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# Nutrition for Healthy Hearts

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# Overview

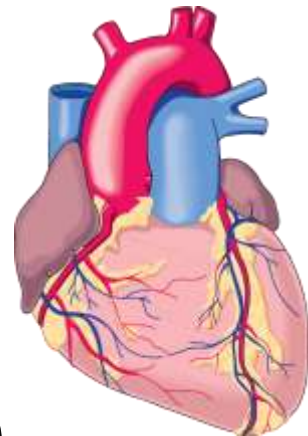
- ▶ Heart disease
- ▶ Progression
- ▶ Who is at risk?

## The road to a healthy heart:

- ▶ Healthy diet/weight
  - TLC (Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes) diet
  - DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet
- ▶ Physical activity
- ▶ Stop smoking/limit alcohol
- ▶ Limit stress

## Heart Disease

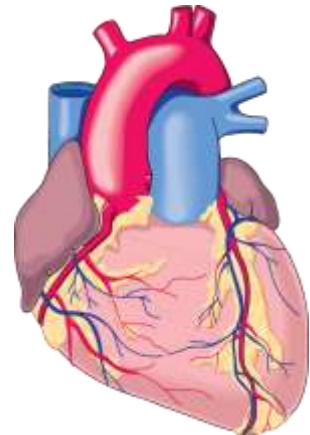
- ▶ Leading cause of death in both men and women
- ▶ “Silent killer” with little or no symptoms
- ▶ Many times, symptoms mimic other health concerns or issues (heartburn, gallbladder attack, panic or anxiety attack)



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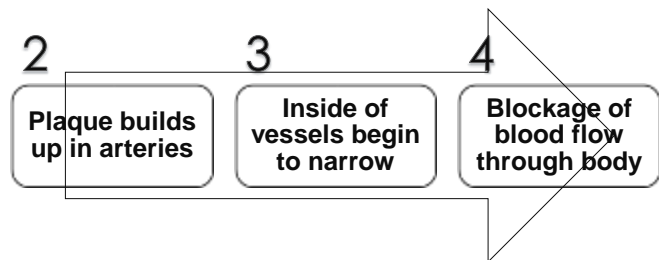
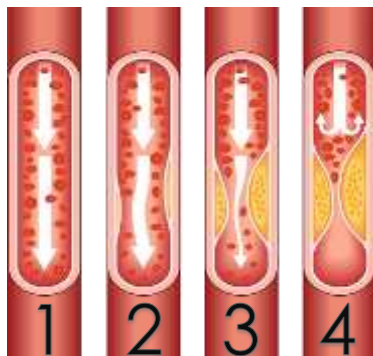
# Heart Disease

- ▶ Coronary artery disease, heart attack, stroke



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## Heart Disease: Progression



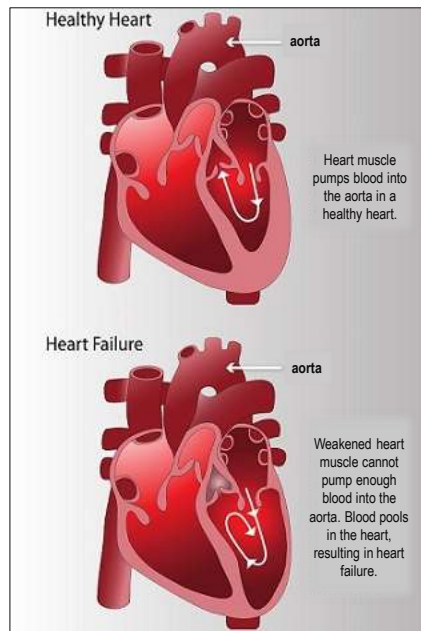
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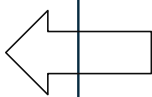


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- ▶ Diabetes
- ▶ Overweight/obesity
- ▶ Physical inactivity
- ▶ Excessive alcohol use
  - raises blood pressure
  - increases triglycerides
  - can cause irregular heartbeat

# Blood Pressure Levels

	Range (mmHg)
Normal	Systolic: under 120 Diastolic: under 80
At risk (pre-hypertension)	Systolic: 120-139 Diastolic: 80-89
High	Systolic: above 140 Diastolic: above 90



