

# Special Nutritional Needs in Diabetes

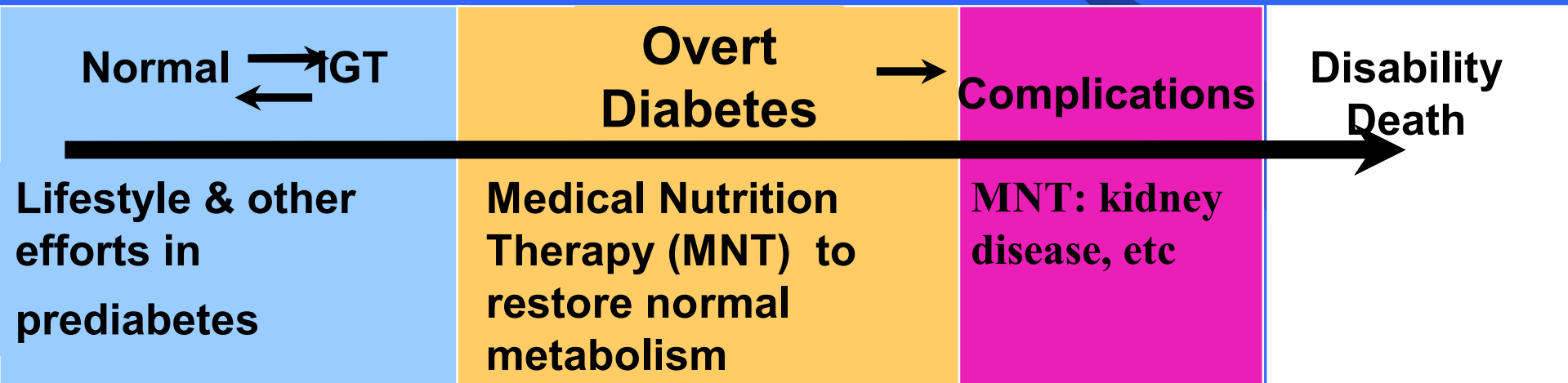
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# Nutrition Treatment Goal in Diabetes



**Primary prevention**

**Secondary prevention**

**Tertiary prevention**

# American Diabetes Association (ADA) Nutrition Recommendations

**Primary Prevention:** 5-10% weight loss

**Secondary Prevention:** achieve metabolic control with ~ 60-70% calories from mono unsaturated fat and carbohydrate

**Tertiary Prevention:** Restrict sodium, potassium and other nutrient to reduce end organ damage

# World Diabetes Epidemic (millions)

## 1995

1. India	19.4
2. China	16.0
3. U.S.	13.9
4. Russian Fed.	8.9
5. Japan	6.3
6. Brazil	4.9
7. Indonesia	4.5
8. Pakistan	4.3
9. Mexico	3.8
10. Ukraine	3.6
all others	49.7

**Total**

**135.3**

## 2025

1. India	57.2
2. China	37.6
3. U.S.	21.9
4. Pakistan	14.5
5. Indonesia	12.4
6. Russian Fed.	12.2
7. Mexico	11.7
8. Brazil	11.6
9. Egypt	8.8
10. Japan	8.5
all others	103.6

**Total**

**300.0**

# Overview of Past Diabetes Nutrition Recommendations

Table 1—Historical perspective of nutrition recommendations

Year	Distribution of calories (%)		
	Carbohydrate	Protein	Fat
Before 1921		Starvation diets	
1921	20	10	70
1950	40	20	40
1971	45	20	35
1986	Up to 60	12–20	<30
1994	*	10–20	*,†

\*Based on nutritional assessment and treatment goals. †Less than 10% of calories from saturated fats.

# Individualizing ADA Nutrition Macronutrient Recommendations

**Carbohydrate** - *Reduce adverse postprandial effects*

- Fiber, Glycemic Index/Load & Resistant Starch
- Sugars & Refined Carbohydrate

**(NOT Simple Versus Complex)**

**Fat** - *Reduce insulin resistance & weight effects*

- Fish and Omega-3 Fatty Acids
- Mono, Poly, Sat and Trans Fatty Acids

# Clinical Care: Confusion & Controversy

**Should patients with diabetes:**

Restrict/modify carbohydrate intake to improve post prandial glucose levels and weight??

