

Healthcare Professional,

My Plate Planner Methods of Use

We hope you will find this visual aid useful in teaching your patients the basics of meal planning for managing their diabetes. You can use the information below to individualize the plate method concept for your patients —OptumRx'" Diabetes ActiveCare Clinical Team

Meal Planning Guidelines

Fill 1/2 of your plate with vegetables such as broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, and salad 1/4 1/4 1/2

- Fill 1/4 of your plate with lean meat, chicken or fish; this is about 3 ounces
- Fill 1/4 of your plate with a starchy choice such as 1/2 cup mashed potatoes
- Add 1 serving of fruit
- Choose 1 serving of milk
- Add margarine or oil for preparation or addition at the table

Add other portions as needed to round out your meal plan.

For breakfast, use only half the plate.

For lunch and dinner, use the whole plate.

Carbohydrates

Choose any 3 servings at each meal.*

some vegetables and milk. If your meal plan is different, adjust the number of servings Choices include breads and starches, fruits, accordingly.

Examples of one serving of carbohydrates:

Breads and starches

- 1 slice bread or small roll
- 1/3 cup rice or pasta
- 1/2 cup cooked cereal or potatoes
- 3/4 cup dry cereal
- 1/2 cup corn

- 1 piece, such as a small pear or apple
- 1 cup fresh fruit
- 1/2 cup fruit juice 1/2 cup canned fruit

- 1 cup skim or lowfat
- 1 cup sugar-free lowfat yogurt
- may be different.

Meats and proteins

Choose 1–3 servings per meal.* Examples of one serving:

- 1 ounce lean meat, poultry or fish
- 1 ounce cheese
- 1/4 cup lowfat cottage cheese

Fats

Choose 1–2 servings per meal.*

- Examples of one serving:
- 1 Tablespoon salad dressing or cream cheese 1 teaspoon margarine, oil, or mayonnaise

Free foods

Foods with less than 20 calories per serving. Use as desired:*

1 teaspoon =

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- Sugar-free soda Most vegetables
- Black coffee or plain tea
- *Note: If you have a personalized meal plan, the number of servings you choose per meal

Visual Tips for Portion Sizes











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