

# NUTRITION

**What We Eat Does Influence Our Health**

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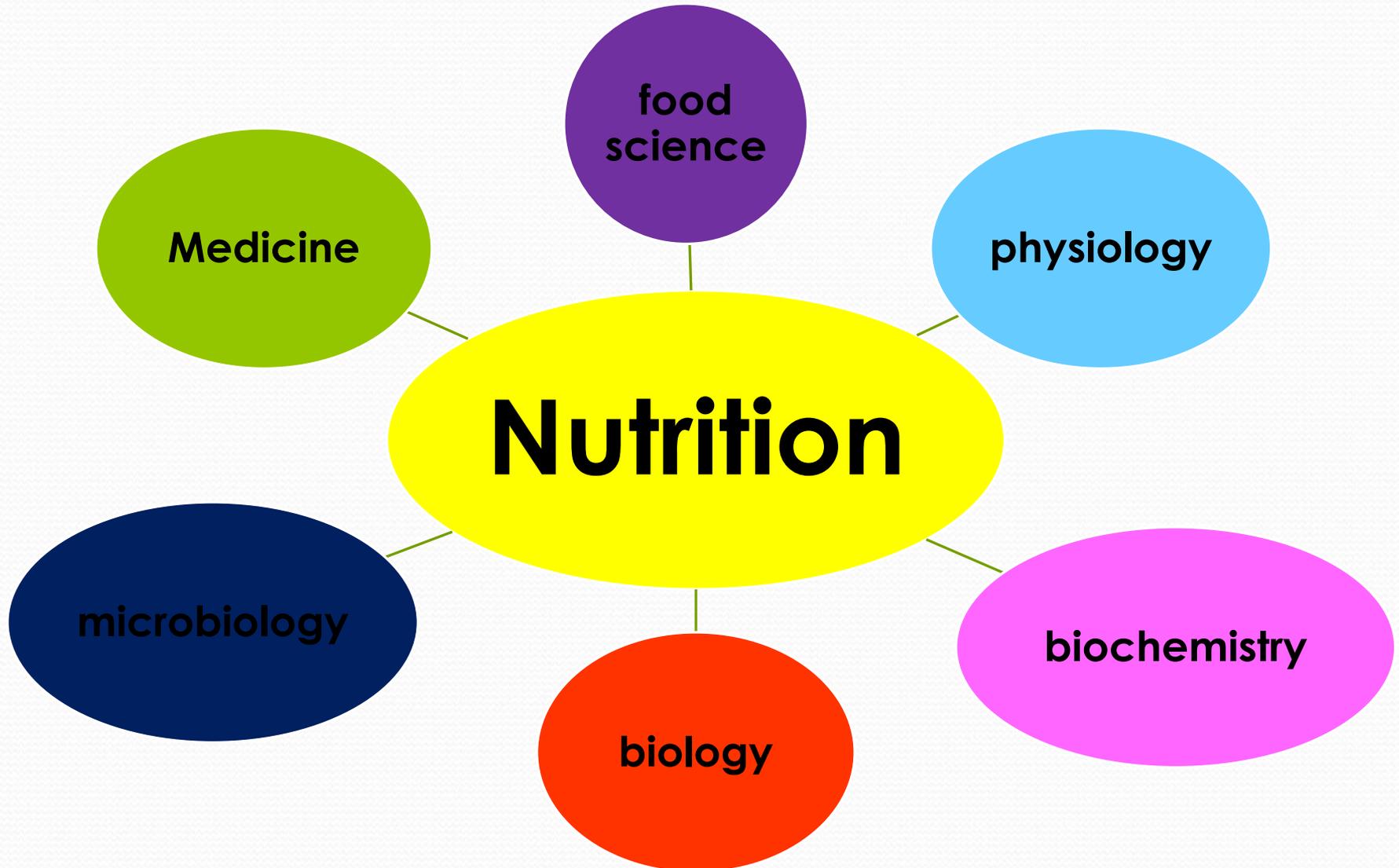


