Nutrition Before Bariatric Surgery

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Learning Objectives

• Role of Dietitian
• Importance of Pre-Surgical Weight Reduction
• How to Reduce Your Weight Before Surgery
• Review of Food Groups
• Dining out Tips
• Emotional Eating
• Physical Activity
• Label Reading
Role of Dietitian

• To educate and counsel
• To assess individual eating behaviors, nutrition needs and food preferences.
• To monitor your nutrition status.
• To support you!

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Importance of Pre-Surgical Weight Reduction

- Decreases fat around liver & stomach, which makes surgery easier & safer

- Surgery is only a *tool*
  - Lifestyle & behavior modifications are the KEY to success

- On average- pt’s. reduce approximately 60-80% of EXCESS weight with surgery

- Best to reduce 5-10% of your current weight before surgery
How do I Lose Weight Before Surgery?

• Find or make a meal plan that works for you and your lifestyle that you can follow everyday and feel satisfied with
  - 3 meals with 3 snacks, 3 meals 2 snacks or calorie counting.

• Limit Calories to 1200-1800 depending on what your Dietitian recommends for you

• Portions! Portions! Portions!

• Everything in moderation, variety and balance
How do I Lose Weight Before Surgery?

- Practice mindful eating

- Stay active!
  - Exercise, park farther away, walk with friends, worksite wellness
*Whole grains: 100% whole wheat bread, 100% whole grain crackers, barley, quinoa, brown rice, steel-cut oatmeal, millet, amaranth, farro

*Add small amounts of healthy fats: nuts, seeds, olive oil, avocado, grape seed oil, coconut oil
Main Categories of Food

• Carbohydrate
  – Bread, pasta, rice, etc * Non-starchy Vegetables
  – Fruit
  – Milk
  – Starchy vegetables

• Protein
  – Meat, chicken, turkey
  – Fish, eggs, some dairy
  – Tofu, beans, tempeh

• Fats
  – Oils, butter, shortening, lard
Carbohydrates
Only source of energy for some body tissue

- A carbohydrate is anything with flour, sugar, or grain as the first ingredient
  - Also, fruits, starchy vegetables, legumes and some dairy products
- Provides immediate energy to the body
- 1 Serving = 1 ounce by weight = 15 grams carbohydrate
- 60-100 kcal /serving
# Carbohydrate Samples

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More Carbohydrate Samples

FRUITS:
• 1 fruit = 15 grams carbohydrate
• 60-80 kcal/serving
• Size of your fist or smaller

MILK: Fall in the carbohydrate and protein group
1 cup = 90-150 kcal
Carbohydrate Complex vs. Simple

Choose more complex carbohydrates over simple carbohydrates

**Complex (Choose more from this group)**
- 100% whole grain bread, wheat pasta, brown rice, quinoa, barley
- Legumes
- Fruits with skin
- Starchy vegetables with skin (yams)

**Simple (Limit / Avoid this group)**
- Fruit juice
- Sugary desserts (cakes)
- Sugar (soda, syrup, candy)
- White bread and rice
How Many Carbohydrate Servings are Recommended for Weight Loss?

• 6-8 total servings/day

• Break it down by meal
  - **Breakfast**: (1) Whole wheat toast
  - **Snack**: (1) 6 oz (3/4 cup) yogurt
  - **Lunch**: (1-2) 1 6-inch whole wheat tortilla
  - **Snack**: (1) 1 Fruit
  - **Dinner**: (1-2) ½ large sweet potato with skin
  - **Snack**: (1) 1 cup milk
Protein

- The bodies architect.
- \( \frac{3}{4} \) of the body (excluding water) is composed of protein.
- It is essential for growth and development.
- Needed for body function:
  - Tissue repair (healing), fluid balance, vision, blood clotting
- Important to have \textbf{60-80 grams minimum} everyday to prevent loss of lean tissue
  - For optimum weight loss, 1.5 g per kg of IBW (ideal body weight)
Protein

• 1 serving of protein = 1 ounce by weight = 7 grams protein.

• 35-100 Kcal per 1 ounce.

• Protein foods include:
  • Meat
  • Eggs
  • Cheese or cottage cheese
  • Nuts or nut butters
  • Poultry
  • Tofu

– Lentils, beans, milk and yogurt are a protein and a carbohydrate.
How to Make Wise Protein Choices

- **Poultry**: Are naturally low in fat, but the skin and cooking method can add fat. For a healthy meal, bake, broil, stir fry or grill poultry, and remove the skin.

- **Fish**: Are naturally low in fat, but cooking method can add fat. Best to bake, broil, or steam. Avoid pan-fried or breaded fish sticks.

- **Beef**: Limit intake. Choose lean cuts of beef, remove visible fat. Sirloin, flank steak, tenderloin.
How to Make Wise Protein Choices

- **Dairy Products**: Milk, yogurt and soft cheeses such as feta, buffalo mozzarella are a good source of protein, but can be high in fat. Choose low-fat yogurt and milk products labeled skim, part skim, reduced fat or low fat.

