



Kidney Disease: Controlling your Phosphate with Diabetes

'This dietary advice sheet provides general information to help you change your diet. If you want more detailed advice or are following other dietary restrictions and need guidance, please ask your doctor to refer you to a registered dietitian'.

If your phosphate level is high you may need to reduce the amount of phosphate in your diet. You may also be prescribed tablets called phosphate binders to further help control this level, which should be taken as advised. Please contact a dietitian if you are unsure of how or when to take them or if you want further advice about your diabetic diet.

Protein-containing foods are an important part of a balanced diet, but are high in phosphate so we recommend you limit your intake to the amounts detailed below:

Eggs: 4 per week

Milk: 200ml (¹/₃ pint) per day

Yoghurt: 120g-150g pot 3-4 times per week

Cheese: maximum 180g (6oz) per week

Ice cream: 2 scoops 2-3 times per week

Custard: 150ml (1/4 pint) or Milk pudding: 200g (1/2 tin) 2-3 times per week

These amounts may need to be increased if you are vegetarian or if you have a poor appetite. Please contact a dietitian if this applies to you.

Foods high in phosphate to limit	Lower phosphate options to choose
Dairy	Brie, Camembert, cottage cheese,
Processed cheese spread e.g. Dairylea,	cream cheese e.g. Philadelphia, Danish blue,
Primula, supermarket varieties	Feta, goats cheese, Lancashire, Cheshire,
Cheese containing nuts, Emmental, Gruyere,	Mozzarella, Quark, ricotta, Roquefort, Stilton,
Parmesan, cheddars, reduced-fat cheddar,	soya cheese
Edam, Gouda, Red Leicester	Double cream, crème fraiche
Condensed and evaporated milks	
Meat, poultry and game*	Choose lean cuts of meat and remove fat and
Heart, kidney, liver, liver pâté, oxtail,	skin before cooking
sweetbreads, tongue, pheasant, pigeon	Bacon, beef, chicken, corned beef, duck,
Ham, tinned meat, sausages (check label)	gammon, lamb, pork, rabbit, turkey, veal, venison
Fish*	Cod, haddock, halibut, plaice,
Anchovies, crab (fresh), fish paste, fish roe,	rock salmon, sole, skate, home-made fish
pilchards, sardines, scampi, sprats,	cakes, tinned crab, mussels, shrimps, squid,
swordfish, whitebait, mussels, sea bass,	scallops, whelks, trout, prawns
monkfish, taramasalata	Salmon – once a week (fresh or canned)
	Tuna – fresh or canned in water
	herring, kippers, mackerel

<i>Lentils, pulses and meat alternatives</i> Adzuki beans, baked beans, quorn, soya beans, Almonds, brazil, cashews, mixed nuts, peanuts, pine nuts, walnuts, sesame seeds,	Black eye beans, broad beans, butter beans, chick peas, haricot beans, lentils, mung beans, split peas, Hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans
peanuts, pine nuts, walnuts, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds,	Hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans

*Cured, smoked and tinned meats and fish are high in salt. Choose tinned fish in spring water, not brine

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Phosphate is commonly used as a preservative or stabiliser in food and increases the amount of phosphate in the diet. Often these foods are less nutritionally important in the diet than protein-containing high phosphate foods and so should be restricted first. In order to limit these foods please follow the advice below:

Lower phosphate options to choose
Cornflakes, Multigrain Start, Rice Krispies, porridge, Special K, Weetabix, Puffed Wheat & Shreddies
Bread (brown, white, ciabatta, pitta, granary bread), English muffins, plain flour Breadsticks, cream crackers, Matzos, rusks, water biscuits, wholemeal crackers
Potatoes (boiled, mashed, new, tinned in water, roast), homemade chips, sweet potato (boiled) Plain white rice, basmati, white pasta, rice noodles
Plain or semi-sweet biscuits are suitable e.g. digestives, rich tea, malted milk, marie biscuits, Nice biscuits, ginger biscuits Plain croissants
Fruit canned in its own juice e.g. peaches or pears (drain juice if on low potassium diet or fluid restriction), fruit crumble/pie, fresh fruit salad, sugar-free jelly or sorbet
Fruit squashes/cordials, tea, herbal/fruit teas, light coloured fizzy drinks (e.g. lemonade, Fanta), coffee, water (including flavoured/tonic) <i>Choose sugar-free/diet/no-added-sugar varieties</i>
Corn snacks (e.g. Wotsits, Skips), potato crisps, popcorn, prawn crackers. Coconut, chestnuts
Gravy powders, Bisto, gravy browning Most soups are low in phosphate and protein but high in salt. Discuss with the dietitian if you wish to have soup often. Reduced sugar fruit spread, honey, jam, lemon curd, marmalade (limit to 1level tsp max per slice of bread) Sugar-free fruit or peppermint sweets

