### **DEPARTMENT OF DIETETICS**

## GET TO KNOW THE SALTY STUFF!

Salt = Sodium?

Salt and sodium are related but they are **not the same!** 

Salt = Sodium Chloride



Sodium is a mineral.

Sodium is essential:

- Helps to maintain fluid levels.
- Supports nerve & muscle function.

The recommended daily sodium limit is 2000mg!\*



\*Source: National Nutrition Survey, Health Promotion Board, 2022



Excessive sodium intake increases risk of hypertension and stroke!

## **SOURCES OF SODIUM**







Outram Road Singapore 169608 www.sgh.com.sg Reg. No. 198703907Z Information correct as of May 2024.





# TIPS TO REDUCE SODIUM INTAKE

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**



- Choose **fresh** over processed food.
- Choose products with 'Lower in Sodium' HCS.
- Choose noodles with lower sodium content (bee hoon, kway teow, etc.)





Products with 'Lower in Sodium'
Healthier Choice Symbol (HCS)
contains at least 25% less sodium
than similar products without the
symbol.



#### **HOME**

- Cut down salt & sauces used in cooking.
- Use herbs & spices.
- Do not overcook food especially whilst stewing or boiling.





#### **EATING OUT**

- Choose **plain** over flavoured **rice**.
- Leave soup, gravy & sauces behind.
- Use **pepper** to season your food.
- Limit salty toppings (e.g. ikan bilis).



## SODIUM CONTENT OF SAUCES (PER TEASPOON)

Salt	1960 mg	
Stock Powder	920 mg	7
MSG	615 mg	MSG
Fish Sauce	320 mg	
Light Soy Sauce	250 mg	Soy
Dark Soy Sauce	200 mg	
Oyster Sauce	190 mg	(Typater Sance)

\*Source: Health Promotion Board, Singapore



Your Dietitian will guide you on how to flavour your food without excessive sodium!