## Soft Diet

If you have problems chewing your food, this handout will show you soft foods you can eat.

## What are soft foods?

Foods that are cooked tender and moist foods that are easy to chew.

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|  | Foods allowed | Foods not allowed or foods to avoid |
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| Milk \& milk products | - All milk and milk beverages <br> - Cream <br> - Plain or flavoured yogurt | - Yogurt with seeds or nuts |
| Grain products | - Bread or soft rolls; white, whole wheat or light rye <br> - Cooked or refined ready to eat cereals <br> - Rice or pasta | - Hard rolls <br> - Bread and cereals with nuts, seeds, coconut or fruits <br> - Shredded wheat cereal |
| Meat, fish, poultry, and alternates | - Ground, finely chopped or shaved meats or tofu <br> - Tender moist whole poultry <br> - Tender flaked fish. <br> - All cooked eggs. <br> - Cheese - block and cottage <br> - Legumes | - Bacon |
| Vegetables and fruit | - Soft, cooked, fruits and vegetables <br> - Fruit and vegetable juices <br> - Finely grated raw fruit or vegetables. All potatoes without skin <br> - Banana <br> - Vegetables such as spinach if finely chopped | - Tough fibrous or stringy vegetables such as corn or celery <br> - Fruits or vegetables with tough skin such as apples <br> - Citrus fruits <br> - Dried fruits <br> - Baked potato with skin <br> - Raw vegetables, tossed salads, coleslaw |
| Soups | - All soups made with minced or chopped meats and vegetables | - Soups containing tough, crunchy or stringy vegetables |

Foods not allowed or foods to avoid

| Desserts and sweets | - All soft desserts and baked goods. <br> - Jelly, honey, sugar, plain sugar candy, syrups. <br> - Plain, soft chocolate bars <br> - Jam or marmalade | - Desserts or baked goods with seeds, nuts, coconuts or fruits <br> - Caramel, toffee and licorice |
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| Beverages | - All | - None |
| Fats and oils | - Butter, margarine, oil, salad dressings, cream cheese, mayonnaise, gravy, smooth sauces and whipped toppings | - Olives |
| Other | - Soft casseroles made of combinations of minced and soft foods in smooth sauces or gravies | - Coconuts, nuts and seeds <br> - Popcorn |

## Dietitian's or Dietetic Assistant's suggestions:

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