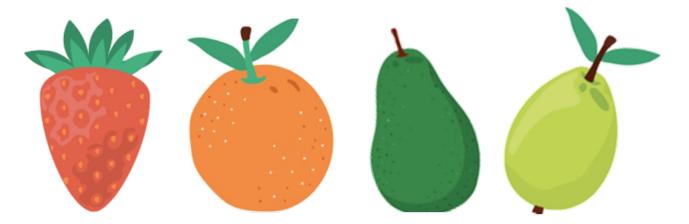
GBMC Health Partners



Medical Weight Loss Nutrition Guide

Comprehensive Obesity Management Program



Congratulations on your decision to take your health into your own hands. Medical weight loss has been shown to be an excellent complement to surgery, or on it's own for obesity.

Obesity is a chronic, life-long disease.

Using this medication with lifestyle changes can mean excellent long term results.



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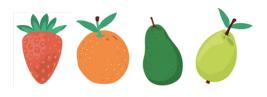
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Meal plans and grocery lists

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Tips for behavior change and mindful eating

Keys to Success



Consistency with dietary changes

- Meal planning
- Grocery shopping
- Utilizing supplements for protein
- Having a regular schedule for eating

Self monitoring (You'll need a scale and logging app)

- Logging/tracking food and physical activity
 - (e.g. Baritastic, MyFitnessPal, Lose It, Healthy Transformation Tracker app)
- Taking weekly weights at the same time
- Setting reasonable goals

Physical activity

- 150-300 minutes per week
- A mix of cardio, strength, balance/stretching

Behavioral habits

- Practicing mindful eating
- Stress management
- Adequate sleep
- Limited alcohol

Follow up with your medical team!

• Evaluating and reassessing your progress is key!

How to Create an Eating Schedule



Eat three meals per day with protein

- 1 to 2 snacks if needed
- · Have a meal every 3-4 hours
- If it's longer than that, have a high protein snack
 - Yogurt, protein chips, turkey jerky, string cheese
- Eat within 1.5 hours of waking up
- Have protein at every meal and eat it first, and completely, whenever possible
- Eat within a 12 hour period

Example of a day

- . 8am-breakfast
- . 10am—snack (if needed)
- . **12:30pm**—lunch
- . **3pm**—snack (if needed)
- . 6:30pm-dinner
- Avoid eating after dinner (try not to eat within 2-3 hours of going to bed)

Nutrition Recommendations



You may not feel hungry, but it is still essential that you reach your protein goals and eat consistently throughout the day.

These nutrient goals are **FLEXIBLE** based on your lifestyle, hunger levels, and nutrient needs. These numbers can give you an idea of what your body needs to build muscle and sustain energy levels.

Calorie Goals: whether you've had surgery or not, this number varies greatly—consider logging your food on an app like Baritastic (if you've had surgery) or MyFitnessPal to see what your baseline is and then we can lower it accordingly.

Total Fat Goals: 35gm per day

Total Carbohydrate Goals: 50gm net carbs per day within 6 months of surgery. 50-100gm after 6 months (or if you've never had surgery)

• **Tip:** look for less than 15gm of carbs per serving on the label

Dietary Fiber Goals: 25gm per day or more

Total Sugar Goals: no more than 5gm total sugar per serving (if it's a yogurt, dairy or fruit product, no more than 15gm total sugar per serving). Aim for less than 25g added sugar per day.

Protein Goals: 70-100gm per day (shoot for 20-30gm per meal)

Reading a Food Label

It's great to know the numbers, but how do we read a food label? See the suggestions below on how to read a food label.

