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THE TRUTH ABOUT CARBOHYDRATES

Three Main Types

- Sugar Naturally in Fruit and Added to Food
- Starches Found in Breads, Starchy Vegetables, Cereals, Pasta, Crackers
- Fiber Only carbohydrate that has no calories



What Carbs Do?

- Give us energy
- Help organs work well
- Keeps us regular
- Lowers cholesterol
- Makes us feel full

Benefits of Less Processed Carbs

- 1. May raise blood sugar more slowly and less after meals.
- 2. May reduce risk for heart disease and cancer.
- 3. Provides nutrients not found anywhere else.

How Much is Enough?		
FOOD GROUP	FOR WOMEN	FOR MEN
Grains - at least 1/2 whole grains	6 servings	7 servings
Vegetables	2 cups	2 ½ cups
Fruit	1 ½ cup	2 cups
Dairy Foods	3 cups for both	

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