## CARBOHYDRATE COUNTING: MEAL IDEAS

## 45-60 GRAMS OF CARBOHYDRATE PER MEAL

Three carb servings/choices = 45 grams | Four carb servings/choices = 60 grams

Each \* designates one serving/choice of a food with carbohydrate = 15 grams = 1 starch/grain or 1 fruit or 1 milk

| BREAKFAST   | LUNCH   | DINNER  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>3-4 CARBOHYDRATES</b> (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 1-2 oz. Fat: 1-2 servings   | <b>3-4 CARBOHYDRATES</b> (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 3-4 oz. Vegetables: 1-2 servings Fat: 1-2 servings  | 3-4 CARBOHYDRATES (STARCH, FRUIT, MILK) Protein: 3-4 oz. Vegetables: 1-2 servings Fat: 1-2 servings   |
| 1 poached egg 2 slices wheat toast** 1/2 banana* 802. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetner   | ½ cup low-fat cottage cheese 1 cup salad with 1 tbsp. dressing ½ cup canned fruit, light* 12 saltine crackers** Sugar-free drink or water   | 3 oz. skinless chicken breast  1 cup corn**  2 small rolls* with 1-2 tsp. tub margarin  1 cup green beans  Sugar-free drink or water  |
| 1 hard boiled egg 1 cup oatmeal** 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener                                   | Tuna salad sandwich with  2 slices of bread** lettuce and tomato  15-20 baked chips*  Small orange*  Sugar-free drink or water  | 3 oz. sirloin steak, grilled 1 cup mashed potatoes** 1 cup asparagus, steamed 2 inch square of corn bread* ½ cup canned fruit, light* Sugar-free drink or water               |
| 1/2 cup cream of wheat** 1-2 tsp. tub margarine 1 cup cantaloupe, cubed* 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener                   | 3-4 oz. skinless chicken breast  Medium baked potato**  1-2 tsp. tub margarine 6 inch corn on the cob* 1 cup steamed vegetables  3/4 cup fresh pineapple* Sugar-free drink or water | 1 cup spaghetti noodles***  ½ cup lean ground beef/tomato sauce 2 tbsp. parmesan cheese 1 slice of bread*  1 cup tossed salad with 1 tbsp. dressing Sugar-free drink or water |
| 1 scrambled egg  ½ cup grits* 2 slices toast**  1-2 tsp. tub margarine and sugar-free jelly  Small orange*  Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener | Turkey sandwich with  2 slices of bread** lettuce and tomato  15-20 baked chips*  Tomato and cucumber salad  1 tbsp. dressing  ½ banana*  Sugar-free drink or water                 | 3 oz. center-cut pork chop, broiled 1 cup black-eyed peas**  1/3 cup rice* 1 cup fruit salad, unsweetened* Sugar-free drink or water  |
| 1 scrambled egg 2 strips turkey bacon 1 cup cubed melon* 1 whole wheat English muffin** 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener    | 3 oz. hamburger (lean ground meat)  Small hamburger bun**  Lettuce, tomato, 1-2 tsp. mayonnaise  15-20 baked chips*  Small orange*  Sugar-free drink or water                       | 3 oz. grilled fish  Medium baked potato**  6 inch corn on the cob*  1 cup steamed broccoli  1/2 cup sugar-free pudding*  Sugar-free drink or water                            |
| 1½ cup Cheerios** ½ banana* 8 oz. skim milk* Coffee or tea with artificial sweetener  | Beef and broccoli stir fry  1 cup steamed brown rice***  Sugar-free drink or water  | 4 oz. meat loaf  1 cup mashed potatoes**  1 cup green peas**  Green salad with 1 tbsp. dressing  Sugar-free drink or water  |

## **DIABETES CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

AMBULATORY CARE CENTER (ACC), SECOND FLOOR 55 LAKE AVENUE NORTH, WORCESTER, MA 01655

NEW PATIENTS: **855-UMASS-MD** (855-862-7763)

**EXISTING PATIENTS: 508-334-3206** 



