

Healthy Diet Patterns vs Nutrient Recommendations

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+ Outline

- Discuss the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans changes and recommendations
- Discuss healthy eating patterns
- Define and discuss nutritionism
- Determine how to help improve diets of students
- Compare our plates to MyPlate

Dietary Guidelines for Americans

- Previous editions of the *Dietary Guidelines* relied on the evidence of relationships between individual nutrients, foods, and food groups and health outcomes.
- Although this evidence base continues to be substantial, foods are not consumed in isolation, but rather in various combinations over time—an "eating pattern."



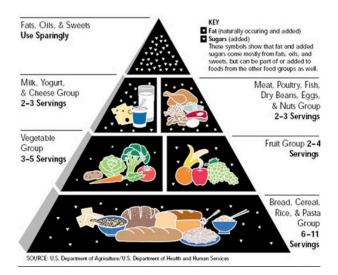




The Science Behind Healthy Eating Patterns

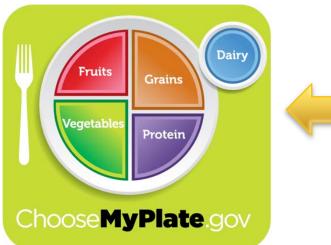
- The components of healthy eating patterns recommended in this edition of the *Dietary Guidelines* were developed by
 - integrating findings from systematic reviews of scientific research
 - food pattern modeling
 - analyses of current intake of the U.S. population
- Together, these complementary approaches provide a robust evidence base for healthy eating patterns that
 - reduce risk of diet-related chronic disease
 - ensure nutrient adequacy













Think—Pair--Share

■ Why do you think the dietary guidelines transitioned from specific nutrient recommendations to an overarching recommendation of developing a healthy eating pattern?



Key Elements of Healthy Eating Patterns

- Eating pattern is defined as the foods and beverages consumed over the course of any day, week or year.
- An eating pattern
 - Is more than the sum of its parts
 - may be more predictive of overall health status and disease risk than individual foods or nutrients
 - Are adaptable to a persons taste preferences, traditions, and food budget.
- Nutritional needs should be met primarily from foods.
- The goal of the current *Dietary Guidelines* is for individuals throughout all stages of the lifespan to have eating patterns that promote overall health and help prevent chronic disease.

Foods Eaten in a Day











Foods Eaten Most Days





Associations Between Eating Patterns and Health

- Evidence demonstrates that healthy eating patterns are associated with reduced risk of:
 - cardiovascular diseases
 - type 2 diabetes
 - certain types of cancers overweight, and obesity
 - neurocognitive disorders and congenital anomalies



In Defense of Food—Michael Pollen (2008)

- Nutritionism
 - Looking at food from the perspective of the nutrients found within the food instead of foods as a whole.
 - 4 tenants of nutritionism
 - The nutrients are the important part of food
 - Foods are essentially the sum of their nutrient parts
 - Food is a delivery system for nutrients
 - If what matters in food is invisible then you need experts to tell you how to eat
 - Foods are divided into "good" and "bad" nutrients
 - The whole point of eating is health



It's all about the nutrients















Dietary Guidelines <u>2005</u>—Key Recommendations for Specific Population Groups

- People over age 50
 - Consume vitamin B12 in its crystalline form
- Women of childbearing age who may become pregnant
 - Eat foods high in heme-iron and/or non-heme iron. Eat with vitamin C rich foods
 - Consume adequate folic acid daily in foods and/or supplements.
- Older adults, people with dark skin, and people exposed to insufficient UV light
 - Consume extra vitamin D from vitamin D fortified foods and/or supplements.

Table 1-1.

Healthy U.S.-Style Eating Pattern at the 2,000-Calorie Level, With Daily or Weekly Amounts From Food Groups, Subgroups, and Components

Food Group ^a	Amount ^b in the 2,000-Calorie-Level Pattern
Vegetables	2½ c-eq/day
Dark green	1½ c-eq/wk
Red and orange	5½ c-eq/wk
Legumes (beans and peas)	1½ c-eq/wk
Starchy	5 c-eq/wk
Other	4 c-eq/wk
Fruits	2 c-eq/day
Grains	6 oz-eq/day
Whole grains	≥ 3 oz-eq/day
Refined grains	≤ 3 oz-eq/day
Dairy	3 c-eq/day
Protein Foods	5½ oz-eq/day
Seafood	8 oz-eq/wk
Meats, poultry, eggs	26 oz-eq/wk
Nuts, seeds, soy products	5 oz-eq/wk
Oils	27 g/day
Limit on Calories for Other Uses (% of calories) ^c	270 kcal/day (14%)

