## Plant-Based Eating Patterns for Diabetes

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## Objectives

- List various recommended eating patterns for diabetes.
- Discuss the benefits of plant-based nutrition for diabetes.
- Describe how to implement a plant-based eating in clinical practice

## **Diabetes Statistics**

- 30.3 million have diabetes (9.4%)
- 84.1 million have pre diabetes (11.6%)
- \$327 billion cost to US economy
- High intangible cost on society

## Eating Patterns for Diabetes

- Mediterranean diet
- Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH)
- Low-carbohydrate diet
- Paleo diet
- Ketogenic diet
- Plant-based (vegetarian/vegan)



Evert, et al. Diabetes Care. 2013;36:3821-3842.

## **Vegetarian and Vegan Diets**

## **Vegetarian Diets**

- Vegan diet 2%
- Vegetarian diet 5%



Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes American Diabetes Association 2009-2019

"The Mediterranean, Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH), and plant-based diets are all examples of healthful eating patterns that have shown positive results in research...."

Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2019. *Diabetes Care* 2019. 42:S1-S193.





#### LIFESTYLE THERAPY RISK STRATIFICATION FOR DIABETES COMPLICATIONS





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## **Dietary Guidelines for Americans**



# Position of AND

"...appropriately planned vegetarian, including vegan, diets are healthful, *nutritionally adequate*, and may provide health benefits in the prevention and treatment of certain diseases."

# right Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Melina V, et al. J Acad Nutr Diet. 2016;116:1970-1980

# THE LANCET

Food in the Anthropocene: the EAT-Lancet Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food systems



"Food in the Anthropocene represents one of the greatest health and environmental challenges of the 21st century."

## Vegetarians have a Higher Diet Quality

#### Higher in:

- Fiber
- Vitamins A, C, E
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- Iron
- Thiamin
- Riboflavin
- Folate

#### Lower in:

- Calories
- Total and saturated fat
- Cholesterol
- Sodium
- Protein
- Vitamin B12
- Zinc
- Niacin

## Vegetarians and Vegan Diets

### **Improve Risk Factors:**

- Body weight
- Abdominal obesity
- Blood pressure
- Serum lipids
- Markers of inflammation
- Glucose levels

### Reduce Risk of:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- Mortality
- Cancer
  - All
  - Colon
  - Prostate

Melina V, et al. *J Acad Nutr Diet.* 2016;116:1970-1980. Le TL, *Nutrients.* 2014;6:2131-2147.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist

- Christian denomination
- Encouraged to be healthy
- Encouraged to be vegetarian (about 50% are)
- Sets up a natural experiment to evaluate eating patterns and health outcomes
  - Adventist Mortality Study (40% to 80% 个DM risk)
  - Adventist Health Study 1
  - Adventist Health Study 2 >100,000 (ages 30-112)

Snowdon et al. AJPH 1985;75:507-512. Le et al. *Nutrients*. 2014;6:2131-2147.

## Adventist Health Study – 2 (N=60,903)



Tonstad, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2009;32:791-796.

## Lacto-ovo Vs. Vegan AHS-2

	Lacto-ovo	Vegan
BMI	3 points lower	5 points lower
HTN	55% less	75% less
T2DM	38% to 61% less	49% to 78% less
All-Cause Mortality	9% lower	15% lower
CVD mortality	23% to 42% lower	55% lower

Le et al. *Nutrients*. 2014;6:2131-2147.

## Meat Consumption and Diabetes

Nurses Health Study I and II



- Health Professionals' Follow up study
- European Prospective Investigation into Nutrition and Cancer
- NHANES

Satija A, et al. PLoS Med. 2016:13;e1002039. Pan A, et al. JAMA. 2013;173:1328-1335. van Nielen et al. Diabetes Care 2014;37:1854-1862. Sluijs et al. Diabetes Care. 2010;33:43-48 *Wang et al. Int J Obes (lond). June; 33(6):621-628* 

# Intensive Lifestyle Intervention (NIH funded)

- 22 week RCT of 99 individuals with T2D:
  - Low-fat vegan group (N=49)
    - Consume from "4 food groups"
    - Avoid all animal produces
    - Low-fat, low glycemic index

#### No portion control



- Control group (ADA: portion control of CHO, -500 kcal/day)
- Both groups received intensive lifestyle therapy.