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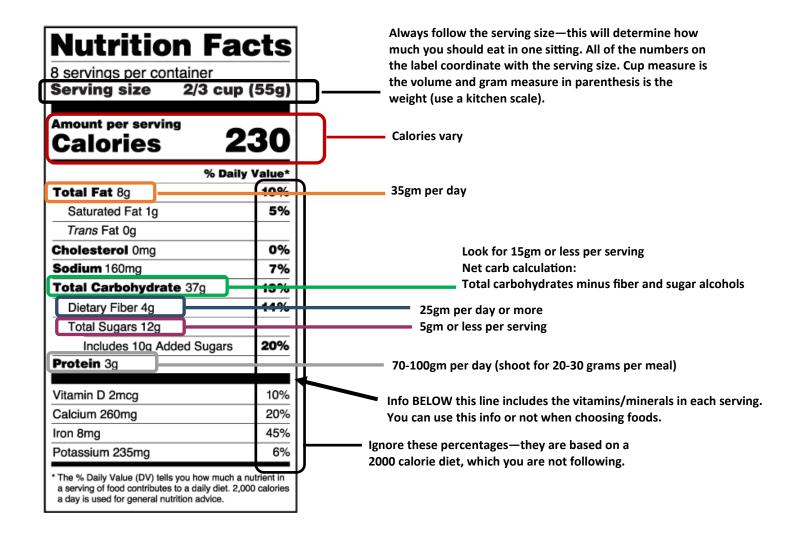
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Protein	Fats	Starches	Vegetables	Fruit
Have at least 3 servings/day	Limit these to the	Limit these!	Enjoy – eat a lot of them!	Up to 3 servings per day
Eat entire portion of protein first	serving size			1 serving = ½ cup to ¾ cup
Pair with every meal	Tough to digest and	Include some	Non-starchy veggies:	Or 1 small piece
	high in calories	smart starches (3-4	Artichokes, arugula, aspar-	
All fresh fish (salmon, tilapia, snapper,		servings per week)	agus, bok choy, broccoli,	All fresh fruit
trout, tuna)	1 tbsp – fats:	after 6 months	broccoli rabe, Brussels	(up to 3 servings per day)
All shellfish (crabs, shrimp, lobster, scal-	All oils (olive, coconut,	post op if you'd like	sprouts, cabbage (green,	
lops, etc.)	canola, vegetable,		red, napa, savoy), cauliflow-	Unsweetened applesauce
Canned fish (tuna, salmon)	etc.)	Smart Starches:	er, carrots, celery, collard	
Frozen fish	Butter	Sweet potato	greens, cucumbers, daikon	Canned or packaged fruit
Chicken (skinless breast, skinless	Spreads	Brown rice	radishes, eggplant, endive,	in own juice (less than 15
thighs, rotisserie, chicken meatballs,		Beans	escarole, fennel, garlic,	grams sugar per serving)
burgers, bacon, sausage)	Nuts, seeds:	Peas	green beans, hearts of	
Turkey (deli, turkey meatballs, burgers,	¼ cup	Corn	palm, jicama, kale, leeks,	(Note: pair fruit with a pro-
bacon)		Whole grain breads	lettuce (all kinds), mush-	tein for a snack to prevent
Ground chicken or turkey – 90-98%	Peanut butter, al-	Whole grain pastas	rooms (all kinds), mustard	blood sugar spikes)
lean	mond butter, cashew	Whole wheat crack-	greens, okra, onions, pars-	
Reduced fat cheeses (string cheese,	butter, Sun butter:	ers	ley, pepperoncini, peppers	
cheddar, mozzarella, Laughing Cow	2 LEVEL tablespoons	Whole wheat wraps	(all kinds), pickles, pimien-	
light wedges, cottage cheese)		Quinoa	tos, radishes, rhubarb, sau-	
Lean pork, lean beef (90% lean or high-	Salad Dressings:	Barley	erkraut, scallions, seaweed,	
er ground, or lean cuts)	2 level tablespoons		shallots, snap peas, snow	
Fat free or reduced fat Greek or Regu-		Slider foods/slider	peas, spinach, sprouts, spa-	
lar yogurt w/ less than 15 grams sugar	Avocado: 1/4 of the	starches:	ghetti squash, summer	
(Oikos Triple Zero, Dannon Light and	avocado	Chips	squash (yellow, zucchini),	
Fit, etc.)		Cookies	all winter squash	
Fresh eggs (can use yolks/yellow)		Crackers	(butternut, acorn), Swiss	
Egg beaters, Boiled eggs		Cake	chard, tomatillos, tomatoes	
Vegan protein (tempeh, tofu, TVP, soy		Candy	(fresh and canned), turnips,	
burgers, bacon, crumbles, hot dogs)		Popcorn	wax beans	
Supplements for when you're not		Pretzels	Steamer, frozen veggies	
hungry:		Irail mix with candy		
Ready-made protein shakes: Muscle		Pizza, fries	Spaghetti squash	
Milk, Unjury, Atkins AdvantEdge		Cereals (sugary)		
Protein powders				
Protein bars				

Recommended Protein Shakes and Waters

These can be incorporated to any meal plan when you cannot reach your protein goals through solid food due to decreased hunger.



