



### **Nutrition For Teens**

"The better the diet, the better the athlete"



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## Food is Fuel

- Most sedentary adults 2,000-3,000 calories
- Active teen girls need 2,200-3,500 calories
- Active teen boys 3,000 5,000 calories





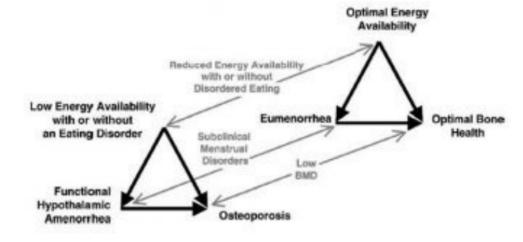
- Not just being more active, they are growing!
  - Need snacks throughout the day to boost calories
    - **Backpack friendly snacks** 
      - Trail mix
      - PB and crackers
      - Granola bars



#### **Female Athlete Triad**

## Consuming too few calories to support exercise

Body goes into survival mode to preserve energy



- · Hormone imbalance
  - Irregular menstruation
  - Increased bone turnover (stress fractures)
  - Muscoluskeletal injuries



### **Signs and Symptoms**

- Menstrual dysfunction
   3 months without menstruating
- Stress fracture
- Low index of energy availability
  - energy left for the body after exercise

Need to know BF% kcals eaten per day

Poor body image

<45 kcals/kg free fat mass body weight per day is at risk

82% female runners at USU were <45 kcals per kg

**Need prevention early** 







## Prevention

## High school is the time to educate female athletes

If females are participating in sports, their energy needs will be higher

first indicator is loss of menstruation

Loss of period is not normal

Need to go to parents/coaches/doctor

Increase intake until menstruation returns

Menstruation can return in as little as five days when intake is increased



# Recommendations for teens

Whole grains

Low-fat dairy (bones)

Protein (diet)

Fruits/Vegetables

Eat breakfast



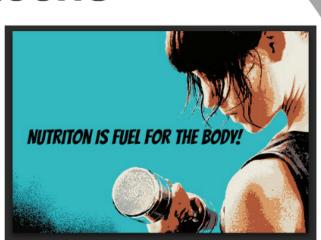
Avoid fast food/fried foods for school lunch

Avoid empty carbohydrates/sugary drinks

Avoid energy drinks

 Have to be in a state of energy balance for next few steps to work





### Pre-exercise

"Energy phase" - prepping the body, like fueling a car

#### 2-3 hrs before practice - light snack is helpful

- 1/2 turkey sandwich, apple with pb, handfull almonds, high protein energy bar
- 1-2 glasses of water



#### <1 hr before practice - few bites provide added energy

- 2-3 crackers, string cheese
- 5-10 ounces of water
  - 1 oz = mouthful





Wouldn't want to set out on a trip with the gas tank empty on your car - same for prepping the body for exercise





### During Exercise

"Maintenance"

## Provide energy to sustain long, strenuous physical activity

- Energy beans, gu marathons, cycling
- · Not recommended for teens





#### **Fluids**

- Water should be consumed in small amounts every 15-20 minutes
- If exercise exceeds 1 hour, sports drink





### Post-Exercise

#### "Refuel"

#### <30 minutes after practice - refuel and replenish

#### Optimal time -

- · muscles are in a starved state
- · increased blood flow to muscles
- muscle is more sensitive to insulin
  - improved ability to digest glucose

## Allows muscles to rebuild - enhanced muscle recovery



Combination of carbohydrate and protein works better than carbohydrate alone

50 grams of carbohydrate with 10-15 grams of protein =



- · small chocolate milk
- apple juice and PB&J sandwich
- 2 cups cornflakes 1 cup milk
- Small yogurt





### **Post-Exercise Hydration**

#### Measure weight before and after exercise

· For every pound lost, drink 16 oz fluid



- if exercise > 1 hour, sports drink to replace electrolytes
  - To replace the sports drink, drink fruit juice, chocolate milk, and consume fruits and vegetables



Light yellow urine is good indicator of adequate hydration



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### **Sports Drinks**

Why do you think that gatorade should only be used after 1 hour of intense exercise?

