

GAUGE YOUR HEALTH

WHAT'S YOUR EATING IMPROVEMENT FACTOR?

Determine some areas you can make healthy lifestyle improvements by completing the chart below. Make a check in the circle that BEST represents your habits over the past 2-3 weeks. Then tally up your total health points for each habit. Do you have an 'improvement factor'? (Hint: These are your low scoring areas)

7 KEY HABITS	1 POINT	3 POINTS	5 POINTS	HEALTH POINTS	GOAL
EAT BREAKFAST	l do not eat breakfast	l eat breakfast 2-3 days per week	I eat breakfast 5 or more days per week		Jumpstart your metabolism by eating breakfast every day of the week
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INCORPORATE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	I don't usually eat fruits & veggies	l eat one fruit and one veggie daily	I eat 5 servings of fruits & veggies daily. One serving is approxi- mately 1 cup		Five servings of fruits and vegetables each day (or more). Choose a variety of colors. (Ex: one serving is approximately 1 cup)
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OPT FOR LOW-FAT DAIRY	I do not drink milk or consume dairy products	I choose mostly regular cheeses and yogurts. I drink 2% or whole milk	I choose skim or 1% milk. The cheeses and yogurt I eat are low-fat or fat-free		3 servings per day of fat-free or low-fat dairy. (Ex: one serving of milk is 1 cup)
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ENJOY HEALTHY SNACKS	I eat a lot of packaged, salty or sweet snacks that may be high in fat	I do not snack	I make healthy snack choices that provide nutrients such as fiber, calcium, or potassium.		Choose small snack portions that provide important nutrients for your body. (Ex: fiber, calcium, potassium, Vitamin D, etc.)
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CHOOSE NUTRITIOUS DRINKS	l drink sugar-sweet- ened beverages daily (ie: soda, Kool-Aid, energy drinks)	I drink sugar-sweet- ened beverages 3-5 days per week	I mostly drink water, low-fat/fat-free milk, or small servings of 100% fruit juice		Water is calorie-free and important for your body. Low-fat/fat-free milk provides important nutrients like calcium and vitamin D.
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EAT AT HOME/LIMIT DINING OUT	l eat in restaurants or from fast food places daily	l eat in restaurants or at fast food places 3-5 days/week	I rarely eat out and usually eat at home or bring food from home		Eat in restaurants or at fast food places 0-2 times per week. Try to make healthy choices when dining out.
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ENERGY BALANCE/ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	I rarely do purposeful physical activity such as running or walking	I spend at least 30 min doing physical activity 3-4 days per week	I spend at least 30 min doing physical activity 5 or more days/week		It is important to have daily, purposeful physical activity. Aim for 30 minutes of moderate physical activity each day (ten minutes at a time is fine).
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HOW DID YOU DO? The more points you received the better your habits represent a healthy lifestyle.

28-35 POINTS: Outstanding! Most of your habits help keep you on the path of good health and nutrition. Is there an area where you can improve?

20–27 POINTS: Pretty good! Your improvement factor may be any of the areas where you didn't score a 5. Choose one thing to improve.

19 OR LESS POINTS: Definitely room to improve! Pick the low scoring habit that would be easiest for you to improve. Start by making a small change there.