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Low-carb diets and type 2 diabetes

Evidence suggests that low-carb diets are safe and can improve blood glucose levels in the short term, as well as helping to achieve weight loss and reducing the risk of heart disease in people with type 2 diabetes.

If you treat your diabetes with insulin or any other medication that puts you at risk of hypoglycaemia (low blood glucose levels), following a low-carb diet may increase this risk. However, your healthcare team can help you adjust your medications to reduce your risk of hypoglycaemia often called hypos.

Find recipes and snacks on our website: www.preventingdiabetes.org.uk

This information is only part of how any particular person may decide which diet or indeed lifestyle is the best for them. If you are on prescribed medication or suffer from a significant medical condition we strongly advise you to consult your doctor or dietitian before making changes. For example improvements in lifestyle and weight loss may also significantly improve your blood pressure or diabetes control requiring a reduction in medication.

Weekly overview for a low-carb non-vegetarian diet



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Breakfast:

Lunch:

Dinner:





Mushroom and spring onion omelette



Creamy chicken and mushroom soup

Pudding: Greek yogurt with raspberries

Beefburger with green salad

Pudding: Summer berry posset



Ideas: oatcakes with light cream cheese, nuts and avocado





Almond, apricot and pumpkin seed granola



Bang bang chicken salad

Pudding: Greek yogurt



Italian-style braised lamb steaks with brown rice and broccoli

Pudding: Passion fruit with half-fat creme fraiche



Ideas: nuts, cheese and guacamole with crudites

Saturday



Low carb baked eggs



Roast chicken, roast potatoes, green beans and gravy



Coq au vin with broccoli

Pudding: Hot chocolate



Ideas: raspberry smoothie and nuts.

Sunday



Scrambled egg with smoked salmon on granary toast



Ham, leek and Parmesan frittata with avocado, celery, cucumber and lettuce



Chicken and lentil curry with salad

Pudding: Greek yogurt with raspberries



Ideas: olives, nuts, dried fruit and oatcakes with light cream cheese.