## Build a better breakfast.

Do you usually eat in the morning? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
If yes, what do you usually eat? When? Where?

If no, what are your reasons?

How does your morning eating pattern vary on weekends?

## Did you know...?

- Breakfast can take less than 5 minutes to make and eat.

- People who eat breakfast tend to make healthier food choices during the day.
- Breakfast eaters tend to be in a better mood, have more energy, and do better on memory tasks.
- People who don't eat breakfast tend to overeat during the day, especially at night. So the next morning, they're less hungry and less likely to eat breakfast.


## Do you skip breakfast and overeat at night?

If so, what food(s) could you eat less often at night? (List calories/fat.)

What food(s) could you gradually start eating in the morning? (List calories/fat.)

## Planning a morning meal.

## Keep it simple.

Breakfast can be a glass of orange juice, followed by a glass of skim milk, then a bagel later in the morning when you get to work.

## Concentrate on "carbo's." Limit fat and sugar.



| Cereal | Choose cereals that are low in sugar. <br> Eat less often:"frosted" or sweetened cereals, granolas, <br> or cereals with nuts. <br> Good choices are |
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| Bread | Try toast, an English muffin, or a bagel. <br> Top with nonfat cream cheese, jam, jelly, or all-fruit spread. <br> Eat less often: croissants, biscuits, doughnuts, and most muffins. |
| Pancakes | Top with a small amount of low-fat margarine or reduced-calorie syrup, <br> fresh fruit, or fruit purees like applesauce. |
| Potatoes | Make your own home fries with pan spray instead of oil. <br> Heat a leftover baked potato in the microwave. Top with nonfat sour <br> cream. |
| Leftovers | Use the microwave to reheat leftovers from last night's dinner. Rice, <br> pasta, or tortillas can be just as delicious at breakfast. |

## Add low-fat milk or yogurt and fresh fruit.

- Choose skim or $1 \%$ milk, nonfat or low-fat yogurt, either plain or sugar-free.
- Eat less often: Whole or $2 \%$ milk, regular sweetened yogurt.
- Choose fresh fruits or canned fruits packed in water or juice (not heavy syrup). Whole fruits are higher in fiber than juices.


## Eat these foods less often:



- Bacon (except Canadian bacon)
- Sausage
- Margarine, butter, peanut butter
- Eggs
- Pastries, coffeecake, doughnuts
- Sugar, honey, regular syrup


## My best breakfast.

Look through several of your completed Keeping Track booklets. Find some examples of healthy breakfasts.

What food choices work well for you?
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How many fat grams and/or calories at breakfast are best?

Fat goal for breakfast: $\qquad$ grams

Calorie goal for breakfast: $\qquad$ calories

Use the examples to build 3 "standard" breakfast menus for yourself. 1. $\qquad$
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