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January 2019



This Month's meeting: Wednesday, Jan 16th

Open Mic/Rap Session

#### Location:



Grantham Lions Club

(in the smaller hall)

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Doors open (a, 7:00p.m.

Meeting starts @ 7:15p.m.

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(Ridgeway/Pt. Colborne meeting info on Page 4)

## **REMINDER!!**

New dates and location for our meetings!



Meeting Location: The Grantham Lions Club, 732 Niagara St, St. Catharines, ON L2M 7W7 (corner of Parnell Rd & Niagara St) in the smaller hall at the Parnell end of the building (use Parnell doors)

Meeting day & time: Third WEDNESDAY of each month, doors open 7:00 PM, meeting starts 7:15 PM (excluding December, July & August)

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# Presidents Message

Here's wishing everyone a Happy& Healthy 2019. I can't believe how time flies.



Beth Harwood, our treasurer, is doing the 'President's Message' message but I have an important pressing issue I need to mention.

As many of you are aware I presented a motion concerning governance at the 2017 National Annual General Meeting that was drafted by many Ontario Chapters. It never was presented for discussion due to an interpretation that it was improperly worded. I was never informed of this until I asked what had happened to it just prior to the AGM in 2018.

Ostomy Canada Society has once again been in discussions with chapters on Governance at the national level. There are 3 possible scenarios being discussed. It is very important we hear from our members on the future of Ostomy Canada.

I ask that you attend our meeting, January 15, so we can discuss these 3 scenarios so I can take the feedback to the next Governance meeting.

Regards

John Molnar

#### TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I've been Treasurer for as long as I can remember. Around 18-20 years. I did retire for 2 years, but then returned for another stint.

This job has many facets. We have to secure Advertisers for our monthly Newsletters. This gives our Membership the most up to date information on new products and new suppliers. Newcomers like the long list of choices for purchasing supplies.

Our Membership Dues are collected from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> for the following year. They have remained at \$30.00 annually for many years now.

We normally run a BBQ at Turkstra Lumber on Friday mornings during the summer. They are very good to us. They provide all the food and drink and we get all the proceeds. I believe this was our last year for this fundraising event.

Over the years, we have had many fund raising events to help defray the costs of sending younger Ostomates to camp. Each year it gets harder and harder to find children to go to camp, which always turns out to be an excellent opportunity for them.

We have increased our presence in the Community and Dave Muir, our Secretary has done a tremendous job in getting us out there, but we are always looking for our Members to become more involved to help with our efforts.

Many thanks to Ron Rush, who has taken on the job of assisting me in some of my many duties. My term ends in June and I am looking forward to retiring. Anyone interested in this rewarding job can talk to any Board Member.

Beth Harwood



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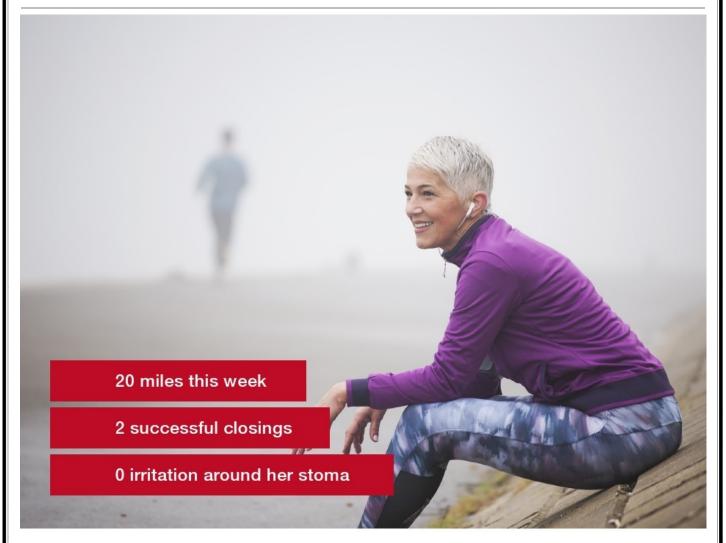
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#### **Meetings:**

Wed, March 27th — Niagara Local Health Integration Network

Topic: Home and community care support

Wed, May 29th —TBA

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#### **2019 Dates**

Jan 16 — Open Mic

Feb 20 — Open Mic

Mar 20

Apr17

May 15

June 19

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#### HOW DO YOU TELL THE DIFFER-ENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD CARBOHYDRATES?

