# NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES FOLLOWING NISSEN FUNDOPLICATION

A fundoplication is used to treat gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD).

Symptoms of severe heartburn occur because the base of the esophagus (sphincter) is too loose to keep food from coming out of the stomach.

The surgery tightens the muscle to reduce symptoms.

To ensure proper healing and avoid stretching a special diet has been designed for 2-3 weeks post-surgery.

Your diet will progress through the following stages:

- Day 1-3 clear fluid diet
- Day 4-6 full fluid diet
- Day 7-21 pureed ( blender diet)
- Day 22 slowly transition to a soft/moist diet

Please be aware that everyone's tolerance is different and your Doctor may have you advance more slowly, depending on your progress.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Always sit upright while eating or drinking
- Remain sitting upright for 30-60 minutes after eating a meal or snack
- Do not eat 2 hours before bed
- Eat small frequent meals (6-8 per day)
- Take small bites, eat slowly and chew well with mouth closed
- Avoid using straws
- Avoid chewing gum
- Avoid carbonated beverages
- Sip fluids/ do not gulp
- Prepare foods so that they are moist, soft and easy to swallow
- Avoid foods which cause stomach gas
- Eat sweets and desserts at end of your meal to reduce rapid stomach emptying
- Limit fluid volumes to no more than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup with meals and to 1 cup with snacks

## **CLEAR FLUID DIET**

FOOD GROUPS	FOODS TO CHOOSE	FOODS TO AVOID
Milk and milk products	none	all
Fruits	clear juices: NO PULP (apple, cranberry and grape are okay)	all juices containing pulp, nectars, prune juice, tomato or vegetable juices
Soups	bouillon, consommé	all other soups
Desserts	clear gelatin popsicles	all others
Beverages (other)	coffee, tea, crystal fruit drinks, sports drinks clear nutritional supplements (such as boost fruit beverage) water	all others including milk, cream, cocoa, chocolate popsicles carbonated beverages
Sweets	honey, sugar	all others

## FULL FLUID DIET

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FOOD GROUPS	FOODS TO CHOOSE	FOODS TO AVOID	
Milk and milk	all milk beverages : including	products with added nuts, seeds,	
products	chocolate milk, buttermilk,	pieces of fruit	
	milkshakes (without pieces)		
	yogurt (no pieces, plain or flavoured)		
	hot chocolate or cocoa,		
	soy, rice or almond beverage		
Cereals	cream of wheat	all others with pieces of fruit,	
		needs or seeds	
Fruits and	fruit or vegetables juices without pulp	all others	
Vegetables			
Soups	bouillon, consommé, streamed cream	all others	
	soup, pureed soups		
Desserts	puddings, fruit whips, custards, yogurt,	all others made with coconut,	
	plain gelatin, ice cream, ice milk,	fruit, nuts, seeds	
	popsicles, sherbet	rice or tapioca puddings	
Beverages	crystal fruit drinks, sports drinks,	all others	
	coffee, tea, water		
	nutritional supplements such as ensure,		
	boost		
Sweets	honey, sugar, plain hard candy	all others	
Seasonings	ground seasonings as tolerated		