**or**

Restrict/modify fat intake to control weight and lipid levels??

# ADA Recommendation: Energy Balance and Obesity

Structured Program (500-1000 kcal deficit and physical activity to achieve 5-7% loss)

Short-term improvement in glycemia, lipids and blood pressure (longer-term questions)

Exercise predicts long-term weight loss  
(*strong predictor of weight-loss maintenance*)



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# American Dietetic/Diabetes Association Exchange System Overview

Exchange	Calories	CHO	Protein	Fat
Starches (1/2 C ,1 oz)	80	15 g	2 g	trace
Fruit (1/2 C)	60	15 g	0 g	0
Milk (8 oz)	90-160	12 g	8 g	trace - 8 g
Vegetables (1/2 C)	25	5 g	2 g	0
Meat (per oz)	35-100	0 g	7 g	1-8g
Fat (tsp)	45	0 g	0 g	5g

**FREE FOOD < 15 calories per serving**

# Quick Carbohydrate Counting

One Carbohydrate choice = 15 grams  
based on the ADA's Exchange system

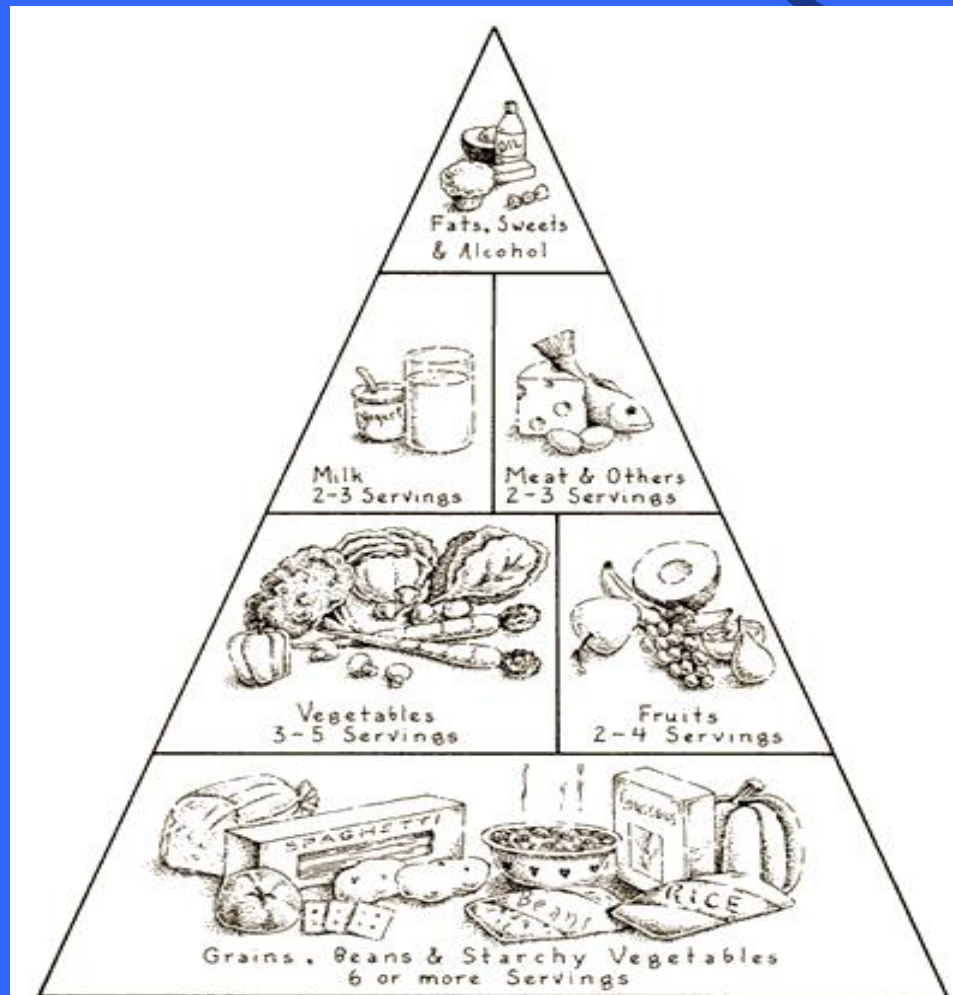
Exchange groups included are:

