The Glycemic Index (GI) is a measure of how much your blood sugar level rises after a food is ingested. High GI foods cause blood sugar to rise quickly, whereas a food with a low GI causes a smaller rise in blood sugar and may help control established diabetes, aid in weight loss, and lower cholesterol.



Grain/Starch	Grain/Starch	Vegetable	Fruit		Dairy	Protein	Sweets	
Spaghetti protein enriched 38 Fettuccine Spaghetti, wholemeal Fruit 'n Oats 55 Spaghetti, white Wheat kernels 59 All-bran 60 Macaroni 64 Linguine 65 Rye Kernel bread 66 Instant noodles 67 Oat bran bread Pumpernickel bread Pumpernickel bread Pumpernickel bread Special K 77 Oat Bran 78	Kellogg's Couscous High Fibre Rye Crisp Nutri-grain Life  HIGH Barley flour bread 95 Gnocchi Grapenuts Stoned Wheat Thins Wheat bread 97 Taco shells Orimineal Shredded Wheat 190 White bread 100 High 100 Hig	Peas, dried 37 Tomato soup 54 Marrowfat, dried 56 Peas, green 68 Carrots 70 Yam 73 Sweet potato, white, boiled 81 Potato, new 81 MODERATE Beets 91 Potato, canned 97 HIGH Potato, mashed 100 Rutabaga 103 Pumpkin 107 French fries 107 Potato, microwaved 17 Potato, instant 118 Potato, baked 121 Parsnips 139	Apricots, dried Plaar, fresh Apple Plum Peach, fresh Orange Grapes Peach, canned Kiwifruit Banana 7  MODERATE Fruit cocktail Mango Apricots, fresh Raisins Cantaloupe 99	2 Your State of the state of th	ilk, regular 39 yo milk 43 ilk, skim/nonfat 46 ogurt, low fat, fruit sugar sweet 47 ilk, chocolate, sugar sweetened 49 ODERATE e cream, low fat 71 IGH	Beans, dried, not specified 40 Lentils, not specified 41 Hutter beans 41 Butter beans 43 Split peas, yellow, boiled 45 Lima beans, baby, frozen 46 Chick peas (garbanzo beans 54 Pinto beans 55 Black-eyed beans 59 Chick peas, canned 60 Lentil soup, canned 63 Pinto beans, canned 64 Baked beans, canned 69 Kidney beans.	Strawberry jam 5 Cake, sponge loe cream, low fat 7 Cake, pound 7 Oatmeal cookies 7  MODERATE High Fructose Power Bar Pastry Muesli Bars 8 loe cream Muffins 8 Sucrose (table sugar) 6 Corn Syrup Shortbread 9  HIGH Cake, angel food 9 Croissant 9 Corn chips 10 Graham Wafers 10 Donut 1 Waffles 11 Tapioca, boiled with milk 11 Pretzels 11 Honey 1 Glucose Maltose 15 Glucose 15 Honey 1	77 79 81 84 87 88 89 90 91 95 95 95

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# PREVENTION.COM: THE OUTSMART DIABETES 5-WEEK MEAL PLAN

http://www.prevention.com/health/diabetes/preventions-5-week-diabetes-diet-meal-plan

The Outsmart Diabetes Diet is based on new research that found four specific nutrients—fiber, vitamin D, omega-3s, and calcium—work together to help balance blood sugar and encourage weight loss. Build your daily meal plan by choosing one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner, plus two snacks—any combination gets you approximately 1,400 calories a day and a healthy dose of the "Fat-Fighting 4." Remember to eat about every 3 hours and practice portion control. Follow this mix and match meal plan—adapted from The Outsmart Diabetes Diet—for the next five weeks to help fight fat, maintain healthy blood sugar levels, boost energy, and reduce your diabetes risk.

#### **BREAKFAST**

Fruity bagel breakfast: Spread 1 Tbsp cream cheese and 1 tsp 100 percent fruit spread on ½ of a whole grain bagel. Serve with 1 c milk.

**Crunchy yogurt:** Combine 6 oz yogurt, ¼ c granola cereal, 1 Tbsp ground flax seed, and 1 Tbsp chopped nuts. Add ground cinnamon and/or sugar substitute to taste.

**Eggs and English muffin:** Scramble 1 egg in a pan coated with 1 tsp olive oil; top with ¼ c chopped tomato, onion, and chili salsa. Serve with toasted 100 percent whole grain English muffin, spread with 2 Tbsp cottage cheese, and 1 c milk.

Good Morning Blend: Stir together 6 ounces yogurt, 2 Tbsp dried mixed fruit, 2 Tbsp ground flax seed and 2 Tbsp chopped almonds, walnuts, or pecans.

**Nutty Oatmeal:** Top 1/2 c cooked oatmeal with  $\frac{1}{4}$  c walnuts or other nuts; add ground cinnamon and/or sugar substitute to taste. Serve with 1 c milk or calcium-enriched soy or rice beverage.

