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Living with
DIABETES

With a little planning and know-how, you can lead
an active and fulfilling life



The lowdown on diabetes

DIABETES IS A SERIOUS CONDITION IN WHICH BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS ARE TOO HIGH.

When the body breaks down food, glucose (sugar) is absorbed into the blood. Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas, allows the glucose to enter body cells, where it is used for energy production.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN TYPES OF DIABETES:

→ **Type 1 diabetes**, in which the pancreas either releases no or too little insulin – it's an autoimmune disease that often begins in childhood, with a sudden onset.

→ **Type 2 diabetes**, in which the pancreas does not release enough insulin or the body becomes resistant to the insulin it makes – it usually develops slowly.

DID YOU KNOW?

In both types of diabetes, because the glucose can't get into the cells, it builds up in the blood. Over a long period of time, high glucose levels in the blood can cause serious damage to the heart, eyes, feet and kidneys. However, with early diagnosis and the right treatment, people with diabetes can live a healthy life. Losing weight, following a healthy diet and being more physically active are all important for the optimal management of diabetes.

Extra weight around your waist means fat can build up around your organs, and this can lead to insulin resistance and/or Type 2 diabetes. Weight loss can significantly improve insulin resistance and lower the risk of Type 2 diabetes, as the insulin is able to work more efficiently in the body. A loss of just 5–10% of your body weight will have significant health benefits and can lower the need for diabetes medication.

Measure your waist circumference: it should be no more than 88cm for women and 102cm for men.

EAT AT LEAST 3 REGULAR MEALS DAILY

USE THIS PLATE GUIDE TO SHAPE YOUR MEAL.



Include low-fat dairy products

1 HAVE PLENTY OF VEGETABLES.

3 CHOOSE WHOLEGRAINS OVER REFINED ONES.

GOOD IDEA

Don't skip meals and remember that eating breakfast may help you manage your hunger and avoid overeating. Also, reduce your serving portions – small and often is better than large servings of food.

2 EAT FOOD RICH IN PROTEIN.

Meats should be trimmed of excess fat.

ADD GOOD FATS to your meals such as avocado, nuts, peanut butter, seeds, olive oil and canola oil.



CAUTION

Drink fruit juice sparingly because it's essentially just an excessive amount of fruit and sugar minus the fibre.

Some practical swaps

INSTEAD OF	HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES
Sweetened granola	Swiss muesli or granola with no added honey or sugar
Canned fruit in syrup	Canned fruit in juice, drained; fresh fruit
Desserts	Grilled nectarines with plain yoghurt; baked apple with sugar-free custard
Sweetened yoghurt	Plain, low-fat yoghurt – add your own fruit or fruit purée
Energy and granola bars	Dried-fruit bars with no added sugar; nut-and-fruit mixes; high-fibre crackers with peanut butter
Rusks	Low-GI rusks
Muffins	Home-made muffins with added banana, raisins or apple purée and less sugar in the recipe

EAT MORE FRUIT AND VEG

Fresh fruit has sugars (fructose and glucose) that are carbohydrates. Because diabetics need to balance their intake of carbohydrates, they should eat fruit for the nutrients and fibre, but in moderation.

FACT Fruit can be fresh, frozen, dried or canned (in juice, not in syrup). Have 1 serving of fruit 3 times a day rather than one large amount in one go.

BE CAREFUL OF HONEY

Honey is often considered a healthier substitute for sugar, but too much honey affects your blood glucose in a similar way as the same amount of sugar.

INCLUDE MORE LEGUMES IN YOUR MEALS

Beans, peas and lentils are very high in fibre and help to stabilise your blood sugar level. They make a great swap for processed and red meat, and help to keep you feeling fuller for longer.

DON'T BOTHER WITH SO-CALLED DIABETIC FOOD

Food labelled “suitable for diabetics” usually has no special benefit. It can also often contain just as much fat and as many kilojoules as similar “non-diabetic” products, and it can still affect your blood-sugar level. These

items can also sometimes have a laxative effect.

EAT FISH AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK

This includes all fish, but particularly fatty fish such as pilchards, sardines, herring, salmon and mackerel, which are high in the heart-protecting omega-3 fatty

acids. Each serving should be around 100g, or about ¾ cup of flaked fish.

DRINK MORE WATER

Plan on drinking eight to 10 glasses of fluid per day. Water is best, but tea, coffee, herbal infusions, sugar-free squash and diet cooldrinks can all contribute.

