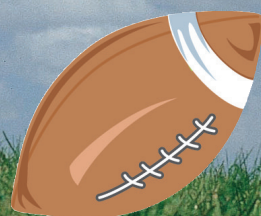
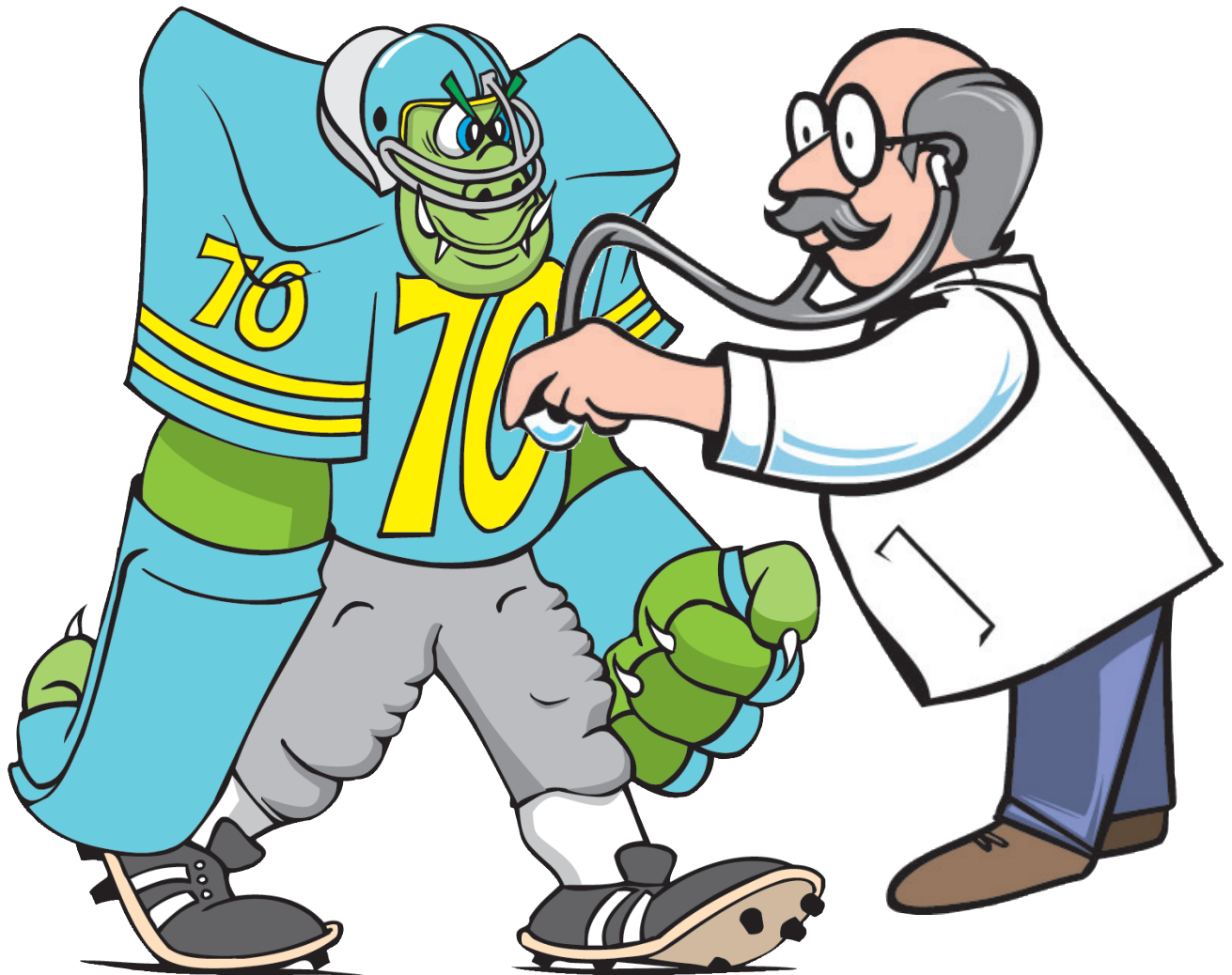


# Charlie tackles diabetes





# charlie goes to the doctor



**charlie has type 1 diabetes**

# What is diabetes?

Diabetes is a condition in which your body can not use food like it should.

