Diet in Ostomists

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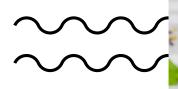




Agenda

Colostomy dietary advice
Ileostomy dietary advice
Added dietary considerations
Other conditions
Signposting

Colostomy dietary advice



- Post-surgery dietary considerations
- People are often advised to choose a low residue/low fibre diet
- Often thought of as quite a beige diet but you can include soups and smoothies





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Over the months and years



- The colon continues to absorb water and digest fibre so most people manage to reintroduce fibrous foods, with the support of their stoma nurses and dietitians
- 5 a Day message applies



Ileostomy dietary advice

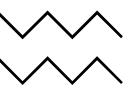
The colon has been taken out of the food digestion process, so the bowel has a reduced capacity to digest fibre

Likely to have a restrictive diet longer term, but this varies from person to person

Gut microbiome – Ileostomy develops a new gut microbiome







Extra considerations



- Need to prevent stoma blockages
- Fluid difficulties more information in later presentations
- Magnesium losses
- Vitamin B12 losses
- Fibre tolerance can be variable
- Affected by the weather





Sources of Magnesium











Fatty fish

Tofu

Almond flour

Dark chocolate

Sources of Vitamin B12



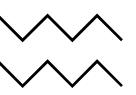
Red meat



Green smoothies







Longer term considerations – Heart issues and Diabetes

These conditions often recommend increasing your fibre intake. This can help with weight loss, satiety after meals, prevention of snacking on unnecessary foods and gut microbiome influences. This can be done without eating 30 plant points per day!





Safe foods for all conditions



Peeled salad vegetables - just like royalty!

 Almond flour cakes & biscuits – in moderation! White sourdough bread – without yeast

Chicken thighs and legs









Safe foods for all conditions – cont.



Basmati white rice

Sweet potatoes

Soups

Spinach smoothie











Gut microbiome research

It's a very new area but has already hit the supermarket shelves!

Pre-biotics, pro-biotics and post biotics

Lots of research starting in the small bowel now too





Points to remember



Post op

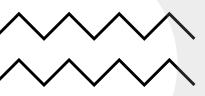
- Need to look after surgical joints and wounds
- High protein, low fibre diet
- Start reintroducing foods after around 6 weeks if no complications and surgeons are happy

Healthy Eating long term

- Variety of food is important to help gut health and avoiding too much of any food
- When starting a new food, try a small amount and check for symptoms

Multiple health conditions

- Ask GP/ surgeon/ nurse for a referral to a Dietitian for support
- More and more safe foods will appear on the market, that will help prevent or manage multiple health conditions



Further Information

- Ileostomy Association
- Diabetes UK
- Heart UK
- British Dietetic Association







THANK YOU

Any questions?