FERTILITY PLATE

For PCOS Women

Understanding PCOS and Infertility

Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a common hormonal disorder among women of reproductive age. Women with PCOS may have infrequent or prolonged menstrual periods or excess male hormone (androgen) levels. The ovaries may develop numerous small collections of fluid (follicles) and fail to regularly release eggs, which can lead to infertility.

Dietary Guidelines

for PCOS

Diet plays a significant role in managing PCOS and improving fertility. The goals of the dietary management of PCOS are to regulate insulin levels, balance hormones, and support weight management.

Include the following in your Diet:

1. Focus on Low-Glycemic Index (GI) Foods: Low-GI foods help manage insulin levels.



Include whole grains like (brown rice, barley, sorghum), legumes, nuts, seeds, fruits, leafy greens (spinach, kale, lettuce, etc.), tomatoes, mushrooms, peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, celery and fennel)

2. Increase Fiber Intake: Fiber helps regulate blood sugar and reduce insulin

resistance. Aim for 25-30 grams of fiber daily.

3. Lean Protein: Include lean sources of protein such as chicken, fish, tofu, and legumes.



4. Healthy Fats:

Incorporate sources of healthy fats like avocados. olive oil. nuts. and seeds.



5. Omega-3 fatty acids: Include Omega-3 rich foods such as cold water fish(salmon), Walnuts

6. Include Whole fruit for dessert: The fiber content in whole fruit helps you feel full, helps your digestion and slows down the absorption of its sugars into the bloodstream.

7. Have Regular Meals:

Have regular meals and snacks to maintain blood sugar levels.

Menu Plan for Individuals with PCOS

Breakfast:

Option 1: Moong dal chilla with mint and moringa chutney Option 2: Oats idli with pumpkin sambhar Option 3: Vegetable poha with added roasted flaxseeds

Mid-Morning Snack

Option 1: A handful of soaked almonds, walnuts and prunes **Option 2:** Greek yogurt with chia seeds **Option 3:** Jeera buttermilk

Lunch:

Option 1: Jowar khichdi with mixed vegetables and a side of raita **Option 2:** Stuffed broccoli and paneer paratha with beetroot raita **Option 3:** Whole wheat roti with chana masala and a bowl of low fat curd

Afternoon Snack:

Option 1: Cucumber and carrot sticks with chickpea hummus Option 2: Roasted chickpeas Option 3: Ghee roasted makhana and seeds

Dinner:

Option 1: Grilled fish (Salmon, mackerel) with sautéed veggies Option 2: Mixed vegetable stir-fry with tofu and brown rice Option 3: Methi thepla with low fat curd and mixed greens leafy veggies

Do's and Don'ts For Individuals with PCOS

Foods to Include Foods to Avoid

Whole Grains: Brown rice, Barley, Oats, Cracked wheat, Whole wheat.

Good quality Proteins: Eggs, Chicken, Fish, Tofu, Legumes.

Healthy Fats: Avocado, Nuts, Oilseeds, Olive oil.

High-Fiber Vegetables: Broccoli, Spinach, Kale, Carrots.

Low-GI Fruits: Apples, Berries, Pears, Plums

Dairy Alternatives: Almond milk, Soy milk, Coconut milk, Greek yogurt.



Maintain a balanced diet with a variety of nutrients.

Exercise regularly to help manage weight and improve insulin sensitivity.

Monitor blood sugar levels and adjust your diet accordingly.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. **Refined Carbohydrates:** White Bread, Pasta, Pastries.

Sugary Foods: Sweets, Sodas, Sugary cereals.

Trans Fats: Fried foods, Margarine, Processed snacks. High-GI Fruits: Overly ripe Bananas, Pineapples

Processed Meats: Sausages, Bacon, Deli meats.



Skip meals as it can cause blood sugar fluctuations.

Rely on processed foods and fast food.

Consume excessive amounts of caffeine or alcohol.

Ignore stress management; practice yoga, meditation, or other stress-relieving activities.

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*Always consult your Doctor and Dietitian before you initiate any dietary changes.

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