Recommended Protein Powders

Premade – Muscle Milk, Unjury, (Ensure Max and Premier if you're meeting your protein goals regularly) Unjury Protein Powder Syntrax Nectar Protein Powder Chike! Protein Powder Nature's Best Isopure Powder (zero carb) Body Fortress Isolate Protein Powder Six Star Pro Nutrition Whey Isolate GNC Pro Performance 100% Whey Isolate Infinite Labs- Infinite Pro 100% Whey Protein Isolate NOW Foods Whey Protein Isolate Dymatize ISO 100 Hydrolyzed 100% Whey Protein Isolate Bariatric Advantage HPMR, and High Protein Supplement Mix Celebrate High Protein Meal Replacement

Where to buy: GNC, Vitamin Shoppe, Walgreens, Amazon TIPS: The Walgreens at GBMC sells Unjury and Nectar samples, if you buy at GNC and don't like the product you may be able to return within 30 days. Do not use collagen based protein waters usually found in "shots" or "test tubes" such as New Whey and Profect. These are considered incomplete proteins. Check out mybariatricpantry.com; bariatricpal.com (has Nectar samples) to order samples of different brands to try!

Protein Waters

Isopure Zero Carb Cytosport Whey Isolate Special K—K2O Protein Designer Protein2Go Lift by Atkins Protein 2 O Premier Clear Bariatric Advantage Clearly Protein

Protein Bars

Quest Protein Bar Fit Joy Bar Detour Whey Protein Bar ISS Research Oh Yeah! Fit Crunch Power Crunch Built Bars

7 day meal plan (snacks optional when needed)

Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Monday	2 egg omelet w/ spinach 1 slice turkey bacon 1/2 banana	1 piece 647 bread with 1/2 cup tuna salad 4 carrot sticks	3 oz rotisserie chicken 3/4 cup "fried" riced cauliflower
Tuesday	 Smoothie: 8 oz fat free milk 1/2 cup blueberries 1/2 banana 1 scoop protein powder 1 cup ice 	 Taco salad: 3 oz taco seasoned turkey meat 1 cup romaine 1 tbsp salsa 1 tbsp low fat sour cream Sprinkle with scallion and cilantro 	3 oz salmon with garlic 1/2 cup butternut squash 1 cup tossed salad
Wed.	 2 egg muffin tin "cups" 1 oz feta cheese 1 slice chopped Canadian ba- con 1/2 cup cooked spinach 1/2 fresh orange 	 2 lettuce cups (romaine or butter) 3 oz Waldorf chicken salad 3 oz chopped chicken breast 1 tbsp walnuts 4 cut grapes 1 tbsp low fat mayo and herbs 	1 cup 90% lean beef chili 1 cup tossed salad Sugar free jello for dessert
Thursday	 Yogurt parfait: 1 cup Low or non-fat greek yogurt or regular yogurt with 1 scoop protein powder 1 tbsp sliced almonds 1/2 cup berries or 1/2 banana Sprinkle of cinnamon 	 Turkey wrap 3 slices turkey 1 low fat slice cheese 1 tsp Dijon mustard Shredded lettuce 	 Grilled chicken parmigiana 3 oz grilled chicken 1 oz mozzarella 3 tbsp jarred tomato sauce 2 basil leaves Sautéed broccoli or spinach with garlic and 1 tbsp olive oil
Friday	2 boiled eggs 1 piece fruit 1 string cheese	 Greek salad 1 cup romaine and spinach 1 oz feta cheese Chopped cucumber and tomatoes 1 tbsp Greek dressing or vinaigrette 3 oz grilled chicken 	3 oz pork chop with herbs and olive oil 1/2 cup low fat creamed spinach 1 cup sugar free pudding
Saturday	 Breakfast burrito 1 low carb wrap (Mission, La Tortilla Factory, Tumeros) 1-2 eggs scrambled 1 oz shredded cheese 1 piece turkey bacon or chicken sausage 	1 cup chicken and vegetable soup 1 bag of Quest Protein Chips	1 BBQ thigh made with D Hughes Sugar Free BBQ sauce 3/4 cup steamed string beans 1 sugar free popsicle for dessert
Sunday	3/4—1 cup cottage cheese 1/2 cup peaches in water or cut fruit	 Chopped Caesar salad 1 cup romaine lettuce 2 tbsp low fat Caesar dressing 1 oz parmesan crisps 3 oz grilled salmon or chicken 1 cup chopped watermelon 	3 oz turkey burger 1 low carb bun (thinslimfoods.com) 3/4 cup cabbage slaw with vinaigrette dressing