	SOFT/MOIST DIET		
FOODS GROUPS	FOODS TO CHOOSE	FOODS TO AVOID	
Milk and milk	cheese, cottage cheese, custard, ice	products with added nuts, dried	
products	cream, milk (all types), milkshakes and	fruits or granola	
•	smoothies, yogurt (no seeds, chunks/	(example yogurt parfait or	
	may be frozen)	heavenly hash ice cream)	
		Stringy cheeses	
Breads and	bread lightly toasted	bread (dry/hard, fresh doughy,	
grains	cereals: hot cereal and cold-well	bagels, pita, muffins, tortilla,	
	soaked in milk	taco shells)	
	soft noodles or pasta	dry/course cereal such as bran	
	moist rice	flakes, shredded wheat,	
	plain crackers (soaked in soup)	fried/wild or brown rice	
	pancakes, waffles		
Meats and meat	eggs(soft cooked), fish (not fried),	deep fried items,	
alternatives	finely chopped or minced chicken,	tough/stringy meats (i.e. spare	
	turkey, beef, pork or veal add	ribs), legumes (kidney beans,	
	gravy/sauce	lentils,) hot dogs, sausages,	
	Smooth peanut butter, tofu	lunch meats, duck, goose	
	canned or flaked meats or fish	crunchy peanut butter	
	soft moist casseroles	shellfish, sardines( fish with	
	tender stews	bones), anchovies	
Fruits	fruit juices(non-citrus) or nectars	citrus fruits/juices	
	canned fruits (all types), applesauce,	dried fruits (raisins, currants)	
	soft fresh peeled fruits(skin, seeds and	hard textured fruits ( coconut)	
	membrane removed)	fruits with seeds/skins (berries)	
		pineapple, rhubarb	
Vegetables	canned vegetables,	raw vegetables/tough stringy	
	well cooked vegetables (no skins)	(asparagus, corn, celery,	
		cabbage, spinach )	
		gassy (broccoli, brussel sprouts,	
		radish, turnip)	
Soups	all types	highly seasoned soups/onion	
Fats/oils	butter, margarine, cream cheese (plain),	bacon, nuts, seeds	
	sour cream, gravy		
Other	seedless jam or jelly	alcohol, carbonated beverages	
	gelatin (jello),	chocolate, cake, cookies, donuts,	
	marshmallows, popsicles, sherbet,	muffins, pastries, candy, toffee,	
	sorbet, gelato	licorice or gum, coconut, pickles,	
	nutritional supplements ( see list	olives, popcorn, potato chips,	
	provided)	pretzels, cheezies	
	tea/coffee	1	

# NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

If you are unable to increase your calories and protein adequately through your food intake, a commercial nutritional supplement may help. These may be found at your local pharmacy or grocery stores

#### Powdered Mixes (mix with milk to drink):

Carnation Breakfast Essentials Slim Fast

**Clear, fruit-flavoured beverages:** 

Boost fruit beverage

#### Low Lactose-free, milk-like beverages:

Boost, Boost High Protein, Boost Plus Ensure, Ensure Plus, Ensure–High Protein, Ensure/fibre, Ensure pre-biotics, TwoCal HN Boost Diabetic, Glucerna (for individuals with Diabetes) Resource, Resource Plus, Resource 2.0 President's Choice Ultrashake, President's Choice Ultrashake Plus Truly Nutrition Supplement, Truly Nutrition Supplement Plus (Zeller's) Life's Super Shake, Life's Super Shake Plus (Shopper's Drug Mart) Equate Nutritional Shake, Equate Nutritional Shake Plus, Equate Nutritional Shake–High Fibre, Equate Nutritional Shake, Equate Nutritional Shake Plus, Equate Nutritional Shake–High Fibre, Equate Meal Replacement, Equate Meal Replacement Plus, Equate Meal Replacement–High Fibre, Equate Meal Replacement–High Protein (Walmart) WellQuest, WellQuest Plus (Henderson's Pharmacy; Fonthill Pharmacy) Rexall, Rexall Plus Calories (Pharma Plus Drugmart)

#### **Puddings**

Boost pudding Ensure pudding

#### **Protein powders**

**Resource Beneprotein** 



## SAMPLE MENU SOFT /MOIST DIET

Breakfast	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup canned fruit (non citrus)
	1 cup cereal
	<sup>1</sup> /2 cup low fat milk
	1 soft cooked egg
	1/2 cup decaf tea or coffee
Morning snack	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup pudding
8	1 cup water
Lunch	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cups macaroni and cheese
	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup soft cooked canned green beans
	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup canned peaches
	1 -2 tsp margarine
	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup water
	1
Afternoon snack	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup yogurt (no seeds)
	1 cup water
	1
Supper	1 cup soup
	3 oz. finely ground chicken/gravy
	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup soft rice or mashed potatoes
	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup carrots
	1-2 tsp margarine
	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup applesauce
	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup milk
	1
Evening snack	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup cottage cheese
	4 plain soda crackers
	1 cup low fat milk
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## **HIGH PROTEIN RECIPES**

## High protein milk

Ingredients 1 cup milk whole or 2% 4 tablespoons skim milk powder

Directions Add skim milk powder to milk and mix until dissolved. Refrigerate overnight. Try adding flavourings: vanilla extract, chocolate or strawberry syrup, and coffee.

### **Power Shake**

Ingredients 1 cup high protein milk <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup ice cream <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp vanilla extract 2 Tbsp. butterscotch, chocolate or strawberry syrup

Directions Mix ingredients together in a blender. Makes 1 serving.

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