## Low GI Foods (20-49)

#### **Breakfast Cereals:**

All Bran Fruit' n Oats All Bran Fiber One Oat Bran Oatmeal(not instant)

## Fruits and Fruit Juices: (Limit 1-2 Fruits/day)

Apples, Apple juice Apricots Blackberries Blueberries Cherries Cranberries (not dried) Grapefruit juice Grapefruit Peaches Pears Prunes **Plums** Raspberries Strawberries Tangerine Tomato juice

## **Beans and Legumes:**

black eyed peas, butter beans chick peas, green beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, lentils, lima beans, navy beans, snow peas, hummus

## Non- starchy vegetables:

asparagus, artichoke, avocado, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, eggplant, greens, lettuce, mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes, okra, onions, spinach, summer squash, zucchini, turnips.

#### **Grains:**

barley, rye, bulgur, wild rice, wheat tortilla, wheat pasta

### Nuts, olives and oils:

almonds, peanuts, pecans, sunflower seeds, hazelnuts, olives walnuts, oils that are liquid at room temperature

# Dairy, fish, meat, soy and eggs:

skim milk, soy milk, almond milk, lowfat cheese, yogurt (lowfat or greek) lean red meat, fish, skinless chicken and turkey, shellfish, egg whites, egg yolks( up to 3/week) soy products, Egg Beaters

## Moderate GI Foods (50-69)

#### Breakfast cereals:

Bran Buds Bran Chex Just Right Mini Wheats Special K Swiss Museli

#### Fruits:

Banana (under ripe) figs kiwi grapes Mango oranges

raisins

Cranberry juice, orange juice

## **Beans and legumes:**

boston type baked beans canned pinto, kidney or navy beans, green peas

### Vegetables:

beets, carrots, Sweet potato, yam, corn on the cob

#### **Breads:**

pita pocket oat bran bread pumpernickel bread rve bread wheat bread high fiber bread

### **Grains:**

cornmeal brown and white rice couscous

## Pasta:

macaroni ravioli (meat filled) pizza (cheese) spaghetti (white)

## Nuts:

cashews macadamia

## Snacks:

chocolate muffins low fat ice cream popcorn

## **High GI Foods : (70-100)**

### **Breakfast cereals:**

Cheerios Corn Flakes Corn Chex Cream of wheat Grape Nut Flakes Grape Nuts Grits Puffed wheat and rice Rice Chex Rice Krispies Raisin Bran Shredded Wheat Total

#### Fruits:

**Dried Dates** Pineapple Watermelon Over ripe bananas

#### **Beverages:**

soda, sweet tea, pineapple juice

### Vegetables:

potato, baked, broiled, fried, mashed, french fries canned or frozen corn, parsnips, winter squash

### **Breads:**

most breads (white and whole grain), baguette, bagels, bread sticks, Kaiser roll, dinner roll

### **Grains:**

rice, instant, tapioca

### Snacks:

candy, crackers, chips, cookies, syrups, jelly, jam Donuts, corn chips, tortilla chips, pretzels, jelly beans, rice crackers, pastries, cakes, nutragrain bars, Pop tarts.

#### Restaurant and Ethnic Foods:

Most Chinese food (sugar in stir fry sauces) Teriyaki meats and vegetables, Fried rice

Mexican foods with white rice, tortilla, etc

Any foods with white sugar or white flour

The glycemic index, or GI index is the measurement of how foods raise our blood glucose after eating them. Foods raise glucose to varying levels (carbs increase blood sugar the most, fats and protein second). Actual (sugar) has a glycemic index of 100 and other foods measured are ranked as low, moderate and high GI foods. Although GI index is helpful to meal planning. The TOTAL number of grams of carbohydrate can have a bigger impact than GI index on blood sugar levels.

Consuming low GI foods + calculating carbohydrate intake = the most stable blood sugar levels!!!