

# EAT WELL, AGE WELL.

## **Magnesium and Your Health**

You need magnesium for many tasks involving muscle movement in your body. "Dr. Bruce Bistrian, chief of clinical nutrition at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, says magnesium deficiency in otherwise healthy individuals eating a balanced diet is rare. "The kidney has an extraordinary ability to reduce magnesium loss in urine, and thus achieve magnesium balance on a wide variety of intakes," he explains." Some individuals may have an increased risk of low magnesium levels due to digestive disorders in which a magnesium supplement may be prescribed.

## Magnesium-rich foods

1 ounce of dry-roasted almonds

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup frozen spinach (cooked)

3/4 cup bran flakes

1 medium baked potato, with skin

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup canned kidney beans

80 milligrams 78 milligrams 64 milligrams 48 milligrams 35 milligrams

## WEEKLY CHALLENGES

EAT ONE SERVING OF LEAFY GREEN VEGGIES, WHOLE GRAINS, BEANS, NUTS, AND OR FISH EACH DAY.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE GETTING AT LEAST 420 MG OF MAGNESIUM PER DAY.

INCORPORATE ONE MAGNESIUM RICH FOOD TO YOUR DINNER SOMETIME THIS WEEK

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

ONE CUP OF DRIED FIGS IS EQUAL TO 101mg OF MAGNESIUM.

https://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/what-you-should-know-about-magnesium2

#### Note to Nutrition Directors and Site Managers:

Thank you for helping to promote Eat Well, Age Well. Please encourage folks to form weekly action plans to help them incorporate foods rich in magnesium into their eating habits. You can help create excitement to try need foods. These foods will help

If they ask how they should record if they reach their weekly action plan. They can write words like, "Nailed it" or just a short note like added tomato juice at breakfast or added kale to my salad, etc. on the *Monthly Tracking Calendar*.

Week 1: Give out/Post

- The 1- page overview handout *Magnesium and Your Health*
- Placemat/handout Lemon Balsamic Lentil Salad
- Table Tent- Leafy Greens and Seeds
- Monthly Tracking Calendar

Week 2: Give out/Post

- Placemat/handouts *Refreshing Quinoa Salad*
- Table Tent- Magnesium Rich Foods

Week 3: Give out/Post

- Placemat/handouts Everything But The Kitchen Sink Soup
- Table Tent- What and Where of Magnesium

Week 4: Give out/Post

- Placemat/handouts Crispy Parmesan Garlic Edamame
- Table Tent- All about Magnesium

**To print** the placemats on legal size paper, just hit print, they should be set up for that size of paper. To make them into a handout, go to Print and then go down to the last item that should say, I page per sheet and click on the drop-down menu to select "Scale to Paper Size" and select "letter" size paper.

The table tents are available in a full-size version that you can post on a bulletin board, give as a handout or place in a full-size table tent holder or print the 4 x 6-inch version and place in a 4 x 6 or 5 x 7-inch holder.

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