# Getting Started with weight loss





# Introduction

We understand that losing weight is difficult and that maintaining the weight loss can seem almost impossible. We recognize the special needs of each individual, understanding that strong motivation and long-term commitment are crucial to modifying eating behaviors. Altering lifetime habits requires education, emotional support, money, and time.

This handbook is a simple guide for individuals that are interested in weight loss and are looking for helpful hints to get started on their own.

Hackley Healthy Life has many options for patients that just can't lose weight on their own. Hackley Healthy Life is a comprehensive weight management program that includes Hackley Health Management, New Life Bariatric Center, and Diabetes Education. These programs work in conjunction with board-certified physicians, psychological services, a registered dietitian, and an exercise physiologist.

Please see the resource page to see the many different options available or call us directly at 1.866.556.0029.

# Weight Management

# Being overweight may lead to serious medical conditions!

Examples of conditions caused by being overweight:

- High Blood Pressure
- Coronary Heart Disease
- High Blood Cholesterol
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Psychological Disorders
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Stroke
- Some Types of Cancer
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea

## **FACT:**

The more TV you watch, the more likely you are to be overweight. Take a ½ hour of your typical TV time and use it for physical activity.

# Why is weight management important?

Muskegon County has a high rate of obese and overweight individuals as well as chronic diseases associated with this. Sixty-five percent of adult Americans are now overweight or obese, and the numbers continue to grow at an alarming rate. In Muskegon County, our rates of obesity and related chronic diseases are even slightly ahead of the nation.

Being overweight increases the risk of diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, arthritis, and some forms of cancer. Even a modest weight loss of 5-10% of your body weight can improve your health.

### **Beware**

Fad diets and instant weight-loss gimmicks and gadgets don't work for the long-term and can be unhealthy. By making small changes – including fewer calories and regular exercise, combined with healthy eating habits – you can achieve your weight loss goals. Losing weight is not about a quick fix, it's about permanent lifestyle changes.

## TIP:

Setting your goals too high can be discouraging. Be realistic! Choose a goal that you think you can meet.

# Physical Activity

# Drink Water

# **Activity facts**

The dictionary defines activity as a natural or normal function we participate in by being alive. Activity is a state of being active or moving.

# Tips for staying active

- Make exercise a priority. Plan it into each day.
- Exercise with a buddy or include the family.
- Choose activities that you enjoy.
- Walk your dog, or your neighbor's dog!
- Liven up walks with music grab your Walkman!
- A brisk walk is simple, cheap, and is great exercise.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator.
- Park further out in parking lots and walk to the store or building.
- Purchase an inexpensive video for indoor activity or borrow one from the library.

## **Get movin'**

Here are some good examples of calories burned during exercise:

Activity	Calories Burned in 30 minutes
Raking grass or leaves	<b>120</b> calories
Bicycling	<b>150</b> calories
Dancing	<b>120</b> calories
Golf	<b>45</b> calories
Walking	<b>150</b> calories
Washing the car	<b>45</b> calories
(based on the weight of a 150 lb. individual)	

## Why drink water?

Are you drinking the amount of water you should be drinking every-day? We all know that water is important, but did you know that ...

- Even mild dehydration can slow one's metabolism.
- Thirst can be mistaken for hunger.
- Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
- 8 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain.

## How do I drink that much?

- Replace sodas and artificial juices with water.
- Keep a bottle or container of water in your car and at your desk.
- Serve water at every meal.
- Keep a pitcher of fresh water in your refrigerator at all times.
- Hydrate yourself with water before, during, and after exercise.

# **Talk to your doctor**

Check with your doctor or health provider regarding the amount of water you should drink if you have congestive heart failure, kidney disease, or are on fluid restrictions. You do not need to purchase expensive bottled water – tap water is fine.

# Fruits and Vegetables

## Why?

Fruits and vegetables are some of the healthiest foods you can eat. They are low in calories and fat, high in fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants, and can help prevent some forms of cancer. Many of the powerful health-promoting compounds that make fruits and vegetables good for us are the ones that give them color, turning blueberries blue, strawberries red, broccoli green, and carrots deep orange.