**Nutrition has played a significant role in our life, even from before our birth.**

**Many people are concerned only with food that relieves their hunger or satisfies their appetite .**

**But in many times, these foods don't supply their bodies with all the component of good nutrition.**

# The relationship of nutrition with other sciences



# NUTRITION

**Defined as the science of food, the nutrients, and other substances, therein, their action, interaction and balance in relation to health & disease, and the process by which they are used by the body.**

**A broader definition includes the social, economic, cultural, and psychological implications of food and eating.**



## **Food:**

**Foods are products derived from plants or animals ,that can be taken into the body to yield energy and nutrients for maintenance of life ,for growth and repair tissues.**

**Food is that nourishes the body.**

**Food is a prerequisite of nutrition.**

## **Diet**

**Diet is the foods and beverages a person eats and drinks.**

# Food composition

**Food**

**Nutrients**

- 1-Macronutrients
- 2-Micronutrients

**Other  
compounds**

- fibers
- phytochemicals
- pigments
- additives
- alcohols
- and others

# NUTRIENTS

**Are those chemical substances in food that are required by the body for energy, growth, maintenance & repair. There are some (45- 50) chemical entities are now known to be required by human.**

**Nutrients can be divided into the following categories:**

## **Proteins**

**Essential to growth and repair of muscle and other body parts**

## **Fats**

**One source of energy and important in relation to fat soluble vitamins**

# **Carbohydrates**

**Our main source of energy**

## **Minerals**

**Those inorganic elements occurring in the body and which are critical to its normal functions**

## **Vitamins**

**Water and fat soluble **vitamins** play important roles in many chemical processes in the body**

## **Water**

**Essential to normal body function - as a vehicle for carrying Other nutrients and because 60% of the human body is water**

## **Fiber**

**The fibrous indigestible portion of our diet essential to health of the digestive system**

# The Six Criteria for Nutrient

- **Is essential for one or more of the (8) functions of life**
- **Is not synthesized or synthesized adequately in the body**
- **Has a function that is either biochemical or structural**
- **If deficient, a recognizable loss of function or structure results**
- **If deficient the loss of function or structure is proportional to degree and duration of depletion**
- **If deficient the loss of function is, in the short term, reversible by the specific nutrient**

# DIETARY ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS

**Nutrients may be essential or non-essential, depending on whether the body can manufacture them.**

**When the body requires a nutrient for growth or maintenance but lacks the ability to manufacture a amount sufficient to meet the body's needs, the nutrient is {essential} and must be supplied by the foods in our diet.**

**Other nutrients that the body can make on its own are called {non-essential}.**

# **FUNCTIONS OF ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS**

- 1- Aiding growth & repair of body tissues** *{protein, fat, minerals, and water}.*
- 2- Regulating body processes** *{protein, fat, vitamins, minerals, water}.*
- 3- Providing energy** *{CHO, protein, fat}.*

# **RECOMMENDED DIETARY ALLOWANCES [RDA]**

**Are define as the level of intake of essential nutrients considered based on available scientific knowledge to be adequate to meet the known nutritional needs of practically all healthy persons.**

**Nutrient allowances are categorized into (17) classifications based on age & sex. RDA does not provide the needs that have been altered as a result of disease states, chronic usage of certain drugs, or other factors that require specific individual attention.**