## **What happens with diabetes?**

With diabetes, blood glucose levels are higher than normal. This can cause many health problems for people.

## **What are the symptoms of diabetes?**

- Blurred Vision
- Fatigue
- Dry Skin
- Frequent Urination
- Increased Thirst
- Increased Hunger
- Unexplained Weight Loss



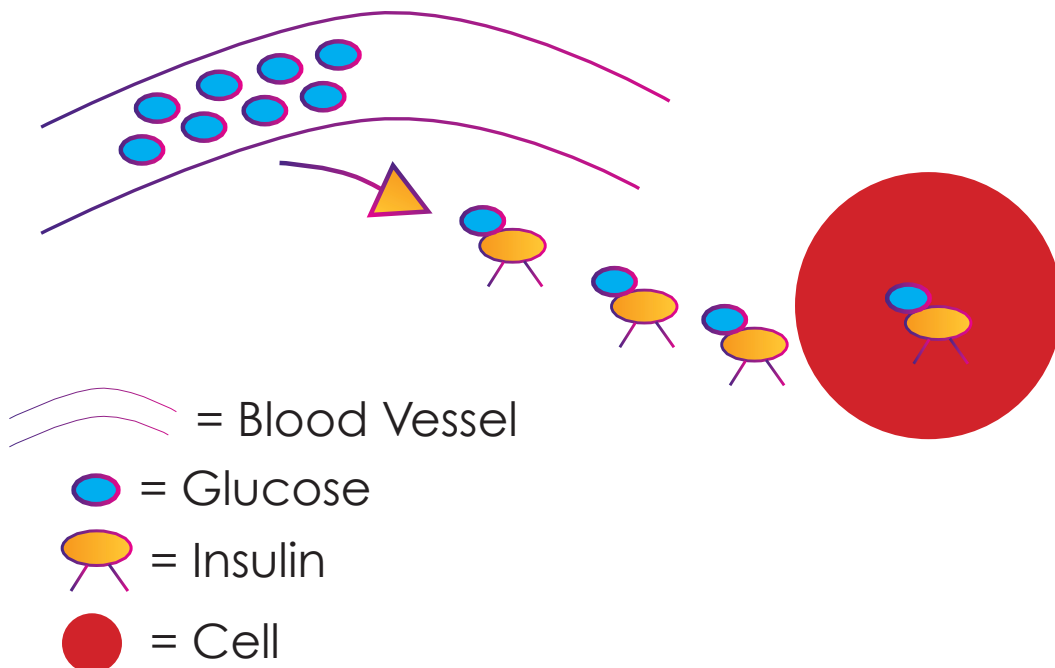
# What is diabetes?



Food is the fuel that our bodies use for energy. The body's digestive system changes food energy into glucose.

**Blood Glucose = Blood Sugar**

**How does the glucose get into the body to do its work?**

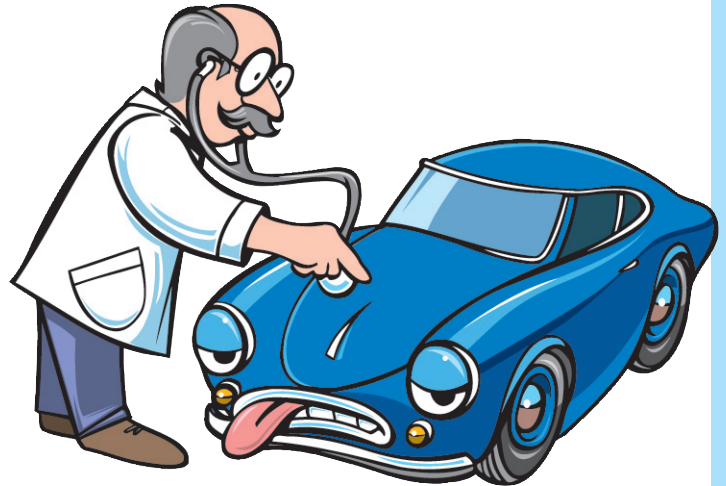




# type 1 diabetes

## What happens with type 1 diabetes?

The body stops making insulin, so insulin must come from other sources.