# How can I eat fruits and vegetables?

It's easy to get 5 servings a day! Have a serving of fruits and vegetables with every meal. Snack on fruits and vegetables to replace high fat, high calorie foods. Use any form of fruits and vegetables – fresh, canned, frozen, or dried. Eat a rainbow of colors in your fruits and vegetables each day for optimum health.

# What is a serving?

### **Fruits**

Item	1 Serving Size
Cantaloupe	½ melon
Banana	1 medium
Watermelon	. 1½ cups, cubed

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Orange				 							1	medium
Apple .				 							1	medium

## **Vegetables**

Item	1 Serving Size
Spinach, frozen	. 1 cup, cooked
Peppers/raw, green	1 whole
Tomato, fresh	1 medium

Item	1 Serving Size
Cucumber	1 cup, sliced
Lettuce	1½ cups

# **Portion** Control

# Why control your portions?

King Size, Big Grab, Super Size, Mega – these are just a few of the words and phrases to describe portion sizes today. Rather than portion "control" our culture practices portion "out of control."

Due to the very large portion sizes, we are consuming more calories than ever before. This is one of the reasons we are rapidly becoming obese. We need to take control of our portion sizes in order to decrease the calories we consume.

### **Beware of:**

Servings per package. Always read the label to find out how many servings are in the package. Very often there is more than one serving in the packages we buy, even if they appear to be just one serving!

# You can use your hand as a guide because your ...



**Fist** = 1 cup or 1 medium whole fruit

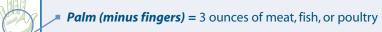


■ **Thumb** (tip to base) = 1 ounce of meat or cheese





**Cupped hand** = 1-2 ounces of nuts or pretzels



# Food Records

# You can't know *HOW* much you are eating if you are not paying attention to *WHAT* you are eating!

- Recording your food is a very important part of weight loss.
- Record everything that you put into your mouth.
- Recording requires commitment.

# **Challenge yourself**

- Record your daily intake of all foods and beverages.
- Remember to record every bite!
- You can use a notebook, blank paper, or even scrap paper. Keep your records to monitor your progress and note any changes you need to make. Should you plan for a mid-morning snack? Is there too much time between your meals? Are you getting in at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables?
- It may also be helpful to record your minutes and type of physical activity.

## TIP:

You don't have to get all your exercise at one time. Get 10 minutes of activity here and there throughout the day.

# Sample Food Record Sheet

	Type of Food Eaten	Servings	Calories							
Breakfast	Dry toast Oatmeal Milk	2 slices toast ½ cup oatmeal 1 cup milk	200 100 90							
Snack	Banana	1 medium	100							
Lunch	Turkey sandwich Mayonnaise Chicken noodle soup	2 slices bread 2 slices meat 1 Tbsp mayonnaise 2 cups soup	200 60 60 200							
Snack	Low-fat yogurt	6 oz. container	100							
Dinner	Chicken breast Baked potato Margarine/sour cream Green beans	3 oz. chicken ½ large potato 1 Tbsp each 1½ cups green beans	110 100 100 80							
Snack	Sugar-free popsicle	1 popsicle	10							
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time: 45 minutes  □ Notes  Feeling hungry around 3:30pm; ate yogurt and felt satisfied until dinner.										

# Body Mass Index (BMI Chart)

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5'10"	132	139	146	153	160	167	174	181	188	195	202	209	216	222	229	236	243	250	257	264	271	278	285	292	299	306	313	320	327	334	341	348
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**Directions** 

1. Find your height 2. Find your weight 3. Find your BMI

**BMI** =  $\frac{703 \text{ x Weight in Pounds}}{(\text{Height in Inches})^2}$ 



# Nutrition Facts

Sample label for HMR° entrée Mushroom Risotto

## FACT:

Low-fat foods still have calories!
Don't make the mistake of eating a whole box of cookies because they are low-fat ... calories count!

