## Low Allergen Foods Diet

Enclosed is a sample 10 Day Low Allergen Foods Diet that can make a huge difference in how you feel. In order to jump start your wellness program, please follow this diet for two 10 day cycles. You can eat any food on this diet at any time, the 10 day suggestions are just to give you something to follow if prefer. But it is a good idea to rotate foods, as this diet does.

This diet does not restrict the AMOUNT of food, only the types of food. Please follow the "approved" foods as closely as possible. We find that just with the diet alone, people feel much better and usually lose weight, have more energy, have less pain, sleep better, and have a clearer mind. Following the Low Allergen Foods Diet for two 10 day cycles should accelerate your health recovery.

## Why Diet Can Be So Important

The foods you eat can have a dramatic effect on your metabolism. Most people don't realize it but many people are "mildly" allergic to many of the foods they eat. These "hidden" food allergies can result in systemic inflammation and last for up to 4 hours after eating the offending food. This mild but systemic inflammation can then manifest as fatigue, pain, mental fog, and even anxiety and depression. Avoiding the most common food allergens for a period of time can remove food "stressors" and allow the body to spring back to health and vitality.

## You May Have "Hidden" Food Allergies

Mild food allergies are much more common than most people think. It is likely that anyone with a chronic health challenge has a contributing mild food contributing to their health challenge. Unfortunately, mild food allergies are too
subtle for us to recognize the offending food. Instead of breaking out in hives after eating a food, we may just feel slightly spacey, or our joints may hurt just a little bit more. The bad news is that the most common food allergens are many of the foods most of us eat every day; wheat (gluten), dairy, and peanuts.

By eating foods we are mildly allergic to every day (or even every meal) we contribute to a continual state of mild inflammation, and therefore poor health. For example, a person allergic to wheat (gluten) could have toast for breakfast, a sandwich for lunch, and pasta for dinner.... and they would have eaten foods they were mildly allergic to at every meal. By getting off of all common food allergens for 20 or 30 days, people can often feel dramatic changes in their health.

## Blood Sugar Spikes/Troughs

The standard American diet is loaded with simple carbohydrates; breads, pasta, rice, potatoes. These foods convert to sugar quickly, and are "burned" quickly as energy. This can result in energy swings throughout the day. Eating these types of foods can result in energy spikes for an hour or two, and then a feeling of fatigue for several hours until we eat again... or reach for a high carb snack or cup of coffee. The 10 day Wellness

Diet removes most of those simple starches and replaces them with protein and vegetables along with some fruits. If you have severe blood sugar problems, please keep the fruits to a minimum. By following a higher protein, lower carb diet, your energy levels should be more stable throughout the day, and you should actually begin to lose weight.

## A Tale Of 2 Sandwiches

The reason we have to eat is to provide fuel for our bodies. Certain classes of foods provide more, and even better burning fuels for our bodies. See below to compare the nutritional value of these two different lunches. And consider what a difference it would make to eat one way or the other for 3 meals a day, 365 days per year.

Compare the "fuel" in these 2 lunches

## Bologna on white bread With a lettuce salad



## Versus

Turkey on whole wheat with a spinach salad

| $\mathbf{6 0 0 \%}$ | More vitamin C |
| ---: | :--- |
| $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ | More riboflavin |
| $\mathbf{7 0 0 \%}$ | More vitamin B6 |
| $\mathbf{5 0 0 \%}$ | More B1 |
| $\mathbf{2 1 0 0 \%}$ | More vitamin A |
| $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ | More calcium |
| $\mathbf{4 0 0 \%}$ | More magnesium |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 \%}$ | More niacin |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 \%}$ | More vitamin E |
| $\mathbf{2 5 0 \%}$ | More zinc |
| $\mathbf{4 0 0 \%}$ | More pantothenic acid |
| $\mathbf{6 0 0 \%}$ | More folic acid |
| $200 \%$ | More B12 |
| $1000 \%$ | More manganese |

What you eat DOES make a difference in how you feel

## Foods To Avoid


#### Abstract

All gluten-containing foods like wheat, rye, oats and barley which are commonly found in breads, pasta and other products from refined flour. The most common allergies are caused by this group of foods. By avoiding these foods for a few weeks your system gets a chance to relax and clear itself out. You may not even know you have an allergy to these foods because the symptoms may be so subtle.


Alcohol, caffeine (coffee, black teas, sodas and soy milk), soda and fruit drinks that are high in refined sugars.
Both alcohol and caffeine are hard on the liver. So give your liver a vacation!

Pork, cold cuts, bacon, hot dogs, canned meat, sausage and shellfish.
Meats are typically high in nasty ingredients such as estrogens, antibiotics and others typical of processed foods.

## Corn and tomatos.

These vegetables are common allergens and can contribute to pain and inflammation.

