

HEART-HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES

	CHOOSE THESE	INSTEAD OF THESE
BEANS, NUTS, SEEDS	 Dried beans, peas and lentils: garbanzo, soy, pinto, kidney, black, lima, split, black-eyed, etc. Tofu, tempeh, soy nuts, soy butter Low fat meatless patty (less than 6 grams of fat) Natural style nut butters Unsalted walnuts, almonds, peanuts, pecans Unsalted sunflower seeds 	 Peanut butter with hydrogenated oil Boiled peanuts
MEAT/ PROTEIN	 Fish: grilled or baked Canned fish: water-packed tuna, salmon, trout, sardines Seafood: broiled, grilled, boiled Egg whites, cholesterol free egg substitutes Chicken, turkey, Cornish hens: skinless LIMIT TO 3 SERVINGS/ WEEK: Beef/ Pork: round, flank steak, sirloin, tenderloin, ground round Wild Game: venison Low fat lunch meat (3 grams of fat or less per ounce) Low fat cheese and cottage cheese (3 grams of fat or less per ounce) Frozen dinners (no more than 600 mg sodium and 10 grams of fat or less) 	 Fish: deep fried Creamed herring Seafood: deep fried Egg yolks (limit 3 per week) Organ meats Beef/ Pork: spareribs, blade, center loin steak, whole ham, shoulder, prime rib, ribeye, brisket, 80/20 and 70/30 ground meat Processed meats: pepperoni, salami, hot dogs, sausage, bacon, liver sausage (high sodium) Full fat cheese
DAIRY PRODUCTS	 Skim (fat free) or 1% low fat milk Low fat soy, oat or almond milk Fat free or low fat yogurt Evaporated skim milk 	 Whole or 2% milk Chocolate drinks Whole milk yogurt Evaporated whole milk
FATS AND OILS	 Oils: extra virgin olive, canola, sesame, soybean, safflower, corn, peanut Tub style margarine made with liquid oil, with no hydrogenated fat/ trans fat Olives, avocados Reduced fat margarine, salad dressings, mayonnaise, cream cheese, sour cream Unlimited: cooking sprays 	 Other vegetable oils, lard, butter, palm kernel oil, cocoa butter, coconut oil, bacon fat, salt pork Stick margarine Regular margarine, salad dressings, mayonnaise, cream cheese, sour cream Shortening / Crisco

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FRUITS	Fresh or frozenCanned fruit in its own juice	Fruit juice, dried fruitCanned fruit in syrup
VEGETABLES	Fresh or frozenCanned vegetables or juices with no added salt	 Any vegetables with butter, cream or seasoned sauces Canned vegetables or high sodium vegetable juice
SOUPS	Broth or tomato based soup	 Soup made with whole milk, 2% milk, cream or butter Soup with greater than 300 mg sodium per serving
SWEETS/ DESSERTS	 Dark chocolate Pumpkin pie Angel food cake Whipped cream/ Reddi-Wip/ Cool Whip Fresh fruit Frozen yogurt bar, fruit popsicle Portion-controlled, low-fat ice cream Low sugar or low fat pudding (fat free does not mean calorie free) Sugar free Jello 	 Candy bars, milk chocolate Fruit or cream pies Cake Cookies Ice cream bars, sandwiches Ice cream Pudding
BREAD, CEREAL AND GRAINS	 Whole wheat or whole grain foods for more fiber. Bread: pita, bagel, English muffin, buns, dinner rolls Rice cake, low fat crackers (saltines) Corn or flour tortilla Unsalted pretzels, popcorn and baked chips Brown or wild rice Hot cereals and whole grain cold cereals Whole grain, high protein, high fiber pastas 	 Croissants, pastries, doughnuts, coffee cake, commercial muffins, pancakes, waffles, biscuits Higher fat snack crackers (butter, cheese or peanut butter) Fried tortillas Potato chips, corn chips White rice Ramen type noodles, egg noodles, pasta made with enriched white flour Pasta, grain, and potato dishes made with cream, butter or cheese