# **Nutrition Before and After Bariatric Surgery**

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### **Overview**

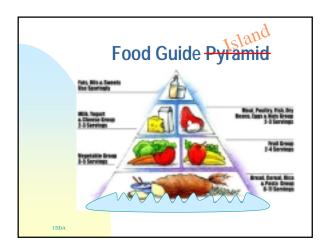
- Purpose: to help prepare for gastric bypass surgery
- Provide tips for success!

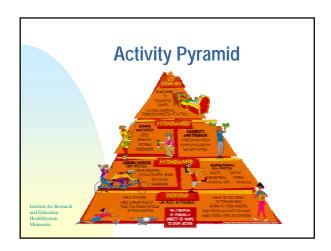
## **Topics of Discussion**

- Healthy Lifestyle
- Post-op <del>Diet</del> Nutrition Guidelines
- Why supplement vitamins and minerals?
- Dumping Syndrome
- Tips for Success

# **Healthy Lifestyle**

- Tobacco use, poor diet, and physical inactivity are leading contributors to mortality in the United States
- No tobacco use, good eating habits, physical activity, and mental health (low stress) are key components to a healthy lifestyle





# **Post-op Nutrition Guidelines**

- 4 Stages progression
  - ◆ Clear Liquids few days
  - ◆ Full Liquids 3 weeks
  - ◆ Pureed/Soft weeks 4-6
  - ◆ Solid Foods 7 weeks → forever
- Goal: 1 cup food per meal & 60 g protein daily

# Why Supplement Vitamins and Minerals?

- Bypassing main absorption site for some vitamins and minerals
- Not eating as much food
- In addition to what you get from food.
- Essential for good health
- Must be taken daily!

### **Vitamins and Minerals**

- Multivitamin 18 vitamins and minerals
- 1200 mg calcium citrate
- 1000 mcg vitamin B12 weekly
- 50-66 mg iron (menstruating females or those with a history of anemia)
  - ◆ with vitamin C if possible

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## **Dumping Syndrome**

- 2 Phases
  - ◆ Phase 1 (30-60 min after meal)
    - nausea, vomiting, bloating, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, shortness of breath
  - ◆ Phase 2 (2-3 hours after meal)
    - dizziness, weakness, sweating, rapid heartbeat, hunger, hypoglycemia
- DO NOT ASSUME DUMPING WILL OCCUR AFTER EATING HIGH SUGAR/HIGH FAT FOODS!

### **Tips for Success**

- Avoid "Last Supper" phenomenon
- Plan ahead!
  - ◆ Food and exercise
- Eat 3 meals per day
- Make the nutrition guidelines a habit
- Exercise
- You're not alone

- Practicing sipping fluids throughout the day (6-8 cups daily)
- Take time to eat meals
- Begin taking a multivitamin
- Start trying foods on the post-op guidelines

What	Can	I Do	Now?