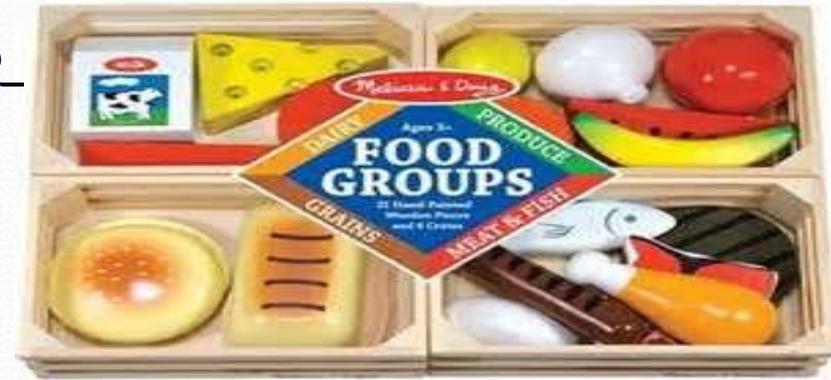
**The average daily intake level required to meet the needs of 97 – 98% of healthy people in a particular life stage and gender group.**

**Nutrient intake below 70% of RDA are frequently considered to be the least RDA levels of nutrients below which put an individual at risk of clinical deficiency**

# Food Pyramid

- **This organizes foods into groups based on the dietary guidelines.**

**The foods be selected from the:**  
**FOUR BASIC FOOD GROUPS**



**The food from MILK GROUP, are a major source of calcium, Protein & riboflavin. [2-3 servings/ day] .**

Fats, Oils, & Sweets  
Use Sparingly



Milk, Yogurt & Cheese Group  
2-3 Servings



Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry  
Beans, Eggs, & Nuts Group  
2-3 Servings



Vegetable Group  
3-5 Servings



Fruit Group  
2-4 Servings



Bread, Cereal,  
Rice, & Pasta  
Group  
6-11  
Servings



**Items in the MEAT GROUP supply protein, fat, iron and other minerals as well as several vitamins, (dry beans, eggs& nuts group).**

**[2-3 servings/ day]**

## **fruit and vegetables group**

**Are rich in vitamin C & precursors of vitamin A.**

**Vegetables group[ 3-5 servings/ day]; fruit group [ 2-4 servings/ day].**

**At least one dark green and one orange vegetable each day. Rich in beta-carotene and folate**

**Have vegetables and fruit more often than juice**

**Increased fibre in the whole food**

**Increases satiety**

# BREAD & CEREAL GROUP

**Provide carbohydrate, several B vitamins & iron. {6-11 servings/ day}.**

**A portion** is the amount of food that you plan to eat at one time.

## **Serving Size**

**A serving size is the suggested amount of food or beverage to consume at a meal or in a snack.**

**Serving sizes help to regulate the amount of calories consumed each day; they also encourage wide eating a variety of foods to completely meet nutritional needs.**

## Use Your Hand

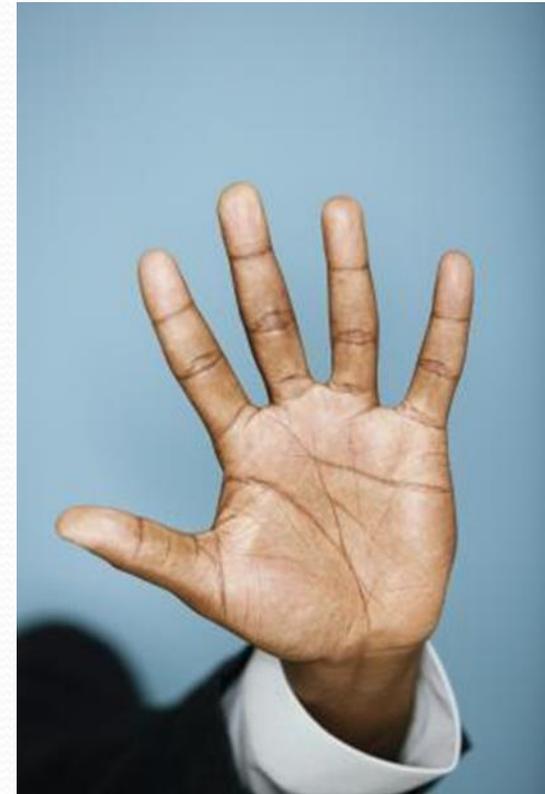
**Give a hand to determine reasonable servings.**