#### **Nutrition Facts** Serving Size 1 tray (227g) Servings Per Container 1 **Amount Per Serving** Calories 240 Calories from Fat 4 % Daily Value Total Fat 5q 8% Saturated Fat 1g 5% Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 0mg 0% 25% Potassium 250g **7**% **Total Carbohydrate 36q** 12% 9% Dietary Fiber 2d Sugars 1g Protein 12g /itamin A 0% Calcium 8% \*Percent Daily Values based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs. Calories: 2,000 2,500 Total Fat Less than 65g 80g 25g Saturated Fat Less than 20g Cholesterol 300mg 300mg Less than Sodium Less than 2400ma 2,400mg 3,500mg Potassium 3500mg Total Carbohydrate 300g 375q Dietary Fiber 25g 30g Protein 50g 65g Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

#### Serving Size and Servings Per Container

Be careful here – look at the serving size and servings per container. Many times there are more than one serving in a container.

#### Calories

Total calories are listed as well as calories from fat. Keep the total calories in mind. There is a lot of emphasis on fat these days, but calories still count!

#### **Calories from Fat**

Ideally, calories from fat should provide no more than 30% of total calories. 45/240 = 0.19

 $0.19 \times 100 = 19\%$ 

In this case, 19% of the calories came from fat.

#### % Daily Value

The % Daily Value shows how a food fits into the overall daily diet based on a daily intake of 2,000 calories. Use these values as a guide to see if a food is high or low in a nutrient and to compare similar food products.

#### Total Fat

Look at the grams of fat. This number (5g), indicates the grams of fat per serving. The daily recommendation is no more than 30% of calories from fat.

#### Sodium

The recommendation for sodium is to consume no more than 2,400mg per day (people with certain health conditions may be advised to limit their sodium intake to 2,000mg per day). You will also see a % listed. This is the % of sodium the food contains compared to 2,400mg.

#### **Vitamins and Minerals**

These percentages should be higher to provide your daily vitamin and mineral requirements. An "excellent source" provides 20% or more of the Daily Value of that vitamin or mineral per serving. A "good source" provides 10%-19% of the Daily Value.

#### Fiber

Our fiber intake for the day should be 20-35 grams. "High-fiber" foods contain 5 grams or more per serving. Foods that have at least 2.5 grams of fiber per serving are considered a "good source."

# Restaurant Guide

## **Restaurant survival tips**

Eating out is a part of our culture, and because that is unlikely to change, we need to learn tips so that each time we do eat out, it is not a calorie catastrophe. Studies show that when people eat out, they eat fewer fruits and vegetables, get less fiber, and consume more calories.

# Survival tips for dining out

- Choose foods that are grilled, broiled, baked, or steamed. Limit fried items.
- Order sauce, gravy, butter, and other condiments on the side. You will add less than the cook or server.
- Choose low fat side items such as steamed vegetables or applesauce.
- Don't be shy! Ask for substitutes for high calorie items veggies vs. fries, grilled chicken vs. fried chicken.
- Make a few healthy side dishes your main meal rather than ordering an entrée.
- Opt for restaurants that offer a variety of healthy or "lite" items; don't go to buffet-style restaurants – they almost always lead to overeating.
- Have a broth-based soup or a salad with low-fat dressing at the beginning of your meal; the volume will fill you up without adding a lot of extra calories.
- Skip the pre-meal bread and butter; have the server remove it from your table.
- Split an entrée with someone else to decrease your portion size and your calories.
- Place your order first, then you will be less tempted by what someone else may order.

# Fast Food Ideas

# Making the right choice

This list shows how choices can make a huge difference:

Arby's			
High Calorie Choice Philly Beef & Swiss Chicken Breast Fillet Italian Sub	700 540	Low Calorie Option Regular Roast Beef Lt. Roast Chicken Deluxe French Dip	350 260
Cheddar Curly Fries <b>Burger King</b>	460	Curly Fries (small)	310
High Calorie Choice		Low Calorie Option	
Whopper		Hamburger	
French Fries (king size)	600	French Fries	230
Chicken Sandwich	660	BK Broiler Chicken Sandwic (without mayonnaise)	
McDonald's			

### **McDonald's**

High Calorie Choice	Calories	Low Calorie Option	Calories
Big Mac	590	Hamburger	280
Chicken McNuggets (9)	430	Chicken McNuggets (4) .	190
French Fries (supersize)	610	French Fries (small)	210
M&M McFlurry (regular)	630	Vanilla Ice Cream Cone .	150

