
- Berries

Vegetables (1 cup)

- Beans
- Carrots
- Asparagus
- Cauliflower

Starches (1 cup)

- Oats
- Bread
- Pasta
- Crackers
- Rice
- Potatoes
- Corn
- Quinoa

Protein (4 oz meat, 2
eggs, $1 / 4$ cup nuts, or $1 / 2$
cup beans/tofu)

- Eggs
- Meat
- Fish
- Nuts
- Beans
- Soy


## Grab n Go Foods From Each Group

Protein:

- Biena crunchy chickpea snacks or other brand equivalent
- Bags of almonds, pistachios, etc.
- EPIC bar or other equivalent
- Deli turkey and cheese
- Individual yogurt cup
- Cheese stick
- Peanut butter
- Hummus
- Dry roasted edamame

Fruits:

- Piece of fresh fruit
- Frozen fruit
- Dried unsweetened fruit (figs, raisins, etc.)

Vegetables:

- Frozen steam-in-bag veggies
- Raw veggies with dip (baby carrots, mini cucumbers, baby bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, celery)
- Pre-mixed bagged salad
- Dehydrated veggeis (ex. Wegmans crunchy green beans or okra or other brand equivalent)

Starch:

- Low sugar instant oatmeal
- Brown rice cakes
- Flavored Triscuits
- Wheat thins
- Pre-cooked seasoned quinoa (rice aisle at Wegmans)
- Individual popcorn bag
- High fiber cereal such as cheerios


## Balanced Plate at McDonalds



OR


## Balanced Plate at Chinese Takeout



## Let's make a plate together!

April's favorite recipe for restaurant style Chinese lo mein:

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Ingredients
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```1.5 tbsp vegetable or peanut oil
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```2 garlic cloves, finely minced (Note 1)
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```1/2 onion, finely sliced
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```\(300 \mathrm{~g} / 100 \mathrm{z}\) chicken or other protein, sliced \(0.5 \mathrm{~cm} / 1 / 5^{\circ}\) thick (Note 2)
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```2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into \(4 \times 0.75 \mathrm{~cm} / 1.75 \times 1 / 3^{\prime \prime}\) batons
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```1 large red capsicum / bell pepper , sliced (or 2 small)
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```6 green onions, cut into \(5 \mathrm{~cm} / 2^{\prime \prime}\) lengths
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```\(500 \mathrm{~g} / 1 \mathrm{lb}\) Lo Mein. Hokkien or other medium thickness egg noodles, fresh prepared per packet (Note 3 for dried)
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```1/4 cup ( 65 ml ) water
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## SAUCE:

4 tsp cornflour / cornstarch2 tbsp dark soy sauce (Note 4)2 tbsp soy sauce or light soy sauce (Note 4)1 tbsp Chinese cooking wine or Mirin (Note 5 subs)1 tsp white sugar (omit if using Mirin)1/2 tsp sesame oil, toasted, optional (Note 6)$1 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$ white pepper (sub black)
https://www.recipetineats.com/lo-mein-noodles/\#wprm-recipe-container-40538

This Recipe Calls For:
-8 servings egg noodles ( $1 \mathrm{lb}=8$ cups cooked, 1 cup $=1$ serving)
-2.5 servings meat (4 oz $=1$ serving)
-3.5 servings vegetables (about 3.5 cups)


PER SERVING

## Ingredients:

1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil- $\$ 0.04$ per serving $11 / 2$ cups chopped red onion- $\$ 0.13$ per serving $1 \frac{11 / 3}{}$ cups finely diced carrots (they can also be processed in a food processor to save time!) - \$0.09 per serving
$1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$ ground beef- $\$ 0.31$ per serving
$1^{1 / 3}$ cups cooked brown lentils (cooked from
dried)-\$0.09 per serving
1 tsp garlic powder- \$0.02 per serving
3 Tablespoons ketchup- $\$ 0.04$ per serving
3 Tablespoons mayonnaise $-\$ 0.03$ per serving
3 Tablespoons mustard-\$0.01 per serving
4 hamburger buns - $\$ 0.12$ per serving
Salt and pepper to taste

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## Directions:

1. Soften veggies: Heat oil in large frying pan on medium-high heat. Add carrots and onion and cook until both are soft. Add a few pinches of salt and pepper.
2. Brown beef: Add ground beef to veggie mixture. Break the meat apart with a spatula and cook until completely brown.
3. Warm lentils: Add lentils to frying pan and cook just until lentils are heated.
4. Add seasonings: Add garlic powder, ketchup, mayonnaise, and mustard to frying pan and mix until all ingredients are thoroughly heated.
5. Serve: Place sloppy joe mixture on hamburger buns and enjoy!