**Hand can accurately measure portion sizes.**

**Fist is about a cup -- the amount should eat of cereal, fruit, soup, salad .**



1 Cup of Cereal = 1 Fist



**Cup hand and have a half-cup -- the recommended amount of pasta and other starches, ice cream or desserts.**



**Palm** -- not counting the fingers -- represents a roughly 3- to 4-oz. serving of meat, poultry or fish.





**HAND:**

**Breads**



**PALM:**

**Meats**



**FIST:**

**Veggies, Rice,  
Pasta, Fruits**



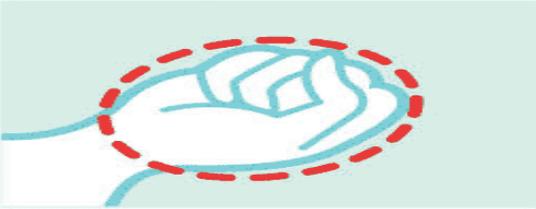
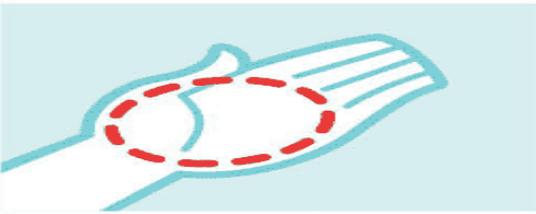
**FINGERTIP:**

**Fats (butter)**

# SIZE IT RIGHT

A guide (based on standards that most nutritionists follow) to what one serving should look like.

 steak	=	 iPod Classic	 cheese	=	 matchbox	 pancake	=	 DVD
 pasta	=	 ice cream scoop	 potato	=	 mouse	 fish	=	 checkbook
 butter	=	 postage stamp	 salad dressing	=	 1-oz shot glass	 brown rice	=	 baseball
 peanut butter	=	 golf ball	 beans	=	 lightbulb	 dark chocolate	=	 dental floss

Hand Symbol	Equivalent	Foods	Calories
 A line drawing of a hand with the thumb tucked in, forming a fist. A red dashed oval highlights the palm area.	<b>Fist</b> 1 cup	Rice, pasta Fruit Veggies	200 75 40
 A line drawing of an open hand with the palm facing up. A red dashed oval highlights the palm area.	<b>Palm</b> 3 ounces	Meat Fish Poultry	160 160 160
 A line drawing of a hand with the thumb tucked in, forming a fist. A red dashed oval highlights the space between the thumb and fingers.	<b>Handful</b> 1 ounce	Nuts Raisins	170 85
 Two line drawings of hands, each with the thumb tucked in, forming fists. Red dashed ovals highlight the space between the thumb and fingers on each hand.	<b>2 Handfuls</b> 1 ounce	Chips Popcorn Pretzels	150 120 100
 A line drawing of a hand with the thumb pointing up. A red dashed square highlights the thumb.	<b>Thumb</b> 1 ounce	Peanut butter Hard cheese	170 100
 A line drawing of a hand with the thumb pointing up. A red dashed square highlights the tip of the thumb.	<b>Thumb tip</b> 1 teaspoon	Cooking oil Mayonnaise, butter Sugar	40 35 15



*Almonds*  
20-24

*What is an ounce of tree nuts?*  
The answer varies depending on the type and size of each nut.



*Cashews*  
16-18

Here are examples of one-ounce portions of each tree nut, along with the average number of nuts per serving.