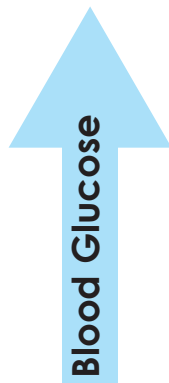


## Ways to get insulin into the body

Injections (Syringe, Pen)

Insulin Pump

## What affects blood glucose?



Food  
Growth  
Sickness  
Stress



Diabetes medications  
Physical activity

# Goals for diabetes care



## **Managing type 1 diabetes helps to**

- Promote overall health
- Support normal growth and development
- Keep blood glucose in the target range
- Prevent or delay complications
- Develop self care skills
- Have a healthy, typical life

# managing diabetes

## Game rules for diabetes

1. Eat healthy
2. Take insulin on time
3. Check your blood glucose regularly
4. Keep good records

## Goals for blood glucose



## Where do we get energy?

Carbohydrates, fat and protein in food and beverages.  
Carbohydrates have the greatest effect on blood glucose.





# food planning

A healthy diet is important for everyone, but it is essential for good diabetes control. You and your dietitian can develop a food plan to guide you. The food plan will focus on carbohydrates, but will provide for all of your nutrient needs.

## **The food plan helps you to**

Make healthy food choices

Maintain a healthy body weight

Keep blood glucose in the target range

Keep normal levels of blood cholesterol and triglycerides

Prevent complications of diabetes



**Checking your blood glucose regularly helps you know how well your plan is working.**

# food planning

Your food plan is individualized based on your health needs and preferred dietary habits. Enjoying foods you like is possible while taking care of diabetes. Work with a dietitian or a diabetes educator to create a food plan that works.

