



# ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DIET FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT

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# ABOUT THE AGING AND INTEGRATIVE PAIN ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (AI-PAMI)



AI-PAMI is a comprehensive project addressing non-opioid pain management in adults ages 50 and older living in Northeast Florida. The overall goal of AI-PAMI is the advancement of innovative pain education and patient care through the development of provider and patient workshops focused on integrative pain management.

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# PRESENTATION INFORMATION

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# WHAT IS INFLAMMATION?

- ❑ Inflammation is your body's natural defense against dangers like bacteria, viruses, irritants, toxins and physical trauma.
- ❑ You usually feel inflammation as swelling, redness, heat and pain.
- ❑ When inflammation runs rampant, it can disrupt your immune system and lead to a variety of chronic diseases including chronic pain.

# LIFESTYLE THERAPY'S ROLE

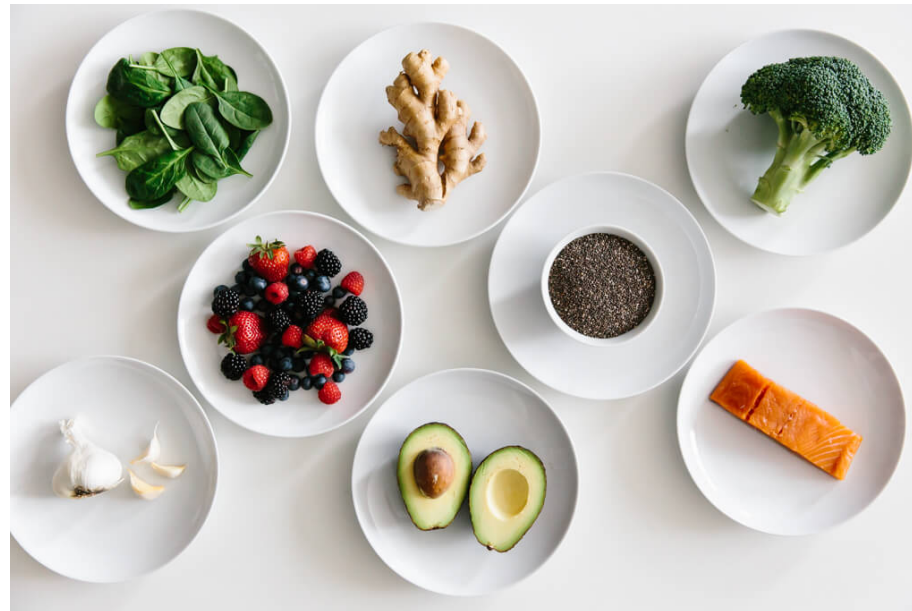
- ❑ Lifestyle therapy includes quitting smoking, improving nutrition, maintaining healthy body weight, staying active, sleeping well, and managing stress.
- ❑ Lifestyle therapy can support improvement in chronic pain symptoms such as back pain, inflammation and functional ability.

# LIFESTYLE THERAPY'S ROLE

- ❑ A healthy diet can support weight loss and combat pain.
- ❑ Physical activity supports weight loss. Inactivity can make pain worse.
- ❑ Excess weight can increase pain and complicate other health issues like blood pressure, cholesterol and joint issues.
- ❑ We have proven options for making small steps toward healthy changes that are possible for all bodies.

# WHAT DOES MY DIET HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?

- ❑ Research has shown that anti-inflammatory diets can help reduce pain, inflammation and stiffness caused by several painful conditions such as arthritis and musculoskeletal pain.

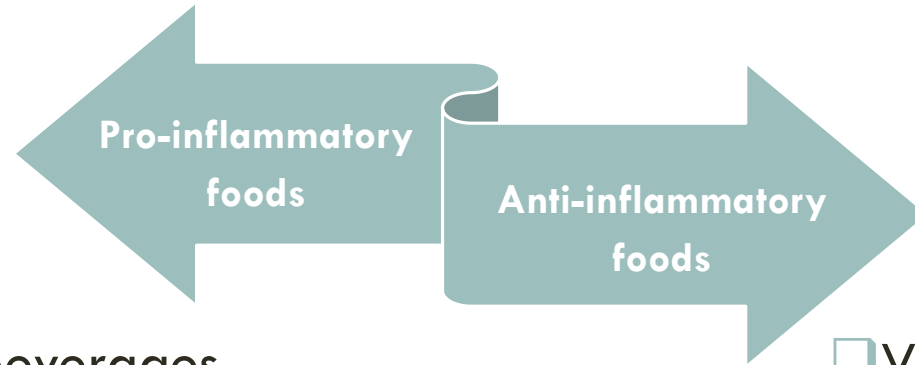


# ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DIET OVERVIEW

- Not a diet but a healthy eating pattern.
- Encourages whole foods over processed foods.
- Rich in plant foods such as fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts, whole grains and healthy fats.
- Limits added sugars, processed oils, red meat and processed meats.
- Many other health benefits!