# Blood Pressure Levels

	Range (mmHg)
Stage 1	Systolic: 130-139 Diastolic: 80-89
Crisis	Systolic: 180 or above Diastolic: 120 or above
	Seek medical attention immediately if in crises range

# Cholesterol Levels

LDL “Bad” Cholesterol (mg/dL)		HDL “Good” Cholesterol (mg/dL)	
Less than 100	Optimal	Less than 40	A major risk factor for heart disease
130-159	Borderline high		
160-189	High	Above 60	Considered protective against heart disease
Above 190	Very high		

You want your LDL to be Low

You want your HDL to be High

**Total cholesterol levels: under 200 is optimal**

LDL: low-density lipoprotein

HDL: high-density lipoprotein

# Prevention: Lifestyle Changes

<b>Healthy Diet</b>
<b>Healthy Weight</b>
<b>Physical Activity</b>
<b>Stop Smoking/Limit Alcohol Use</b>
<b>Stress Management</b>

## TLC Diet

- ▶ **Lowers saturated fat in the diet, in turn, lowering cholesterol levels**
- ▶ **Not designed for losing weight!**



# **TLC Diet**

## **► What do you have to do?**

- keep saturated fat intake below 7% of total calorie intake**
- keep daily cholesterol intake under 200 mg**
- lower sodium intake to 2400 mg/day**
- 25-35% of calories from fat**
- 20-30 g/day of fiber**
- maintain physical activity**

# **TLC Diet**

## **► Best tools to use to figure out calories from fat (saturated fat intake) are:**

- food labels that are on the purchased food products**
- download app**
- go online (databases)**



**ENTRÉES**

Total Calories	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Trans Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium	Total Carbohydrate	Fiber	Sugars	Protein
(kcal)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(mg)	(mg)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)
2000	67	16	1	100	2000	150	10	11	61
800	18	4	0	100	2000	40	3	4	20
1000	18	5	1	70	2000	115	10	10	50
1200	31	11	2	100	2000	190	5	2	10
1300	33	13	0	80	2000	300	17	4	47
1600	104	29	1	110	4000	105	18	3	48
800	19	4	0	100	2000	12	1	10	23
800	17	0	0	100	2000	20	0	6	14
100	11	0	0	100	1000	16	0	8	19
1000	21	5	2	100	1000	120	7	1	30
160	19	11	0	100	1000	60	0	10	10
600	10	0	0	40	1000	10	10	0	10
400	16	0	0	0	700	7	1	3	14
1700	67	17	0	100	2000	90	4	20	30
800	20	0	0	100	2000	21	0	21	30
1000	67	16	2	100	2000	137	19	6	50



**NEW LABEL / WHAT'S DIFFERENT**

**Servings:**  
larger,  
bolder type

**New:**  
added sugars

**Change**  
in nutrients  
required

**Nutrition Facts**

8 servings per container  
**Serving size 2/3 cup (55g)**

**Amount per serving**      **Calories 230**

	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 1g	10%
Saturated Fat 1g	5%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 10mg	7%
Total Carbohydrate 31g	13%
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%
Total Sugars 12g	
includes 10g Added Sugars	20%
Protein 3g	
Vitamin D 2mcg	10%
Calcium 200mg	20%
Iron 4mg	45%
Potassium 320mg	8%

\*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

**Serving sizes**  
updated

**Calories:**  
larger type

**Updated**  
daily values

**Actual**  
amounts  
declared

**New**  
footnote

**FDA**



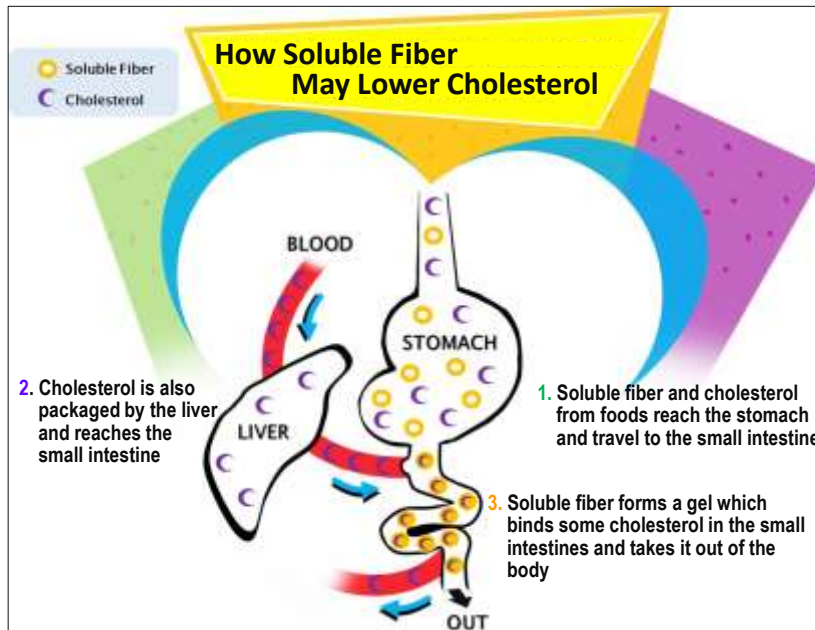
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# Sodium