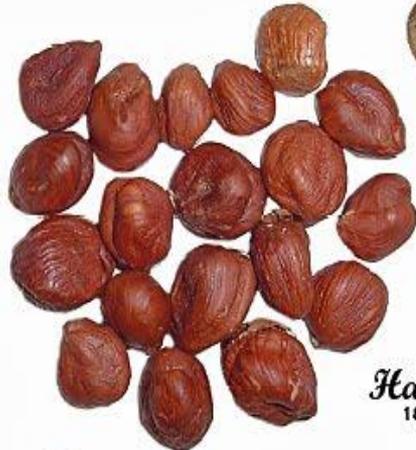


*Macadamias*  
10-12



*Brazil Nuts*  
6-8

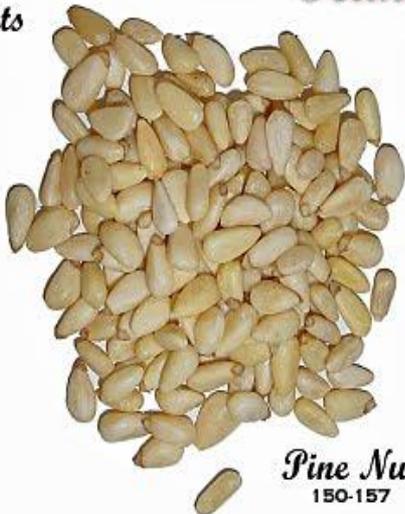
*Nutrition in Every Handful*



*Hazelnuts*  
18-20



*Pecans*  
18-20 HALVES



*Pine Nuts*  
150-157



*Pistachios*  
47-49



*Walnuts*  
8-14 HALVES

Source: INCA and USDA National Nutrient Data Base for Standard Reference, Release 19, 2006. 8/17

# CALORIE

**Is the energy value of food, expressed in terms of a unit  
Of heat, this represents the amount of heat required to  
raise the temperature of 1- Kg (1000 g) water by 1C;  
the calorie used in the study of metabolism is the large  
calorie or kilocalorie (Cal or Kcal) ( 1000 calorie ).**

Nutrients that **PROVIDE** Calories:

- ✓ Proteins
- ✓ Carbohydrates
- ✓ Fats

# FUEL FACTOR

**Or the kilocalorie value [energy potential] of food nutrients; that is the number of Kcal (Cal) that [1 gram] of nutrient yields when Oxidized.**

**The Cal fuel factor for CHO is 4; for protein 4; for fat is 9 Cal.**

**The basic figures are used to computing diets & energy values of foods. (10 grams Of fat yields 90 Cal).**

## **Empty- calories foods**

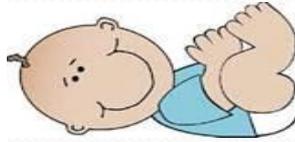
**a popular term used to denote foods contribute energy (from sugars, fat or both)**

**but lack in protein, vitamins and minerals**

**Example:(potato chips and candies).**

# Factors Determining Nutrients Need

1. Age



2. Gender



3. Activity Level

4. Climate



5. Health



6. State of nutrition



# **Factors Determining Food Choices**

## **PHYSICAL FACTORS**

**Food supply available, food technology & geography, agriculture distribution, personal economic & income, sanitation, housing, season, climate, storage & cooking facilities.**