## Your food plan should be based upon your

Age

Gender

Weight goals

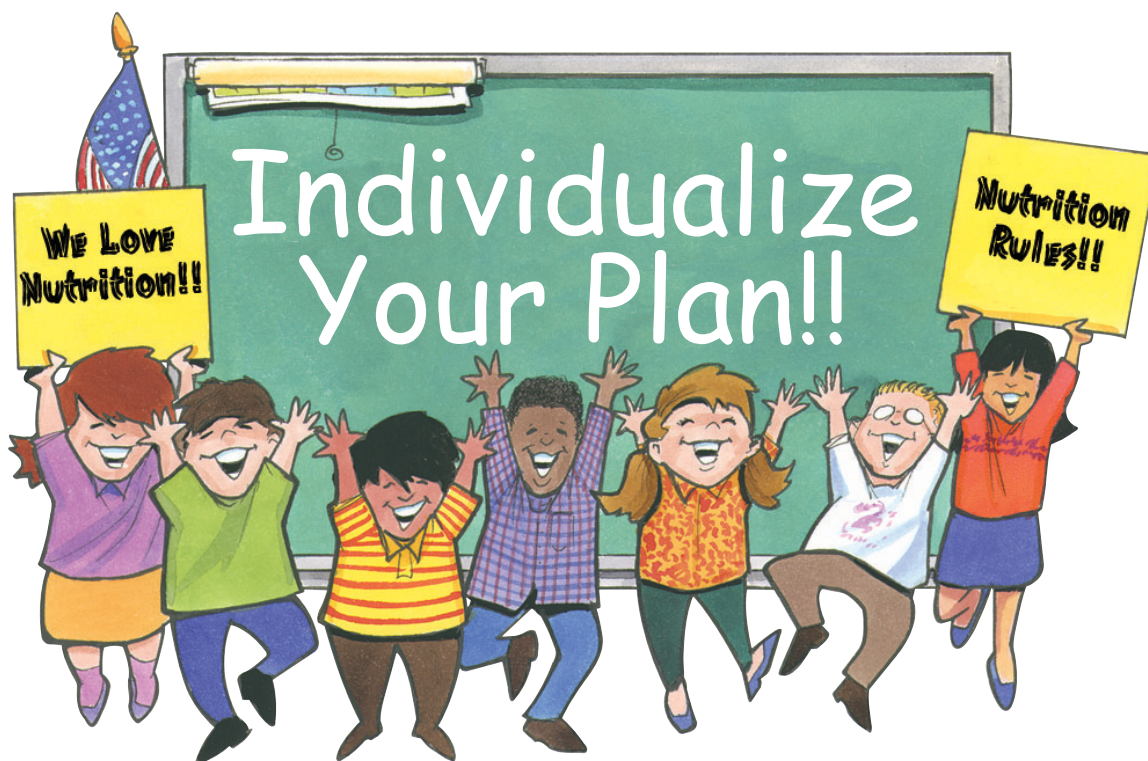
Diabetes medications

Physical activity

Diet preferences

Daily schedule

Health status



# Carbohydrate counting

Carbohydrate counting, or carb counting, is a meal planning tool for managing blood glucose levels. Foods that contain carbohydrate raise blood glucose. Balancing the amount of carbohydrates you eat with the right amount of insulin will improve glucose management.

## **Two methods of carbohydrate counting**

### **Basic carbohydrate counting**

Follow a food plan with a consistent amount of carbohydrates at each meal and snack

### **Advanced carbohydrate counting**

Adjust insulin for changes in carbohydrate intake using an insulin to carbohydrate ratio. This ratio can be affected by a number of factors. Your diabetes educator will teach you how to adjust the ratio.



# carbohydrate exchanges

In carbohydrate counting, approximately 15 grams of carbohydrate equals 1 carbohydrate serving, exchange or choice. Food plans are used to balance carbohydrate intake. Learning the amounts of carbohydrates in foods can help you keep your blood glucose in the target range.

## Sample food plan

	Carbohydrate Exchanges
Meals	3-5
Snacks	1-2

# Grains

## Carbohydrates in Foods

1 Serving = 15 g Carbohydrates



### Grain Group

Make half your grains whole

#### Breads

Bagel	1/4 or 1 oz.
Biscuit	2 1/2"
Bread	1 slice
Bun	1/2
Crackers	4-6
English Muffin	1/2
French Toast	1 slice
Melba Toast	4 slices
Muffin	1/4 or 1 oz.
Oyster Crackers	24
Pancake/Waffle	4"
Saltines	6
Stuffing	1/3 cup
Tortilla	6"

#### Grains – cooked

Barley	1/3 cup
Couscous	1/3 cup
Pasta	1/3 cup
Rice	1/3 cup

#### Cereals

Cereals	Serving Size
Cold, Unsweet	3/4 cup
Cold, Sugar	1/2 cup
Granola	1/4 cup
Oatmeal, Grits	1/2 cup
Puffed Cereal	1 1/2 cups



# Fruits

## Carbohydrates in Foods

1 Serving = 15 g Carbohydrates



### Fruit Group

Focus on fruits

<b>Fruit</b>	<b>Serving Size</b>
Apple	1 small
Banana, Large	1/2 or 4 oz.
Blueberries	3/4 cup
Cantaloupe	1 cup cubed
Cherries	12
Grapes, Small	17
Grapefruit	1/2
Juice, Unsweet	1/2 cup
Juice, grape	1/3 cup
Kiwi	1 or 3 1/2 oz.
Orange	1 small
Papaya	1 cup cubed
Peach	1 medium
Pear	1 medium
Pineapple	3/4 cup
Plum	2 small
Raisins	2 tbsp
Raspberries	1 cup
Strawberries	1 1/4 cup
Watermelon	1 1/4 cup





# Vegetables

## Carbohydrates in Foods

### Starchy Vegetables

1 Serving = 15 g Carbohydrates

Food	Serving Size
Corn/Peas	1/2 cup
Corn on the cob, large	1/2 cob
Lima beans	2/3 cup
Mixed Vegetables	1 cup
Potato, baked	1 small - 3oz.
Potatoes, mashed	1/2 cup
Squash, acorn, butternut	1 cup
Sweet potato	1/2 cup

### Non-Starchy Veggies

1 Serving = 5 g Carbohydrates

Bean sprouts	Cauliflower	Lettuce	Radishes
Beets	Celery	Mushrooms	Rutabaga
Broccoli	Cucumber	Okra	Spinach
Brussels sprouts	Eggplant	Onions	Tomatoes
Cabbage	Green Beans	Pea pods	Wax Beans
Carrots	Greens	Peppers	Zucchini



## Vegetable Group

Vary your veggies



For the following vegetables,  
1 serving = 1 cup raw, 1/2 cup  
cooked, 1/2 cup juice, 1/4 cup  
tomato sauce

# dairy

## Carbohydrates in Foods

1 Serving = 15 g Carbohydrates



### Milk Group

Get your calcium-rich foods

Food*	Serving Size
Fat-free milk	8 oz.
Reduced fat milk	8 oz.
Whole milk	8 oz.
Chocolate milk	4 oz.
Soy Milk	8 oz.
Low fat, plain yogurt	8 oz.
Light, fruit flavor yogurt	6 oz.