# FOODS' IMPACT ON INFLAMMATION



- ❑ Sugar-sweetened beverages
- ❑ Added sugars & refined carbs
  - ❑ Processed meats
- ❑ Solid fats, trans fats, vegetable oils
  - ❑ Fried foods
  - ❑ Dairy (?)

- ❑ Vegetables
- ❑ Fruits
- ❑ Whole-grains
- ❑ Legumes, nuts, seeds
- ❑ Healthy fats
- ❑ Herbs & spices
- ❑ Water

# FOODS THAT FIGHT INFLAMMATION

Chronic inflammation has been linked to cancer, heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, depression, and Alzheimer's. Fight inflammation with a healthy diet.



## ANTI-INFLAMMATION FOODS



**Tomatoes**



**Fruits**

Strawberries, blueberries, oranges and cherries.



**Nuts**

Almonds, walnuts, and other nuts.



**Olive oil**



**Leafy greens**

Spinach, kale, collards, and more.



**Fatty fish**

Salmon, mackerel, tuna, and sardines.

## INFLAMMATION FOODS



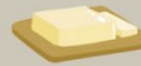
**Fried foods**



**Sodas**



**Refined carbs**



**Lard**



**Processed meats**

# MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- Eat fruits and vegetables with every meal.
- Aim for five to nine servings daily.
- Choose fresh or frozen when possible.
- Fruits and vegetables provide antioxidants, fiber, vitamins and minerals.
- Great choices include leafy greens, spinach, broccoli and berries.

# HEALTHY FATS AND OMEGA 3S

- Focus on omega-3 fatty acids found in fatty fish like salmon and tuna, walnuts, chia and flax seeds.
- Choose unsaturated fats:
  - Olive oil
  - Nuts and seeds
  - Avocado
- Limit saturated fats as these promote inflammation:
  - Butter
  - Ice cream
  - Red meat, bacon, sausage.
- Limit use of vegetable oils such as soybean oil.

# CHOOSE WHOLE GRAINS

- Whole or intact grains are minimally processed and rich in fiber and other nutrients.
- Choose whole grains:
  - Oatmeal
  - Quinoa
  - Brown rice
  - Whole-grain breads or crackers (if consuming)
  - Whole-grain pastas
- Limit or avoid refined grains and starches:
  - White bread, biscuits, bagels, chips, crackers
  - White rice or white pasta
  - Sugared cereals, granola bars, muffins, sweets

# AVOID ADDED SUGARS

- ❑ Added sugar or concentrated sweets provide extra sugar and calories contributing to inflammation and obesity.
- ❑ Significantly cut back or eliminate added sugars such as:
  - ❑ Soda, juices, sweet tea, sports drinks, lemonade.
  - ❑ Cookies, candies, cakes, ice cream.
- ❑ Read food labels for added sugars.

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>	
8 servings per container	
<b>Serving size</b>	<b>2/3 cup (55g)</b>
<b>Amount per serving</b>	
<b>Calories</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>% Daily Value*</b>	
<b>Total Fat</b> 8g	<b>10%</b>
Saturated Fat 1g	<b>5%</b>
<i>Trans Fat</i> 0g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 0mg	<b>0%</b>
<b>Sodium</b> 160mg	<b>7%</b>
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 37g	<b>13%</b>
Dietary Fiber 4g	<b>14%</b>
Total Sugars 12g	
Includes 10g Added Sugars	<b>20%</b>
<b>Protein</b> 3g	
Vitamin D 2mcg	10%
Calcium 260mg	20%
Iron 8mg	45%
Potassium 235mg	6%

\* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

# LESS RED/PROCESSED MEAT

- Avoid red meat such as beef and burgers.
- Avoid processed meats such as bacon, sausage, corn dogs, bologna.
- Avoid fried meats.
- Choose healthier proteins such as fish, skinless chicken, eggs in moderation, and plant proteins such as beans, nuts, tofu.