- Starch (1/2 cup, slice of bread)
- Fruit (1/2 cup)
- Milk (1 cup)
- Other Carbohydrate (varies by concentration)

*Should there be modification based on the glycemic index?*

# Diabetes Vs. USDA Food Pyramid

## Consideration of Macronutrient: Starchy Vegetable, Legumes & Cheese



# Postprandial Hyperglycemia

**Acute glucose elevation after meals is associated with:**

- Glucose-mediated oxidative stress
- Increase in HbA1c
- Advanced glycation end products (AGEs)

**Methods to reduce postprandial glucose levels**

- Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors
- Glycemic index/load potential
- Fiber(??)
- Restrict amount of carbohydrate intake

"Forget *Sugar Busters*. Forget *The Zone*. If you want the real scoop on how carbohydrates and sugar affect your body, read this book."

—JEAN CARPER, best-selling author of *Miracle Cures*, *Stop Aging Now!* and *Food—Your Miracle Medicine*

*The*  
**GLUCOSE**  
*Revolution*

THE AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE TO  
**THE GLYCEMIC INDEX**  
—THE GROUNDBREAKING MEDICAL DISCOVERY

*How controlling your blood sugar level helps you to:*

**LOSE WEIGHT**

**REDUCE YOUR RISK OF HEART DISEASE**

**IMPROVE YOUR ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE**

**MANAGE DIABETES**

**ENJOY TOTAL WELLNESS**

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# Review of 60-Year of Research: Dietary Fat & Glucose Metabolism

A High-fat, low-carbohydrate diets can impair glucose tolerance (*rationale for high carbohydrate preparation diet for GTT*).

The deterioration in glucose tolerance appears to be linked to a decrease in basal and insulin-stimulated glucose metabolism.

N-3 fatty acids and higher intake of other unsaturated fatty acids may reduce some adverse effects of a high fat diet.

Variability in clustering of obesity, sedentary lifestyle, and dietary fat intake may be related for inconsistencies.

# Determinants of glycemic response

Mean BMI 31.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; DM2 (n=9) & NGT (n = 10); 1100 kcal diet with individual variability in macronutrient distribution

## Early Effects (prediet- day 4)

- Changes in fasting glucose and macronutrients: Protein (r = 0.36; ns); Fat (r = -0.54; P<0.05); CHO (r = 0.64; P<0.005)
- Increased fat oxidation and basal nonesterified fatty acids and decreased carbohydrate oxidation

## Later Effects (day 4-28)

Change in abdominal fat related to fasting glucose (r = 0.51; P = 0.05) and insulin sensitivity (r = 0.48; P = 0.03)



# Unsaturated Fatty Acids (omega-3)

may:

direct glucose toward glycogen storage

direct fatty acids toward oxidation/ away from triglyceride synthesis by:

- Upregulating transcription of mitochondrial uncoupling protein-3)
- Inducing genes encoding proteins involved in fatty acid oxidation (acyl-CoA oxidase and carnitine palmitoyltransferase)
- Down regulating transcription of genes encoding protein involved lipid synthesis (fatty synthase)

# Diabetes Medical Nutrition Therapy

## Metabolic Intervention Goals

- Glucose
  - Preprandial - 90–130 mg/dl
  - Peak postprandial <180 mg/dl
- Blood pressure: <130/80 mmHg
- Lipids:
  - LDL <100 mg/dl
  - Triglycerides <150 mg/dl
  - HDL >40 mg/dl

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"Control my diet, control my life style, control my carbs...  
What are you, some kind of control freak?"