**Bagel and cream cheese:** Spread 1/2 100% whole grain bagel with 1 Tbsp cream cheese. Serve with 1 c milk or calcium-enriched soy or rice beverage.

**Veggie omelet:** Cook 1 egg white in a pan with 2 tsp olive oil. Add ½ c spinach leaves, ½ c mushrooms, onions, garlic, and herbs as desired; and top with 2 Tbsp cheese. Serve with 1 slice 100% whole grain toast spread with 1 tsp butter and 1 c milk or calcium-enriched soy or rice beverage.

## SNACKS

- 1 medium orange or tangerine and 2 T dry roasted almonds (no added salt)
- 1 c fresh strawberries and 1/4 c unsalted nuts
- 1 c seasonal melon and 6 oz fat-free light yogurt
- 4 dried apricot halves (or 3 dried plums) and 7 walnut halves
- 2 fresh or dried figs and  $\frac{1}{4}$  c unsalted nuts
- 1 kiwi and 12 whole almonds
- 1 medium apple, sliced, with 2 Tbsp all-natural peanut butter
- 2 graham crackers spread with 1 Tbsp all natural peanut butter
- 3 c light popcorn and 16 oz light lemonade
- 1/4 c cashews, almonds, walnuts or other nuts
- 4 vanilla wafers and 1 c fat-free milk or calcium-enriched soy or rice beverage
- 6 oz yogurt and 3/4 cup blueberries, raspberries or blackberries
- ½ c ice cream (choose ice cream with no more than 2 grams saturated fat and 20 grams total carbohydrates)
  Stir 1 Tbsp chopped dried fruit and 1 Tbsp chopped nuts into 6 oz yogurt.

#### LUNCH

**Tuna melt:** Top 1 toasted whole grain English muffin with 1/4 c tuna mixed with 1 tsp mayonnaise, 1 Tbsp minced dill pickle and/or chopped celery and 1 oz cheese. Place in pre-heated oven (450°F) for 5 to 10 minutes ( or microwave for 30 seconds until cheese melts). Serve with 8 baby carrots with 2 Tbsp ranch dressing, and 1 c milk or calcium-enriched soy beverage.

**Lean-body salad:** Toss 2 c mixed dark greens,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c canned garbanzo beans (rinsed well), 1 oz Mozzarella shredded cheese and 2 Tbsp Italian dressing. Serve with 1 fresh peach.

Chicken salad: Combine 2 c mixed dark greens, 2 stalks chopped celery, and ½ c sliced green or red grapes. Top with 2 oz cooked chicken breast, and drizzle with 2 Tbsp honey mustard dressing (such as Newman's Own). Serve with 1 slice reduced-calorie 100 percent whole grain toast, spread with 1 tsp butter.

**Roast-beef sandwich:** Layer 2 oz lean roast beef,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c chopped romaine lettuce and  $\frac{1}{2}$  sliced tomato on 2 slices reduced calorie 100 percent whole grain bread, spread with 1 tsp mayonnaise and/or mustard.

**Pesto pizza:** Split and toast a 100 percent whole grain English muffin. Top each half with 1 Tbsp pesto basil sauce, 1 slice tomato or ½ c canned tomatoes, and ½ slice cheese. Broil or bake in oven until cheese melts.

**Bean tostada:** Bake 1 corn tortilla in 400-degree oven until crisp. Spread with ½ c cooked or canned pinto beans (rinsed) and 2 Tbsp shredded Mexican blend cheese. Return to oven for 5 to 10 minutes until cheese melts. Top with ¼ c salsa. Serve with a cabbage salad (1 c shredded cabbage and 1 chopped tomato with 2 Tbsp dressing).

**Tuna salad:** Mix 3 oz water-packed tuna with 2 stalks chopped colory, 4 chopped green olives, and 1 tsp regular mayonnaise. Add 1 Tbsp seasoned rice vinegar, if desired. Scoop tuna onto 2 c mixed dark greens, and top with 1 Tbsp chopped almonds. Serve with 1 oz 100 percent whole grain crackers.

### DINNER

**Barbecue chicken:** Grill or roast 3 oz chicken and top with 2 Tbsp barbecue sauce. Serve with 1 slice garlic sourdough toast, spread with 1 tsp olive oil and garlic, and colorful coleslaw (mix 1 c shredded red and green cabbage and carrots with 1 Tbsp regular coleslaw dressing or 2 Tbsp dressing).

Roast beef and rice: 3 oz lean roast beef, sliced, with 2/3 c cooked brown rice and 1 c cooked spinach, seasoned with 1 tsp olive oil and 1 tsp balsamic vinegar.