- If you are someone who already has hypertension or high blood pressure, you should aim for 1500 milligrams of sodium a day (under a teaspoon of sodium per day). That is inclusive of what is already in foods vs. any salt that you're adding before you consume the food.



# Saturated Fat

- ▶ Eating foods that contain saturated fat raises the level of cholesterol in your blood
- ▶ Aim for a dietary pattern that achieves 5-6% of calories from saturated fat (American Heart Association)

Food Sources
Mainly from animal sources: meat and dairy products EX: fatty beef, lamb, pork, butter, cheese, milk

# Cholesterol

- ▶ Waxy substance from fat that your body needs, but when in excess, it builds up on your artery walls
- ▶ Limit cholesterol intake to 300 mg/day
- ▶ If you already suffer from high cholesterol or heart disease, limit to 200 mg/day

Food Sources
Eggs
Chicken & Beef
Burgers
Regular Cheese
Sausage, Franks, Bacon
Pasta
Pizza

# How Much Cholesterol?



60-150 mg



300-400 mg



75-130 mg



1-2 mg

## Healthy Diet & Weight

► Focus on variety, density, and amount of food

- incorporate more fruits and vegetables (five or more servings a day)
- portion sizes



# Healthy Diet & Weight

- ▶ Limit calories from added sugars and saturated fats
- ▶ Reduce sodium
- ▶ Make healthier beverage choices



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## DASH Diet

- ▶ Ranked #1 in best diet overall for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row (2017 US News & World Report)
- ▶ Used for prevention and lowering of high blood pressure – nutrients like potassium, calcium, protein, and fiber are crucial for fighting high blood pressure



# DASH Diet

## ► What do you have to do?

- emphasize foods: fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, low-fat dairy
- avoid high-calorie and high-fat sweets and red meats
- cut back on salt

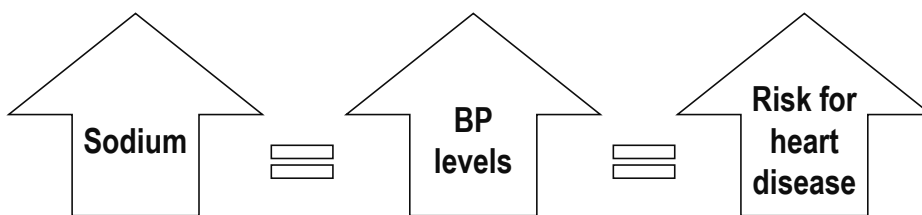


# DASH Diet

## ► Lean proteins

- chicken
- turkey
- fish
- anything that ends in a “loin” or “round”; that is a leaner cut of meat or protein

# Sodium Intake

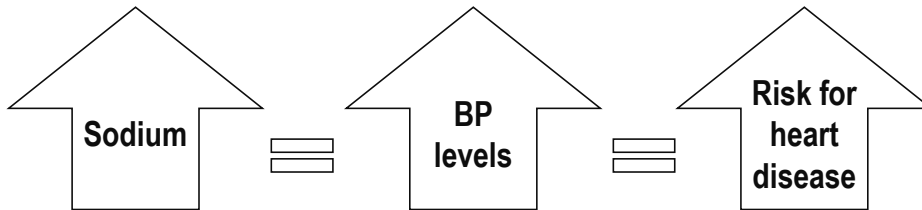


- ## ► Alternate ways to add flavor to food:





# Sodium Intake



- ▶ Alternate ways to add flavor to food: salt-free seasonings, herbs, garlic, onions, peppers, lemon or lime juice



