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## The Healthy Choice

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## Did you know that Canada has a food guide to help YOU make healthy choices?



Eating Well with
Canada's Food Guide
First Nations, Inuit and Metis


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Think about it is this way, if you choose these items more often...
you will not feel your best!

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Think of your body like a car. If you want your car to work, you have to look after it.

To work, you need gas (food)
 And you have to check fluids and change the oil.

Otherwise, the engine won't perform at it's best.

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Your body is no different. What you put in = what you get out.
Make poor choices, you'll feel tired \& sluggish and can gain weight.
Eat healthy, you'll feel energized \& light and can stabilize your weight.

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Let's break it down:

- 4 main food groups
- Find age, find numbers
- Meet the numbers

Recommended Number of Food Guide Servings per Day


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So you've got your numbers but what does that mean?

What counts as 1 serving?


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The pictures show how much of each food counts as 1 Food Guide Serving!

What is One Food Guide Serving?


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Let's try some examples: You eat...

2 pieces of toast
2 servings of GRAIN

What is One Food Guide Serving?
Look at the examples below.


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## You drink...

1 cup of $100 \%$ real fruit orange juice

2 servings of FRUIT

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You drink...

## 1 cup of milk

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1 serving of MILK \& ALTERNATIVES

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## You eat...

2 hard boiled eggs
1 serving of MEAT \& ALTERNATIVES

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OK, now you know how to count servings, but what exactly is HEALTHY eating?


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It's about BALANCE:

- Picking foods from ALL the food groups
- Choosing packaged foods like pop, chips, ice cream,
 chocolate less often


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Changing habits takes time...

Did you know... it can take 21 days to break a habit or form a new one?

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 ACT NOW
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Before you know it, with consistent choices, your body will start craving the healthy food!


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## So what steps can I take to improve my health?

Let's take a look at making healthier choices at meal times.

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## Breakfast swaps:

Nothing.
Sugar Cereal Pop tart.


Bagel w/cream cheese.. Bacon \& eggs

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2 Poptarts Calories $=380$
Fat $=9 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=30 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 320mg


1 Protein Pancake w/yogurt + blueberries
Calories $=176$
Fat $=6 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=11 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=72 \mathrm{mg}$

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Bagel w/cream cheese
Calories = 332
Fat $=7 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=6 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=539 \mathrm{mg}$


Whole wheat toast + peanut butter + banana Calories = 213
Fat $=9 \mathrm{~g}$


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3 Bacon slices +2 eggs
Calories $=338$
Fat $=27 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=1 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 905mg

VS.


2 hard boiled eggs + banana
Calories $=227$
Fat $=10 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=178 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=125 \mathrm{mg}$

## Lunch swaps:

Poutine + chips
Big Mac + Fries


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## Now

Poutine (2 cups)
Calories $=705$
Fat $=48 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=0 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=1918 \mathrm{mg}$


VS.


Tim Hortons's Chili (regular)
Calories $=290$
Fat $=16 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=5 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 1180mg

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Burger + Medium Fries
Calories $=870$
Fat $=43 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=9 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=1150 \mathrm{mg}$

VS.


Subway Sweet Onion Chicken Teriyaki 6"
Calories $=360$
Fat $=1 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=16 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=900 \mathrm{mg}$

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Arby's Turkey Bacon Ranch Calories $=834$
Fat $=38 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=17 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 2258mg


Tim Horton's Chicken Ranch Wrap x 2
Calories $=380$
Fat $=12 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=2 g$
Sodium $=1300 \mathrm{mg}$

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## Dinner swaps:

Chicken fingers + fries 3 slices pepperoni pizza Hungry-Man Beef Pot Roast.


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Wendy's Homestyle Chicken Strips + Fries
Calories $=820$
Fat $=38 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=0 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 2220mg


Chicken Breast + sweet potato wedges
Calories = 648
Fat $=8 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=0 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 321mg

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3 slices Pepperoni Pizza
Calories $=690$
Fat $=24 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=6 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=1140 \mathrm{mg}$
VS.


Pita Pizza w/chicken, cheese, sauce
Calories = 405
Fat $=17 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=1 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=488 \mathrm{mg}$

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Hungry-Man Beef Pot Roast Calories $=690$
Fat $=24 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=6 g$
Sodium $=1140 \mathrm{mg}$

VS.


Whole Wheat pasta w/marina + Tilapia Calories $=379$
Fat $=6 g$
Sugar $=12 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=558 \mathrm{mg}$

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## Dessert swaps:

Strawberry Cheesecake Blizzard... Boston Pizza Brownie Addiction...


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Strawberry Cheesequake Blizzard (med.)
Calories = 690
Fat $=25 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=82 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=360 \mathrm{mg}$

VS.


Strawberry Sundae (med.)
Calories = 360
Fat $=10 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=54 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=150 \mathrm{mg}$

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Boston Pizza Brownie Addiction
Calories $=600$
Fat $=19 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=61 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=320 \mathrm{mg}$

VS.


Frozen Yogurt + bite size cookie/brownie
Calories $=378$
Fat $=13 \mathrm{~g}$
Sugar $=35 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium = 203mg

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A healthy life is about balance... Focus on moving every day to balance the food you eat


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As a teenager, you need $\sim 2,000$ calories a day.
Let's see how much you would be eating if you chose the common fast food.


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## Recommended Daily Intakes:



Calories $=2,000$
Fat $=65 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=1500 \mathrm{mg}$


Total Calories $=1857$
Fat $=93 \mathrm{~g}$
Sodium $=4677 \mathrm{mg}$


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After just 3 meals, you have eaten enough for the whole day!

AND we haven't included any vegetables/fruit or snacks \& drinks!


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If you eat more than 2,000 calories daily \& are not active....

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## HOW?

For example, if you ate: Monday - 2500 calories Tuesday - 2500 calories Wednesday - 2500 calories Thursday - 2500 calories Friday - 2500 calories Sat - 2500 calories Sun - 2500 calories


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If you were not active and ate fast food more often than healthier choices for the entire school year....

you could potentially gain 44 POUNDS

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Alberta Health Services has a list of food from restaurants that meet the 'Choose Most Often' or 'Choose Sometimes' categories from the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth.
http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/if-nfs-school-lunch-restaurant-list.pdf

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Where can you eat out and still be making healthy choices?

Booster Juice - smoothies Extreme Pita, Pita Pit - chicken breast pitas (small) Quiznos, Subway - grilled chicken sandwiches
Tim Hortons -chicken sandwiches
Pizza Hut - bruschetta pizza

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## It's time to start caring.

Start with small changes, you only have good things to gain from it.

## THANK YOU

Sources: Canada's Food Guide

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