

# HOW TO EAT?

## GUIDE TO HEALTHY EATING

### MY HEALTHY PLATE

Use My Healthy Plate to achieve a balanced diet. Our body needs proper and sufficient nutrition from various sources to build up our immunity and prevent risks of chronic diseases such as heart disease.

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#### FILL A QUARTER OF YOUR PLATE WITH WHOLEGRAINS

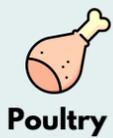
Replace refined grains (eg. white rice, noodles, white bread) with whole grains (eg. brown rice, wholemeal bread, rolled oats).

Benefits of Wholegrains



#### FILL A QUARTER OF YOUR PLATE WITH MEAT AND OTHERS

Source of protein can be gathered from meat and other products including



Poultry



Seafood



Eggs



Nuts



Beans



Dairy Products

Cook meat in a variety of ways: stir-fry, roast, steam, in soup, grill.

#### FILL HALF YOUR PLATE WITH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Fruit and vegetables are low in fat and high in dietary fibre, vitamins and minerals. Eat a combination of various colours as they provide you with different nutrition!

Cook vegetables in a variety of ways: stir-fry, roast, steam, in soup, sauté.

Planning your meals with My Healthy Plate:  
<https://bit.ly/healthhub-myhealthyplate>

Recommended dietary guidelines:  
<https://bit.ly/healthhub-healthyfood>

### CHOOSE HEALTHIER OIL

Choose healthier unsaturated fats and oils (eg. such as canola oil, soybean oil or olive oil) and consume in moderation!

### CHOOSE WATER

Water quenches thirst better than sweetened drinks. Besides, too much sweetened drinks can lead to weight gain.

### PRACTICE MINDFUL EATING

"Paying attention to why, when, what and how much we eat"  
Being mindful of what you eat helps you to rethink your food choices.

#### BEFORE you eat

- ✓ Eat when you feel physically hungry (eg. low in energy, growling stomach)
- ✗ Avoid reaching for food when you are not hungry. Figure out why - Are you bored or upset? Is that a need or want?

#### WHEN you eat

- ✓ Savour the food (eg. Chew slowly, taste the fragrance & feel the crunch)
- ✗ Feeling full? Put down your cutlery and stop eating. Your brain takes 20 minutes to send out signals that you are full!
- 💡 If you are right-handed, switch to using cutlery with your left hand!

#### AFTER you eat

- ✓ Feeling bloated after a plate of chicken rice? Reflect & observe how you feel after eating
- ✓ Opt for fruits instead of sweetened desserts