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VegeMeal Plus™

Patient Guide

LEAN BODY program

A safe, simple, and effective approach to
help achieve a healthy body weight

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Understanding the Program

The VegeMeal Plus™ Lean Body Program is designed to make it easy for you to achieve the healthy weight loss results you want. Combining nutritious, real foods with VegeMeal™ shakes and Weight Loss Support Packets, the program is simple to follow and adaptable to your lifestyle. This guide will help you understand how to use these products and incorporate the right nourishing foods into the program for optimal success.

Our Weight Loss and Weight Management Philosophy

One of the keys to losing weight and keeping it off is maintaining muscle during weight loss. Why? Because muscle burns calories which is a major factor in your overall metabolism. If you lose muscle during weight loss, you lose some of your capacity to burn calories. That's exactly what happens to many people who lose weight, but later gain it all back. Keeping your muscle metabolism high makes it easier to lose fat and keep it off long term. It's the key to getting the lean body you've always wanted. That's what the VegeMeal Plus™ Lean Body Program is all about.

This clean and nutritious food plan is designed to support fat loss and muscle maintenance, and for attaining other long-term health benefits.* It consists mainly of fish, grass-fed pasture-raised meats, eggs, vegetables, fruit, roots, and nuts, and excludes gluten-containing grains, legumes, dairy products, potatoes, refined salt, refined sugar, and processed oils.

This program combines carefully selected, health-promoting foods with properly designed protein shakes and other nutrients to support metabolism, maintain muscle, burn fat, balance blood sugar, and control appetite and cravings.* This comprehensive approach addresses common problem areas and makes it easier for most people to achieve and maintain successful, healthy weight loss.



The long-term success of the VegeMeal Plus™ Lean Body Program is dependent on you making the right food and activity choices.

Continue to utilize this guide when developing your weekly meal plans. Additionally, the VegeMeal Plus™ Lean Body Program can be used long-term as a complement to a healthy lifestyle.

On behalf of the science and nutrition team at Designs for Health, we hope this guide has been helpful and wish you the best on your two-week journey along the path to better health.



Ask Us

Ask your practitioner about additional information to support your long-term wellness and maintain the benefits of a healthy body composition.

Additional Menu Options

Option One

- Beet greens with extra virgin olive oil & squeezed lemon or lime
- Baked wild salmon
- Steamed beets: steam 20-30 minutes or until soft, then peel off skin

Option two

- Steamed kale, Swiss chard & collard greens sautéed with olive oil and garlic
- Grilled chicken with garlic pesto: Mince 2 cloves of garlic and add to ½ cup extra virgin olive oil with some finely chopped fresh basil or ½ tsp of dried basil. Spread garlic-basil mixture on chicken breasts and allow them to marinate while preparing the rest of dinner. Grill.
- ½ baked yam

Option three

- Baby greens, chopped red cabbage, celery, and broccoli with extra virgin olive oil and squeezed lemon or lime
- Baked Alaskan halibut topped with tomato pesto

Option four

- Roasted green beans
- Grilled turkey breast with sage
- ½ cup cooked wild brown rice

Option five

- Turkey Roll Ups: Chop up tomato, cucumber, and ¼ avocado, grate a carrot, and add to the middle of a slice of nitrate-free turkey. Roll the turkey around the ingredients.
- Variation: add salsa or hummus



What's in the VegeMeal Plus™ Lean Body Program?

VegeMeal™ Single-Serving Drink Mix Packets:

VegeMeal™ is a great tasting, nutrient-rich powdered meal supplement designed to help promote an optimal intake of protein, vitamins, minerals and fiber. The ingredients make this formula ideal for patients needing support with weight control and muscle maintenance.*

Mix one packet of VegeMeal™ powder with 8 oz. water in a blender or shaker bottle and drink twice daily.** Each serving provides significant protein to help you maintain muscle as you lose fat, and to fuel the metabolic systems that drive fat loss. This easy-to-digest protein comes from non-GMO, North American grown yellow peas, providing an excellent array of amino acids, including healthy levels of the important BCAAs (branched chain amino acids).*

VegeMeal™ has a smooth texture, mixes easily in water, and is available in a pleasant chocolate or vanilla flavor. It is free of dairy, gluten, and lactose, and is sweetened with the natural herb stevia.