# Diabetes/Obesity

## Medical Nutrition Therapy

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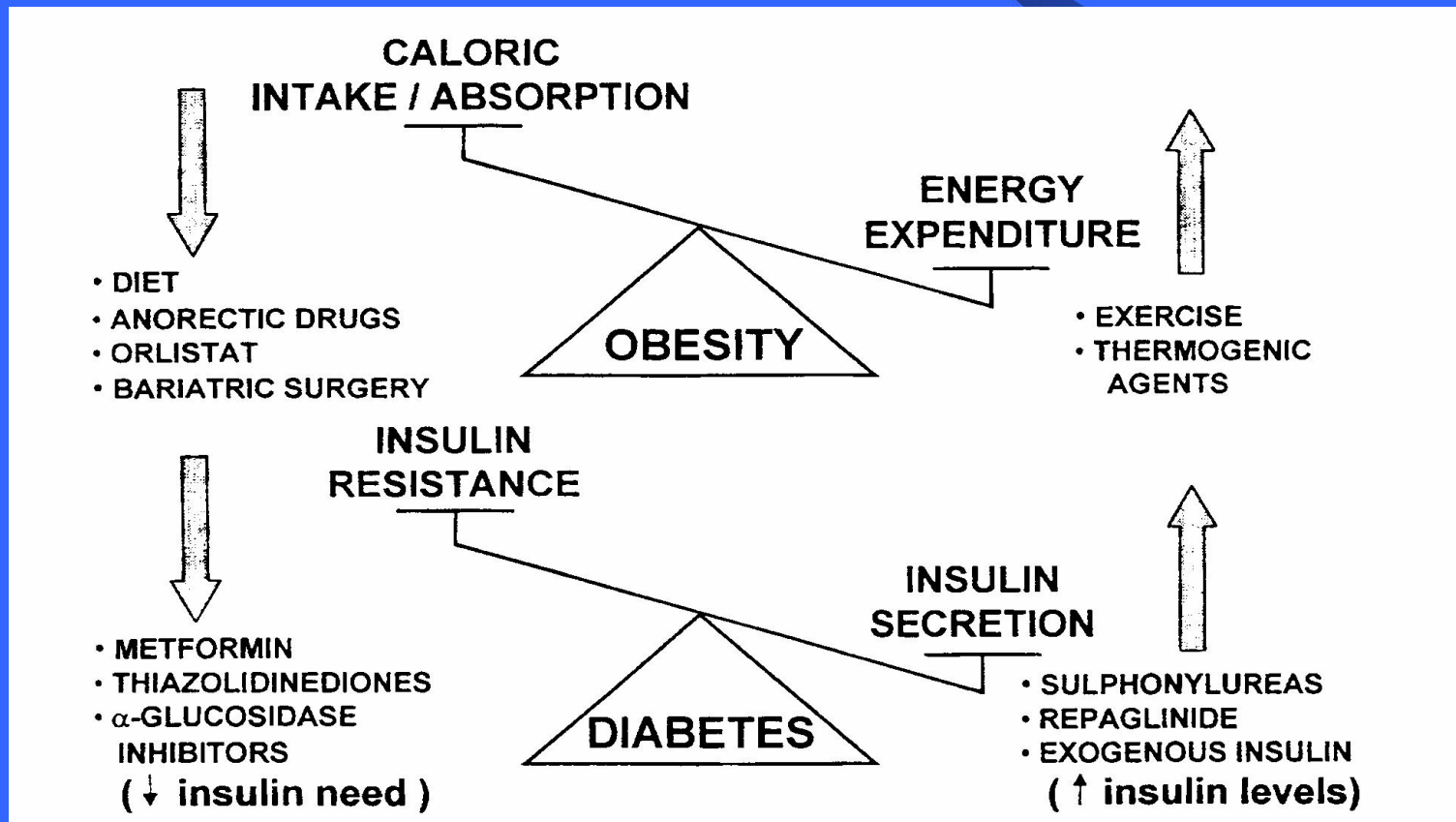
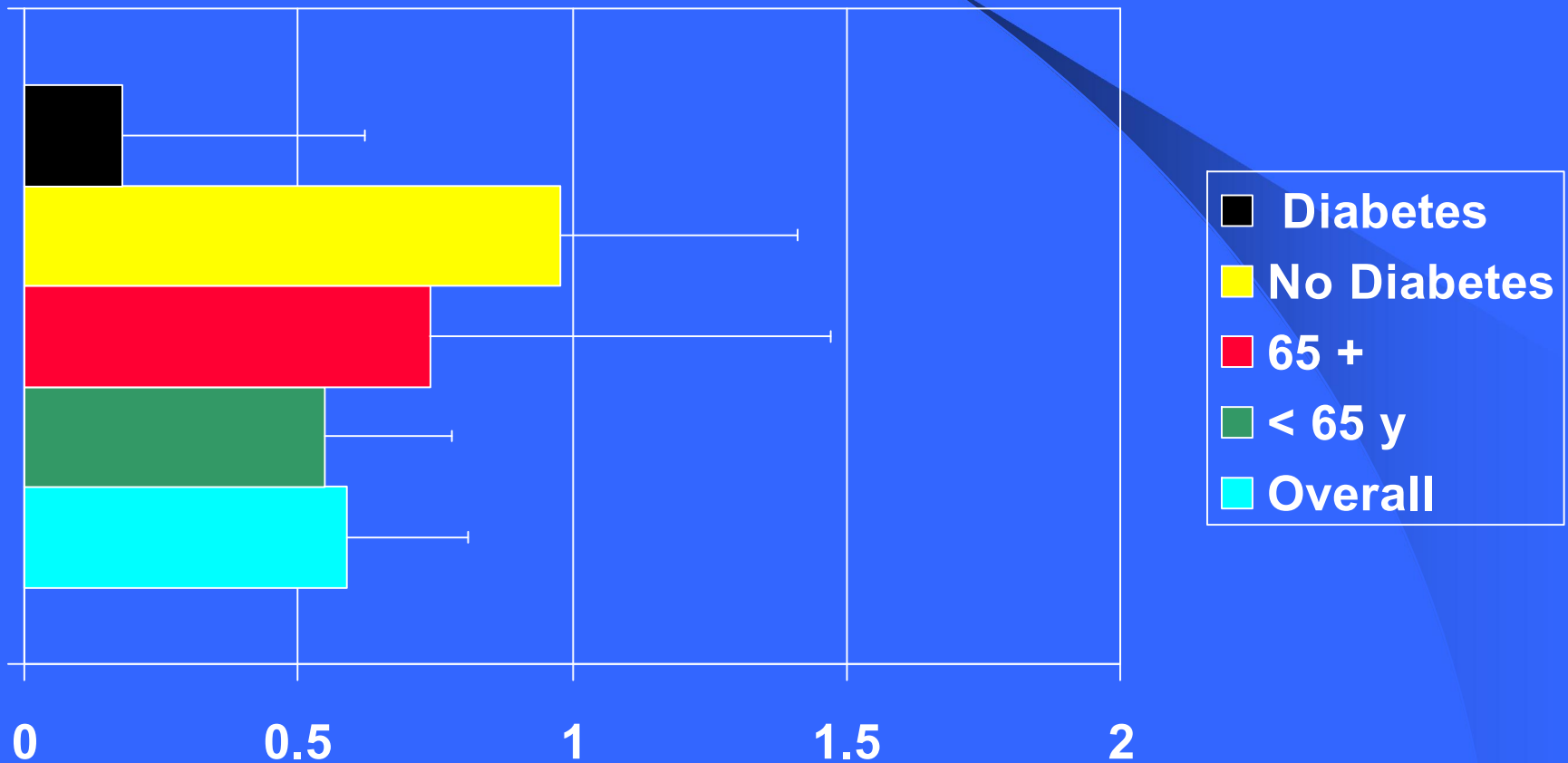


