

UNDERSTANDING

MALE INFERTILITY

Male infertility is a health issue in a man that lowers his chances of getting his female partner pregnant. It can

result from various factors including

low sperm production, low sperm motility, abnormal sperm function, or blockages in certain parts of the male reproductive system that prevent the delivery of sperm. Lifestyle, environmental factors, and health conditions also play a significant role.

Dietary Guidelines For MALE INFERTILITY

Diet can significantly impact sperm quality and overall reproductive health. The goals of dietary management for male infertility are to improve sperm count, motility and quality, increase antioxidant intake, and promote overall health.

Include in your Diet



 Antioxidant-Rich Foods: Foods high in antioxidants can help protect sperm from oxidative stress. Include fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds. **4. Vitamin-Rich Foods:** Vitamins C, E, and D are essential for reproductive health. Include citrus fruits, nuts, seeds, and fortified dairy products.



2. Zinc-Rich Foods: Zinc is crucial for sperm production and motility. Include foods like pumpkin seeds, beans, nuts, and whole grains **5. Lycopene-Rich Foods:** Lycopene is an antioxidant found in tomatoes, watermelon, and pink grapefruit. It has been shown to improve sperm motility and morphology.





3. Omega-3 Fatty Acids: These fats improve sperm count and quality. Sources include fatty fish, flaxseeds, and walnuts.

6. Hydration: Adequate fluid intake is essential for overall health and sperm production.



7. Limit Processed Foods and Sugars: Reduce intake of refined carbohydrates, sugary foods, and trans-fats.



Menu Plan For Boosting Male Fertility

Breakfast:

Option 1

Sprouted moong dal salad with a boiled egg

Option 2

Whole grain toast with avocado and a bowl of mixed berries

Option 3

Tomato uttapam with sambar and coconut chutney

Mid-Morning Snack:

Option 1

A handful of mixed nuts (almonds, walnuts, and pumpkin seeds)

Option 2

Oats and apple smoothie with spinach and chia seeds

Option 3

Coconut water with chia seeds

Lunch

Option 1

Grilled chicken with quinoa salad and a cup of curd

Option 2

Brown rice with rajma curry and a vegetable salad

Option 3

Whole wheat roti with methi chicken and a bowl of dal

Afternoon Snack

Option 1

Roasted flaxseeds and a glass of buttermilk

Option 2

Carrot and cucumber sticks with hummus

Option 3

Cottage cheese (paneer) cubes with a sprinkle of black pepper

Dinner:

Option 1

Masoor dal and vegetable pulao with curd raita

Option 2

Mixed vegetable curry with baira roti

Option 3

Moong dal khichdi with a side of roasted vegetables

Do's and Don'ts For Boosting Male Fertility

Foods to Include

Antioxidant-Rich Foods

Berries, citrus fruits, dark leafy greens.

Zinc-Rich Foods

Pumpkin seeds, beans, nuts, whole grains.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids

Fatty fish, flaxseeds, walnuts.

Vitamins

Citrus fruits, nuts, seeds, fortified dairy products.

Lean Proteins

Chicken, fish, eggs, legumes.

Do's 🗸

Maintain a balanced diet with a variety of nutrients.

Exercise regularly to improve overall health and sperm quality.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

Manage stress through relaxation techniques like meditation and yoga.

Foods to Avoid

Refined Carbohydrates

White bread, pasta, pastries.

Sugary Foods

Sweets, sodas, sugary cereals.

Trans Fats

Fried foods, margarine, processed snacks.

Excessive Alcohol

Alcohol can negatively impact sperm quality.

Processed Meats

Sausages, bacon, deli meats.

🗶) Don'ts)

Smoke or use recreational drugs as they can affect sperm quality.

Consume excessive amounts of caffeine or alcohol.

Skip meals as it can affect overall health.

Rely on processed foods and fast food.

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

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