# ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DIET

## WHAT FOODS TO AVOID



wheat dairy corn citrus all soy products eggs shellfish peanuts nightshade vegetables alcohol caffeine pop sugars (ie juice, dried fruits) tuna beef pork deli meats canned foods high fructose corn syrup butter/hydrogenated oil

spicy foods added salt

chocolate

## WHAT FOODS TO EAT



### **Vegetables**

asparagus green beans broccoli cauliflower

brussel sprouts

carrots

bok choy

celery

cucumbers

dandelion greens

cabbage

beets

all dark leafy greens

zucchini

squash

pumpkin

yams

turnips

radishes

onions

garlic

ginger

#### Fruit

strawberries apples avocado banana blueberries cherries

kiwi

pears

raspberries

grapes

#### **Grains**

quinoa millet brown rice amaranth steel cut oatmeal buckwheat

#### Legumes

lentils kidney beans black beans chick peas aduki beans

#### Fish & Meat

salmon (wild only)
halibut
cod
chicken
turkey

#### Nuts & Seeds

ground flax seeds (everyday) pumpkin seeds sunflower seeds sesame seeds





Follow this anti-inflammatory diet for a minimum of 4-6 weeks Pay attention to your body during this time.
Any changes?
Any new symptoms?
Any symptoms diminishing or absent?

### Some additional tips:

**Cooking Methods** = Steam, broil, bake, or fry (with water or coconut oil only)

**Minimal raw** (except salads) = raw food is not as easily digestible

**Fruit** = 1-2 pieces max of any of the above fruits per day

**Vegetables** = should form the basis of the diet 50-75%. Eat as much as you like of the non-starcy variety. Aim to eat a variety of foods, as different foods provide nutrients required by the body to function.

**Organic** where possible - especially the dirty dozen

Water & Herbal teas to keep hydrated & the kidneys filtering

**Exercise** = The lymphatic system relies on surrounding muscular to 'pump'. Bouncing exercises are particularly good at moving lymphatic vessels, as is swimming. Move everyday in some way for 30-60 min.

**Sleep** = Growth hormone is released when we sleep; so we can build & repair. Being in bed by 10:00-10:30pm is optimal. In Chinese medicine, every hour of sleep before midnight counts as 2 hrs of restorative sleep. This is an excellent time to practice the deep belly breathing – to activate the parasympathetic nervous system (rest & digest)