- **Pork**: Choose low-fat or medium fat choices such as, loin or leg meat.
Fats

• Needed to supply the body with the essential fatty acids

• Various types
  – Saturated
  – Unsaturated
  – Trans Fats/Hydrogenated oils
Fats

- Sources include bacon, nuts, egg yolk, butter, margarine, cheese, oils, cocoa butter (found in chocolate), red meat, avocado

- Limit processed fats

- 1 serving of fat = 1 teaspoon = 5 grams

- 45 kcal per serving of fat

- Choose unsaturated over saturated
3 Types of Fats

- **Unsaturated** (more): liquid at room temperature
  - Canola oil, olive oil.

- **Saturated** (less): solid at room temperature
  - Butter, Crisco.

- **Trans Fats** (avoid): Partially hydrogenated oil.
  - Found in baked goods, chips, candy
Non Starchy Vegetables

- They contain 0-25 kcal per serving and can be consumed liberally. **If hungry grab a non-starchy vegetable.**

- They include all vegetables **except** for corn, green peas, potatoes, yucca, yams, beans, plantain, butternut squash and acorn squash.

- Non starchy Vegetables: artichoke, asparagus, green beans, bean sprouts, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, eggplant, onions, leeks, mushrooms, okra, pea pods, peppers, radishes, green leafy vegetables, summer squash, tomato, turnips, water chestnuts, zucchini.
Water

• Second to oxygen in keeping us alive.

• 60-70% of the body’s weight is water!
How Much Water do we Need?

- The Institute of Medicine advises
  - Men -- 3.0 liters (about 13 cups)
  - Women -- 2.2 liters (about 9 cups)

**Total fluids per day**
Benefits of Water

- Acts as a natural appetite suppressant.

- Assists the body in metabolizing stored fat.
  - Your liver metabolizes fat and it can't do that at 100% if it is doing the kidney's job. Your liver is overloaded when your kidneys don't get enough water.

- Relieves fluid retention problems. If you don't give your body water, it will hold it so as not to lose it.

- Rids the body of waste and toxins.

- Aids in digestion and proper bowel function.
Ideas to get Your Recommended Fluids

• Fill a 32 oz water bottle with plain water in the morning and strive to finish one before lunch and one before bed.

• Carry a water bottle with you and take small sips throughout the day.

• Flavor your water with a slice of orange, cucumber, mint, frozen fruit, or lemon.

• Drink unsweetened iced tea, black coffee, or water products with fruit essence (like: Hint Water).
Benefits of Physical Activity

- Improves your mood
- Combats chronic diseases
- Helps you manage your weight
- Strengthens your heart and lungs
- Helps promote better sleep
- Reduces stress
- Improves your body shape
- Improve self-esteem
Simple Steps to Becoming More Active

• Take the stairs instead of the elevator
• Park your car farther away from the building and walk
• Play with your kids or pets
• Get off the bus a few stops earlier
• Garden
• Clean your house
• Take a walk on your lunch break
• Dance around the house
• Contact local recreation department for exercise classes
• Walk at the mall
• Swimming
Goals to Achieve Weight Reduction

• Eliminate sugar sweetened beverages (soda, fruit juice, frappuccinos)
• Start cutting out added salt and processed foods
• Start limiting solid and added fats, and choose healthier oils
• Start practicing portion control
• Start cutting out sugary sweets, and replace with complex carbohydrates
• Eat lean proteins at each meal.
More Goals to Achieve Weight Reduction

• Drink plenty of water (8 cups at least). We often mistake thirst for hunger.

• Eat at regular intervals and avoid grazing.

• Spend 20-30 minutes at each meal and enjoy every bite.

• Chew your food. Make sure it is a mushy consistency before swallowing. **Chew! Chew! Chew!**

• Set utensils down between bites.

• Cut food into small bite size pieces.

• Start an exercise routine
Even More Goals to Achieve Weight Reduction

- Eat 2-5 servings of fruits and vegetables/day
  - Plenty of vitamins/minerals and antioxidants
  - Fiber helps you feel and stay full longer
  - Prevents constipation

- Eat plenty of non-starchy vegetables
  - Low in calorie and can add bulk to your meals
  - *Except* potatoes, yams, beans, corn, peas and other starchy vegetables
Foods to Limit and or Avoid

- Fried Foods
- Alcohol
- Full Fat meats
- Full fat dairy products
- Sugar
- Full-fat Salad dressings
- Sugar-free products

- Soda and other carbonated beverages
- Baked Goods
  - Chips, baked chips, sugary cereals, muffins, cakes, cookies, croissants, doughnuts and bagels
- Sugary drinks
  - Fruit juice, soda
- Sugary marinades or sauces
  - Teriyaki sauce, barbeque sauce and marinara sauces
Dining out Tips

✓ Skip the mayo on all sandwiches to save you 100 calories

✓ Skip the cheese on all sandwiches to save you 100-150 calories

✓ Substitute the bun or bread on some sandwiches for vegetables to save you 160-200 calories

✓ Add non-starchy vegetables to all of your meals for bulk. They are low in calorie and will provide you with fiber, vitamins and minerals.
Dining out Tips

✓ Choose a grilled/baked/steamed protein options (sandwiches, plates, bowls, etc)

✓ Always avoid the fried fish and fried chicken sandwiches which add an extra 200 calories and tend to be 5-10 grams lower in protein than the other grilled alternatives.

