Bariatric Program- Before Surgery Shopping List

This shopping list will give you some ideas of what you may get before surgery to help you manage for the first weeks. You do not need to buy everything on the list. Choose the foods you like and the products that you have been advised to get.

- □ Applesauce (no sugar added)
- Beans
- Broth
- **Canned fruit packed in water**
- □ Canned meat or fish packed in water (chicken, tuna, salmon)
- **Cream of wheat cereal**
- □ Cream soup (strained)
- □ Cottage cheese
- **D** Eggs
- Hummus
- □ Jello (sugar-free)
- □ Lentils (canned)

- □ Milk (skim, 1% or 2%)
- □ Oatmeal (plain)
- Oat bran cereal
- □ Pudding (low-fat, no sugar added)
- □ Soda crackers or melba toast
- □ Skim milk powder
- □ Soy milk (unsweetened)
- □ Yogurt, Greek or regular (less than 20% M.F., no sugar added)
- Zero-calorie drinks (tea/coffee, Crystal Light, Mio, sugar-free Koolaid, flavoured waters)

Supplements

- Pre-mixed protein shakes (minimum 12 grams of protein, less than 20 grams of carbohydrate and less than 5 grams of fat for each serving)
 - Examples: Premier Nutrition, Boost Diabetic
- □ Protein powder (20 to 40 grams of protein, less than 5 grams of carbohydrate and less than 3 grams of fat for each serving)
 - Examples: Whey Isolate, Soy Isolate
- □ Benefibre or other inulin fibre supplement
- □ Colace stool softener
- □ Multivitamin*
- □ Calcium citrate*
- □ Vitamin D*
- □ Vitamin B₁₂ (if you have a sleeve gastrectomy)*

* Refer to the vitamin handout given to you by the dietitian or medical internist for the appropriate vitamin dose recommended to you AND remember that you may need to take a chewable or liquid form for better tolerance.

Other Useful Items

- □ Pill cutter or crusher
- □ Pedometer for measuring walking steps
- □ Measuring cups and spoons
- □ Food scale
- □ Blender or shaker for protein shakes