\* Plain dairy products contain similar amounts of carbohydrate. However, reduced fat or fat free are healthier choices.



# beans

## Carbohydrates in Foods

1 Serving = 15 g Carbohydrates



**Meat & Bean Group**  
Go lean with protein

### Food

Baked beans

Beans, peas, lentils

Garbanzo beans, cooked

Hummus

Refried beans, canned

### Serving Size

1/3 cup

1/2 cup

1/3 cup

1/3 cup

1/2 cup



# snacks and sweets

## Carbohydrates in Foods

### 1 Serving = 15 g Carbohydrates

#### Sweets

Brownie, unfrosted

#### Serving Size

2" square/1 oz.

Cake, unfrosted

2" square/1 oz.

Cookie, sandwich

2 small

Doughnut, plain

1 small/1 oz.

Fruit juice bars

1 bar/3oz.

Ice cream

1/2 cup

Regular jam/jelly

1 tbsp

Regular gelatin

1/2 cup

Sports drink

1 cup

Yogurt, frozen, fat-free

1/3 cup



### 1 Serving = 30 g Carbohydrates

#### Sweets

Frosted cupcake

#### Serving Size

2 oz.

Glazed doughnut

2 oz.

Chocolate milk

1 cup

Pumpkin pie

1/8 pie

Regular pudding

1/2 cup

Sherbet

1/2 cup



# Combination Foods

## Carbohydrates in Foods

Food	Serving Size	Carbohydrate (g)
Casserole	1 cup	30
Chili (beef & bean)	1 cup	30
Lasagna, meat	1 cup	30
Macaroni & cheese	1 cup	30
Hamburger	1 whole bun (2 oz.)	30
Pizza, thin crust, cheese	1/4 of 12"	30
Pot pie	1 small	45
Spaghetti w/ meatballs	1 cup	30
Stew	1 cup	15
Taco (meat/cheese)	1 taco	15
Submarine sandwich	6"	45



# free foods

A free food is any food or drink that has **less than 20 calories or less than 5 g of carbohydrate per serving.** The foods listed below are some examples of free foods. These foods should be consumed in no more than 3 servings per day, if you eat all of these servings at one time, it may affect your blood sugar levels. Those without a serving size can be eaten at any time.

## 0 to 5 grams of carbohydrate per serving

<b>Food/Beverage</b>	<b>Serving Size</b>
String cheese	1
Sugar-free gelatin	1
Cottage cheese	1/4 cup
Hard boiled egg	1
Nuts	1 oz.
Diet sodas	
Tea (unsweetened)	
Coffee (unsweetened)	
Mayonnaise (fat free)	1 tbsp.
Mayonnaise (reduced fat)	1 tsp.
Mustard	
Salad dressing (fat free)	1 tbsp.
Tomato based salsa	1/4 cup
Raw veggies	1 cup
Sugar substitutes	
Sugar-free gum	
Vinegar	

# Carbohydrate Counting

## School Lunch

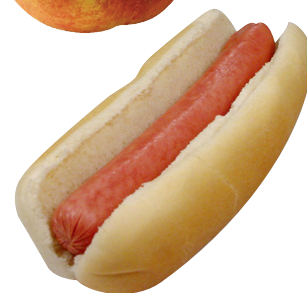
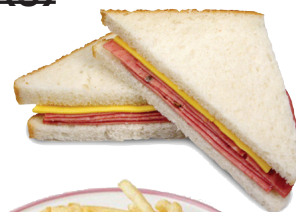
### COUNTING SCHOOL LUNCH

Planning is important for school lunch. Children often have the choice of packing a lunch or eating school lunch. The dietitian or school nutrition director can help you calculate the carbohydrates on your child's school menu. Put a note card on each food item in a packed lunch so the teachers and staff can help your child count carbs.

