Low GI Foods (20-49)

Breakfast Cereals:

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

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

Apple juice Apples, **Apricots** Blackberries Blueberries Cherries Cranberries (not dried) Grapefruit Grapefruit juice 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 grapes kiwi 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 rye 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 Nuts Grape Nut Flakes
Grits Puffed wheat and rice
Rice Chex
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!!!