Figure 1. Schematic illustration of the various non-pharmacological and pharmacological strategies for the management of the diabetic

# Randomized Controlled Trial

## Vitamin/ Mineral Supplement: Infection Rates Relative Risk



# Review of Herbs and Dietary Supplements for Glycemic Control

**108 Human Studies (N= 4,565); 58 clinical trials**

- 36 Herb & 9 vitamin/mineral supplements
- 76% (44/58) suggested glycemic benefit
- Low rate of side effects
- *Most promising:* American ginseng & coccina indica
- *Most studied:* chromium
- Preliminary positive findings: Aloe vera, vanadium, nopal, Momordica charantia, Gymnema sylvestre

# ***The Brief WAVE Assessment/Intervention addresses: Weight Activity Variety Excess.***

## ***The aims are to:***

**Facilitate provider-patient discussion of nutrition-related health concerns.**

**Use an easily remembered and quickly administered approach.**

**Identify nutrition issues that need to be addressed at the office visit or by referral to a registered dietitian.**

**Reinforce the important role nutrition plays in diabetes prevention and control. .**

# WAVE

## Assessment

### Weight

Assess patient's Body Mass Index.\*  
Patient is overweight if BMI>25.

Height	Body Weight (lbs.)	Height	Body Weight (lbs.)
4'10"	≥ 119	5'8"	≥ 164
4'11"	≥ 124	5'9"	≥ 169
5'0"	≥ 128	5'10"	≥ 174
5'1"	≥ 132	5'11"	≥ 179
5'2"	≥ 136	6'0"	≥ 184
5'3"	≥ 141	6'1"	≥ 189
5'4"	≥ 145	6'2"	≥ 194
5'5"	≥ 150	6'3"	≥ 200
5'6"	≥ 155	6'4"	≥ 205
5'7"	≥ 159		

\* Certain patients may require assessment for underweight and/or unintentional weight loss

### Activity

Ask patient about any physical activity in the past week: walking briskly, jogging, gardening, swimming, biking, dancing, golf, etc.

1. Does patient do **30 min.** of moderate activity on **most days/wk.?**
2. Does pt do "lifestyle" activity like taking the **stairs** instead of elevators, etc.
3. Does patient usually watch less than **2 hrs. TV or videos/day?**

If pt answers NO to above questions, assess whether pt is willing to increase physical activity.

### Variety

Is patient eating a variety of foods from important sections of the food pyramid?  
Determine **Variety** and **Excess** using a quick one-day recall: "Briefly describe everything you ate or drank yesterday (or on a typical day) beginning with the first thing you ate after waking up."

- Grains (6-11 servings)
- Fruits (2-4 servings)
- Vegetables (3-5 servings)
- Protein (2-3 servings)
- Dairy (2 servings)

- ◆ *What does pt think are pros/cons of his/her eating pattern?*
- ◆ *If pt needs to improve eating habits, assess willingness to make changes*

### Excess

Look at one-day recall. Is patient eating too much:

- Fat? Saturated fat?
- Calories?
- Salt?
- Sugar?
- Alcohol?

- Ask about serving/portion sizes, preparation methods and added fats, like butter, mayonnaise, sour cream, salad dressing, etc.
- Does pt. eat **4 or more** meals from sit-down or take-out restaurants per week?
- Is pt's weekend eating much different from weekday eating?

# WAVE

## Recommendations

### Weight

If patient is overweight:

1. State concern for the patient, e.g., "I am concerned your weight is affecting your health."
2. Give the patient specific advice, i.e.,
  - a) Make 1 or 2 changes in eating habits to reduce calorie intake as identified by one-day recall.
  - b) Gradually increase activity/decrease inactivity.
  - c) Enroll in a weight management program or
  - d) Consult a dietitian.
3. If patient is ready to make behavior changes, **jointly set goals** for a plan of action and arrange for follow-up.
4. **Give pt education materials/resources.**

### Variety

What is a serving?

