Joslin Diabetes Center

These sample menus can help you get started with meal planning. For more individualized menus or other suggestions, please see a dietitian.

Breakfast Menus

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
 1 cup cooked oatmeal ½ Tbs. nut butter, few sliced nuts 1 tsp brown sugar (can use sugar substitute such as splenda, equal or truvia) 	1 cup Greek yogurt 1 Tbs. low fat granola	 ½ cup brown rice in soup, mix grain congee or oatmeal 1 egg white, 3 oz. tofu 1 tsp sesame powder 	2 slices whole wheat toast1 pan fried egg1 slice low fat cheese1 slice tomato
¹ / ₂ whole grain English muffin 1 Tbs. peanut butter 1 small fruit	 ½ cup whole grain cereals 4 oz. skim milk 1 small apple with 1 Tbs. peanut butter 	1 cup of noodle or macaroni in soup 2 oz. chicken strips 1/4 cup edamame and carrots	1 medium meat/veggie bun 1 cup unsweetened calcium-fortified soy milk

For 30 grams Carbohydrate (2 Carb Choices) a meal

For 45 grams Carbohydrate (3 Carb Choices) a meal

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
1 cup cooked oatmeal ¹ / ₂ Tbs. nut butter, few sliced nuts 1 tsp. brown sugar (can use sugar substitute such as splenda, equal or truvia) 1 cup fruit salad	1 cup flavored Greek yogurt ¹ / ₃ cup low-fat granola	1 cup brown rice in soup, mix grain congee or 1½ cups oatmeal 1 egg white, 3 oz. tofu 1 tsp. sesame powder	2 slices whole wheat toast 1 pan fried egg 1 slice low fat cheese 1 slice tomato 1 cup 1% milk
 whole grain English muffin Tbs. peanut butter small fruit 	 cup whole grain cereal oz. skim milk small apple with Tbs. peanut butter 	 1 ½ cups of noodle or macaroni in soup 2 oz. chicken strips ¼ cup edamame and carrots 	 medium meat/veggie bun cup unsweetened, calcium-fortified soy milk small tangerines

For 60 grams	Carbohydrate (4 Carb Choices) a meal
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Western Option		Chinese American Option	
1 ¹ / ₂ cups cooked oatmeal ¹ / ₂ Tbs. nut butter, few sliced nuts 1 tsp. brown sugar (can use sugar substitute such as splenda, equal or truvia)	1 cup flavored Greek yogurt ¹ / ₃ cup low fat granola 1 cup berries	 1 cup brown rice in soup, mix grain congee or 1½ cups oatmeal 1 egg white, 3 oz tofu 1 tsp. sesame powder 1 small orange 	2 slices whole wheat toast 1 pan fried egg 1 slice low fat cheese 1 slice tomato 1 cup 1% milk A small pear
 whole grain English muffin Tbs. peanut butter medium fruit 	 1 cup whole grain cereal 8 oz. skim milk 1 med apple with 1 Tbs. peanut butter 	2 cups of noodle or macaroni in soup 2 oz. chicken strips ¹ / ₂ cup edamame and carrots	2 medium meat/veggie bun 1 cup unsweetened, calcium fortified soy milk

Lunch Menus

For 45 grams Carbohydrate (3 Carb Choices) a meal

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
Tuna Sandwich: 2 slices whole grain bread 2 oz. light tuna mix with 1 Tbs. light mayo, chopped celery/carrots 1 slice lettuce/tomato 1 small fruit or 1 cup of soup	Salad: 3 cups mixed greens & tomatoes, bell peppers 2-3 oz. turkey or chicken slices, or tuna 1 Tbs. dried fruit ¹ / ₂ cup beans ¹ / ₄ cup chopped nuts 2 Tbs. light dressing	Dumplings: 6 dumplings in soup ½ cup cooked broccoli or other vegetables (e.g., Black fungus) 1 small orange	Rice: 1 cup brown rice or brown/white rice mix Ginger stir fry mushroom and chicken <i>Mixed veggies soup:</i> Needle mushroom, tomatoes, black fungus, cabbage in broth
Burger: 1 regular fast food hamburger 1 oz baked chips or ½ cup light ice cream or fruit 1 garden salad with 1 pkg. fat-free herb dressing	Pasta: ² / ₃ cup pasta ¹ / ₂ cup tomato sauce 2-3 oz. ground turkey or chicken Salad 2 Tbs. light dressing	Stir Fry Noodles 1 cup noodles 2-3 oz. of lean meat ¹ / ₂ cup of mixed color veggies/ beans 1 Tbs. of peanut or canola oil	Stir Fry Brown Rice 1 cup brown rice 1 Tbs. minced ginger ¹ / ₄ cup edamame 2 oz. lean meat or tofu 2 pieces of seaweed, sliced 1 Tbs. canola or peanut oil