It is highly recommended to add in protein shakes (for a snack or meal) if you cannot reach your protein goals

7 day meal plan for very LOW hunger levels

		Breakfast	
Examples Choose 1	Protein Shake: Premade Or Powder with fat free milk or un- sweetened almond/soy milk (Protein powder suggestions provided in this packet)	Homemade smoothie with: 1 scoop protein powder 1/2 cup to 1 cup fruit of choice 1 cup ice Fat free milk or unsweetened al- mond/soy milk Do not use premade smoothies like Naked or Boltonhouse (too much sugar, minimal protein)	Something light like: 2 boiled or scrambled eggs w/1 oz cheese Or 1 cup low sugar Greek yogurt with berries
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		Snack	
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	Dinner (L	ean protein with vegetab	le)
Examples Choose 1	3 oz pork chop with herbs and olive oil 1/2 cup low fat creamed spinach 1 cup sugar free pudding	1 BBQ thigh made with D Hughes Sugar Free BBQ sauce 3/4 cup steamed string beans	3 oz turkey burger 1 low carb bun (thinslimfoods.com) 3/4 cup cabbage slaw with vinai- grette dressing
		1 sugar free popsicle for dessert	

NOTE: Medical weight loss after bariatric surgery can significantly decrease your hunger levels. However, in order to effectively lose weight, you'll need to consume enough protein and calories. This is an example of a low calorie diet with some solid foods. This can vary based on your results (i.e. it may be recommended by your dietitian to add more or fewer solid meals or shakes, depending on your weight losses).

Quick Foods and Optional Snacks

Snacks:

1-2 boiled eggs String cheese 1/2 cup low fat cottage cheese Turkey or beef jerky 2 turkey, ham, roast beef or chicken slices 1 slice low fat cheese 1 cup baby carrots with 1-2 tbsp salad dressing 10 olives Piece of fruit or unsweetened applesauce Sugar free iello Low or non-fat yogurt or greek yogurt (<15gm sugar) Parmesan crisps Medium sized pickle 1/4 cup nuts or seeds Roasted seaweed snacks Sugar free popsicles Quest protein chips (can pair any of these high protein items with a piece of fruit) Protein bar (should be <200 calories, >15gm protein, <5gm sugar) Protein shake (should be <200 calories, >15gm protein, <5gm sugar)

For low carb options check out the following websites:

Thinslimfoods.com Julianbakery.com Netrition.com

Quick foods to always have on hand:

- Frozen foods:
 - Shrimp
 - Grilled chicken breasts
 - Lean (90% or higher) meatballs—turkey, beef or chicken
 - Lean (90% or higher) burgers—turkey, beef or chicken
 - Chicken or turkey sausage
 - Chicken or turkey bacon
 - Veggies—riced cauliflower, riced broccoli, spiralized butternut squash, any frozen vegetables
 - Fruit—any frozen fruit
- Deli meat (can choose low sodium, or minimally processed)
- Bagged or canned chicken



Your Grocery List

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Meat	Details					
Lean cuts – bottom round, eye of round, flank steak, London broil, lean pas-	3 oz = ~25					
trami, sirloin steak, top loin and round, filet mignon	gm protein					
Ground beef – 90-98% lean						
Lean frozen burgers, meatballs						
Beef jerky (less than 5 grams sugar)						
Fish						
All fresh fish (salmon, tilapia, snapper, trout, tuna, catfish, flounder, halibut,	3oz = ~18-21					
haddock, etc. – avoid fried fish)	gm protein					
All shellfish (crabs, shrimp, clams, mussels, lobster, scallops, etc.)						
Canned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines, etc.)						
Frozen fish, shellfish						
Poultry						
Chicken (skinless breast, skinless thighs)	3 oz = ~25					
Chicken meatballs, burgers, bacon, sausage	gm protein					
Rotisserie chicken						
Premade/frozen non-breaded chicken strips/breasts						
Turkey (skinless)						
Turkey meatballs, burgers, bacon, sausage						
Ground chicken or turkey – 90-98% lean						
Deli Meats and cheese						
Turkey, chicken, roast beef, ham (avoid sugar-cured, maple-cured, honey	3 oz = ~15-					
baked)	21 gm pro-					
Low fat cheese	tein					
You may ask for least processed, lowest sodium products						
Pork						
Ham, Canadian bacon, pork chop, pork roast, any cuts from the loin	3 oz = ~25					
Other Meats	gm protein					
	7.07 - 25					
Veal chop, leg, top round	3 oz = ~25					
Lamb center cut, chop, loin	gm protein					
Game meats – buffalo, venison, elk Dairy – All should be FAT FREE or REDUCED FAT						
Fat free or reduced fat cheeses (string cheese, cheddar, Swiss, blue cheese,	Can vary					
feta, goat, mozzarella, Laughing Cow light wedges, Baby Bell, etc.)	from 6-22					
Fat free or reduced fat sour cream, cottage cheese, cream cheese						
	grams per					
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(Oikos Triple Zero, Dannon Light and Fit, etc.)						