**Grains** (6-11 servings)

- 1 slice bread, 1 oz. ready-to-eat cereal, 1/2 cup cooked cereal, rice or pasta
- Is patient eating whole grains?*

**Fruits** (2-4 servings)

- 1 medium fresh fruit, 1/2 cup chopped or canned fruit, 3/4 cup fruit juice

**Vegetables** (3-5 servings)

- 1 cup raw leafy vegetables, 1/2 cup cooked or chopped raw vegetables, 3/4 cup vegetable juice

**Protein** (2-3 servings)

- 2-3 oz. poultry, fish, or lean meat, 1-1 1/2 cup cooked dry beans, 1 egg equals 1 oz. meat, 4 oz. or 1/2 cup tofu

**Dairy** (2 servings)

- 1 cup milk or yogurt, 1 1/2 oz. cheese

**See instructions 1-4 under Excess.**

### Activity

Examples of moderate amounts of physical activity:

- ◆ Walking 2 miles in 30 minutes
- ◆ Stair-walking for 15 minutes
- ◆ Washing and waxing a car for 45-60 minutes
- ◆ Washing windows or floors for 45-60 minutes
- ◆ Gardening for 30-45 minutes
- ◆ Pushing a stroller 1 1/2 miles in 30 minutes
- ◆ Raking leaves for 30 minutes
- ◆ Shoveling snow for 15 minutes

1. If patient is ready to increase physical activity, **jointly set specific activity goals** and arrange for follow-up.
2. **Give pt education materials/resources.**

### Excess

How much is too much?

*Too much fat, saturated fat, calories*

- >6 oz/day of meat
- Ice cream, high fat dairy products
- Fried foods
- High fat snacks and desserts
- Eating out > 4 meals/wk

*Too much sugar, calories*

- High sugar beverages
- Sugary snacks/desserts

*Too much salt*

- Processed meats, canned/frozen meals, salty snacks

1. **Discuss pros and cons** of pt's eating pattern keeping in mind Variety and Excess.
2. If patient is ready, **jointly set specific dietary goals** and arrange for follow-up.
3. **Give pt education materials/resources.**
4. **Consider referral** to a dietitian for more extensive counseling and support.



# Weight Activity Variety and Excess (WAVE)

## Quick Assessment & Intervention

### *Integral Care Components*

#### Ask

#### Advise

#### Assist

- *Make referrals to address issues in-depth based on readiness to make changes*

# Weight

Ask about weight history, goals, and competing demands

Advise related to metabolic control and cardiovascular risk factors

Assist in setting stage appropriate goals & refer to RD or program if ready

# Activity

Ask --about activity and inactivity (TV etc)

Advise – tailor your advice to risks and discuss concept of working *in activity* to daily routine if exercise or *working out* are not realistic

Assist -- Provide information about & referral if testing is needed

# Variety

Ask – About vegetables, sources of fiber (legumes and high fiber cereals, calcium (dairy products, calcium fortified foods or supplements)

Advise – Focus on personal risk, e.g., markers related to metabolic control

Assist – Discuss relevant options considering personal values etc, negotiate  
. Try to establish simple doable goals.  
Refer, if appropriate

# Excess

Ask – Focus questions about common problem area –High sugar foods, e.g., Sweetened beverages/juices, High fat foods, e.g., fries, snack foods, and supersizing of portions

Advise – Discuss how these food may affect metabolic control

Assist – Provide information about resources and refer when ready to make changes

# Diabetes Nutrition Referral Issues

- Integrate nutrition into your overall diabetes workup by briefly address: **Weight, Activity, Variety and Excess.**
- Refer patients with diabetes to RD for in-depth *Medical Nutrition Therapy*:
  - For identified nutrition-related issues
  - When patient is ready to address the identified issues.

# Medicare Coverage

- **Diabetes Medical Nutrition Therapy**
  - 3 hours of nutritional counseling in the first year
  - 2 hours in subsequent years
  - additional hours, if ordered by physician
- **Diabetes Self-Management Training**
  - 10 hours in the first year
  - 2 hours in subsequent years

# Special Nutritional Needs in Diabetes

## Conclusions

1. Goal: Diabetes Medical Nutrition Therapy to achieve metabolic control
2. Weight loss goal ~ 7% based on evidence for primary prevention of diabetes
3. Dietary composition flexible (~ 70% calories from mon and carbohydrate)
4. Carbohydrate counting & other strategies used to control postprandial glucose (15 g starch, fruit & milk)
5. Diabetes Medical Nutrition Therapy **NOT** Meds when diet fails