By Diana Rodriguez -- Medically Reviewed by Lynn Grieger, RDN

https://www.everydayhealth.com/dietnutrition/diet/good-carbs-bad-carbs/

Everyone needs to eat carbohydrates, but that doesn't mean you're free to load up on cakes and cookies to get your recommended daily servings. Learn about the carbs that belong on your plate and the carbs you want to skip.

Carbohydrates are an essential part of a healthy diet, yet it's important to know that not all of them are created equal. So how do you tell the difference between "good carbs" and "bad carbs?" The answer is both simple — and complex.

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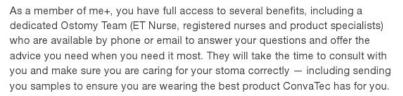
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Here's everything you need to know about carbohydrates and making smart choices when it comes to incorporating them into your diet.

#### A Carbohydrate Can Be a Simple Carb or a Complex Carb

Carbohydrates, often referred to as just "carbs," are your body's primary energy source, and are a crucial part of any well-balanced diet.

The three main types of carbohydrates are sugars, starchhealthy for you and what's not.

Simple carbohydrates are composed of easy-to-digest, basic sugars, which can be an important source of energy. Some of these sugars are naturally occurring, such as those in fruits and in milk, while refined or processed sugars are often added to candies, baked goods, and soda.

On nutrition labels, added sugars can go by several different names, including brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, fructose, glucose, maltose, malt syrup, trehalose, sucrose, and honey, among others. The FDA has mandated that by July 2018 all nutrition labels must clearly identify

the amount of added sugars per serving in the product, directly beneath the total sugar count.

Complex carbohydrates, found in whole grains, legumes, and starchy vegetables, contain longer chains of sugar molecules, which usually take more time for the body to break down and use. This in turn provides you with a more consistent amount of energy, says Sandra Meyerowitz, MPH, RD, nutritionist and owner of Nutrition Works in Louisville, Kentucky.

#### The Details on Simple Carbohydrates

es, and fiber. They're called "simple" or "complex" based Simple carbohydrates aren't necessarily all bad carbs — it on their chemical makeup and what your body does with depends on the food you're getting them from. For inthem. But since many foods contain one or more types of stance, fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of essencarbohydrates, it can still be tricky to understand what's tial vitamins and minerals necessary for good health, and they naturally contain simple carbohydrates composed of basic sugars.

> But fruits and vegetables are drastically different from other foods in the "simple" carbohydrate category, like cookies and cakes with added refined sugars. The fiber in fruits and vegetables changes the way the body processes their sugars and slows down their digestion, making them a bit more like complex carbohydrates.

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Simple carbohydrates to limit in your diet include those found in:

Soda

Candy

Cookies

Pastries and desserts

Sweetened beverages, such as lemonade or iced tea

Energy drinks

Ice cream

Meyerowitz says that you can enjoy simple carbohydrates on occasion, you just don't want them to be your primary sources of carbs.

Complex carbohydrates are considered "good" because of the longer series of sugars that they are made of, which the body takes longer to break down. That means you will get lower amounts of sugars released at a more consistent rate — instead of peaks and valleys — to keep you going throughout the day.

Foods with complex carbohydrates also typically have more vitamins, fiber, and minerals than foods containing more simple carbohydrates, as long as you're choosing whole grains over processed ones. For example, whole grains, such as whole-wheat flour, quinoa, brown rice, barley, corn, and oats, among others, provide more nutrients than processed grains, such as white rice and breads, pasta, and baked goods made with white flour.

Nutrient-dense complex carbs that are part of a healthy, balanced diet include:

Whole wheat breads, pastas, and flour

Brown and wild rices

Barley

Quinoa

Potatoes

Corn

Legumes, such as black beans, chickpeas, lentils, and others

It's important to scan ingredient labels for foods like breads and pastas, looking for whole grains and fewer

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sources of added sugar. "Read the box so you know what exactly you're getting. If the first ingredient is whole-wheat flour or whole-oat flour, it's likely going to be a complex carbohydrate," Meyerowitz says.

When trying to figure out if a source of carbohydrates is good or bad, remember this: The higher in sugar it is, and the lower in fiber, vitamins, and minerals, the worse the food is for you.

#### The Glycemic Load Factor

Describing carbs as either simple or complex is one

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way to classify them, but nutritionists and dietitians now use another concept to guide people in making decisions about the carbs they choose to eat.

The glycemic index (GI) of a food basically tells you how quickly and how high your blood sugar will rise after eating the carbohydrate contained in that food, as compared with eating pure sugar. Foods with a high GI are easily digested and cause a quick rise in blood sugar. Foods with a lower GI get digested more slowly.