Each Weight Loss Support Packet contains:

- **Thermo-EFx™** (1 capsule) is designed to support healthy weight loss by helping to increase the body's metabolic rate safely without causing any stimulant-associated side effects often seen with other weight reduction formulas.*
- **Carnitine Synergy™** (2 capsules) Without carnitine, fats cannot be burned for energy; without energy, cells become weak and may lose the ability function properly. Optimizing carnitine levels has been found to have dramatic benefits for low energy, obesity, and fatigue.* Controlled trials have demonstrated that carnitine helps to support healthy weight loss by promoting optimal fat burning by the mitochondria - the powerhouses of our bodies cells. Carnitine also helps promote heart health, maintenance of healthy cholesterol levels, and sports endurance and recovery.*
- **EndoTrim™** (2 capsules) is a comprehensive endocrine and metabolic-balancing formula designed to promote optimal body composition by favorably modulating the hormones insulin, leptin and cortisol; balancing blood sugar; optimizing the activity of fat-burning enzymes; and limiting cravings.* The ingredients in EndoTrim™ were chosen based on the latest research in overcoming the challenges of losing body fat while maintaining, and even increasing, lean body mass and basal metabolic rate. This formula is also designed to control appetite, the stress response, moods and energy.*

**If your healthy body weight is over 200 pounds consider consuming 3 VegeMeal Plus™ shakes daily or adding an extra meal. Ask your health care provider about additional options for supporting your lifestyle and lean body success.

* These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

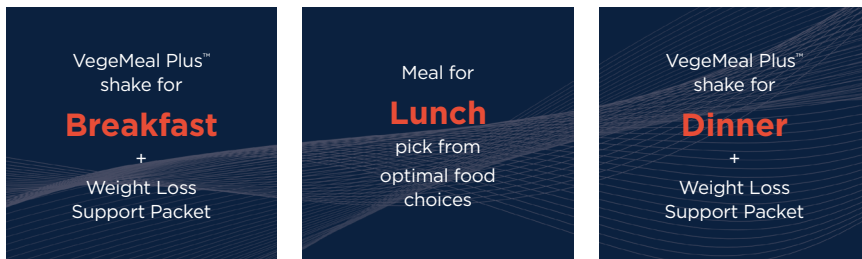
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Directions:

Consume two VegeMeal Plus™ shakes and two Weight Loss Support Packets per day and one healthy meal, based on the guidelines of the program.

An example if you choose lunch as your meal:



Breakfast

VegeMeal Plus™ shake

Mix one single-serving drink mix packet in water or your choice of unsweetened almond milk, coconut milk, or other milk alternative.

Take one Weight Loss Support Packet

Lunch

Regular Meal: Choose healthy items from the optimal food choices on pages 5 and 6.

Dinner

VegeMeal Plus™ shake

Mix one single-serving drink mix packet in water or your choice of unsweetened almond milk, coconut milk, or other milk alternative.

Take one Weight Loss Support Packet

Snacks

This is not a calorie-restrictive program. If you feel hungry between meals, you can snack on healthy whole foods in moderation. However, tune into your body and make sure that you are truly hungry and not just bored, tired, or stressed!



Helpful Hint

If desired, lunch and dinner can be switched in order to meet your schedule needs.



Helpful Hint

It is recommended that you drink 1/2 oz. of pure water per pound of body weight every day.

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Monday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Rotisserie chicken with sliced apple
Tuesday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Grilled chicken strips and asparagus	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet
Wednesday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Grilled chicken with a side of mixed berries
Thursday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Grilled steak and mashed cauliflower
Friday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Salmon and avocado
Saturday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Grilled chicken and steamed vegetables	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet
Sunday	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet	Pork chops and a sweet potato	VegeMeal Plus™ shake and capsule packet

It is important to address stress in your life, as it can promote unhealthy choices. Stress can cause overeating, unhealthy beverage choices, reduced or excess sleep, and fatigue. Any of these stress effects will limit the level of success you have in meeting your healthy body weight goal.

Ask your health care provider about overcoming stress and promoting a healthy sleep pattern.

Foods to Avoid

The Problem with Grains and Gluten

A core element of this food plan is to reduce or eliminate the consumption of grains, especially those which contain a protein known as gluten. Gluten protein, present in grains such as wheat, rye, barley, and oats, is potentially problematic for individuals that are gluten sensitive or gluten intolerant. Consumption of gluten for such individuals can lead to autoimmunity and inflammation of the intestines, joints, thyroid, nervous system and other tissues of the body.

Apart from gluten sensitivity, grains like wheat, soy, and corn are also common food allergens. Therefore, foods that are potential allergens and grains that may provoke gluten sensitivity/intolerance reactions can cause inflammation, and thus should be eliminated from the diet for optimal success in this program.

Spelt, kamut, and triticale are wheat-related grains that are potentially troublesome to gluten sensitive/intolerant individuals. Triticale is a hybrid of wheat and rye.