#### Examples of School Lunch Items

#### Carbohydrates (g)

Applesauce .....	15
Baked potato .....	30
Beef burrito .....	45
Broccoli with cheese sauce.....	0
Carrot and raisin salad .....	30
Carrot sticks .....	0
Cheeseburger .....	30
Cheese sandwich .....	30
Chicken, baked or fried .....	0
Chicken filet sandwich on bun.....	30
Chicken nuggets.....	15
Coleslaw.....	0
Corn.....	15
Corn dog.....	23
Fish sandwich.....	30
French fries , 2 ounces .....	30
Fresh fruit .....	15
Fruit cocktail.....	15
Garden salad .....	0
Glazed apples.....	15
Green beans.....	0
Green peas.....	15
Grilled cheese sandwich.....	30
Hamburger with bun.....	30
Hot dog with bun .....	23
Jello.....	1
Lasagna or ravioli.....	30
Macaroni and cheese .....	30
Milk ,whole, lowfat or nonfat, 8 ounces .....	12
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich .....	45
Pizza slice.....	30
Spaghetti.....	30
Taco, hard or soft, 6 inch.....	15
Tater tots.....	15





# food planning

## school lunch

### COUNTING CARBS IN SCHOOL LUNCH

#### SCHOOL LUNCH

	Carbohydrate (g)
6 baked chicken nuggets	15
½ cup mashed potatoes	15
½ cup green beans	5
½ cup canned fruit (in natural juices)	15
1 carton 2% low fat milk	12

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TOTAL CARBS 62 GRAMS OF CARBS



#### PACKED LUNCH

	Carbohydrate (g)
½ meat and cheese sandwich	15
1 ounce bag chips	15
15 small grapes	15
2 sandwich cookies	15
Bottled water	0

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TOTAL CARBS 60 GRAMS OF CARBS





# The Secret to Serving Size is in Your Hand

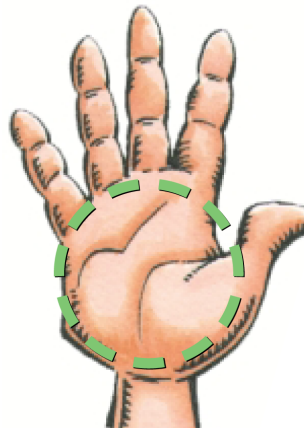
Keeping general serving sizes in mind will help you estimate how much carbohydrate you are eating.

## A fist or cupped hand = 1 cup



1 serving =  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cereal, cooked pasta or rice

- or 1 cup of raw, leafy green vegetables
- or  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of cooked or raw, chopped vegetables or fruit



## Palm = 3 oz. of meat

Two servings, or 6 oz., of lean meat (poultry, fish, shellfish, beef) should be a part of a daily diet. Measure the right amount with your palm. One palm size portion equals 3 oz., or one serving.

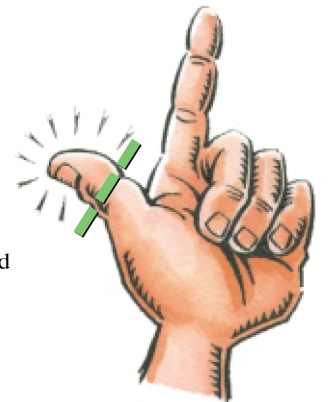
## A thumb = 1 oz. of cheese

Consuming low-fat cheese is a good way to help you meet the required servings from the milk, yogurt and cheese group.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  - 2 oz. of low-fat cheese counts as 1 of the 2-3 daily recommended servings.



## Thumb tip = 1 teaspoon

Keep high-fat foods, such as peanut butter and mayonnaise, at a minimum by measuring the serving with your thumb. One teaspoon is equal to the end of your thumb, from the knuckle up. Three teaspoons equals 1 tablespoon.



## Handful = 1-2 oz. of snack food



Snacking can add up. Remember, 1 handful equals 1 oz. of nuts and small candies. For chips and pretzels, 2 handfuls equals 1 oz.



## 1 tennis ball = 1 serving of fruit

Healthy diets include 2-4 servings of fruit a day.