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
Tuna Sandwich: 2 slices whole grain bread 2 oz. light tuna mix with 1 Tbs. light mayo, chopped celery/carrots 1 slice lettuce/tomato 1 small fruit AND 1 cup soup	Salad: 3 cups mixed greens & tomatoes, bell peppers 2-3 oz. turkey or chicken slices, or tuna 2 Tbs. dried fruit ¹ / ₂ cup beans ¹ / ₄ cup chopped nuts 2 Tbs. light dressing 1 cup fruit salad OR 1 cup	Dumplings: 9 dumplings in soup 1/2 cup cooked broccoli or other vegetables (eg., black fungus) 1 small orange	Rice: 1 cup brown rice or brown/white rice mix Ginger stir fry mushroom and chicken <i>Mixed veggies soup:</i> Needle mushroom, tomatoes, black fungus, cabbage in broth 1 small fruit
Burger: 1 regular fast food hamburger 2 oz baked chips or 1 cup light ice cream or medium fruit 1 garden salad with 1 pkg. fat-free herb dressing	Pasta: 1 cup pasta ¹ / ₂ cup tomato sauce 2-3 oz. ground turkey or chicken Salad 2 Tbs. light dressing 1 small fruit	Stir Fry Noodles 1 cup noodles 2-3 oz of lean meat ¹ / ₂ cup of mixed color veggies/ beans 1 Tbs. of peanut or canola oil 1 small fruit	Stir Fry Brown Rice 1 cup brown rice 1 Tbs. minced ginger ¹ / ₄ cup edamame 2 oz. lean meat or tofu 2 pieces of seaweed, sliced 1 Tbs. canola or peanut oil 1 cup cut up fruit

For 60 grams Carbohydrate (4 Carb Choices) a meal

Dinner Menus

For 45 grams Carbohydrate (3 Carb Choices) a meal

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
Fish & Potatoes:	Turkey & Mashed	Pan Fried Dumplings:	Rice:
2 oz. sweet potato	potatoes:		³ / ₄ cup brown rice mixed
1 cup green beans	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup mashed potato	6 dumplings	with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cooked oats, 1
3-4 oz. broiled fish	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn	Garlic stir fry broccoli or	tsp. black sesame powder
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup applesauce	1 cup carrots	other vegetables	Stir fry tomato, egg and
8 oz. skim milk	1 small roll		tofu
1 Tbs. lower-fat margarine	3-4 oz. turkey	1 small orange	Boiled bitter melon mixed
	2 Tbs. gravy		with ¹ / ₂ cup pineapple
Burger:	Chicken Kabobs	Noodle Soup	Cold Noodle
1 hamburger bun	2-4 oz grilled lightly	1 cup noodles in broth	1 cup soba noodle
3-4 oz. lean hamburger	marinated chicken cubes	2-3 oz. of lean meat	2 oz. sliced chicken
patty	& sliced bell peppers,	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of bean sprouts,	1 tsp. sesame seeds
Lettuce, tomato	summer squash and	Napa cabbage & sliced	¹ / ₄ cup peanut sauce
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup pineapple	onions	carrots	1 cup Wakame bean
	5 oz. cut-up baked	¹ / ₄ cup of seaweed	sprouts salad
	potatoes		1 cup Miso soup
	1 cup fruit salad		

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
Fish & Potatoes:	Turkey & Mashed potatoes:	Pan Fried Dumplings:	Rice: ² / ₃ cup brown rice mixed
4 oz. sweet potato 1 cup green beans 3-4 oz. broiled fish ¹ / ₂ cup applesauce 8 oz. skim milk 1 Tbsp. lower fat margarine	1 cup mashed potato 1/2 cup corn 1 cup carrots 1 small roll 3-4 oz. turkey 2 Tbsp. gravy	9 dumplingsGarlic stir fry broccoli or other vegetables1 small orange	with ¹ / ₃ cup cooked oats, 1 tsp. black sesame powder Stir fry tomato, egg and tofu Boiled bitter melon mixed with 1 cup pineapple
Burger: 1 hamburger bun 3-4 oz. lean hamburger patty Lettuce, tomato Small baked fries (3 oz) ¹ / ₂ cup pineapple	Chicken Kabobs 2-4 oz grilled lightly marinated chicken cubes & sliced bell peppers, summer squash and onions 5 oz. cut-up baked potatoes 2 cups fruit salad	Noodle Soup 1 ¹ / ₂ cups noodles in broth 3-4 oz of lean meat 1 ¹ / ₂ cup of bean sprouts, Napa cabbage & sliced carrots 1 ¹ / ₄ cup of seaweed	Cold Noodle 1½ cups soba noodle 2 oz. sliced chicken 1 tsp sesame seeds ¼ cup peanut sauce 1 cup wakame bean sprouts salad 1 cup miso soup

For 60 grams Carbohydrate (4 Carb Choices) a meal

For 75 grams Carbohydrate (5 Carb Choice) a meal

Western Option		Chinese American Option	
Fish & Potatoes: 4 oz. sweet potato 1 cup green beans 3-4 oz. broiled fish 1 cup applesauce 3 gingersnaps 8 oz. skim milk 1 Tbsp. lower fat margarine	Turkey & Mashed potatoes: 1 ½ cups mashed potato 1/2 cup corn 1 cup carrots 1 small roll 3-4 oz. turkey 2 Tbsp. gravy	 Pan Fried Dumplings: 12 dumplings Garlic stir fry broccoli or other vegetables 1 small orange 	Rice: 1 cup brown rice mixed with ½ cup cooked oats, 1 tsp black sesame powder Stir fry tomato, egg and tofu Boiled bitter melon mixed with 1 cup pineapple
Burger: 1 hamburger bun 3-4 oz. lean hamburger patty Lettuce, tomato Small baked fries (3 oz) 1 cup pineapple	Chicken Kabobs 4-6 oz grilled lightly marinated chicken cubes & sliced bell peppers, summer squash and onions 6 oz medium baked potato 2 cups fruit salad ½ cup light ice cream	Noodle Soup 1½ cups noodles in broth 3-4 oz of lean meat ½ cup of bean sprouts, Napa cabbage & sliced carrots ¼ cup of seaweed 1 cup sliced apple	Cold Noodle 1½ cups soba noodle 2 oz sliced chicken 1 tsp sesame seeds ¼ cup peanut sauce 1 cup wakame bean sprouts, edamame salad 1 cup miso soup