All dairy (milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, etc.)
Dairy products are most likely to cause allergies and increase pain. Stay away from creamy salad dressings (ranch, creamy garlic, etc.) as they contain dairy.

Foods high in fats and oils, including peanuts, refined oils, margarine, \& shortening.
This diet was designed to lessen the burden placed on your system by eliminating many foods, including those high in fats and refined and processed oils.

Any other foods not listed on these pages that you know you are allergic to. Give your healthcare practitioner a list of foods that you know you are allergic to.

Caution: Be aware that eggs are sensitive for many people. Use range fed chicken eggs only as they are generally fed less hormones \& antibiotics, and pay attention to see if you react on days when you eat them.

## Shopping List

You may eat any of the following approved foods.
Vegetables Asparagus, Artichokes, Avocados, Beets, Bock Choy, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Green Beans, Kale, Leeks, Mixed Greens (not iceberg), Mushrooms, Okra, Peas, Peapods, Shallots, Spinach, Squash, Sweet potatoes, Swish chard, Yellow wax beans, Zucchini

Fruits Apples, Bananas, Blueberries, Cantaloupe, Grapes, Kiwi, Honeydew Melon, Pears, Plums, Strawberries

Protein Skinless Chicken breast, Turkey breasts, Extremely lean beef such as Flank Steak, Cornish game hen, Lamb

Fish Halibut, Tilapia, Salmon, Red Snapper, Orange Roughy,Perch, Cod, Anchovies, Sardines, Pollock, Mackerel, Herring, Water packed tuna, Haddock, Flounder (If possible use wild, not farm raised fish)

Grains White rice, millet, tapioca, quinoa, $100 \%$ buckwheat, teff, amaranth.

Misc. Raw almonds, Cream of Rice, Millet, Nut Butter (not peanut),

## Drinks Organic Decaffeinated Coffee, Green Tea, Herb Tea (no citrus), Non fluorinated /chlorinated water

Dressings Extra-virgin olive oil with lemon or lime and dry herbs, including oregano and basil. Flax seed oil dressing. Oil and vinegar dressing.

| Other Spices | Bay leaf | Dill | Marjoram | Caraway seeds |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Dry mustard | Nutmeg | Chives | Garlic |
|  | Poppy seeds | Cinnamon | Ginger | Tarragon |
|  | Curry | Mace | Cilantro |  |

This is a sample diet only, you may eat any of the foods on the shopping list, on any day, but please try to vary your foods


# Here's How To Help Find Hidden Food Triggers After the Low Allergen Foods Diet 

Slowly Start Re-Introducing Common Food Allergens

After cycling thru the low allergen diet start to introduce some of the common allergen foods back into your diet to see if/how your body reacts. Continue on the same diet, but every few days take a "diet holiday" and add a singular high allergen food that day only. Take gluten (wheat) for example; on that day have toast with almond butter, a sandwich for lunch, and pasta for dinner. Evaluate how you feel that day, how you sleep that night, how you feel the next morning. Then go back to the low allergen foods for two days. Now have a cheat day with dairy, and so on.

Food sensitivities are rampant in our society and they can be the underlying cause of your health challenge. The problem is they are difficult to detect. Yes there are some very innovative labs that are using saliva and blood spots as well as the traditional tests, but the testing can be expensive, also, Food Allergy testing is not $100 \%$ effective.

The other side is that sometimes people may not follow the lab recommendations because it usually means refraining or abstaining from some of their favorite foods. However; if while eating lean, low reactive allergy foods; someone has their symptoms reduced or reversed they start to see the connection. Then when these reactive foods are reintroduced back in the diet and patients experience a return or even an aggravation of prior symptoms ...reality sets in. When we talk about pain it is different than when we experience pain.

Here is a study to prove my point; in an article titled "Food Allergies and

Migraine", in the prestigious journal; Lancet 1979, 1:966. 60 patients were given 2 low risk foods per day for 5 days and then 1-3 common foods were added each day and assessed by physical symptom looking for reactions. The average number of foods causing symptoms was 10 for each participant. By staying away from these foods, the total number of headaches was reduced from 402 per month to 6 . $85 \%$ become headache free. There is no drug that has ever, ever been able to match that kind of result. Why don't more people do it, because it takes time to explain and quite frankly it a change in lifestyle and people are creatures of habit and don't like change. This study involves headaches but you can use any chronic condition that involves pain, inflammation or fatigue.

I have provided a sheet for you to use to identify the food and the possible symptoms you experience. You may notice changes in the way you think, way your body works, sleep changes, energy loss, emotional intensity, increased inflammation in joints, pain, food cravings, concentration problems, etc, etc.. It is important for you to $\log$ which foods are causing the problem.