Make it a meal: Pair with 1 cup skim milk (\$0.13) for a complete meal at a cost of \$1.03.

## thank you

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## Fiber: 8 grams OR 3 cups whole plant

 foodsWhole Foods
Starches:
Whole wheat bread/crackers/pasta
Brown rice
Wild rice
Oats
Quinoa
Buckwheat
Whole unpeeled potatoes

| Proteins: | Proteins: |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nuts | Animal products |
| Beans and lentils |  |
| Edamame (soy beans) | Produce: |
| Produce: | Applesauce |
| Whole apples | Broccoli florets without stem |
| Broccoli florets with stem |  |

*Note: all grains except for rice and wheat are always sold in their whole form!

## Added Sugars

- 1. Try to spot words that mean "sugar" on an ingredient list. All of the following terms are used by food companies to disguise added sugars: fructose, sucrose, maltose, maltodextrin, dextrin, high fructose corn syrup, molasses, maple syrup, cane crystals, crystalline fructose, evaporated cane juice, and corn syrup solids.
- Ingredient list for Wegmans organic vanilla yogurt: Cultured Pasteurized Grade A Organic Nonfat Milk, Organic Sugar, Organic Corn Starch, Organic Locust Bean Gum, Natural Flavors, Organic Vanilla Flavor, Organic Lemon Juice Concentrate. Contains the following live and active cultures: L. Bulgaricus, S. Thermophilus, L. Acidophilus, Bifidus, L. Casei.
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- Common hidden sources: salad dressings, soups, peanut butter, yogurt, nutrition bars, flavored oatmeal, canned fruit/appleasauce, marinades
- Recommendation for women: $<25 \mathrm{~g}$ per day (or 8 g per meal)
- Recommendation for men: $<37 \mathrm{~g}$ per day (or 12 g per meal)



## Saturated Fat: 5-7 g per meal

| Food <br> Category | Product | Portion | Saturated <br> Fat Content <br> (grams) | Calories |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cheese | Regular cheddar cheese | 1 oz | 6.0 | 114 |
|  | Low-fat cheddar cheese | 1 oz | 1.2 | 49 |
| Beef | Regular ground beef (25\% fat) | 3 oz (cooked) | 6.1 | 236 |
|  | Extra lean ground beef (5\% fat) | 3 oz (cooked) | 2.6 | 148 |
| Milk | Whole milk (3.25\%) | 1 cup | 4.6 | 146 |
|  | Low-fat milk (1\%) | 1 cup | 1.5 | 102 |
| Bread | Croissant (med) | 1 medium | 6.6 | 231 |
|  | Bagel, oat bran (4") | 1 medium | 0.2 | 227 |
| Dessert | Regular ice cream | $1 / 2$ cup | 4.9 | 145 |
|  | Frozen yogurt, low-fat | $1 / 2$ cup | 2.0 | 110 |
| Spread | Butter | 1 tsp | 2.4 | 34 |
|  | Soft margarine with zero trans fats | 1 tsp | 0.7 | 25 |
| Chicken | Fried chicken (leg with skin) | 3 oz (cooked) | 3.3 | 212 |
|  | Roasted chicken (breast no skin) | 3 oz (cooked) | 0.9 | 140 |
| Fish | Fried fish | 3 oz | 2.8 | 195 |
|  | Baked fish | 3 oz | 1.5 | 129 |

Heavy cream: 2 tablespoons $=7 \mathrm{~g}$ saturated fat
Half and Half: 2 Tablespoons $=2 \mathrm{~g}$ saturated fat
Parmesan cheese: 1 oz = 5 g sat fat