## Results at 22 weeks

		Vegan Group N=49	Control Group N=50	P Value
	Carbohydrate Intake	Increased	Decreased	
	Fiber intake	Doubled	unchanged	
	Reduced Medications	43%	26%	0.01
	Change in A1C	↓0.96	↓0.56	0.089
	Change in A1C (those w/o med $\Delta$ )	↓1.23	↓0.38	0.01
	Body Weight	↓6.5 kg	↓3.1 kg	< 0.001
	Change in LDL	↓22.6 mg/dl	↓10.7 mg/dl	0.02
	AHEI Score	$\uparrow\uparrow$	unchanged	P<0.0001

# How is a plant-based diet (PBD) beneficial?





#### Intramyocellular lipid

When compared with omnivores (matched for age, BMI, body fat, energy intake, etc.), vegans have lower intramyocellular content and higher insulin sensitivity.

Kim Y, et al. Metabolism. 2015;64:768-779.





Article

#### A Plant Based Dietary Intervention Improves Beta-Cell Function and Insulin Resistance in Overweight Adults: A 16-Week Randomized Clinical Trial

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Abstract: The aim of this study was to test the effect of a plant-based dietary intervention on beta-cell function in overweight adults with no history of diabetes. Participants (n = 75) were randomized to follow a low-fat plant-based diet (n = 38) or to make no diet changes (n = 37) for 16 weeks. At baseline and 16 weeks, beta-cell function was quantified with a mathematical model. Using a standard meal test, insulin secretory rate was calculated by C-peptide deconvolution. The Homeostasis Model Assessment (HOMA-IR) index was used to assess insulin resistance while fasting. A marked increase in meal-stimulated insulin secretion was observed in the intervention group compared with controls (interaction between group and time, Gxt, p < 0.001). HOMA-IR index fell significantly (p < 0.001) in the intervention group (treatment effect -1.0 (95% CI, -1.2 to -0.8); Gxt, p = 0.004). Changes in HOMA-IR correlated positively with changes in body mass index (BMI) and visceral fat

## **PBD Improves Beta Cell Function**

- 16 week dietary intervention
- N=75, overweight adults randomized to:
  - Low-fat vegan diet
  - No dietary changes
- Intervention results:

  - $-\downarrow$  in insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) (p < 0.001)





A Plant-Based Meal Stimulates Incretin and Insulin Secretion More Than an Energy and Macronutrient-Matched Standard Meal in Type 2 Diabetes: A Randomized Crossover Study

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**Abstract:** Diminished postprandial secretion of incretins and insulin represents one of the key pathophysiological mechanisms behind type 2 diabetes (T2D). We tested the effects of two energyand macronutrient-matched meals: A standard meat (M-meal) and a vegan (V-meal) on postprandial incretin and insulin secretion in participants with T2D. A randomized crossover design was used in 20 participants with T2D. Plasma concentrations of glucose, insulin, C-peptide, glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), amylin, and gastric inhibitory peptide (GIP) were determined at 0, 30, 60, 120 pertide.

