

## DIABETES

# Control Your Cholesterol



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Your blood has both HDL and LDL cholesterol. You should have healthy cholesterol levels.

**LDL, or 'bad' cholesterol,** can stick to blood vessel walls. When blood flow becomes completely or partially blocked, a heart attack or stroke can occur.

**HDL, or 'good' cholesterol,** helps carry cholesterol from the blood vessels to your liver where it is sent out of the body.

Many people with diabetes have problems with their cholesterol and should have it tested. If you have never been tested, ask your doctor to test you. If you have been tested, ask your doctor about the results.

### BAD FOODS

bacon	egg yolks
fatty sausage	coconut oil
spare ribs	palm oil
chicken with skin	oils in crackers
lunchmeats	donuts
hot dogs	cakes
butter	pastries
whole milk	cookies
cheese	fast food
sour cream	fried food
ice cream	
shortening	

### GOOD FOODS

wholegrain bread	lowfat 1% milk
brown rice	skim milk
fruit	lowfat cheeses
vegetables	egg whites
nuts	avocados
seeds	canola oil
beans	olive oil
peas	baked foods
lean ground meat	grilled food
chicken (no skin)	
turkey	
fish	

Sometimes, lifestyle changes can help you control your cholesterol. Your doctor can order medicines to help, too. Your doctor will work with you to make a treatment plan that works best for you. Here are some tips to help you make healthy choices.

- Know your cholesterol level.
- Keep your blood sugar levels on target.
- Keep your weight at a healthy range.
- Avoid smoking.
- Exercise - talk to your doctor before starting.



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