Tips to Eating Well

Check off the tips you'll try for healthy eating:

1. Eat a variety of foods each day

- $\hfill\square$ Eat whole grains, such as brown rice and whole wheat bread
- □ Add fresh vegetables to your meals, such as carrot sticks or steamed broccoli
- □ Instead of cakes and cookies, reach for fresh fruits as dessert
- Eat different protein foods. Enjoy red beans, black beans, fish, and chicken
- □ Try lowfat or nonfat dairy foods, such as yogurt and skim milk

2. Eat less fat. Here's how:

- \Box Broil, steam, or bake your foods, instead of frying
- \Box Cut off the fat from meats
- □ Take off the skin from chicken before cooking
- □ Eat fewer fatty foods, like butter, egg yolks, high-fat cheeses, and creamy sauces
- $\hfill\square$ Use olive oil and canola oil instead of lard and butter

3. Cut down on salt

- \Box Take the saltshaker off the table
- \square To add flavor, season foods with spices, herbs, and lemon juice
- □ Eat fewer canned foods, which are high in salt

4. Eat more foods with fiber

- \square Pick fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks
- Choose foods like oatmeal, oranges, pears, carrots, kidney beans, lentils, and whole wheat bread
- \square Eat garden salads. Just go easy on the salad dressings

Rate your plate:

Take a look at your meals and snacks Write down 1 or 2 changes you want to make in your food choices here:

Make a few changes at a time. Little by little, you'll notice you have a healthier way of eating!

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