## Subway

High Calorie Choice	Calories	Low Calorie Option	Calorie
Meatball 6" Sub	501	Roast Beef 6" Sub	
		(without condiments)	264
Cold Cut Trio 6" Sub	415	Turkey Breast 6" Sub (without condiments)	254

# Sample Menus (1800 Calories)

# **Unhealthy choices**

#### Breakfast

- 1 glazed doughnut
- 16 oz. orange juice

#### Snack

None

#### **Lunch** (McDonald's drive-thru)

- Big Mac
- Large French Fry
- Small Coke

#### Snack

None

#### **Dinner**

None

#### Snack

None

#### Totals

■ Calories = 1,801 ■ Protein = 41 grams ■ Fat = 78 grams

#### **Resources:**

www.mcdonalds.com, accessed 10/13/05. USDA Nutrient Database, www.nal.usda.gov, accessed 10/13/05.

# **Healthy choices**

#### Breakfast

- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 cup cooked oatmeal
- Medium banana

#### Snack

- Granola bar with raisins and nuts
- 1 cup lite canned peaches

#### Lunch

- Turkey sandwich (2 slices lite whole wheat bread, 4 slices lean turkey, 1 Tbsp lite mayo, 2 tomato slices, ½ cup shredded lettuce)
- 1 cup green beans
- Medium apple

#### Snack

■ 6 oz. lite yogurt

#### Dinner

- 4 oz. grilled chicken breast
- ½ cup corn
- 1 cup cooked carrots
- Small dinner roll
- 1 cup skim milk

It is easy to see that choosing healthy foods allows you to eat a larger volume throughout the day. The unhealthy menu has a lot more fat and a lot less food for the same amount of calories. **Choose wisely!** 

#### Snack

■ 1 cup frozen yogurt

#### Totals

Calories = 1,810
 Protein = 77 grams
 Fat = 16.5 grams

# **Getting Ready**

Losing weight takes energy and commitment. To determine your readiness to lose weight, ask yourself a few questions:

- Do you have personal problems that could distract from focusing on weight loss, such as job stress, marital, financial, or medical problems?
- Are you willing to lose weight gradually?
- Do you have supportive people who will encourage you in your weight loss efforts?
- Is your goal realistic?
- In what ways can you increase your physical activity?
- What barriers have kept you from losing weight in the past? How will you address these barriers now?
- How will you use a food journal to track your success?
- Are you willing to make the lifestyle changes that are necessary for long-term success?

If you have answered "no" to any of these questions, you may need to seek help in resolving the problems or barriers that could get in the way of being successful. Your doctor, support group, dietitian, or a counseling agency can be helpful in addressing these issues.

### TIP:

Don't focus on daily weight gains or losses. Weigh yourself once per week on the same scale and at the same time of day. Better yet ... measure your weight by the way your clothes feel!

# Overcoming Barriers

It's easy to get discouraged when we give in to overeating or choose high calorie, high fat foods when we've worked so hard to develop more healthy eating habits. Keep in mind that no matter how prepared you may be, you will occasionally overeat or eat those foods you should avoid. It is sometimes difficult to stop the downward cycle and the feeling that you just want to give up. Rather than let this setback derail your efforts, accept that it happened and get back on track. These ideas may help you:

- Focus on your successes!
- Tell yourself you still can be successful. Positive self-talk is an important part of making changes in how we think and act.
- Think about what triggered you to overeat. Was it a celebration, stress, skipping a meal? How can you be more prepared the next time?
- Motivate yourself by focusing on the benefits of losing weight more energy, better health, and improved sleep.
- Learn and practice stress management techniques. Physical activity is a great way to reduce stress.
- Use your food and exercise journal to identify possible triggers or to express feelings that contribute to success or to overeating.
- Develop a positive support system. Having supportive people to call can be very helpful when we get discouraged.

Above all, forgive yourself. Everyone makes mistakes sometimes. This is a lifestyle change that you are trying to make and you will face challenges from time to time. You are learning a new set of skills; don't expect perfection! We are always practicing and improving our skills.

## Don't give up!

# Coupons

## HackleyHealthcareEquipment

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#### \$100.00 OFF any mobility scooter

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non-prescription vitamins

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