#### Diabetes & The "Incretin Effect"



Isoglycemic IV Glucose Infusion

Nauck M et al. Diabetologia (1986) 29:46-52

#### Vegan Sandwich VS. Meat Sandwich





- Macronutrient: 44% CHO, 20% protein, 39% fat
- Vegan meal increased **post prandial GLP-1 by 30.1%**
- Outcome similar to Sitagliptin





Carbohydrate has 4 calories/gram Fat has 9 calories/gram





## Short Chain Fatty Acids (SCFA) Non-digestible polysaccharides



gut bacteria

Butyrate

- Propionate
- Acetate

Esteve E, et al. Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metab Care. 2011;14:483-490 Shen J, et al. Mol Aspects Med. 2013;34:39-58 Tilg H, J Clin Invest. 2011;121(6):2126-2132 Bibiloni R, et al. Ann Nestle Eng. 2009;67:39-47

## SCFA and Health

#### **Enhance nutrient absorption Improve gut barrier function**



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#### **↑Satiety** ↓Food intake

## ↑FOX Muscle

↓ Endotoxin
↓ Inflammation
↑ Release of gut peptides
↑ Glycemic control

Cani PD, et al. Current Pharmaceutical Design. 2009;15:1546-1558 Allin KH, et al. Eur J Endocrinol. 2015;172:R167-R177 Tilg H, et al. Gut. 2014;63:1513-1521. Conlon et al. Nutrients. 2015;7:17-44

## **The After-Meal Calorie Burn**



Barnard ND, et al. Am J Med 2005;118:991-997.

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Barnard ND, et al. Am J Med 2005;118:991-997.

## Diabetes Remission Occurs with Calorie Restriction

## **Reversal of Diabetes**

- Metabolic surgery
- Very-low-calorie diets
  - The Counterpoint Study 640-700 kcal/d (50% remission)
  - Primary care-led weight management for remission of type 2 diabetes (DiRECT) – 825-853 kcal/d (46% remission vs 4% in control group)
  - Insulin sensitivity occurs within days
  - Beta cell function improves within weeks

Taylor, R. *Diabet Medi*. 2012;30:267-275 Lean ME, et al. *Lancet* 2018; 391: 541–51

## Effect of High-Fiber, Low-Fat Diet Without Weight Loss

- N=20 men with T2DM on insulin
- Metabolic ward
  - Control diet 7 days
  - Near-vegetarian diet (70% carbohydrate, 65 g fiber) 16 days
- Designed to maintain body weight

Anderson JW. Am J Clin Nutr. 1979;32:2312-2321
# Results

- No changes in body weight
- 9 out of 20 patients discontinued insulin
- Insulin was reduced: 26 <u>+</u> 3 units/day to 11 <u>+</u> 3 units per day (P<0.001)</li>
- Fasting and 3-hour postprandial glucose levels decreased significantly
- Cholesterol was reduced: 206 <u>+</u> 10 mg/dL to 147 <u>+</u> 5 mg/dL (P<0.001)</li>
- No significant increase in TG

Anderson JW. Am J Clin Nutr. 1979;32:2312-2321

# **Plant-Based Nutrition Summary**

- Healthy weight
- Diet quality
- May restore beta-cell function
- High in fiber
- Incretin effect
- Healthy microbiota
- Enhances thermogenesis



# Plant-Based Nutrition for Diabetes Implementation



# Whole Grains 5-8 servings

- Intact grains: bran, endosperm, and germ
- Brown rice, wild rice, corn, oats, barley rye, whole wheat, whole grain pasta, teff
- Pseudo grains: amaranth, quinoa, buckwheat, millet



#### WHOLE GRAINS



# Whole Grains

- $\downarrow$  Inflammation
- $\downarrow$  Body weight
- 个 Insulin sensitivity
- 🔸 T2DM risk



- $\downarrow$  Mortality (CV and DM)
- $\downarrow$  Cancer risk
- Improves microbiota: increases in healthy species and diversity
- Enhances the release of SCFAs

Gaf. Microb Ecol Health Dis. 2015;26:26164 Lefevre. Nutr Rev. 2012;70:387-396. Wolfram. Endocr Pract. 2011;17:132-142. Weickert. Am J Clin Nutr. 2011;94:459-471. Cooper. Healthcare. 2015;3:364-392.

# Legumes 2 + servings

- Nutrient dense
- Low glycemic index
- "Second-meal effect"
- Reduce adiposity



Becerra-Tomás. Clin Nutr. 2018;37:906-913 Jenkins. Am J Clin Nutr. 1982;35:1339-1346.



