# **The DASH Diet - La Dieta de DASH**

Food Group	Daily Serving	Examples and Serving Sizes
Grains: Preferably whole grains, for energy and fiber	6	1 slice of wheat bread, 1/2 cup cooked rice or cereal
Vegetables: For vitamins and minerals like potassium, magnesium and fiber	3-4	1 cup raw or 1/2 cup cooked vegetable, 1/3 cup starchy vegetable
Fruits: For vitamins and minerals like potassium, magnesium and fiber	4	1 medium whole fruit, 1/2 cup frozen or canned fruit
Fat-free or low- fat milk and dairy products: For calcium and protein	2-3	1 cup low-fat milk, 6 ounces of light yogurt or 1.5 ounces of cheese
Lean meats, poultry and fish: For protein and magnesium	3-6	1 ounce cooked meats, poultry or fish, or 1 egg
Nuts, seeds and legumes: Provide energy, magnesium, protein and fiber	3 per week	1/2 cup cooked beans, 1/3 cup of nuts, 2 Tbs peanut butter or seeds
Fats and oils: Choose canola oil, olive oil, or soft mararine	2	1 tsp margarine, 1 tsp vegetable oil, 2 Tbs salad dressing
Sweets and added sugars: Sweets should be low in fat	Less than 2 per week	1 Tbs sugar, 1 Tbs jelly, 1/2 cup Jello, 1 cup lemonade

Adapted from: http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/hbp/dash/new\_dash.pdf

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The eating plan known as Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) is used to lower or control high blood pressure. The DASH diet contains foods that are lower in sodium. A key goal is to include foods that are rich in nutrients that are also associated with lowering blood pressure — potassium, magnesium and calcium.

## Sample Menu

#### **Breakfast**

1/2 cup dry oatmeal, cooked with 1cup water, topped with cinnamon

- 1 slice whole-wheat toast
- 1 teaspoon trans-fat free margarine
- 1 banana
- 1 cup fat-free milk



#### Lunch

Tuna salad made with:

- 1/2 cup drained, unsalted water-packed tuna, 3 ounces
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 15 sliced grapes
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- Served on top of 2 cups romaine lettuce

8 whole grain crackers

1 cup fat-free milk



#### Dinner

3 ounces herb-crusted baked cod 1/2 cup brown rice 1/2 cup fresh green beans, steamed 2 inch portion of Italian bread 2 teaspoon trans-fat free margarine 1 cup fresh berries with chopped mint



### **Snack (anytime)**

1 cup fat-free, low calorie yogurt4 vanilla wafer cookies15 carrots with 2 tablespoons of hummus



1700 calories, 260 grams carbohydrate, 85 grams protein, 28 grams fat Adapted from: http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-living/nutrition-and-healthy-eating/indepth/dash-diet/art-20047110