## Session 10:

Four Keys to Healthy Eating Out.

## 1. Plan ahead.

$\rightarrow$ Call ahead to ask about low-fat choices.
$\rightarrow$ Pick where you eat out carefully. Go somewhere that offers low-fat choices.
$\rightarrow$ Eat less fat and fewer calories during other meals that day.
$\rightarrow$ Eat a little something before you go out. Or drink a large, low-calorie beverage.
$\rightarrow$ Plan what to order without looking at the menu.
$\rightarrow$ Don't drink alcohol before eating.
$\rightarrow$ For parties or dinner parties: Bring something from home to share with others.

## 2. Ask for what you want. Be firm and friendly.

Ask for the foods you want:
$\rightarrow \quad$ Ask for lower-fat foods.
$\rightarrow$ Can foods be cooked in a different way?
$\rightarrow$ Don't be afraid to ask for foods that aren't on the menu.


## Ask for the amounts you want:

$\rightarrow$ Ask how much is usually served.
$\rightarrow$ Order salad dressing, gravy, sauces, or spreads "on the side."
$\rightarrow$ Ask for less cheese or no cheese.
$\rightarrow$ Split a main dish or dessert with someone.
$\rightarrow$ Order a small size (appetizer, senior citizen's, children's size).
$\rightarrow$ Before or after the meal, have the amount you don't want to eat put in a container to take home.

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## How to ask for what you want.



- Begin with "I", not "You."
- Use a firm and friendly tone of voice that can be heard.
- Look the person in the eye.
- Repeat your needs until you are heard. Keep your voice calm.

| Wishy-washy | "Oh, well. I guess they couldn't <br> broil the fish." |
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| Threatening $\quad$ "You said you would broil my fish!" |  |
| Firm and friendly | "This looks very nice. But I asked |
| for my fish to be broiled, |  |
| not fried. Would you have |  |
| some broiled for me, |  |
| please?" |  |

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## 3. Take charge of what's around you.

- Be the first to order.
- Keep foods off the table that you don't want to eat.
- Ask that your plate be removed as soon as you finish.


## 4. Choose foods carefully.

Watch out for these high-fat words on menus.

- Au gratin
- Breaded
- Buttered or buttery
- Cheese sauce
- Creamed, creamy, in
cream sauce
- Fried, deep fried, french
fried, batter fried, pan
fried
- Gravy
- Hollandaise
- Parmesan
- Pastry
- Rich
- Sauteed
- Escalloped
- Scalloped
- Seasoned
- Southern style

Look for these low-fat words, instead.

- Baked
- Broiled
- Boiled
- Grilled
- Poached
- Roasted
- Steamed
- Stir-fried


Watch out for sauces.
Think about what you really need to eat.
Trim visible fat off meat.
Take skin off chicken.

## What's on the menu?

You can make lower-fat choices, no matter what kind of restaurant you go to. Be sure to ask the waiter how the food is prepared.


Note: Most restaurants serve a tossed salad--a low-fat choice if topped with lemon juice, vinegar, or a low-fat dressing.

| GO! Lower-fat choices | CAUTION! High-fat choices |
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| Pizza <br> - Plain cheese pizza (ask for half the cheese or low-fat cheese). <br> - Onions, green peppers, mushrooms. | - Meat toppings (sausage/pepperoni) <br> - Olives. |
| Burger Place (fast food) <br> - Grilled, broiled, or roasted chicken, without sauce. <br> - Broiled, extra lean burger. | - Regular hamburger, cheeseburger. <br> - French fries. <br> - Fried fish or chicken. <br> - Mayonnaise-based sauces. |
| Mexican <br> - Heated (not fried) tortillas. <br> - Grilled chicken or beef fajitas. <br> - Soft tacos (corn or flour tortillas). <br> - Salsa. | - Enchiladas. <br> - Chili con queso. <br> - Fried tortillas, tortilla chips. <br> - Sour cream, guacamole. <br> - Crisp tacos. |
| Chinese and Japanese <br> - Stir-fried chicken. <br> - Stir-fried vegetables. <br> - Steamed rice. <br> - Soup. <br> - Teriyaki. | - Egg foo yung. <br> - Fried chicken, beef, or fish. <br> - Fried rice or noodles. <br> - Egg rolls. <br> - Fried won ton. <br> - Tempura. |
| Italian <br> - Spaghetti with meatless tomato sauce. <br> - Minestrone soup. | - Sausage. <br> - Lasagna, manicotti, other pasta dishes with cheese or cream. <br> - Fried or breaded dishes (like veal or eggplant parmesan). |
| Seafood <br> - Broiled, baked, or boiled seafood with lemon. <br> - Plain baked potato. | - Fried fish. <br> - Fried vegetables. <br> - French fries. |
| Steakhouses <br> - Shrimp cocktail. <br> - Broiled chicken or fish. <br> - Plain baked potato. | - Steak (except trimmed lean cuts). <br> - Fried fish or chicken. <br> - Onion rings, other fried vegetables. <br> - French fries. |

## Fast food can be lower in fat.



The following fast foods contain from 0 to 12 grams of fat per serving. Most fast foods contain 20 to 50 grams of fat.