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Condiments	
All fresh and dried herbs (basil, thyme, rosemary, sage, garlic powder, etc.)	Should be
Low fat, low sugar dressings (Walden Farms, Primal Kitchen, Simple Girl products)	low fat and
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Sugar free ketchup, BBQ sauce, honey mustard, cocktail sauce (G Hughes prod-	sugar- free
ucts)	sugai-nee
Extracts (vanilla, almond, etc.)	
Mustard (Dijon, yellow, brown, etc.)	Limit ALL
I Can't Believe it's not Butter Spray	oils to 2 ta-
Mrs. Dash	blespoons
Steak sauce (1/2 tbsp)	per day
Worcestershire sauce (1 tbsp)	
Sriracha sauce	
Soy sauce, reduced sodium	
Vinegar (all kinds)	
Salsa (check label for added sugar)	
Sugar free jelly	
Sugar free syrups, sugar free honey	
All spray oils (e.g. Pam)	
PB2 (peanut butter aisle) Sweets	
Sugar free hard candy	All sweets
Sugar free chocolate syrup	should be
Sugar free cool whip/whipped topping	sugar-free
PB2 (peanut butter aisle) Chocolate powder with no sugar added	
Sugar free fudgsicles and popsicles	
Sugar free pudding and jell-o	
Halo Top, Enlightened, Arctic Zero ice creams	
Drinks	
Unsweetened almond milk	This is not a
Unsweetened soy milk	complete
Unsweetened cashew milk	list
Fat free half and half	IISL
Fat free or 1% milk	A
Sugar free, low fat creamers	Any sugar
Flavored water (no sugar)	free, non-
Sugar free mixes like Crystal Light, Mio, Propel, True Lemon, store brand sugar free	carbonated,
mix)	caffeine free
Diet, caffeine free iced/hot tea	drinks will
Powerade Zero, Vitamin Water Zero	go towards
Oceanspray Sugar Free juices	64 ounces
Diet V8 Splash	fluid goal
Diet Lemonade	
Sobe Lifewater	
Bai waters	
Decaf or herbal teas	
Decaf coffee (after 3 weeks)	
Regular coffee (after 1 month, does not count toward fluid goals)	
Note: there are no sugar free Gatorade products	

Foods/Drinks to Limit/Avoid



High sugar foods:

 Cookies, cakes, candy, ice cream (try to avoid the snack and candy aisles in the grocery store)

Sugary drinks

 Soda, sweet tea, lemonade, fruit punch, smoothies by Naked or Boltenhouse and even fresh squeezed or unsweetened fruit juices (orange, cranberry, or apple juice have as much sugar as soda!)

High sugar condiments

- BBQ sauce, honey mustard, glazes, teriyaki sauce
- TIP: G Hughes has a great line of sugar free sauces

Fried/greasy foods

 Fries, pizza, battered and fried fish, chicken, mozzarella sticks, some Chinese takeout (egg rolls, fried rice, orange chicken, etc.), many fast food restaurants

High carbohydrate foods

- Chips, popcorn, sugary cereals, oatmeal, cream of wheat (especially sweetened), breads, pastas, rice dishes
- **TIP:** Have "smart starches" in moderation (brown rice, whole grain breads, whole wheat products, baked sweet or regular potato, quinoa)

Still avoid carbonated drinks even if they are diet (can cause GI distress)

These foods may halt your weight loss or even make you feel sick. There are plenty of low sugar/low carb/lower fat options to choose from.

