## Diabetes and Nutrition Eating Right to Manage Blood Glucose Levels

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## Two Primary Kinds of Diabetes

- Type 1
- Type 2

## Type 1 – IDDM Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

- Accounts for 5-10% of diagnosed cases
- Dietary control has a little more focus on a concern with sudden drop in BGL (hypoglycemia) in Type 1

## Recreational-Education Resource for Children with Type 1

- Alabama's summer camp for children with Type 1 Diabetes
  - Camp Seale Harris
    - Located at Camp ASCCA
    - During month of June

## Southeastern Diabetes Education Services

· www.southeasterdiabetes.org



## Type 2 – NIDDM Non Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

- · Accounts for 90-95% of cases
- · Strong lifestyle component
  - Obesity, inactivity, high fat/calorie diet but genetics can play a part
- Increasing in over weight & obese children/adolescents

#### **Diabetes Statistics**

- 1 in 10 Alabamians have Diabetes
- 41% Americans 40-74 years old have Pre-Diabetes
- Childhood obesity has increased 10 times in last 20 years
- Estimates now suggest of children born since 2000, 1 in 3 will develop Diabetes

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## **How Is Diabetes Managed**

- Diet
- · Physical activity
- · Medications as prescribed

## Nutrition & Activity Goals Are The Same For Most, Regardless Of Diabetes

- · Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Get enough calcium from dairy or other sources to help maintain bones
- Limit the amount of fats and simple sugars eaten

## Nutrition & Activity Goals Are The Same For Most, Regardless Of Diabetes

- Try to get 30-60 minutes of some kind of physical activity each day
- Diabetes adds the focus of achieving optimal blood glucose levels while preventing excessive hypoglycemia

## **Diet Management Tools**

- · Exchange system
- · Carbohydrate counting
- MyPyramid

## **Exchange System**

- System that has been used to help diabetics plan balanced meals since 1940's
- Food is divided into six categories based on amount of carbohydrates, protein and fat
- Average serving sizes are based on calories and nutrient composition

## **Exchange System**

- System has been used with weight loss programs like Weight Watchers, 'Deal-A-Meal'
- Information can be found under 'Home Health Guidelines'

## **EXCHANGE SYSTEM**

Food Exchange Group	Grams of CHO	Calories
Starch	15	80
Fruit	15	60
Milk (skim/lowfat)	12	90-100
Meat (medium fat)		75
Vegetables	5	25
Fat		45

## **Carbohydrate Counting**

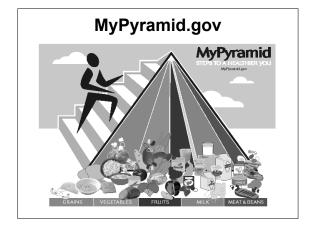
- A newer method used by diabetics to manage food intake
- Emphasis is more on amount of carbohydrates than calories
- Formula to calculate amount of insulin needed to cover grams of carbohydrates

## **Carbohydrate Counting**

	Examples	
Meat	3 oz. baked chicken	
Starch	1/3 cup Rice	15 gm CHO
Starch	1/2 cup Lima Beans	15 gm CHO
Vegetable	1 sliced tomato	5 gm CHO
Starch	1 dinner roll	15 gm CHO
Milk	3/4 cup plain yogurt	12 gm CHO
Fruit	1/2 cup sliced strawberries	15 gm CHO
Fat	1 tsp butter/margarine	77 gm CHO

## If Recommendation Is

- 1 unit insulin/15 gm CHO
  -77 ÷ 15 = 5.1 units insulin
- For 1 unit insulin/10 gm CHO
   -7 ÷ 10 = 7.7 units insulin



## Are All Carbohydrates The Same?

Yes and No

## All Carbohydrates Are Broken Down To Glucose

- Glucose is the main 'sugar' found in our blood
- The health & proper working of every cell in body depends to an extent on BGL
- Cells in our brain & nervous system depend almost entirely on glucose

#### However

- With some foods the carbohydrates are broken down & released more quickly into the blood stream
- Generally the more processed the food & the higher in sugar, the more rapid the rise in BGL
- Foods with higher amounts of fiber generally cause a more gradual increase in BGL

## What Is The Glycemic Response

- Certain foods increase BGL & insulin concentrations higher compared to a reference food
  - -Usually glucose or white bread
- Seems to vary from person to person, even by time of day in same person

## What Is The **Glycemic Response**

- · Scale used to measure Glycemic Response
  - Is called the Glycemic Index (GI)



# **Glycemic Ranking** Glycemic response in healthy adults Low glucose response (low GI)

Plasma glucose response (mmol/L) from a high vs. low GI food. The change in blood glucose concentration over time is expressed and calculated as the area under the curve (AUC) - Wolever et.al., 1991