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### In 4.3 years of follow up, individuals in the highest quartile of legume and lentil consumption had a 35% lower risk of diabetes than those in the lowest quartile

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# Fruits 3-4 servings Vegetables 4-5 servings











# Nuts and Seeds 1oz per day

- High in antioxidants
- High in polyphenols



- Source of essential fatty acids
- Inversely associated with diabetes



Jenkins. Diabetologia. 2018; doi:10.1007/s00125-018-4628-9. Afshin. Am J Clin Nutr. 2014;100:278-288.

### **Principles of Plant-Based Nutrition**

- Limit added vegetable oils and other high fat foods.
- Low glycemic index (GI) such as oatmeal, barley, quinoa, sweet potatoes, whole grains, rye or pumpernickel bread, beans, fruits, and vegetables.

Diabetes Spectrum. 2012;25:39-44.

### **Principles of Plant-Based Nutrition**

- Avoid all animal products (e.g., meat, chicken, fish, eggs, all dairy)
- Take a Vitamin B12 supplement
- Choose high-fiber foods



	Fiber Intake (g/day)
Current Intake of Americans	15
Recommendations	25-38
Plant-Based Nutrition	40

# **Macronutrient Mix**



Barnard et al. Diabetes Care. 2006;29:1777-1783. Evert AB, et al. Diabetes Care. 2013;36:38213842. De Souza RJ, et al. Am J Clin Nutr. 2008;88:1-11.

# Low-Carbohydrate/High-Fat Diets

- Short term studies show significant 个 in post prandial glucose (OGTT) compared to a low fat diet (69% vs. 22%).
- Prospective studies show 个 in CVD and all-cause mortality.
- Fat displaces high-fiber foods,  $\downarrow$  quality.
- Increases proinflammatory species in gut

Numao S, et al. Eur J Clin Nutr. 2012;66:926-931. Lagiou P. et al. BMJ. 2012;344:e4026. Noto H, et al. PLoS One. 2013;8:e55030

# Shouldn't we limit carbohydrate consumption in diabetes?

### **Historical Eating Patterns**



### Unrefined vs. Refined Carbohydrates



















High in fiber, micronutrients, phytochemicals, and water

Highly processed, low in fiber, micronutrients, and phytochemicals

# **Okinawa Longevity Diet**



# **Blue Zones**

Lomo Linda, USA

Sardinia, Italy

Ikaria, Greece

Okinawa, Japan

Nicoya, Costa Rica

#### "Power 9<sup>®</sup>"

- 1. Move naturally
- 2. Purpose
- 3. Downshift
- 4. 80% Rule
- 5. Plant slant
- 6. Wine at 5
- 7. Belong
- 8. Loved ones first
- 9. Right tribe

# **Blue Zones**









Buettner D, Skemp S. Blue Zones: Lessons from the world's longest lived. 2016. https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1559827616637066



### Marc Ramirez





### **Pre Plant-Based Diet Diagnosed with Type 2 DM** in 2002 **Medications (2011)** Lantus, Simvastatin,



Lisinopril, Metformin, and Januvia

	9/9/2011	12/29/2011
Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)	164	104
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	192	111
HDL-C (mg/dL)	39	38
LDL-C (mg/dL)	87	44
A1C (%)	10.5	8.1

### PBD 12/3/11 **Changes after** 26 days

### 2011 to 2019



- Lost 50 lbs
- A1C=5.5%
- Medication-free

#### http://www.chickpeaandbean.com/

Marc's Key to Success:

- 4 food groups
- No animal product
- Low-fat
- Low GI foods



### **Meal Planning for Success**

# Test Driving a Plant-Based Diet

- Introduce during your assessment
- Ease into it slowly/Spectrum approach
- 3-week trial of 100% plant-based eating:
  - Take 2 weeks to plan and try meatless meals and learn a few new recipes
  - Short-term commitment
  - Motivating results



# Foods to Try

### Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

**Snacks** 

# Healthy Breakfasts











### **Lunches and Dinners**

















Phase 1	Dates:	to	

In Phase 1, you'll focus on the basics: fruits, vegetables, and beans. These foods have lots of fiber that lowers blood glucose and helps you to lose weight.