Check out netrition.com, thinslimfoods.com, julianbakery.com for more options! The grocery store will have low carb options too like cauliflower rice, spaghetti squash, zucchini noodles, low carb wraps and bread (Sola, Josephs, 647, Mission, La Tortilla Factory, Tumaros, Outer Aisle) and even pizzas by Quest, Cali'flour

Supplement Resources





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Know your numbers

It may be helpful to understand your unique caloric and physical activity needs to reach your goal weight within a specific time frame and to maintain this weight loss. Your healthcare practitioner can guide you with this using a weight loss trajectory tool that you monitor.



Self-monitor your weight, food intake, and physical activity every day

Self-monitoring can help you pinpoint your strengths and can offer you and your healthcare practitioner opportunities to brainstorm solutions for areas that tend to be more challenging for you.



Take the recommended servings of meal replacements and allowable foods daily

In the beginning phase, it's recommended that you follow a highly structured meal plan until you feel comfortable crafting your own meals.

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Behavioral goals

Behavioral change goals are helpful when changing habits. Making the changes below will help promote positive results.

Pick at least (3) three goals to practice and enter the date to begin practicing. Practice the goals until they are have become habits. Repeat process until all the goals are completed. Habits can take up to 6 months to form, so these are long term goals.



Behavior Change	Date Started	Habit Formed!
Eliminate sugary beverages and simple sugars		
Eliminate all carbonated beverages		
Have protein at each meal and snack		
Eat protein first		
Plan meals ahead of time		
Eat 3 meals a day, starting with breakfast		
Limit snacks (1 – 2 a day if hungry)		
Be aware of physical hunger and fullness		
Stop eating as soon as you feel satisfied/full		
Take small bites (size of a dime or less)		
Chew each bite at least 20 times		
Use smaller plates (7 to 9 inches or less)		
Put utensil down between bites		
Limit caffeine		
Drink at least 64 oz. (or 8 cups) of water or sugar free non-caffeinated beverages a day		
Do not drink with meals and wait 30 minutes after each meal to drink		
Keep a food diary in a notebook or a food app		
Do not multi-task when eating – such as watching TV or computer work		
Limit fried/high fat foods and sugary condiments		
Limit eating out or make healthy choices when eat- ing out		
Schedule/track physical activity (at least 150 min/ week)		
Find ways to handle emotions (stress, boredom, etc.) without the use of food		
Limit alcohol		
Identify sources of support and practice positivity!!		

NOTE: Use this weekly tracker or download an app to track your foods such as Baritastic, MyFitnessPal, Lose It. Bring this with you to your appointments. It will be especially helpful for your dietitian to evaluate your progress.

Notes	Water	Snacks	Dinner	Lunch	Breakfast	Date		NEEKL
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Mindful Eating, Hunger Scale, and Food Triggers



How hungry and full am I?

You may start to realize that the feeling of hunger may not be clear. However, it is very important that you identify how hungry and how full you are.

Below is the hunger and fullness scale. Take a moment and identify how you would describe your feeling of hunger and fullness.

Famished				Con	Content				E	Extreme Discomfort	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

It is recommended that you start eating when you feel less than content (4) or the twinges of hunger, but not quite hunger pain, and stop eating when you are content (5) when there may be some food left but if you walk away you won't be coming back to finish it.

6 Ways to Prac	tice Mindful Eating
Mindless Eating	Mindful Eating
 Eating past fullness and ignoring your body's signals 	 Listening to your body and stopping when satisfied
 Eating when emotions tell us (e.g. sad, bored, lonely) 	2. Eating when our bodies tell us to eat (stomach growling, low energy)
3. Eating needs to be immediate	3. Hunger comes on slowly
4. Eating alone, at random times and places	4. Eating with others or at set times and places
5. Eating foods that are emotionally comforting and eating fast	5. Eating foods that are nutritionally satisfying
6. Eating and multitasking	6. When you're eating, you're just eating

Follow your 'WHY'

Ask yourself the following:

• What is in it for you?



- Why do you put in the effort daily to achieve your goals?
- What are your goals to move you forward?

Remember:

Your motivators are going to push you forward each day and ensure that you stay on track

Take advantage of the support that you have around you and lean into this journey





If you need help with your goals, how to prepare your meals, or just need some extra support, take advantage of the following COMP resources:

- Make an appointment with your Registered Dietitian by logging onto the MyChart App or calling the COMP office at 443-849-3779
- Join our Facebook Support Group
- Come to our monthly support groups and COMP Stomp (see schedule at <u>www.gbmc.org/bariatricsupport</u>)