Low = 0-55 Medium = 56-69 High = 70 or more

To Help Maintain BGL, **What Should People** With Diabetes Be **Encouraged To Eat?** 

### **Grains**

# One Way To Increase Intake of Low GI Foods

- · Eat high fiber breakfast cereals
  - -Bran, barley, oats
- · Add berries, nuts, flaxseed or cinnamon to high GI fiber diets

## **Grains Are Divided Into Two Subgroups**

- · Whole grains
  - Want to encourage intake
- · Refined grains
  - Want to limit intake

#### Whole Grains

- · Have the entire grain kernel
  - -Bran, germ, endosperm
- Examples
  - -Bulgur (cracked wheat)
  - -Oatmeal
  - -Whole cornmeal
  - -Brown rice
  - -Whole-wheat flour

#### **Refined Grains**

- Refined grains have a finer texture and they last longer
  - Milling removes dietary fiber, iron, and many B vitamins
  - The B vitamins (thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, folic acid) and iron are added back to refined grains but fiber is usually not

#### **Refined Grains**

- Refined grains have added folic acid, more than 2X amount in whole grains
- Examples
  - Degermed cornmeal
  - -White bread
  - -White rice
  - -White flour

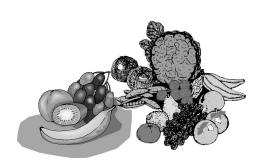
## Why Include Fiber?

- · Helps with weight loss
  - -You feel full so you stop eating
- Helps to maintain blood sugar level (Glycemic Response)
- · Helps maintain muscle tone of the gut

## Why Include Fiber?

- · Helps lower blood cholesterol levels
- Caution
  - When fiber is increased, fluids
     MUST be increased
  - If not, severe constipation or impaction can occur

## Fruits & Vegetables



# Another Way To Increase Intake of Low GI Foods

- Eat 5-9 servings of fruits and vegetables
- Nothing! (Mom was right all along!)

## Aim For More 'Whole' Fruits & Veggies

- · Closer to picked state, the more fiber
- · Will usually cause slower rise in BGL
  - -Can vary by individual
- Helps to create feeling of 'fullness' to limit caloric intake

# Aim For More 'Whole' Fruits & Veggies

- Food groups with lowest calories per serving
- Majority of vitamins and minerals needed are obtained for fruits & vegetables

## Frozen & Canned Also Good Choices

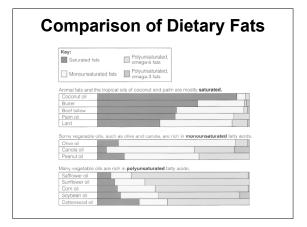
- May have vitamins & minerals preserved better than fresh
- Can be more economical when certain produce is out of season
- · Easier to chew
- Watch for how much sugar or salt is used in preserving

## **Effects of Certain Fats on BGL**



## Types of Fats Affecting BGL

- Saturated
- Monounsaturated
- Polyunsaturated
- · Omega 3 fatty acid
- · Omega 6 fatty acid
- Trans fatty acid



### Influence of Fat on BGL

- Insulin sensitivity
  - Saturated fatty acids (SFA)
     decrease insulin sensitivity
  - Monounsaturated fatty acids
     (MUFA) and Omega-6
     polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA)
     appear to improve insulin
     sensitivity

### Influence of Fat on BGL

- Insulin sensitivity
  - Long chain of Omega-3 fatty acids don't seem to have an effect on insulin sensitivity

## More Ways Types of Fat Affect Health

- Inflammation
  - Pro-inflammatory
    - Foods high in SFA, Omega-6 fatty acids and trans-fatty acids
  - Anti-inflammatory
    - Foods high in Omega-3 fatty acids

#### **Fat Affects Health**

- Lipid profile
  - -LDL
    - Increase with SFA and trans fats
  - -HDL
    - Decrease with too many PUFA and trans fats

### **Fat Affects Health**

- Adiposity
  - Trans fats may trigger redistribution of fat to abdominal area
  - Too much total fat gives excess calories

## How Much & What Kind of Fats Should Be Eaten

- Include more monounsaturated fats
  - -Olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil, etc.
- Reduce saturated fat
  - -Butter, lard, shortening

## How Much & What Kind of Fats Should Be Eaten

- Limit trans fats to less than 1% of total calories (1g/1000 calories)
- To provide Omega 3 fatty acids
  - Eat flaxseeds, walnuts, soybeans
  - Include 1-2 servings of fatty fish per week

## Questions????

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