Your Program's info here

Check off the items as you go. Get at least the indicated number of servings each day for each group. You can eat other foods and beverages too, but be sure to get these foods, plus exercise, in the recommended amounts every day.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fruit (1 medium-sized fruit or 1 cup cut)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Vegetables (1 cup raw, large pieces; ½ cup chopped raw or cooked)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Beans & lentils (½ cup cooked beans, lentils)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water (One 12-ounce glass)	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
Exercise (30 minutes, 3+ days/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Phase 2 Dates:	s and leafy gree	to Id leafy greens to your daily routine.			18	Your Program's info here		
bernes are incredibly rich sources of anthocyanins, co leafy vegetables are t	mpounds that tigh the healthiest food Sunday	as on the plane Monday	t. Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Berries (½ cup fresh or frozen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other fruit (1 medium-sized fruit or 1 cup cut)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Leafy greens (1 cup raw; ½ cup cooked)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other vegetables (1 cup raw, large pieces; ½ cup chopped raw or cooked)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Beans & lentils (½ cup cooked beans, lentils)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Water (One 12-ounce glass)	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	
Exercise (30 minutes, 4+ days/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Phase 3 Dates: \_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_

Your Program's info here

You're doing great! You're ready for the final additions: cruciferous vegetables, whole grains, and ground flax seeds.

Oatmeal, brown rice, and whole grain pasta can fill you up and keep you satisfied because they are terrific sources of fiber. Sprinkle ground flax seeds on your oatmeal or salad. They'll help to fill you up and help protect against cancer too.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Berries (½ cup fresh or frozen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other fruit (1 medium-sized fruit or 1 cup cut fruit)	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
Leafy greens (1 cup raw; ½ cup cooked)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cruciferous vegetables (½ cup chopped, 1 tbsp horseradish)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other vegetables (1 cup raw; ½ cup chopped raw/cooked)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Beans & lentils (½ cup cooked beans, lentils)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Whole grains (½ cup cooked grains, hot cereal; 1 cup cold cereal; 1 slice bread)	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
Flax seeds (1 tbsp ground)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water (One 12-ounce glass)	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
Exercise (30 minutes, 5+ days/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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### **B12** Recommendations

- Fortified foods contain B12
- Vegans should have a reliable source:
  - 500 to 1,000 µg several times per week
  - Based on 1% (passive) absorption



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# Vitamin B12

- B12 Deficiency:
  - Elevated homocysteine: CVD risk
  - Macrocytic anemia: fatigue
  - Nerve damage: tingling in fingers and toes
  - Poor cognition, digestion, FTT
  - Stroke, dementia, and poor bone health
- Metformin is associated with vitamin B12 deficiency: periodic testing is recommended.

Melina V, et al. J Acad Nutr Diet. 2016;116:1970-1980 Diabetes Care 2018;41:S1-159.

# What Should Patients Expect?

- Blood glucose changes:
  - Hypoglycemia review prevention, recognition, and treatment
  - Slow decrease in glucose over time
  - Hyperglycemia focus on low-GI carbohydrates
- Reduction in blood pressure
- Reduction in cholesterol
- Medication changes may be needed
# Why Do People Like It?

- No portion sizes
- No carbohydrate counting except in T1D
- Major health benefits addresses root cause
- Saves money

### Websites and Books





- NutritionCME.org
- ForksOverKnives.com
- NutritionFacts.org

#### https://www.pcrm.org/



# Being a Healthy Role Model

- Problem-solving
- Social support





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# Today's Recipes

Taste of Asia Cole Slaw



#### Yes You Can Black Bean Chili





Tofu Scramble

Q & A Thank you!