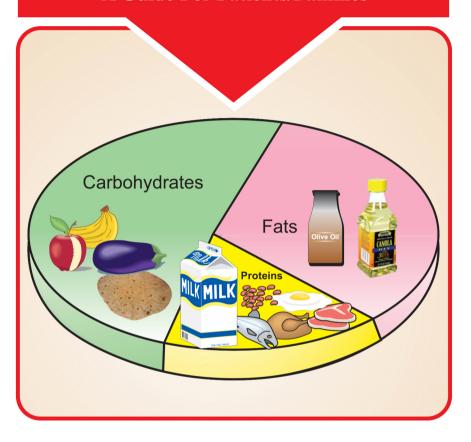
# **Nutritional Tips for Diabetics**

A Guide For Patients/Families



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#### **Nutritional Tips**

Good control of diabetes cannot be obtained with medicine alone. Dietary/nutritional management is essential in its management. Following points should be kept in mind while planning a menu:

- · Eat five six small frequent meals,
- Eat high-fibre foods such as vegetables and fruits, pulses such as dals, beans and chollay, and high-fibre cereals.
- Take fresh vegetable salad with each meal like lettuce, cucumber, carrot etc,
- · Eat less fat and oil minimize your over all oil intake,
- Reduce your intake of sugar and sugary foods.
- Replace beef with fish and chicken or dals and beans.
- · Try to reduce the amount of salt in the diet,
- Use low fat (cream/balai removed) milk and low fat milk products.
- Avoid special diabetic food and slimming foods, e.g. diabetic rasmalai or sweets and chocolate.

#### **Glycemic Index**

Is a measure of blood glucose response to certain foods containing 100 gms of carbohydrate foods containing

- GI of 55 or less = Low GI foods are good for Diabetes
- GI of 56 or 69 = Medium GI
- GI of 70 or more = High GI

#### Example:

 Carrot
 GI = 47
 White bread = 70

 Peas
 GI = 48
 Potato Raw = 57

 Apple
 GI = 38
 Rice = 58



Sample Menu

#### Breakfast

1 chappati/2 slices of brown bread 2 egg white/ boiled 1 egg or 1/2 cup porridge with low fat milk 1 cup tea

#### Mid Morning

1 Fruit prefer with peel or 1 cup salad or 3/4 cup boiled chickpeas 1 cup green tea

#### Main Meal

1 chappati whole wheat/Roti 1 cup vegetables 2 oz. chicken or fish or Dal or lobia 1/2 cup cooked

The above sample menu is for general information only and not for a individualized nutrition advice. For modified individualized dietary consultation/advice, please contact AKUH out patient nutrition care clinics.

Food provided during hospitalization to pateints is disease specific and during stay food from outside hospital is not permitted. Written and verbal instruction related to dietary restrictions is explained by Clinical Nutrition staff, where applicable.

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