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NUTRITION TIPS FOR CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

What is Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)?

CKD is described as the gradual loss of kidney function. Your kidneys help to:

- filter waste
- remove excess fluids
- balance electrolytes (such as sodium, potassium, phosphorus).



Importance of Nutrition in CKD

Eating well when you have kidney disease helps you stay healthy, strong & slow the progression of the disease.

There is **NO 'one size fits all'** approach when deciding what to eat for CKD.



Ask your Doctors to refer you to a Dietitian. Your Dietitian will work with you for an INDIVIDUALISED Nutrition Care Plan.

True or False?

I need to **restrict Protein, Fat and Carbohydrate** to delay the progression of kidney disease.

Answer: False

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RESTRICTED PROTEIN DIET



Protein

Proteins are essential nutrients that help build muscle, repair tissues & fight infection.

Your protein requirement depends on your weight, age, medical conditions and physical activity.

- Too MUCH protein can overwork your kidneys!
- People with CKD may need to **eat less protein**.
- Too LITTLE protein can lead to malnutrition!

Your Dietitian will guide you on the **SOURCES** and **AMOUNT** of protein you will require.

Animal Protein

- Meat
- Fish
- Poultry
- Egg
- Seafood
- Dairy products

Plant Protein

- Soybean Products
- Nuts
- Seeds
- Beans
- Lentils
- Grains

Important Tips

- Distribute your protein intake evenly throughout the day.
- Follow a healthy balanced diet using 'My Healthy Plate' as a guide.
- Consume adequate energy (calories) from fats & carbohydrate to prevent weight loss & malnutrition!
- As CKD progresses, your nutritional requirements may change. Thus, regular follow-up with your Dietitian is crucial to monitor & adjust your nutrition care plan periodically.

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