Cup and Ounce Equivalents



½ cup portion of green beans = ½ cup equivalent vegetables



1 cup portion of spinach = ½ cup equivalent vegetables



½ cup portion of strawberries = ½ cup equivalent fruit



34 cup portion of 100% orange juice = 34 cup equivalent fruit



% cup portion of raisins = % cup equivalent fruit



1 large egg = 1 ounce equivalent protein foods



2 tablespoon of peanut butter = 2 ounce equivalents protein foods



1 ounce portion of almonds = 2 ounce equivalents protein foods







2015 Dietary Guideline for Americans

- 1. Follow a healthy eating pattern across the lifespan
- 2. Focus on variety, nutrient density, and amount.
- 3. Limit calories from added sugars and saturated fats and reduce sodium intake.
- 4. Shift to healthier food and beverage choices.
- 5. Support healthy eating patterns for all.





What is considered a healthy eating pattern?

- Increased intakes of:
 - Fruit and vegetables**
 - Whole grains
 - Fat free or low fat dairy
 - Seafood
 - Legumes, nuts, and seeds
 - Oils
- Lowers intakes of:
 - Meats (including processed meat)
 - Sugar sweetened foods and beverages
 - Refined grains
 - Trans tats and saturated fats
 - Sodium



DGA 2015: Fruit and Vegetables

- Recommendation
 - 2 ½ cups vegetables/day
 - 2 cups fruits/day



- What has changed since 2010?
 - Vegetables: Eat a variety of vegetables from all subgroups including dark green, red, and orange, legumes, starchy, and other.
 - Fruit: Focus on whole fruit.

DGA 2015: Grains

- Recommendation:
 - At least half of grain intake should be whole grains.
- What has changed since 2010?
 - Same recommendation as above
 - Defined whole grain: 16 grams whole grain = 1 whole grain ounce-equivalent
 - Acknowledgement that whole grains very in fiber content



+ DGA 2015: Dairy

- Recommendation
 - 3 cups/day for ages 9+
 - Choose fat free or low fat dairy
- What has changed since 2010?
 - Choose fat-free and low-fat diary options with little to no added sugars
 - Choose milk and yogurt instead of cheese to reduce saturated fat and sodium





- Recommendation
 - 5 ½ ounce-equivalents/day from a variety of plant and animal sources

- What has changed since 2010?
 - Recommend lower intake of processed meats/poultry



DGA 2015: Foods to Limit



- Consume less than 10% of calories/day from saturated fats.
- Keep trans fat intake as low as possible

Cholesterol

 No longer recommend limiting cholesterol to 300mg/day.

Important points

- Coconut oils is considered a solid fat and therefore should be limited
- Natural sources of trans fats do not need to be eliminated
- Should incorporate oils such as olive, canola, etc.





DGA 2015: Foods to Limit

- Less than 10% of calories per day from added sugar.
- Less than 2,300 mg/day of sodium for ages 14+





Suggestions for Following a Healthy Eating Pattern

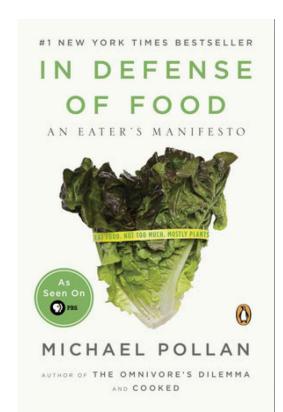
- Choose a variety of foods from each food group
- Eat a balanced diet
- Consume fun foods in moderation





Overall Message

- Eat food. Not to much. Mostly plants
 - Michael Pollen—In Defense of Food



Think—Pair—Share

- What types of eating patterns do you see among your students?
- What are ways you can encourage students to follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations related to eating patterns?

+ Activity

Complete the MyPlate worksheet by splitting your plate into 4 sections. The sizes of the sections on your plate should reflect what you ate more of and less of yesterday. Write the names of the foods you ate within each section.



Think—Pair—Share

- Does your dietary intake yesterday reflect a usual intake for you? Why or why not?
- How does your dietary intake yesterday compare to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations?
- What could you do to improve your eating pattern?