

Low residue diet / low fibre diet

The aim of this diet is to eliminate foods which:

- Are incompletely digested
- May irritate the bowel
- Cause bulky stools or flatulence

This diet may help to reduce bowel movements.

It is important to avoid the following group of foods:

- High fibre
- Highly seasoned and spicy foods

Foods high in fat, e.g. sausage, devon, fried foods, etc may cause discomfort and if so should then be avoided.

VITAMIN C

Since raw salads and some fruits are not permitted, the diet may be low in Vitamin C. To overcome this, some strained fresh, bottled or canned fruit juice (check that it has added Vitamin C), such as orange, grapefruit, grapefruit, pineapple, apple or some tomato juice should be taken everyday.



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LOW FIBRE FOODS ALLOWED

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

BREAD AND CEREALS	BREAD AND CEREALS
White bread/muffins/crumpets	Wholemeal/Wholegrain bread or flour
White rice/pasta	Bread with fruit or seeds
Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles,	Brown rice/pasta
Semolina	Wholegrain cereals
Plain biscuits, e.g. Saos, Jatz, Water cracker	Weet-bix, All Bran, Rolled Oats
Morning Coffee, Milk Arrowroot, Marie	Muesli, Bran Flakes, Shredded Wheat
Plan cake/scone	Wholemeal biscuits, e.g. Wheatmeal, Oat
White flour (plain or self-raising), cornflour,	Cookies, Ryvita, Vitaweats
arrowroot	Cake/Biscuits with coconut, dried fruit, nuts,
	bran

HIGH FIBRE FOODS TO AVOID

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Limit fruit to 2 pieces per day Soft ripe fruits (without skin, pips or seeds) e.g. bananas, melons, peaches, apricots, pears, pawpaw, apples, citrus fruits (no pith) Tinned or stewed fruit (without skins) Fruit juices (without pulp, strained) Limit vegetables to 3 serves per day Peeled potatoes, pumpkin, squash, carrots Fruit juices (without skins) Tough or stringy vegetables, spinach, baked

Peeled potatoes, pumpkin, squash, carrots, green beans, zucchini, choko, marrow, asparagus tips, lettuce, bamboo shoots, avocado
Tomato paste/puree

Tough or stringy vegetables, spinach, baked beans, broccoli, brussel sprouts
Cabbage, cauliflower, leeks, onions, parsnips, tomato, coleslaw, pickled vegetables, peas, olives, chutney, mushrooms
Dried beans, peas and lentils

MEAT AND FISH	MEAT AND FISH
Lean beef, lamb, pork, chicken, fish (grilled	Casseroles and dishes containing vegetables
or baked)	other than those allowed
Casseroles/stews made with lean meat and	Chinese-style dishes, pizza, pasties, meat pies
permitted vegetables, eggs	Curries or spicy meat dishes
	Fatty meats, e.g. sausage, salami, devon,
	frankfurts



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LOW FIBRE FOODS ALLOWED	HIGH FIBRE FOODS TO AVOID

DAIRY PRODUCTS	DAIRY PRODUCTS
All milks, custards, white sauces, plain or vanilla yoghurt, cheese, ice-cream	Yoghurt or ice-cream containing fruit or nuts
If poorly tolerated try lactose free milk substitutes, e.g. soy milk	

FATS	FATS
Butter, cream, margarine, oils	Nuts

SPREADS	SPREADS
Vegemite, honey, clear jelly, jams, lemon	Peanut Butter
butter, cheese spread, fish and meat paste	Jam and marmalade with skins, seeds, peel

CONDIMENTS	CONDIMENTS
Salt, meat, yeast and vegetable extracts,	Mustard, pepper, pickles, spices, chutney
vinegar, mayonnaise, tomato sauce	

SAMPLE MEAL PLAN

BREAKFAST

Strained fruit juice (not prune)

Cornflakes/Rice Bubbles with milk and sugar

Stewed or allowed fruit

Egg, cheese or meat if desired

White bread/toast with margarine or butter and honey, vegemite

LUNCH

Clear soup or soup with allowed vegetables

Chicken/beef/fish/egg/cheese sandwich

Stewed, tinned fruit or fresh fruit without skin

Milk drink, tea or coffee

DINNER

Steamed or grilled lean meat, chicken or fish

Potato (peeled, boiled or mashed), white rice or noodles/white pasta

Allowed vegetables

Milk pudding

MID-MEALS

Tea, coffee, milk drink

Plan biscuit, plain cake, plain scone

Permitted yoghurt, cheese, milk drink

Permitted fruit (up to max 2 serves per day)