

The Plate Divide

Tips for a healthy plate to promote healthy body weight

Fruits and Vegetables

- Make half of your plate non-starchy vegetables.
 - When choosing fruits and vegetables pick a variety of colors.
 - Add a serving of fruit to breakfast by adding it to yogurt, a smoothie, oatmeal, or just by itself!
 - Include vegetables in casserole and pasta dishes if it is difficult to eat them by themselves.
 - Choose fruit instead of cakes, cookies, or pies for dessert. Limit desserts and other concentrated sweets.
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- Serve food on smaller plates to help control portion size.
 - Sauté foods in a small amount of broth rather than oil.
 - Choose vegetable oils rather than fats solid at room temperature (butter, etc.) while cooking.
 - Replace chips and candy with healthy snacks like fruit and yogurt, vegetables and hummus, or string cheese.

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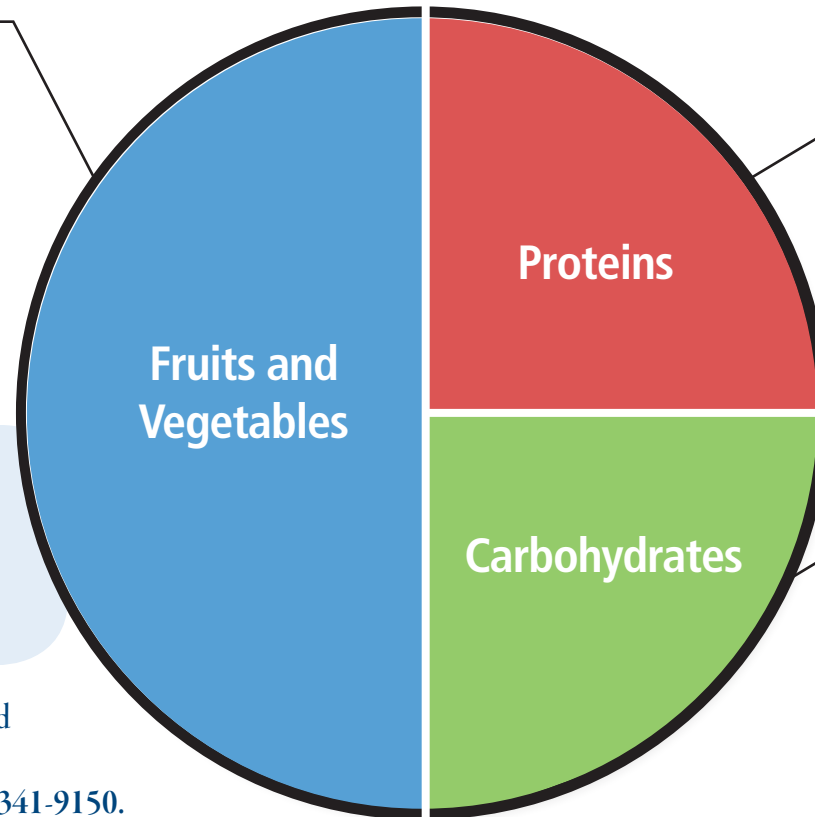
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Proteins

- Choose fish and lean meats like poultry without the skin, 90% or higher lean ground beef, and meats labeled “loin” or “round” which are often leaner.
- Avoid fried and breaded meats, poultry with the skin, and processed meats that are higher in fat.
- Try beans, legumes, tofu, and eggs as alternatives to meat at meals.

Carbohydrates

- Aim to make half of your grains whole.
- Choose whole wheat bread and pasta, brown rice, quinoa, oat meal, and oat or wheat bran more often.
- Reserve sweets like cookies, cakes, and pies for special occasions as they are high in both sugar and fat.
- Limit the portion of carbohydrates to about one quarter of the plate.

Fluids

- Drink water at meals and throughout the day to stay hydrated.
- Limit sugar sweetened beverages like soda, sweet teas, and lemonade to reduce calories.
- Drink a glass of water before a meal to promote feelings of fullness sooner.