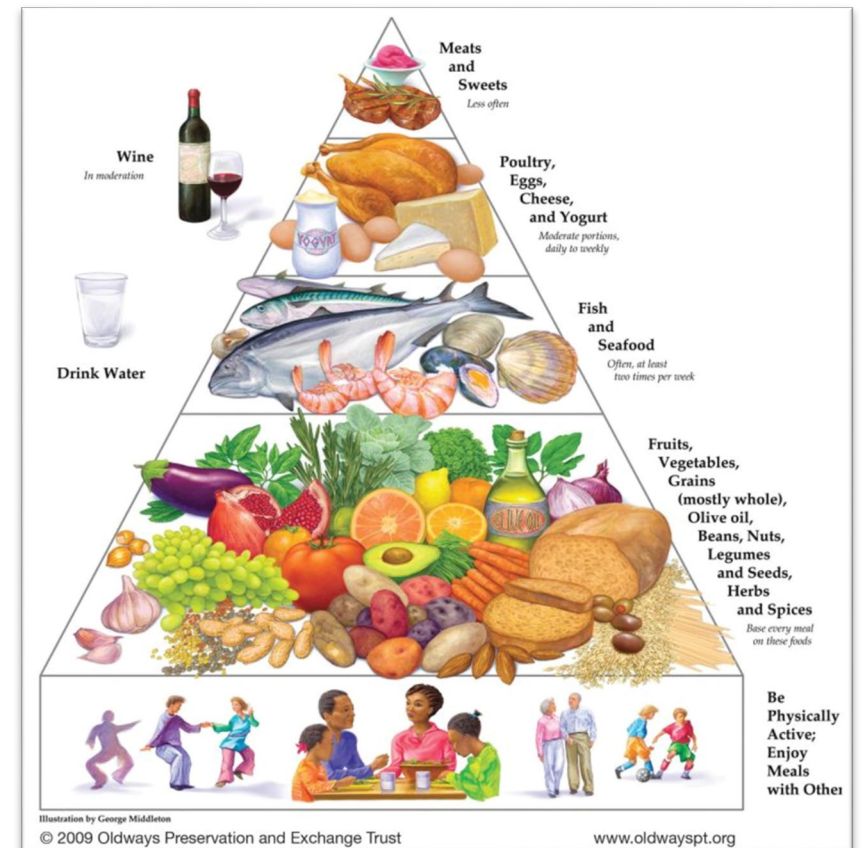
# DAIRY?

- ❑ Dairy is slightly controversial. Some suggest avoiding it while others consider it a nutritious food group.
- ❑ Avoid dairy that is high in fat and/or sugar such as whole milk and ice cream.
- ❑ Eat dairy that is high in protein and probiotics such as Greek yogurt and low-fat cottage cheese.



# MEDITERRANEAN DIET

- ❑ The Mediterranean Diet is proven to be one of the healthiest diets for the prevention and management of chronic disease.
- ❑ It is also “anti-inflammatory”.
- ❑ Mostly high-fiber plant foods.
- ❑ Fish more often.
- ❑ Moderate in lean chicken, eggs, yogurt.
- ❑ Very limited in red meat and sweets.
- ❑ Built on a foundation of physical activity!



# DON'T FORGET PHYSICAL ACTIVITY!

Research shows that physical activity can help manage more health conditions:

- Physical activity can decrease pain for those with osteoarthritis
- Reduce disease progression for hypertension and type 2 diabetes
- Reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression
- Improve cognition for those with dementia, multiple sclerosis, ADHD, and Parkinson's disease
- Exercise can improve back flexibility, improve healing and reduce stiffness

# DON'T FORGET PHYSICAL ACTIVITY!

Fitting regular exercise into your daily schedule may seem difficult at first. Try these ideas to increase your daily movement:

- Break your exercise into mini-workouts of 10 minutes at a time.
- Park farther away from the entrance to stores
- Walk the dog every day
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- Find a workout buddy to help you stay accountable and make it fun
- Practice a relaxing form of strengthening exercise, like yoga or tai chi
- Choose activities you enjoy. It's easier to make exercise a regular part of your life if you have fun doing it.
- Start a walking program of just five minutes a day, adding a couple minutes every other day or so until you are up to 20 to 30 minutes of daily walking
- Give yourself goals. The goals should challenge you, but also be realistic.

QUESTIONS?



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