# Label Reading

Reading labels is a great way to know how much carbohydrate is in a food. For foods that do not have a label, try to estimate how much carbohydrate is in a serving.

**Start Here** - In this label, one serving equals one cup. If you ate the whole package you would eat two cups. That would be double the calories and other nutrients.

**Check Calories** - This part of the nutrition facts tells us how many calories are in one serving of this food and how many of those calories are from fat.

**Limit these nutrients** - Eating too much fat, cholesterol, or sodium may increase your risk for certain chronic diseases.

**Total Carbohydrate** - Look at the grams of total carbohydrate. Total carbohydrate on the label includes, sugar, starch, and fiber.

**Get enough of these nutrients** - Eating enough of these nutrients can improve your overall health.

**Quick guide to % daily value** - If the Daily Value is 5% or less that means this food is low in that nutrient. If the value is 20% or more then the food is a high source of that nutrient. Try to get 100% calcium (1,300 mg) each day. When reading the label it is easy to find out how much calcium is in the food: drop the percent sign and add a zero, this is how many milligrams there are!

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>			
Serving Size 1 cup			
Servings per container 2			
Amount Per Serving			
Calories 250		Calories from Fat 110	
			% Daily Value*
<b>Total Fat</b> 12g			18%
Saturated Fat 3g			15%
Trans Fat 3g			
<b>Cholesterol</b> 30mg			10%
<b>Sodium</b> 470mg			20%
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 31g			10%
Dietary Fiber 0g			0%
Sugars 5g			
<b>Protein</b> 4g			
<b>Vitamin A</b> 4%		<b>Vitamin C</b> 20%	
<b>Calcium</b> 2%		<b>Iron</b> 4%	

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

		Calories	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g	
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g	
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg	
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg	
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g	
Fiber		25g	30g	

Calories per gram  
 Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

# treating lows

## **Here's how to treat for hypoglycemia (low blood glucose levels)**

1. Take 15 grams of carbohydrate, such as 3-4 glucose tablets, 1/2 cup of fruit juice, or 1/2 cup of regular soda.
2. Wait 15 minutes, then check your blood glucose.
3. If your blood glucose is below your target range, take another dose of 15 grams of carbohydrate and check again after 15 minutes.
4. Once your blood glucose returns to your normal range, you may need to eat a snack with carbohydrates and protein. Crackers with cheese or peanut butter or 1 cup of milk are good choices.

*If your blood glucose stays too low even after treatment, your parents should contact your health care provider or diabetes educator.*

choosing healthy

# snacks

## Snack

Animal Crackers

Gingersnaps

Graham Crackers

Rice Cakes

Popcorn

Pretzels

Snack Chips

Vanilla Wafers

## Serving Size

8 crackers

3 items

3 squares

2 cakes

3 cups

3/4 oz

15-20 chips

5 wafers





# Physical activity

## ADVANTAGES OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- Lowers blood glucose
- Makes you feel better
- Improves body weight
- Lowers blood pressure
- Strengthens the heart
- Lowers fats in the blood
- Improves circulation

### KEEP FIT!

At least 30-60 minutes of physical activity every day or most days of the week.



# Physical activity

## CARBOHYDRATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

TYPES OF ACTIVITY	BLOOD GLUCOSE	ADDED CARBOHYDRATES
Short (less than 20 minutes) Examples: walking less than than one mile or cycling at a slow pace	less than 100	15 grams
	100 or above	no extra carbohydrates
Medium (20 – 60 minutes) Examples: tennis, swimming, cycling, vacuuming	less than 100	15 grams before activity and then 15 grams per hour of activity
	100 – 180	15 grams per hour
	180 – 250	no extra carbohydrates
Hard (60 minutes or more) Examples: soccer, basketball, football	less than 100	30 grams of carbohydrate before activity; check blood glucose carefully during activity; a snack may be needed after 45 to 60 minutes
	100 – 180	15 grams before activity; a snack may be needed after 45 to 60 minutes
	180 – 250	15 grams after first hour of activity depending on blood glucose and intensity of activity; more snacks may be needed

**If your blood glucose is greater than 250 contact your diabetes educator or healthcare provider for advice prior to engaging in physical activity.**



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