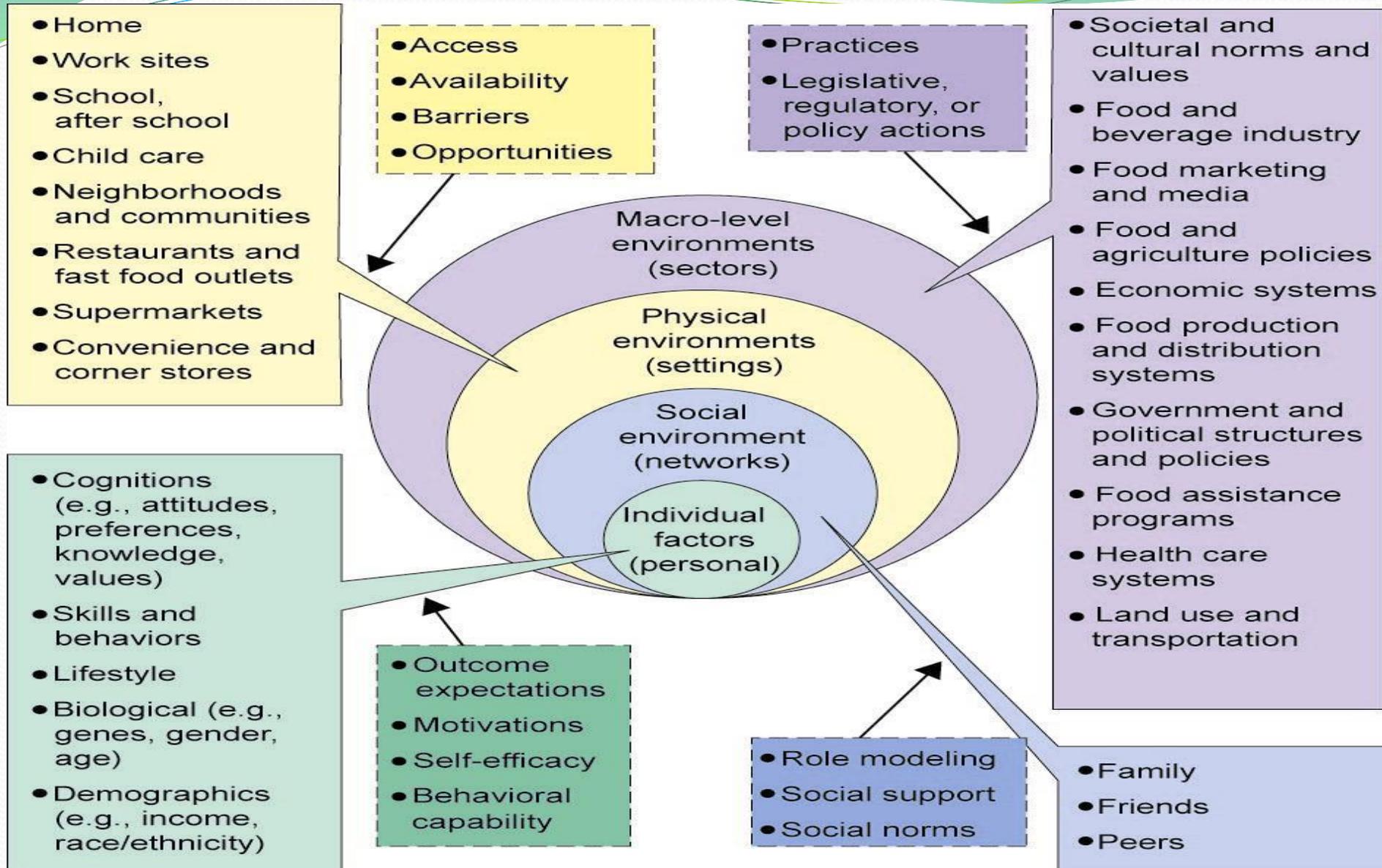
## **SOCIAL FACTORS**

**Advertising, culture, education (general & nutrition), political & economic policies, religion & social custom, social class, role of social problems (poverty & alcoholism).**

## **PHYSIOLOGICAL FACTORS**

**Allergy, disability, health & disease status, personal food acceptance, needs during childhood & pregnancy, energy or nutrient therapeutic diet.**

# Ecological Framework for Influences on What People Eat



# Dietary Guidelines

**1- Eat a variety of foods**

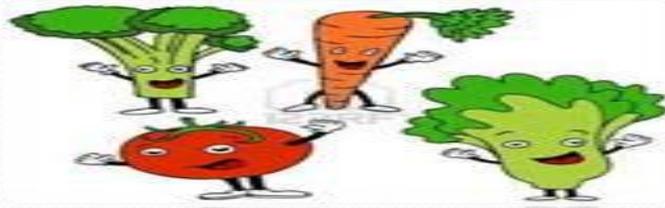


**2- Maintain healthy weight**



**3- Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol**

**4- Choose a diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits, and grain products**



**5- Use sugars only in moderation**

**6- Use salt and sodium only in moderation**



# A nutritious diet has 5 characteristics

- **Adequacy:** foods provide enough of each nutrient, fiber, & energy
- **Balance:** not choosing one food/nutrient over another
- **Calorie control:** eating enough to maintain a healthy weight
- **Moderation:** Foods high in fat, salt, or sugar can be eaten as part of a healthy diet if not eaten to excess.
- **Variety:** necessary in order to get all the nutrients one requires.