✓ Avoid the fries! They have no nutritional value to you other than adding 300-600 calories per serving to your meal

✓ Ask for a to go box at the start of your meal. Portion out what you want to eat and put the rest away to enjoy later

✓ Don’t be afraid to ask questions!
Portion Sizing Visual

HELPING HANDS

- Two cupped hands = 1 ounce
- Palm = 3-4 ounces
- One cupped hand = 1/2 cup
- Fist = 1 cup
- Thumbnail = 1 teaspoon
- Thumb = 1-2 tablespoons (salsa, sauce, shredded cheese)
- Two cupped hands = 1 ounce (chips, crackers & pretzels)

Use this “handy” chart to visualize approximately sized portions for meals, snacks and recipes (examples are provided for each corresponding measurement).
Balanced Plate Method

50% FRUITS & VEGETABLES

25% PROTEIN-RICH FOODS

25% WHOLE GRAIN & FIBER-RICH CARBOHYDRATES
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<td>Snack</td>
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<td>1 cup berries</td>
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Healthy Snack Choices (~150 calories)

- 1 Fresh fruit with ¼ cup raw nuts.
- 3 cups air-popped or light microwave popcorn (w/o butter).
- 6 oz low-fat yogurt (100 calories) with ½ cup berries.
- 1 oz low fat or non-fat cheese with 5 small crackers.
- ½ cup cottage cheese with non-starchy vegetables.
- 2 oz beef or turkey jerky with non-starchy vegetables.

“Unlimited” Snack choices

- Non-starchy vegetables (steamed, grilled, raw or make a soup with low sodium broth and non-starchy vegetables)
- Salsa, lemon juice to add flavor
**Emotional vs. Physical Hunger**

**Emotional Eating:**
- Is sudden
- Crave a specific food item
- Urgent
- Mindless eating
- Do not stop when full
- Feeling of guilt, regret or shame
- Not satisfied when full
- Involved with an upsetting emotion

**Physical Hunger:**
- Stop when you are full
- Involves awareness
- There is a physical need
- Choose a variety of foods
- Physical hunger is gradual
Are you an Emotional Eater?

To know if you are an emotional eater, ask yourself:

• Do I eat when I feel sad, bored, anxious or upset?
• Do I eat to feel calm?
• Are you rewarding yourself with food?
• Does food make you feel loved, safe or replace the need of a friend?
• Does food make you feel powerless or controlled?
End the Cycle of Emotional Eating:

- Do not skip meals. Skipping meals will cause your body to starve and overeat at your next mealtime.
- Take a moment to appreciate your food and where it comes from.
- Activate all 5 senses; touch, smell, vision, hearing, and taste.
- Keep a food diary. Record everything you eat including the time, how long you spent, the food item, and portion size.
- Get rid of temptation. Don’t keep foods around your home that are hard to resist.
- Snack healthy. Have healthy snacks around the house including fresh fruit and vegetables.
Emotional Eating Tips

• Focus your attention away from food by involving yourself in activities

• Remember food won’t fix the problem

• Don’t eat with distractions (TV, radio, iPad, book)

• Don’t eat meaninglessly
  – Eat when you are hungry

• Listen to your hunger cues
  – This is an innate ability which tells us when we are physically hungry and full
  – If you are physically hungry you will crave a meal
  – If you are emotionally hungry you will crave sweets or salty snacks
The Hunger Scale
Try to stay between levels 4-6 throughout the day

1: Weak and light-headed. Your stomach acid is churning.
2: Very uncomfortable. You feel irritable and unable to concentrate.
3: Uncomfortably hungry. Your stomach is rumbling.
4: Slightly uncomfortable. Beginning to feel signs of hunger.
5: Comfortable and satisfied.
6: Comfortable and slightly full. You feel satisfied and a little more.
7: Full. A little bit uncomfortable.
8: Uncomfortably full. You feel bloated.
9: Very uncomfortably full. You need to loosen your clothes.
10: Stuffed. You are so full you feel nauseous.
Per serving, look for:

- <400 calories
- <300 mg sodium
- >15 g protein
- >5 g fiber
- Avoid trans fats
- Avoid hydrogenated oils
### Kashi®
#### 7 Whole Grain Flakes

**Nutrition Facts**

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*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

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### Kellogg's®
#### Smart Start® Healthy Heart

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**Exchange:** 3 Carbohydrates

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How many calories are in this package?

Is this a low fat food?

Is this a good source of protein?

Is this a good source of iron?
Thank You!

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