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- ▶ Daily value <2400 mg/day (1 teaspoon per day)
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# Sodium Intake

The daily value for sodium intake is less than 2400 mg/day

- ▶ Check the nutrition facts label to see how much sodium is in a product
- ▶ As a general rule:
  - 5% DV or less of sodium → LOW
  - 20% DV or more of sodium → HIGH



Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 2 oz (56g)	
Servings Per Container 4.5	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 50	Calories from Fat 5
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 0.5g	1%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 30mg	10%
<b>Sodium 700mg</b>	<b>29%</b>
Total Carbohydrate 2g	1%
Dietary Fiber less than 1g	2%
Sugars 1g	
<b>Protein 9g</b>	
Vitamin A 0%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 0%	Iron 4%
<small>*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets.</small>	

## What Do Food Labels Really Mean?

What the Package Says	What it Actually Means
Salt/Sodium Free	Less than 5 mg of sodium per serving
Very Low Sodium	35 mg or less of sodium per serving
Low Sodium	140 mg or less of sodium per serving
Reduced Sodium	At least 25% less sodium than the regular product
Light in Sodium/Lightly Salted	At least 50% less sodium than the regular product
No Salt Added/ Unsalted	No salt added during processing (doesn't necessarily mean salt/sodium free unless stated)

## Beverage Choices

- ▶ Things to remember: sodas AND sports drinks are high in carbohydrates (added sugars)

Best choice?

WATER



## Cooking Tips for a Healthy Heart

- ▶ Prepare foods at home to regulate what is included in the recipe
  - select leaner cuts of beef and pork (look for the words “loin” and “round”)
  - drain the fat off of cooked ground meats
  - replace high-fat cheeses with low-fat (parmesan, feta, goat, mozzarella)

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  - eat fish regularly

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  - extra plant sources for protein (EX: soybean, pinto beans, lentils, nuts)
  - don't add salt to food at the table

## **Physical Activity**

- ▶ **150 minutes per week of moderate intensity exercise with at least two days of muscle-strengthening activities**
  - brisk walking
  - biking around the neighborhood
  - workout classes
  - workout videos at home
  - family sport nights



## **Physical Activity: Tips in the Workplace**

- ▶ **Park far away in parking lots**
- ▶ **Use the restroom on another floor of your building**
  - **Take the stairs to get there!**
- ▶ **Rather than sending an email, walk to your co-worker**
- ▶ **Drink plenty of water (8x8)**
- ▶ **If possible, use a pedometer to track your steps!**

## **Stop Smoking/Limit Alcohol Use**

- ▶ **Smoking greatly increases your risk for any heart disease**
  - **“MOST IMPORTANT preventable cause”**
  - **Stop Now. Your heart will thank you!**



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# Stop Smoking/Limit Alcohol Use

## ▶ Alcohol

- no more than 2 drinks/day for men
  - no more than 1 drink/day for women
- (standard drink: 12 oz beer, 5 oz wine, 1.5 oz liquor)



## Managing Stress

### ▶ How does stress contribute to heart disease?

- stress may affect behaviors and factors that increase heart disease risk
  - higher blood pressure levels
  - higher cholesterol levels
  - smoking/drinking
  - physical inactivity
  - overeating

# Managing Stress

► When you are under stress do you...

- Smoke more?
- Drink alcohol?
- Eat to calm down?
- Speak and eat faster?
- Have altered sleep patterns?

Recognizing how you act when you are under stress is the first step in working toward managing it



## Managing Stress: Tips

- ▶ Exercise (stretching/yoga)
- ▶ Maintain a positive attitude (It's amazing what a smile can do!)
- ▶ Don't drink too much coffee
- ▶ Establish social support
- ▶ Take breaks!



## Take Away Points

- ▶ The road to living a life with a healthier heart
  - lower cholesterol, saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars
  - more fruits/vegetables
  - stop smoking/limit alcohol use
  - increase physical activity
  - manage stress

**For Additional Information:**

**American Heart Association**

**[www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)**







***Thank You!***

## **Disclaimer**

- ▶ **Each individual has a very different medical history and may not be able to apply everything in this presentation to their lives**
- ▶ **If you have a more complicated medical history, please clear any potential changes to your lifestyle with your physician**
- ▶ **Each individual has a unique genetic design**

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