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!