**Halibut and potatoes:** 3 oz foil-baked halibut or other fish with 1 c green peppers and onions. Serve with  $\frac{1}{2}$  c red potatoes, roasted in 1 Tbsp olive oil and seasoned with herbs and spices.

**Pasta with meatballs:** Toss 1 c cooked whole grain pasta in garlic and 1 Tbsp olive oil and garlic. Top with 3-oz lean meat balls (made with turkey, chicken or soy) and 1 tsp grated Parmesan cheese. Serve with cucumber salad (toss 1 c mixed greens, 1 c cucumber slices, 10 halved cherry tomatoes, ½ c chopped red onions and 2 Tbsp Italian dressing).

**Shrimp salad bowl**: Mix 1/3 c cooked brown rice and 2 Tbsp crumbled feta cheese. Scoop onto 2 c mixed greens, and top with 3 oz grilled or sautéed shrimp and 2 Tbsp reduced-fat dressing. Serve with 2 whole grain rye crispbread crackers, spread with 2 Tbsp ricotta or cottage cheese.

**Oven fried chicken:** Toss 4 oz raw chicken breast in 1 Tbsp Italian dressing, coat with 2 Tbsp seasoned bread crumb and olive oil. Place on lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until browned and no longer pink inside. Serve with 3-bean salad (toss ½ c green beans, ¼ c garbanzo beans, ¼ c red beans, 2 Tbsp chopped onion and 2 Tbsp Italian dressing)

**Tofu stir fry:** Stir-fry 3 oz tofu and 2 c mixed vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, onions) in 2 Tbsp reduced sodium stir fry sauce and 1 Tbsp olive oil. Serve over 2/3 c cooked brown rice

## **DIABETES & ALCOHOL**

DRINKING WITH DIABETES

BE SURE TO GET YOUR MEDICAL TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT WHETHER DRINKING ALCOHOL IS SAFE FOR YOU.

TALK TO YOUR DR

CARRY
IDENTIFICATION
(MEDICAL ALERT
BRACELET, WALLET
CARD, ETC.) THAT
SAYS YOU HAVE
DIABETES.

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GLUCAGON WILL NOT HELP TREAT ALCOHOL-INDUCED HYPOGLYCEMIA.

AFTER 1 OR 2 DRINKS, YOUR LIVER'S PRIMARY FUNCTION IS CLEANING THE ALCOHOL FROM YOUR BLOOD, NOT PRODUCING AND RELEASING GLUCOSE. GLUCAGON WILL NOT WORK UNTIL YOUR LIVER IS FINISHED THIS PROCESS.

#### 4: KNOW YOUR DRINKS



- KNOW THE ALCOHOL LEVEL OF BEER AND WINES
  - KNOW THE PROOF OF DISTILLED SPIRITS
  - KNOW THE CARBOHYDRATES, JUICES, SODAS AND MIXERS

# 5 EDUCATE YOUR DRINKING BUDDIES

YOUR DRINKING BUDDIES SHOULD HAVE A WORKING UNDER-STANDING OF TYPE I DIABETES. THEY SHOULD KNOW YOU HAVE DIABETES AND WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY. ESPECIALLY BECAUSE INTOXICATION CAN LOOK LIKE HYPOGLYCEMIA

## VI. EAT A SNACK

NEVER DRINK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH. ONCE YOU START DRINKING, YOUR LIVER WILL STOP PRODUCING GLUCOSE AND YOU'LL NEED IT FROM FOOD TO PREVENT HYPOGLYCEMIA.

BRING YOUR BLOOD TESTING KIT.

BRING GLUCOSE TAB-LETS OR GELS.

MAKE SURE YOUR DRINKING BUDDIES KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU GO LOW.

HAVE A PLAN TO GET HOME.

SEVEN: BE PREPARED 8 TEST YOUR BLOOD (YOU KNOW WHY, JUST DO IT)

## EXERCISE & ALCOHOL DON'T MIX

BOTH EXERCISE AND DRINKING LOWER BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS. (PRO TIP: DANCING COUNTS AS EXERCISE!)

## TEN: AFTER THE PARTY

REMEMBER ALCOHOL CAN LOWER YOUR BLOOD SUGAR HOURS AFTER YOU'VE CONSUMED IT. BEFORE YOU GO TO BED, CHECK YOUR BLOOD SUGAR AND HAVE A SNACK TO BE SAFE. IT YOU DRANK A LOT, CONSIDER SETTING AN ALARM TO WAKE YOU UP TO TEST YOUR BLOOD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

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# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS IMPORTANT!

Wondering why physical activity is so important? Regular activity is a key part of managing diabetes along with proper meal planning, taking medications as prescribed, and stress management. When you are active, your cells become more sensitive to insulin so it can work more efficiently. Your cells also remove glucose from the blood using a mechanism totally separate from insulin during exercise.