Knowing the GI for a specific food can help you understand how the carbs in that food will affect your blood sugar, but it's important to point out that it doesn't necessarily make a food unhealthy or healthy. Fruits like watermelon and cantaloupe both have a high GI even though both are healthy foods. You can look up a food's GI using the online international GI database.

To take this approach one step further, you want to look at the glycemic load of a food. The glycemic load factors into account both glycemic index and how much carbohydrate is in the food. To determine glycemic load, you multiply a food's glycemic index number by the amount of carbohydrate the food contains per serving, and divide by 100.

A low GL is 10 or less; medium is 11 to 19; and 20 or greater is considered high. For example, a plain bagel has a GI of 72 and GL of 25, while whole-wheat bread has a GI of 69 and GL of 9. GL can also be used to compare the effect of carbohydrates on blood sugar in entire meals or snacks, whereas the GI for a food is only indicative of one food at a time.

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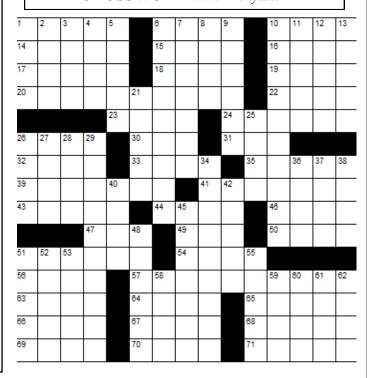
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- 16. Subconscious
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- 18. Decomposes
- 19. Stopper
- 20. Disturbance
- 22. Wisdom
- 23. Numerous
- 24. Absolutely still
- 26. Units of resistance
- 30. Not cold
- 31. Attempt
- 32. Train track
- 33. Layer
- 35. French for "Love"
- 39. Books on unusual subjects
- 41. Lively tempo

#### 43. First Hebrew letter

- 44. Bristle
- 46. Require
- 47. Bro or sis
- 49. Behave
- 50. Orange pekoe
- 51. Ower
- 54. Outbuilding
- 56. Winglike
- 57. Interlace
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- 3. Bucolic
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- 5. Water vapor
- 6. Psychoses
- 7. Altar boy
- 8. Moving within

- 11. He flies a plane
- 12. Habituate
- 13. Nosed (out)
- 25. By mouth
- 27. Transport in a vehi-

- 9. Vacation destination
- 10. Having a job

- 21. Thai currency units
- 26. Killer whale

- 28. Bog
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      - "Chattered"
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    - urine
    - 38. Fishing poles
    - 40. Buckeye State
    - 42. Not earlier

- 45. Not western
- 48. Pertaining to a
- bride
- 51. Lifeboat crane
- 52. Leave out
- 53. A machine for bal-
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- 55. Inhabit
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Even if a food contains carbs that have a high glycemic index number, if the amount of carbohydrate is low then it won't have as much of an impact. A good example is watermelon, which has a GI of 80 but a GL of only 5. It tastes sweet, but it's mostly water.

The bottom line: Carbs are not bad for you. Carbohydrates — both simple and complex ones — are part of a healthy diet. Just be sensible about the carbs you choose. Skip low-nutrient desserts, consider the levels of sugar and fiber, and focus on healthy whole grains, fruits, and veggies to get the energy your body needs every day.

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#### BALLOONING OF POUCH DURING FLIGHT

I've had an ileostomy for almost 20 yrs and I'm wondering if there are any tips or tricks that you are aware of that can reduce the ballooning effect in pouches during flights. I've flown quite a few times and I always have issues with ballooning during take off and reaching cruis-

ing altitude depending on how long you have to remain seated some times causes issues with trying to release the air from the pouch...

#### Response:

Ballooning can be worrying when you are flying in an aeroplane, and in everyday life. The following are some suggestions that will help reduce ballooning:

- If possible visit the toilet next to the departure gate to burp your bag and get it as flat as possible before the flight.
- Avoid carbonated drinks (fizzy drinks) 24 hours before flight and during the flight.
- Some ostomates have suggested drinking peppermint tea is a good preventative measure. They claim a cup of the tea disperses the gas without it coming out via the bag.
- Avoid gulping, slurping, drinking from a straw, not chewing well, or even eating too fast can cause air to be swallowed and gas to develop.

Common foods you may want to avoid 24 to 48 hours before your flight are:

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Pouches with filters are an ideal way of solving problems with ballooning. There are quite a few pouch styles with filters available from each pouch manufacturer. Ostomates will have to do some experimentation to find one that works best for them.

Bon Voyage!