# **NUTRIENT DENSITY**

**Is defined as the concentration of a nutrient per unit of energy.**

**It is express the quality of any food in relation to its content of specific nutrient.**

**For any nutrient, the higher the nutrient density, the better the food source; one whole green pepper contains [20mg] of vitamin C, & provides [4Cal]; while one medium size potato also contains [20 mg] vit C, but provides [100 Cal], therefore, green pepper is much better source of vit C.**

# EXAMPLE OF NUTRIENT DENSITY



**HIGH CALORIE /  
LOW NUTRIENT DENSITY**

**LOW CALORIE /  
HIGH NUTRIENT DENSITY**

Calories:	450	193
Protein:	12 g	20 g
Carbohydrates:	54 g	14 g
Fat:	21 g	5 g
# of Vitamins & Minerals:	13	20
Antioxidants:	No	Yes, Omega-3 (eggs), Anthocanines, Flavonoids, Phenolics (raspberries)
Enzymes:	No	Yes, in raspberries

# Calorie Density

**The calorie density (or energy density) of a food is a measurement of the average calories per weight (gram or ounce) of that food.**

**Foods that are low in calorie density tend to be high in water and low in fat.**

**Examples include fruit, vegetables, low-fat dairy, clear soups and lean meat.**

**So for 50 calories could eat a cup of strawberries (low calorie density) or one donut hole (high calorie density).**

500  
Calories  
= 2.1 pounds  
apples  
= 6-7 medium  
apples



Watermelon



Calories in 1 lb.: 136

Low  
Caloric Density

Almond



Calories in 1 lb.: 2,600

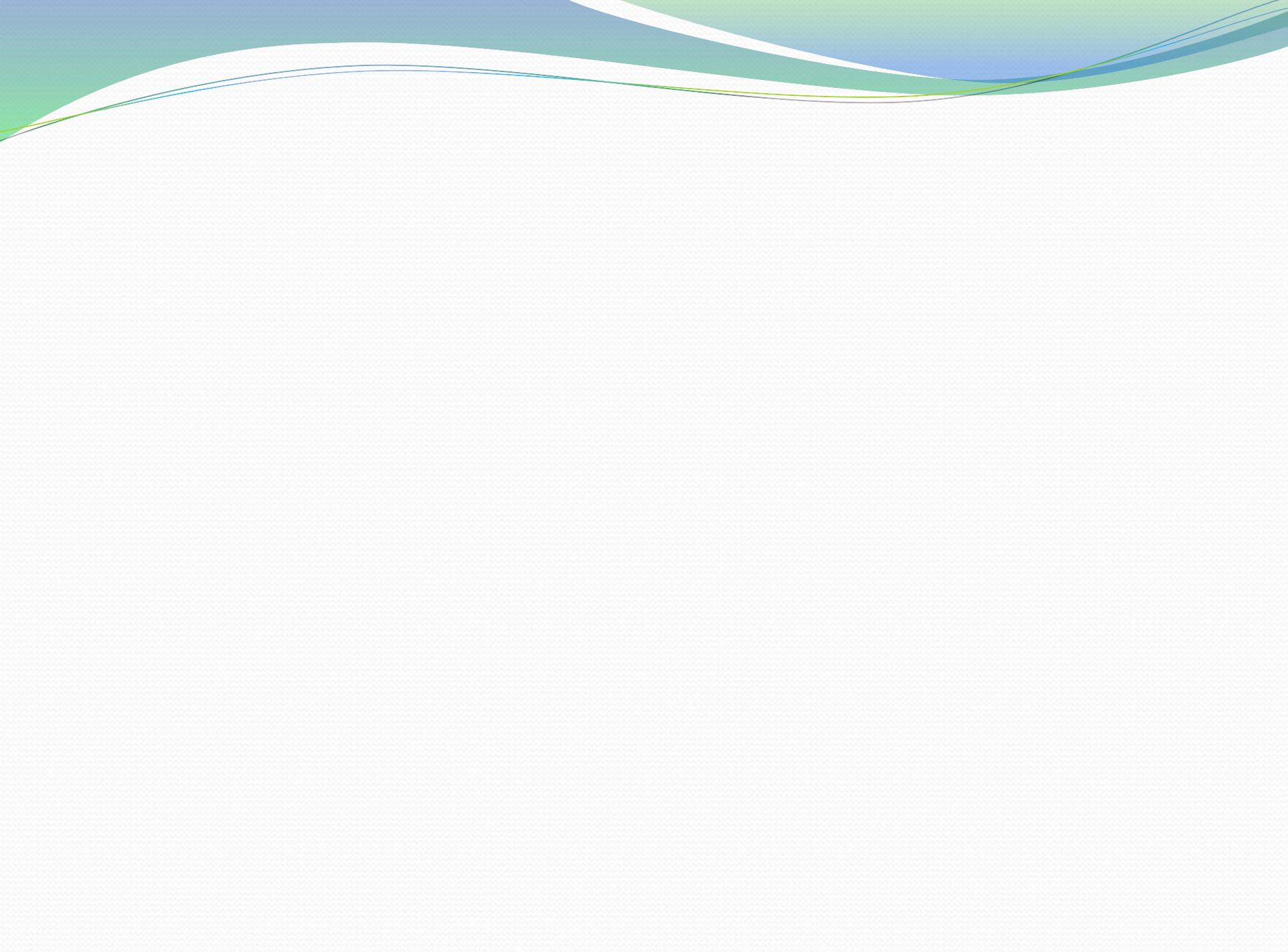
High  
Caloric Density



One giant  
cinnamon bun  
480 calories



Multiple servings  
of fruit and vegetables  
480 calories