| Food Items | Fat <br> (g) | Calories | Food Items | Fat <br> (g) | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ARBY'S Junior Roast Beef | 9 | 300 | BURGER KING |  |  |
|  |  |  | Whopper Junior w/o mayo | 10 | 260 |
|  |  |  | Hamburger | 10 | 260 |
| Melt | 11 | 320 |  |  |  |
| Ham and Swiss |  |  | Tender grilled | 7 | 360 |
| Melt | 8 | 300 | chicken sandwich on cibatta w/o mayo |  |  |
| Roast Chicken | 9 | 340 | Spicey Chick N | 12 | 300 |
| Ranch Sandwich |  |  | Crisp Sandwich w/o mayo |  |  |
| Chopped Side | 5 | 70 | Chicken tenders | 11 | 180 |
| Salad (no dressing) |  |  | 4 piece |  |  |
| Balsamic <br> Vinaigrette | 12 | 130 | Tendergrill chicken salad, no dressing | 8 | 230 |
| Dressing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kids Popcorn Chicken | 12 | 260 | BK Veggie Burger w/o mayo | 7 | 320 |
| Kids Homestyle | 10 | 230 | Value Onion Rings | 8 | 150 |
|  |  |  | DOMINOS PIZZA <br> (12-inch hand tossed) |  |  |
|  |  |  | Cheese (1 slices) | 9 | 235 |
|  |  |  | Ham and Pineapple (1 slice) | 8 | 230 |
|  |  |  | Pepperoni (21slice) | 11 | 250 |

Values are from internet restaurant sites listing nutrition information as of 12/16/10.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KENTUCKY |  |  |
| FRIED |  |  |
| CHICKEN |  |  |
| Grilled drumstick | 4 | 80 |
| Original drumstick | 7 | 120 |
| Extra crispy drumstick | 10 | 150 |
| Grilled chicken wing | 5 | 80 |
| Original chicken wing | 8 | 140 |
| Grilled chicken breast | 8 | 210 |
| Original chicken breast w/o skin. | 2.5 | 150 |
| Grilled chicken salad (no drsg) | 3 | 150 |
| Small coleslaw | 10 | 170 |
| Grilled chicken caesar salad w/o drsg or croutons | 7 | 210 |
| Crispy caesar salad w/o drsg or croutons | 11 | 300 |
| Grilled BLT salad (no drsg) | 8 | 230 |
| Crispy Strips (3) | 11 | 340 |
| Grilled Fillet | 3 | 140 |
| Fat free ranch drsg | 0 | 35 |
| Honey BBQ <br> Sandwich | 3.5 | 320 |
| Toasted Wrap with Crispy Strip w/o sauce | 10 | 280 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MCDONALD'S |  |  |
| Hamburger (single) | 9 | 250 |
| Cheeseburger (single) | 12 | 300 |
| Grilled chicken classic | 10 | 420 |
| Grilled chicken ranch BLT sandwich | 12 | 470 |
| Chicken nuggets (4) | 12 | 190 |
| Bacon ranch salad (no drsg) | 7 | 140 |
| Grilled chicken bacon ranch salad (no drsg) | 9 | 260 |
| Grilled chicken caesar salad (no drsg) | 6 | 220 |
| Lowfat vinaigrette salad dressing | 3 | 40 |
| Side salad (no drsg) | 0 | 20 |
| Apple dippers | 0.5 | 100 |
| Grilled snack wrap | 9 | 260 |
| SONIC |  |  |
| Chicken strips (2) | 11 | 200 |
| Corn dog | 11 | 210 |
| Grilled chicken salad | 10 | 250 |
| Lite ranch dressing | 4 | 70 |


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| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| SUBWAY <br> (6" wheat/white bread, <br> no cheese, no mayo) <br> Black Forest Ham <br> Oven Roasted | 4.5 | 290 |
| Chicken Breast | 4.5 | 320 |
| Roast Beef <br> Turkey Breast | 4.5 | 310 |
| Turkey Breast and <br> Ham <br> Subway Club | 4.5 | 280 |
| Sweet Onion <br> Teriyaki | 4.5 | 290 |
| Veggie Delite <br> Turkey Wrap <br> (no cheese) | 2.5 | 2300 |
| Grilled chicken <br> and baby spinach <br> salad (no drsg, <br> croutons) | 2.5 | 130 |
| Subway club salad <br> (no drsg, croutons) | 3.5 | $6-7$ |
| Flatbread <br> sandwiches | $240-390$ |  |


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| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TACO BELL |  |  |
| 15 Fresco style items | $<10$ | $150-350$ |
| Crunchy taco fresco | 7 | 150 |
| Soft beef taco fresco <br> Rancho chicken soft <br> taco fresco <br> Grilled steak taquitos | 7 | 11 |
| Bean burrito | 190 |  |
| Chicken burrito <br> supreme <br> Tostado <br> Taco (reg or soft) | 10 | 370 |
| Chicken Gordita <br> supreme | 12 | 400 |
| Gordito Nacho <br> Cheese-Steak <br> Gordito Nacho <br> Cheese-Steak | 11 | $170-190$ |

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Choose one of the four keys to healthy eating out. Make a positive action plan.


## To do next week:

## I will:


$\square$ Keep track of my weight, eating and activity. $\square$ Try my action plan. Did it work? If not, what went wrong?