## Discover Hidden Food Sensitivities

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Score reactions as follows: 1-10 one =barely noticed any reaction, $10=$ very severe
Foods to test individually:
Gluten, dairy, corn, eggs, peanuts, soy, one of the nightshades (tomatoes, potatoes, pepper, paprika, etc.), beef, chicken, tea \& coffee, oranges, chocolate or any foods you may suspect cause problems.

Food eaten Gluten $\qquad$ date $\qquad$
Mental
 Physical $\square$ Food Cravings $\square$ Sleep Change $\quad \square$ Concentration $\square$
 Emotional intensity $\qquad$ Inflammation $\square$
$\square$

Other Changes Describe $\qquad$

Food eaten_Dairy
date


Physical $\square$
Sleep Change


Emotional intensity $\square$
Pain
Food Cravings $\square$ Concentration

Food eaten Soy date $\qquad$

| Mental $\quad$ Physical $\square$ | Sleep Change $\square$ | Energy $\square$ | Emotional intensity $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pain $\quad \square$ | Food Cravings $\square$ | Concentration $\square$ | Inflammation $\square$ |


| Food eaten | *Nightshades | date |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mental $\square$ | Physical $\square$ | Sleep Change $\square$ | Energy $\square$ | Emotional intensity $\square$ |
| Pain $\square$ | $\square$ Food Cravings $\square$ | Concentration $\square$ | Inflammation $\square$ |  |

Other Changes Describe $\qquad$
Food eaten Beef date ____

| Mental |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | Physical $\square$ | Sleep Change $\square$ | Energy $\square$ | Emotional intensity $\square$ |
| Pain | $\square$ | Food Cravings $\square$ | Concentration $\square$ | Inflammation $\square$ |

Other Changes Describe $\qquad$

| Food eaten $\quad$ Chicken | date |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mental $\square$ | Physical $\square$ | Sleep Change $\square$ | Energy $\square$ | Emotional intensity $\square$ |
| Pain $\square$ | Food Cravings $\square$ | Concentration $\square$ | Inflammation $\square$ |  |
| Other Changes Describe |  |  |  |  |

Food eaten Tea \& Coffee date

| Mental | $\square$ | Physical $\square$ | Sleep Change $\square$ | Energy $\square$ | Emotional intensity $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pain | $\square$ | Food Cravings $\square$ | Concentration $\square$ | Inflammation $\square$ |  |

Other Changes Describe $\qquad$

Food eaten Oranges _date ____

| Mental | $\square$ | Physical $\square$ | Sleep Change |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ |  | Energy $\square$ | Emotional intensity $\square$ |
| Pain | $\square$ | Food Cravings |  |
| $\square$ | Concentration | $\square$ | Inflammation $\square$ |

Other Changes Describe $\qquad$

| Food eaten | Chocolate | date | Energy $\square$ <br> Inflammation | Emotional intensity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mental | Physical | Sleep Change |  |  |
| Pain | Food Cravings | Concentration |  |  |
| Other Chan | Describe |  |  |  |

The following pre-made foods contain gluten, unless they are marked "Gluten-Free" on the label.

| Bagels | French Toast | Pita or Pocket Bread |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Beer | French Fries (if frozen or coated) | Pretzel |
| Biscuits | Funnel Cake | Salad Dressing |
| Blue cheese (made with bread) | Graham Crackers | Semolina |
| Bread | Gravy | Soup |
| Broth (pre-made, cubes, powder) | Hushpuppies | Sour Cream |
| Cake | Macaroni | Soy Sauce, Shoyu |
| Cheese (pre-shredded) | Malted milk | Spaghetti |
| Cookies | Matzo | Stock (pre-made, cubes, powder) |
| Corn Dogs | Muesli | Stuffing |
| Corn Bread | Muffins | Toast |
| Couscous | Noodles | Tabbouleh |
| Crackers | Oatmeal | Teriyaki sauce |
| Croutons | Pancakes | Waffles |
| Cupcakes | Pasta | Yogurt |
| Deli Cut or Cold Cut Meats | Pastry |  |
| Doughnuts | Pie |  |