# **NUTRITION EDUCATION**

**Is any combination of educational strategies, accompanied by environmental supports, designed to facilitate voluntary adoption of food choices and other food- and nutrition-related behaviors conducive to health and well-being. Nutrition education is delivered through multiple settings and involves activities at the individual, community, and policy levels.**

**Nutrition education is part of Applied Nutrition that focuses its resources toward learning, adaptation and acceptance of healthy eating habits, according to one's own food culture and scientific knowledge in nutrition, all with the ultimate aim of promoting health of the individual or community.**

**It is very useful in health promotion and primary prevention to further the gaining of healthy eating habits in different environments.**

**It is also a useful strategy in the implementation of therapeutic dietary prescriptions and secondary prevention.**

**The nutrition education of the public occurs in three different forms:**

**FORMAL EDUCATION:** purposefully planned for implementation in school setting.

**NON – FORMAL EDUCATION:** takes place through organized teaching and learning events in such places as hospitals, health centers & clinics.

**INFORMAL EDUCATION:** includes a variety of educational experiences that occur through daily activities.

**These experiences include watching television, reading newspapers & magazines, and conversing with other people.**

## Nutritional counseling

**is a two-way interaction through which a client and a trained counselor interpret the results of nutrition assessment, identify individual nutrition needs and goals, discuss ways to meet those goals, and agree on next steps.**

**Nutrition counseling aims to help clients understand important information about their health and focuses on practical actions to address nutrition needs, as well as the benefits of behavior change.**

**The goal of nutritional counseling is to help a person to make and maintain the dietary changes.**