Always avoid processed or pre-packaged foods

Foods and Beverages to Avoid

- Sugar in all forms, including sucrose, fructose, high fructose corn syrup, honey, and maple syrup. Natural low-impact sweeteners such as stevia & polyols (e.g., xylitol & erythritol) are allowed.
- Artificial sweeteners (sucralose, maltodextrin, saccharin, aspartame, *Sweet 'n' Low, Splenda, Equal*)
- Gluten-containing grains: avoid foods which contain wheat, oats, rye, spelt, kamut, bulgur, couscous, and barley. This includes pastas, bread, crackers, cereals, and other products made from these grains. Gluten-free whole grains such as brown rice, wild rice, millet, quinoa, amaranth, and buckwheat are allowable during the program.
- Dairy products including milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream
- All alcohol and caffeine-containing beverages including coffee, tea and soda
- Soy protein, including tofu and tempeh
- Desserts, including chocolate, candy, cakes and cookies
- Processed, packaged foods
- Fried foods, hydrogenated oils, margarine
- Peanuts/peanut butter (high allergen legumes)

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Daily Activity: How exercise can add three years to your life

Exercise may have you thinking, “What’s the use?” It is important to address this head-on. First, the majority of large health organizations recommend, as a minimum, the following:

150 minutes of moderate exercise weekly

this can be as simple as brisk walking



75 minutes of high intensity exercise weekly

this is defined as continual activity in a heart rate zone of 70-85% of your max

NOTE: Max heart rate can be determined by subtracting your age from 220. The result is 100% of your max heart rate. You will then multiply that number by .70 and .85 to determine the range.

How much time can exercise add to your life?

- For each hour of moderate exercise, studies show an increase in average life expectancy of 2 hours
- For each minute of moderate intensity exercise, you will receive an average return on investment (ROI) of 1 to 7 (1 minute of moderate exercise = 7 additional minutes of life expectancy)
- For each minute of high intensity exercise, you will DOUBLE your ROI to 1 to 14 (1 minute of high intensity exercise = 14 additional minutes of life expectancy)

Over a Lifetime

1. If a person simply does the minimum recommended weekly amount of moderate exercise, they can potentially add 3.4 years to their life.
2. If a person does twice the minimum recommended weekly amount of moderate exercise, they can potentially add 4.2 years to their life.
3. If a person does EVEN HALF of the recommended weekly amount of moderate exercise, they can potentially add 1.8 years to their life.

Evidence reveals, it is NOT just about the amount of life lived, but it is also about QUALITY. Exercise is not only necessary for longevity, but also for promoting good health throughout your life. The “What’s the use?” question should therefore become, “I will exercise in order to achieve a better quality of life.”

You will be happy you did.

Optimal Food List

Protein

Organic, Hormone-Free, Free-Range/Wild Caught

Bison, chicken, cod, eggs, halibut, lamb, pork tenderloin, salmon, sardines, scallops, shrimp, turkey

Vegetables

Fresh, Raw, Steamed, Juiced or Roasted

Arugula, asparagus, avocado, bamboo shoots, beet greens, bell peppers, bok choy, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, collard greens, cucumber, green beans, jicama, kale, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, snap peas, snow peas, spinach, squash, swiss chard

Beans

Black beans, chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils, lima beans, mung beans, pinto beans, white beans, yellow beans

Fruits

Apples, blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, cherries, cranberries, pears, plums, pomegranates, raspberries, strawberries

Gluten-Free Grains and Flour

Amaranth, millet, rice (brown, wild or basmati), quinoa, buckwheat

Nuts and Seeds – Unsalted, Raw, or Dry Roasted

Almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, macadamia, pistachios, sesame seeds, walnuts

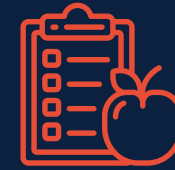
Condiments/Oils

Use oils that are cold expeller pressed and non-hydrogenated

Assorted olives, ghee - clarified butter, capers, coconut oil, extra virgin olive oil, fresh herbs and spices, grapeseed oil, grated horseradish, roasted red peppers, sea salt, sesame oil, stone ground mustard

Sweeteners

Stevia, *Truvia*, xylitol



Snack Suggestions

1 small apple (sliced) and 1 tbs. nut butter

Hard boiled egg

Cucumber slices with lemon juice or salsa

1 tbs. nut butter on a celery stick

¼ cup hummus on a celery stick or ½ red pepper sliced

¼ cup walnuts and ½ cup strawberries

4-8 rice crackers w/ 3 tbs. hummus

½ avocado

½ tomato – sliced with a sprinkle of sea salt and drizzle of olive oil

1 piece of fruit and 10 to 12 raw nuts

1 ounce of meat

10-15 unsalted cashews, almonds, or pecans