

Nutrition:

Part of Your Cancer Treatment Plan





From day one, nutrition should be considered alongside treatment for improved outcomes.

After a cancer diagnosis, eating well can help you throughout chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery. Aim to follow AICR's Cancer Prevention Recommendations during treatment.*

NUTRITION CAN HELP YOU:

- Heal and recover faster from treatments
- Reduce your risk of infection
- Support your immune system
- Build your strength and energy
- Tolerate side effects from treatments
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Replace or retain nutrients that are stored in your body
- Reduce your risk of cancer recurrence

*Work with a dietitian and your cancer care team to set up your personal nutrition plan.

WHAT SHOULD I EAT?

- Fill 2/3 of your plate (or more) with plant-based foods such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans.
- Fill 1/3 of your plate (or less) with protein such as fish, poultry, eggs or tofu.
- If you eat red meat, limit it to no more than 3 portions a week or about 12–18 ounces (cooked) in total.

 Eat little, if any, processed meat, such as deli meat, hotdogs, bacon or sausages.

 Limit consumption of fast foods and processed foods that are high in saturated fat, salt, refined starches or sugars.

 Limit sugar-sweetened drinks.
 Choose mostly water and unsweetened drinks. 2/3
(or more)
vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans

Follow AICR's Cancer Prevention Recommendations after diagnosis for beneficial effects on survivorship and quality of life.



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