Healthy Eating Guide

Eating well can help you feel your best. Use this guide to see which nutrients and foods may be best for you, according to your health needs.

Great/Good			Limit/Good in moderation	
	Diabetes	High Blood Pressure	Heart Disease	Kidney Disease
Nutritional Information				
Whole Foods			\checkmark	\bigcirc
Carbohydrates*	~	O	\checkmark	\bigcirc
Added Sugar	S	O	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Sodium	~		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Potassium	S		~	 Image: Contract of the second s
Healthy Fat	S		S	 Image: A start of the start of
Fiber	S	>	S	 Image: A start of the start of
Food Information				
Apples	S		S	\bigcirc
Avocado**	S	⊘	S	O
Banana***	S	>	S	 Image: A start of the start of
Beans (black, pinto, etc.)***	S	S	O	O
Broccoli	S		S	 Image: A start of the start of
Cauliflower	S	S	S	O
Cucumber	S	⊘	S	O
Low-Fat Milk**	S	O	S	O
Tomatoes**	S		S	I
Peanut Butter***	S	O		O
Pears	S		S	 Image: A start of the start of
Pineapple	O	S	S	 Image: A start of the start of
Whole Grains (oats, brown rice, whole wheat bread)	>	⊘	⊘	O

*Focus on "quality" carbs (e.g. vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, low-fat dairy), **High in potassium, ***High in potassium and phosphorus Note: Foods that are naturally high in potassium and phosphorus can fit into a healthy diet. Research has shown our body may only absorb a portion of these minerals¹. While beans are higher in potassium and phosphorus, they are a good protein substitute for meat.

Download the free Diabetes- and Kidney-Friendly Eating cookbook from DaVita and the American Diabetes Association at DaVita.com/Cookbooks.

This chart is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a substitute for medical advice. Talk to your dietitian or doctor about what kind of diet may be right for you and your specific health needs.

1. "Reconsidering Plant-Based Diets in Patients Receiving Maintenance Hemodialysis" https://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386(21)00698-3/fulltext



