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 higher protein, lower carb diet, your energy 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



Turkey on whole wheat with a spinach salad



600% More vitamin C
50% More riboflavin
700% More vitamin B6
500% More B1
2100% More vitamin A
50% More calcium
400% More magnesium
200% More niacin
1000% More vitamin E
250% More zinc
400% More pantothenic acid
600% More folic acid
200% More B12
1000% More manganese

Foods To Avoid

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 tomatoes.

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.

Shopping List

You may eat any of the following approved foods.

Vegetables	Asparagus, Artichokes, Avocados, Beets, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumber, Eggplant, Green Beans, Kale, Leeks, Mixed Greens (not iceberg), Mushrooms, Okra, Peas, Peapods, Shallots, Spinach, Squash, Sweet potatoes, Swiss chard, Yellow wax beans, Zucchini				
Fruits	Apples, Bananas, Blueberries, Cantaloupes, Grapes, Kiwi, Honeydew Melons, Oranges, Pears, Plums, Strawberries				
Protein	Skinless Chicken breast, Turkey breast, 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 Dry mustard Poppy seeds Curry	Dill Nutmeg Cinnamon Mace	Marjoram Chives Ginger Cilantro	Caraway seeds Garlic Tarragon	

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

Low Allergen Foods Diet- 10 Day Sample

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 1	Spread ½ avocado on 2 pieces gluten free toast	Any left over lean protein ½ avocado Salad Strawberries	Chicken Veggies White rice Banana	Apple Raw Almonds Strawberries
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 2	Hot buckwheat /rice/ quinoa cereal Topped with blueberries, raspberries, pecans & cinnamon	Left over chicken from day one Salad Apple Kiwi	Turkey Veggies Veggies ½ avocado	Pear Plum Raw Almonds
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 3	Left over Chicken Breast Banana ½ avocado Grapes	Left over Turkey Sweet Potato Cantaloupe Salad	Fish Veggies Veggies Kiwi	Strawberries Banana Raw Cashews
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 4	Organic turkey bacon wraps ½ avocado sliced on Lettuce & cabbage leaves 4 strawberries		Beef Veggies Millet Pear/Plum	Apple Cantaloupe Grapes
Day 5	Apple slices slathered with raw almond butter Dipped in crushed walnuts Top with cinnamon	Lunch Left over Beef Salad Left over Veggie Banana	Chicken Veggies Veggies ½ avocado	Snacks Raw Almonds Honey dew melon Pear/Plum
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 6	Left over Chicken Grapefruit Banana Cantaloupe	Left over chicken Left over veggie Salad Apple	Lamb Veggies White rice Kiwi	Grapes Banana
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 7	Warm leftover millet Slice ½ avocado in millet or use as a side Grapes	Left over lamb Sweet Potato Salad Banana	Fish Veggie Veggie ½ avocado	Strawberries Raw almonds Grapefruit
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks
Day 8	Left over turkey Large grapefruit 4 strawberries Kiwi	Left over fish Salad Cucumber Honey dew melon	Beef Veggies Millet Pear/Plum	Apple Cantaloupe Grapes
	Breakfast	Lunch		Snacks
Day 9	Steel cut or organic oats Topped with raw almonds Fresh/frozen strawberries ½ tsp raw honey ½ cup almond/coconut milk	Left over Beef Salad Left over veggie Banana	Chicken Veggies Veggies ½ avocado	Raw almonds Honey dew melon Pear/Plum
Day 10	Breakfast 2 scoops NutriClear Berry ½ frozen banana 2/3 cup almond or coconut milk Eat an apple	Lunch Left over chicken Left over veggie Salad Apple	Dinner Lamb Veggies Veggies Kiwi	Snack Grapes Banana

Please cycle thru this diet twice

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) example; on that day have toast with your eggs, 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 only clean, 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. As we feel the symptoms come back we are able to make a stronger connection, developing awareness of how allergenic foods can undermine our health while low allergenic foods promote optimal health.

Here is a study to prove my point; in an article titled "Food Allergies and Migraine", in the prestigious journal; Lancet 1979, 1:966. Sixty patients were given two low risk foods per day for five days and then one to three common foods were added into the diet each day while the participants were assessed by physical symptoms related to their reactions to the foods introduced. The average number of foods causing symptoms was for each participant was ten. By staying away from these foods, the total number of headaches was reduced from 402 per month to

just six per month, and 85% of the participants became headache <u>free</u>. There is no drug on the market capable of reproducing these results. Why don't more people use this technique to get free from their headaches? Because the process of eliminating and reintroducing foods requires making lifestyle changes that may seem difficult to follow. This study applies to headaches but it can apply any chronic condition that involves pain, inflammation and/or fatigue.

Start with the Low Allergen Foods Diet (or 3-Step Detox Diet) for 20 days and take the appropriate supplements. During this period many of your symptoms may be reduced. Now start to re-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) example; on that day have toast with your eggs, 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.

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.

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Foods to test individually:	soy, one of the nightsh	any reaction, 10 = very severe ades (tomatoes, potatoes, pepper, paprika, use problems;
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Nightshades: Tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, paprika

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Gluten Foods

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

French Toast Pita or Pocket Bread **Bagels**

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) Sour Cream Hushpuppies

Soy Sauce, Shoyu Cake Macaroni

Cheese (pre-shredded) Malted milk Spaghetti

Cookies Matzo Stock (pre-made, cubes, powder)

Muesli Stuffing Corn Dogs Corn Bread Muffins Toast

Couscous **Noodles Tabbouleh**

Crackers Oatmeal Teriyaki sauce

Pancakes Waffles Croutons Cupcakes Pasta Yogurt

Deli Cut or Cold Cut Meats **Pastry** Pie Doughnuts

The following pre-made foods contain gluten containing ingredients

Alcoholic spirits Hydrolyzed wheat protein

Barley, Barley grass Hydrolyzed wheat protein pg-propyl silanetriol Strong flour

Beer (except gluten-free beer) Hydrolyzed wheat starch

Bleached flour Hydroxypropyltrimonium hydrolyzed wheat protein

Bran Kamut Bread flour Macha wheat

Brewer's yeast Malt (made from barley)

Brown flour Malt (extract, flavoring, syrup, vinegar

Bulgur Malted milk

Cake flour (meal) Matzo meal, semolina

Cereal Mir

Couscous Oat bran, oatmeal, oats, rolled oats, groats, flour

Dextrimaltose Oriental wheat

Durum flour Pasta (excepts gluten-free)

Edible starch Pearl barley Farina Persian wheat Fillers Polish wheat

Flour (usually means wheat flour) Poulard wheat

Graham flour Rice Malt (if barley or Koji are used)

Granary flour Rye Seitan Groats (barley, wheat, oat)

Hard wheat Semolina Spelt, small Hydrolyzed wheat gluten Sprouted wheat or barley Stearyldimoniumhydroxypropyl hydrolyzed wheat protein

Suet (in packets)

Textured Vegetable Protein - TVP Triticale (a wheat-rye blend) Triticale X triticosecale

Triticum vulgare flour lipids, germ extract, germ oil

Udon (wheat noodles) Unbleached flour Vavilovi wheat Vegetable starch

Wheat (Abyssinian hard, club, common, durum, timopheevi, bulgur, Shot)

Wheat bran extract, amino acids

Wheat berries

Wheat durum triticum

Wheat germ, germ extract, germ oil, or lipids

Wheat grass (may contain seeds) Wheat nuts, protein or starch

Whole wheat, flour

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Dairy Foods

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

mayonnaise

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