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Celiac Disease

(Gluten sensitivity)



What is celiac (gluten sensitivity)?

Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder characterized by a genetic sensitivity to gluten, which is a protein found in barley, wheat, and rye. The consumption of gluten triggers an immune response that damages the mucosa of the small intestine. Therefore, resulting in the malabsorption of macro and micronutrients.



What are the symptoms of celiac (gluten sensitivity)?

Chronic diarrhea.

Cramps and bloating.

Weight loss.

Anemia.

Irritability.

Fatigue.

What are Healthy Eating Tips?

 Include whole grain, gluten-free products as much
as possible, such as whole grain millet, whole grain
corn.

Avoid refined gluten-free products and choose enriched and fortified ones.

Eat plant foods that are high in fiber such as quinoa and buckwheat, they are excellent sources of fiber, iron, and some vitamin B.



What are Healthy Eating Tips?

Ensure eating a good amount of nongrain sources of nutrients that are essential to your body such as:

Lean cuts of meat, legumes (lentil, peas, dry beans), fish, and nuts are useful sources of thiamin, niacin, and iron.

Green leafy vegetables, nuts, legumes, mushrooms, and dairy products are good for riboflavin.

Consider taking gluten-free multivitamins and minerals.

Food Group	Food permitted	Food Prohibited	
Cereals and	Corn, potato, bean	Wheat, rye,	
flour	and lentil	barley, flour	
	buckwheat, flax,	bulgur, couscous,	
	millet flour, quinoa,	all wheat based	
	breakfast cereals	breakfast cereal.	
	(rice or corn based),		
	homemade		
	popcorn.		
Potatoes	All fresh potatoes,	Processed	
	homemade chips	potatoes example	
BIR	made from fresh	potato chips.	
	potatoes.		

Food Group	Food	Food Prohibited
	permitted	
	Bread made	All bread and bread
Bread, cakes,	from corn flour,	products are made
and biscuits	rice flour, and	of wheat, rye, oats
	potato flour.	(unless gluten free),
	Gluten free	barley and bran for
	products	example: croissants,
	specially	bagels, Arabic
	manufactured	bread, chapatti,
	(found in	naan bread,
	supermarkets).	crackers, pizza,
		pancakes, ice-cream
		cones, pastries.

Food Group	Food permitted	Food Prohibited	
	All types of fresh	Any fresh, dried, or	
Pasta, rice,	rice, rice noodles,	tinned pasta and	
and	gluten free pasta,	noodles, processed	
noodles	corn pasta.	rice.	
Meat, fish,	All fresh meat, fish	Some processed	
poultry, and	and poultry, egg,	meat or products	
legumes	canned fish (tuna).	coated with	
	Dried beans (peas,	breadcrumbs, fish	
	lentil, and beans).	fingers, chicken	
		nugget, burgers,	
		and hotdog.	

Food Group	Food permitted	Food Prohibited
	Fresh milk, cream,	Commercial
	condensed milk,	chocolate milk,
Dairy	soy milk, yogurt,	yogurt containing
products	goat milk,	cereal.
	coconut milk,	
	almond milk,	
1	powdered milk.	
Cheese	Natural cheese.	Processed cheese.

Food Group	Food permitted	Food	
		Prohibited	
	Fresh, dried, or	Commercial	
Fruits and	canned	chocolate milk,	
vegetables	fruits/vegetables.	yogurt	
		containing	
		cereal.	
Fat and oils	Vegetable oil,	Commercial	
	olive oil, butter,	salad dressings	
	margarines,	containing	
	nuts, peanut	gluten.	
	butter.		

Food Group	Food permitted	Food	
		Prohibited	
	Fresh salt and	Packet soups,	
Soups, sauces,	pepper, herbs,	sauces, gravies,	
and seasonings	spices, vinegar,	soy sauce,	
	homemade fresh	ketchups,	
	soaps, gluten free	mayonnaise,	
	soups, sauces, and	mustard sauce,	
	seasonings.	steak sauce.	
Drinks	Tea, coffee, fresh	Some	
	juices.	milkshakes and	
		sport drinks.	



Remember to always read the food label to avoid gluten in the product.

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