The following pre-made foods contain gluten containing ingredients

| Alcoholic spirits | Hydrolyzed wheat protein | Stearyldimoniumhydroxypropyl hydrolyzed wheat <br> protein |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Barley, Barley grass | Hydrolyzed wheat protein pg-propyl silanetriol | Strong flour |
| Beer (except gluten-free beer) | Hydrolyzed wheat starch | Suet (in packets) |
| Bleached flour | Hydroxypropyltrimonium hydrolyzed wheat protein | Textured Vegetable Protein - TVP |
| Bran | Kamut | Triticale (a wheat-rye blend) |
| Bread flour | Macha wheat | Triticale X triticosecale |
| Brewer's yeast | Malt (made from barley) | Triticum vulgare flour lipids, germ extract, germ oil |
| Brown flour | Malt (extract, flavoring, syrup, vinegar | Udon (wheat noodles) |
| Bulgur | Malted milk | Unbleached flour |
| Cake flour (meal) | Matzo meal, semolina | Vavilovi wheat |
| Cereal | Mir | Vegetable starch |
| Couscous | Oat bran, oatmeal, oats, rolled oats, groats, flour | Wheat (Abyssinian hard, club, common, durum, |
| Dextrimaltose | Oriental wheat | Wheat bran extract, amino acids |
| Durum flour | Pasta (excepts gluten-free) | Wheat berries |
| Edible starch | Pearl barley | Wheat durum triticum |
| Farina | Persian wheat | Wheat germ, germ extract, germ oil, or lipids |
| Fillers | Polish wheat | Wheat grass (may contain seeds) |
| Flour (usually means wheat flour) | Poulard wheat | Wheat nuts, protein or starch |
| Graham flour | Rice Malt (if barley or Koji are used) | Whole wheat, flour |
| Granary flour | Rye | Weitan einkorn, emmer |
| Groats (barley, wheat, oat) | Semolina Spelt, small |  |
| Hard wheat | Sprouted wheat or barley |  |
| Hydrolyzed wheat gluten |  |  |

Most commercially prepared baked goods contain milk or milk products.
au gratin, buttered, creamed, scalloped or escalloped potatoes and vegetables
baked goods made with milk, (breads, biscuits, donuts, muffins, pancakes, waffles, zwieback, crackers, saltines, rusk)
battered, breaded and dipped vegetables and meats
bisques, chowders, creamed soups
breaded meats, meatloaf, croquettes, casseroles, hamburgers (unless made without milk)
butter substitutes and non-dairy creamers (some)
butter, butter fat
buttermilk
cream, cream cheese, sour cream, clotted cream
cake, cookies, custard, pudding, cream desserts, or sherbet containing milk products
candy made with milk such as chocolate, fudge, caramels, nougat
casseroles
cheese, cheese powder or cheese sauce
butter, butter fat
chocolate

## coffee creamers

commercial and frozen dinners

Cool Whip
cottage cheese
cream
cream pie
cream sauces and soups, white sauces
curds
custard
eggnog
eggs scrambled with milk, creamed eggs, egg substitutes
evaporated milk
French fries sprayed coating or flavoring

French toast
frozen yogurt
gelato
ghee
half and half

## ice cream

instant cereals containing dried milk (oatmeal, rice, wheat, etc)
instant cocoa, breakfast
beverage mixes
junket
lactaid
macaroni and cheese
malted milk, candy, shakes
margarines (some, check the label)
mashed potatoes
milk (derivative, protein, solids, malted, condensed, evaporated, dry, whole, low fat, nonfat, skim, solids)
milkshakes
most commercially prepared breads and contain milk or milk products rolls
natural butter flavor (an some artificial flavor)
curds
condensed milk non-dairy creamers (most)
non-dairy substitutes containing caseinate
non-fat skim milk, powdered milk or milk solids
nougat
popovers
protein drinks, powders, bars
pudding
queso, "con queso dip"
salad dressing containing milk, milk solids, or milk products
soufflés
sour cream, sour cream solids
sports and nutrition drinks, powders, bars
vegetables containing with milk, cheese, butter or cream
whey and whey products
whipping cream
white sauces

## yogurt

## The following ingredients may indicate soy

-Hydrolyzed soy protein

- Miso - a paste made of rice, barley and/or soybeans; used as a seasoning often in Japanese cuisine
-Shoyu sauce - a type of soy sauce
-Soy - flour, albumin, flour, grits, nuts, milk, sprouts
- Soy protein concentrate, soy protein isolate
- Soy sauce
- Soybean, soybean granules, soybean curd
-Tamari - a type of soy sauce, mostly produced in Japan
-Tempeh - similar to tofu
-Texured vegetable protein, aka TVP
-Tofu


## Foods Commonly Containing Soy

-Baby foods, formula, cereals
-Baked goods including cakes, cookies, muffins, breads
-Baking mixes and canned frosting
-Breakfast cereals, instant breakfast drinks
-Breading mixes, stuffing mixes
-Canned puddings

- Canned and packaged dinners like spaghetti or macaroni and cheese
-Canned tuna packed in oil
- Chocolate chips, chocolate bars
-Imitation meats and seafood
- Meat fillers
- Margarine, shortening, cooking spray, vegetable oil
-Snack foods including crackers, chips, pretzels
- Soy and teriyaki sauces
-Soy milk, yogurt, non-dairy creamers
-Tofu, miso, tempeh
-Vitamin supplements