- · Kids will drink one with lunch, one after school, and one with dinner
- · Not being used for their original purpose
  - replacing lost carbohydrate and electrolytes

I ran for USU - 1:1 gatorade with water (meet in Arizona)





### Gatorade 9 tsp sugar!



Same amount as a can of coke



Better off drinking water

## Supplements

#### Do teens need them?

30-40% young athletes take at least 1 dietary supplement

Touted to build strength and increase speed - Bigger, Faster, Stronger

#### For teens - useless at best, harmful at worst

- Products are not tested on teens, or regulated
- Adverse side affects dehydration, kidney problems, cramps
- · Affect hormone balance stunted growth
- · Can achieve all that they need through diet









## Creatine

"One of most popular supplements"







#### Helps to create ATP in the body for muscle contractions

 Improve strength and performance - intermittent, high intensity activities

Weight lifting, wrestling baseball

- Positive short term when using a carefully designed training program
  - No studies for long term effects
    - · Not tested in teens





### **Side Effects**

- weight gain
- muscle cramps
- kidney problems





- increased risk of heat illness / dehydration
- high blood pressure / heart problems
- dangerous interactions with other drugs
  - Huntington's disease



Creatine is found in protein-rich foods - Meat/fish





## Caffeine

"#1 abused drug in the world"

Energy to get through the day, Or the next workout

I will have an edge!

Some think it is needed, can't perform without

It's cool



# Caffeine

Absorbed in stomach, peaks 1-2 hours after ingestion

Caffeine (3-9 mg/kg body weight) one hour before exercise improves endurance running and cycling performance

Trained, elite athletes

54 kg x 4 mg = 216 mg

• 85-95 mg in one cup coffee



#### **Mechanism behind endurance improvements is unclear**

Caffeine improves performance in short term exercise up to 5 minutes at 90% - 100% effort

- enhances muscles ability to work without oxygen
- · Does not aide sprint performance



## Side Effects

#### Caffeine is a diuretic

High dose = poor hydration status



#### Caffeine is a stimulant

- harmful effects on the developing nervous system and cardiovascular system
- Stimulates release of adrenaline, when this wears off fatigue, irritability, headache
  - Disrupts sleep pattern



## **Energy Drinks**

#### Popular among high school teens

#### Very high levels of caffeine, as well as other stimulants

- **Guarana** South American plant that contains a caffeine compound called guaranine. One gram of guarana is equal to 40 mg of caffeine.
- Ginseng root has also been linked to increased risk of insomnia, headache and hypertension.
- B-vitamins some energy drinks have high levels, can be toxic
  - Example: B6 toxicity nerve damage
- Sugars Users who consume two or three energy drinks could be taking in 90 to 120 grams of sugar, which is 4 to 6 times the maximum recommended daily intake
- Caffeine
- Mayo Clinic advises: Adolescents should limit themselves to no more than 100 mg of caffeine a day.
  - **Soda is regulated at < 65 grams of caffeine**

Energy Drinks aren't regulated, "supplement"

20 oz red bull - 189 mg 24 oz wired X505 - 505 mg
24 oz Rockstar "punched" contains 360 mg



# What is really in Energy Drinks?







### **Protein supplements**

Not necessary if consuming healthy diet

Advised that teens should:

Shun supplements and consume real foods

Muscles can get all the protein they need from foods

Quality Protein: Lean meat, chicken, turkey, fish, eggs, low-fat milk, cheese and yogurt









Include some protein in every meal to help muscles recover.



### **Example of diet meeting** protein needs:

- 1.7 grams protein/ kg body weight for strength training
  - high end of protein needs

54 kg x 1.7 grams protein = 91.8 grams

**USDA** nutrient list 1 1/2 cups wheat chex = 9 grams



1 cup spaghettios = 11 grams



4 oz tenderloin steak = 38 g













93 grams



# When would protein supplements be warranted?

#### **Gaining Weight**

6'3 Teenage boy weighing 140 lbs, trying to gain weight

- Eats all day long trying to get 6,000 calories
- · Can't physically eat enough food
  - Can pack in protein and calories without eating a meal

#### **Time Restraint**

Rushing from activity to activity

- Convenient
- Better than not eating





## Wrap it Up

#### Athletes have increased energy needs

Growing, and being active

Females need to make sure they are eating enough to maintain menstruation

If missed period for >3 months seek help

If maintaining a healthy diet, pre- and post-exercise nutrition is beneficial for performance and recovery

Teen athletes get everything they need from a healthy diet

- Don't need supplements
- Avoid energy drinks
- Don't need sports drinks unless exercise > 1 hour