So, exercising consistently can lower blood glucose and improve your A1C. When you lower your A1C, you may be able to take fewer diabetes pills or less insulin. Physical activity is also important for your overall well being, and can help with many other health conditions.

#### Regular physical activity:

- lowers blood pressure and cholesterol
- lowers your risk for heart disease and stroke
- burns calories to help you lose or maintain weight
- increases your energy for daily activities
- helps you sleep better
- relieves stress
- strengthens your heart and improves your blood circulation
- strengthens your muscles and bones
- keeps your joints flexible
- improves your balance to prevent falls
- reduces symptoms of depression and improves quality of life

You'll see these benefits even if you haven't been very active before.

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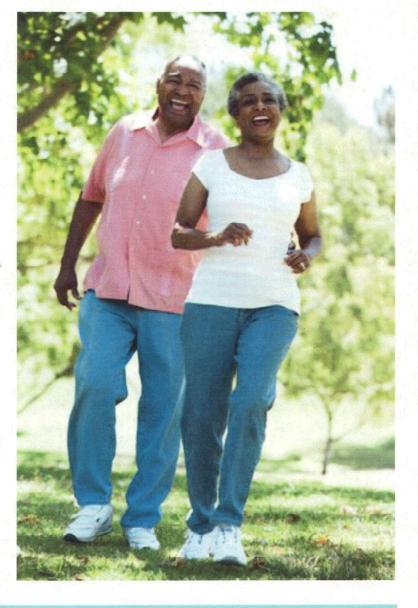
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# CONQUERING THE GROCERY STORE



## PLANNING AHEAD CAN HELP WITH DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Grocery shopping usually isn't at the top of anyone's list of fun activities. For people with diabetes it can seem especially overwhelming – The carbohydrates! The sugar! Making healthy choices! But with a little planning, grocery shopping can be a very effective tool in meeting goals, from managing blood sugar levels to losing weight.

"Planning ahead and shopping carefully are two great ways to take control, because you can get more out of your time and efforts," said Melissa Joy Dobbins, MS, RDN, CDE, a Chicago-area diabetes educator and spokesperson for the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). "It keeps you focused so you'll buy more foods that are healthy and fewer that have little or no nutritional value. That way you don't have to rely on your willpower when you're back home to eat less of certain foods and more of others."

Successful grocery shopping is about focusing on what's healthy, nutritious and tasty, so you'll actually enjoy eating it. <u>Diabetes educators</u> can help people with diabetes make informed choices by explaining how different types of foods affect your diabetes, and sharing strategies about how to approach grocery shopping so it can help you meet your goals. They recommend starting with these tips:

- First, make a list Create a list of items you need at the grocery store before you go. Think of the meals you'll make, the staples you're running low on and perhaps a new, healthy recipe or food item you'd like to try. Organize the list by food group to speed up the process and keep you on track. If nothing is written under the vegetable category, that's a red flag; think about what vegetables you want to eat, and consider searching for a new recipe that you can get excited about. Make copies of a standard list you can update every time you go, or try a smart phone shopping app.
- Eat before you go It's never a good idea to go shopping when you're hungry; that's when you're more likely to make poor choices. Eat a healthy meal or snack.
- Think inside the box, or bag or can Fresh fruits and vegetables are great, but they aren't your only option. Dried, canned and frozen fruits and vegetables offer nutrients, too, and can be healthy, easy and affordable additions to your diet. Look for fruits that are packed in juice rather than heavy syrup. Look for "low-sodium" or "no salt added" canned vegetables. Be aware that starchy vegetables such as peas, corn and potatoes contain more carbohydrates than other vegetables.

- Read labels Look past the "sugar free" or "low fat" claims. Read the nutrition label for specific information (from fat to carbohydrates to vitamins), noting the amounts that one serving of that food provides. Specifically:
  - Consider the carbohydrates Looking at sugar content is fine, but it's more important to consider the amount of "total carbohydrates," which affect your blood sugar. Work with a diabetes educator to learn how many grams of carbohydrates are appropriate for you to eat per snack, meal and day.
  - Focus on fiber Choose whole grain bread, rice, pasta and cereal. Then look for those that are a good source of fiber (2.5 grams or more per serving) or high in fiber (5 grams or more per serving). A healthy diet includes 25 to 30 grams of fiber from foods a day. Other good sources of fiber are beans, vegetables and fruits.
  - Hunt for healthy fats Fats are an important part of every diet, but it's important to lean towards those that are heart-healthy, such as olive and canola oil, avocado and nuts, limiting them if you are watching your weight.

Grocery shopping can be a useful tool for diabetes management, if you do it wisely. <u>Find a diabetes educator</u> near you who can help you determine the best way to harness its power.

# Plate is 9" in diameter with regular-size portions These foods raise blood sugar. Starch and Bread These foods **V**egetables slightly raise Meat and Other Protein blood sugar. These foods have little effect on blood sugar.