CHOOSE HEALTHIER FATS

Healthier fats are found in food such as unsalted nuts, seeds, avocados, oily fish, olive oil, canola oil and sunflower oil. Unhealthy saturated fats can increase the amount of cholesterol in your blood, which can lead to heart problems. These fats are mainly found in animal products and more processed food, such as: fatty red meat; processed meat like boerewors, sausages, salami and polony; ghee and butter; brick margarines; and many biscuits, cakes, pies and pastries.

TRY THIS

PnP LIVE WELL CAULIFLOWER & TURNIP VEG NOODLE (250g)



OR THIS

PnP LIVE WELL THAI RED CHICKEN CURRY (350g)



Some practical swaps

AVOID THESE DRINKS

Sweetened cooldrinks
Cordials
Fruit juice
Sports drinks and energy drinks
Flavoured water
Coffee and tea with sugar
Hot chocolate

HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES

Still or sparkling water; artificially sweetened cooldrinks
Still or sparkling water with sliced lemon; artificially sweetened cordial
Still or sparkling water; 125ml fruit juice diluted with water
Still or sparkling water; 125ml fruit juice diluted with water
Flavoured water with no added fructose or sugar (check the ingredients list)
Coffee and tea with artificial sweetener or no sugar
Artificially sweetened hot chocolate powder or cocoa mixed with low-fat milk and sweetener

ASK AN EXPERT

If you have diabetes, make an appointment with a registered dietitian who can review your individual needs and circumstances and help you tailor a nutrition plan that's right for you. You can go to www.adsa.org.za to find a dietitian in your area who is registered with the Association for Dietetics in South Africa (ADSA).

DRINK ALCOHOL SENSIBLY

Alcohol is high in energy (kilojoules), so if you do drink and you're trying to lose weight, cut back. Limit your intake to no more than one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men. Avoid binge drinking and go several days a week without any alcohol.

LIMIT DRINKS WITH ADDED SUGAR

Avoid drinks that have large amounts of added sugar.

TRY THIS

PnP KJ-FREE FLAVOURED SPARKLING DRINKS (WITH NO SUGAR OR SWEETENERS) (500ml)



EAT LESS SALT

Eating lots of salt can increase your risk of high blood pressure, which in turn increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. When you have diabetes, you're already more at risk of all of these conditions.



FACT

If you take insulin or other diabetes medications it's not a good idea to drink on an empty stomach. This is because alcohol can make hypos more likely to happen.



DON'T FORGET TO KEEP MOVING

Being more active goes hand in hand with healthier eating. It can help you manage your diabetes and reduce your risk of heart problems.

Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity a week. This is any activity that raises your heart rate, and makes you breathe faster and feel warmer. You don't have to do all 150 minutes in one go. Break it down into bite-sized chunks of 10 minutes throughout the week or 30 minutes five times a week.

CHOOSE HEALTHIER CARBOHYDRATES

All carbohydrates in food will affect your blood-sugar level.

Some of the healthier sources of carbohydrates are:

- ➔ legumes, such as chickpeas, kidney beans, baked beans in tomato sauce, lentils and soya
 - ➔ whole fruit and vegetables – just avoid fruit juice
- ➔ unsweetened dairy products, such as low-fat milk and plain yoghurt
- ➔ wholegrains, such as bran-rich cereals, oats, brown rice, wholewheat pasta, rye bread and seed loaf

PURPLE QUINOA SALAD

Finely grate 200g cooked beetroot. **Toss** with 1.5 cups (375ml) cooked quinoa, ½ packet (50g) pumpkin seeds and/or sunflower seeds and ¼ punnet (5g) each fresh mint, dill and parsley.

Season and add lemon juice to taste.

Divide quinoa mixture between two bowls and top with 1 or 2 halved avocados, ½ sliced cucumber, a handful of rocket (optional) and a dollop of plain or Yokos dairy-free yoghurt on top. **SERVES 2**



TOP TIP We know quinoa costs a pretty penny, so make it go further by mixing it with other grains. Wholewheat couscous, bulgur wheat, barley or good ol' brown rice are good choices.

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PnP Beetroot (1kg)



PnP Live Well Red & White Quinoa (250g)



PnP Avocados



PnP Live Well Raw Pumpkin Seeds (100g)



PnP Fresh Mint (20g)



PnP Plain, Low Fat Yoghurt (500g)

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