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Figure 2.10

## Graphing Your Weight Gain

Patient name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

Reviewed by $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

People gain weight in different ways - some gain in a progressive upward fashion, others gain in an up and down cyclical fashion, and others after a long period of controlled weight see their weight climb steadily after one inciting event. Commonly, though, most people can relate their changes in weight to different life events. See the examples below.

## Progressive (or ratcheting) weight gain <br> 



Please graph your own weight gain. Fill in the life events that you relate to your weight. Take note of your pattern so you can better understand your weight gain, that is, how you got to where you are at today. Thank you for taking the time to complete this chart.


[^0]Figure 3.3

## Weight Loss Questionnaire

Name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

Please complete this questionnaire, which will help you and your physician develop the best management plan for you.

1. Is there a reason you are seeking treatment at this time?
2. What are your goals about weight control and management?
3. Your level of interest in losing weight is:

| Not interested | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Very interested |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

4. Are you ready for lifestyle changes to be a part of your weight control program?

| Not ready | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Very ready |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

5. How much support can your family provide?

| No support | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Much support |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

6. How much support can your friends provide?

| No support | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Much support |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

7. What is the hardest part about managing your weight?
8. What do you believe will be of most help to assist you in losing weight? $\qquad$
9. How confident are you that you can lose weight at this time?

| Not confident | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Very confident |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Weight history

10. As best as you can recall, what was your body weight at each of the following time points (if they apply)? Grade school $\qquad$ High school $\qquad$ College $\qquad$ Ages 20-29 $\qquad$ 30-39 $\qquad$ 40-49___ 50-59 $\qquad$
11. What has been your lowest body weight as an adult? $\qquad$ What has been your heaviest body weight as an adult? $\qquad$
12. At what age did you start trying to lose weight? $\qquad$
13. Please check all previous programs you have tried in order to lose weight. Include dates and your length of participation.

| Program | Date | Weight (lost or gained) | Length of participation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - TOPS |  |  |  |
| - Weight Watchers |  |  |  |
| - Overeaters Anonymous |  |  |  |
| - Liquid diets (eg, Optifast) |  |  |  |
| - Diet pills: Meridia, Xenical |  |  |  |
| - Diet pills: phen-fen, Redux, |  |  |  |
| - NutriSystem / Jenny Craig |  |  |  |
| - OTC diet pills |  |  |  |
| - Obesity Surgery |  |  |  |
| - Registered Dietitian |  |  |  |
| - Other |  |  |  |

14. Have you maintained any weight loss for up to 1 year on any of these programs? Yes $\square$ No
15. What did you learn from these programs regarding your weight? $\qquad$
16. What did not work about these programs?
17. Have you been involved in physical activity programs to help with weight loss? Yes $\square \quad$ No Which ones or in what way?

Figure 4.1

## Eating Pattern Questionnaire

Name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

Please answer the following questions and check the appropriate boxes that most closely describe your eating patterns.

1. Do you follow a special diet?

| $\square$ No | $\square$ Diabetic | $\square$ Low sodium |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Low fat | $\square$ Kosher | $\square$ Vegetarian |
| $\square$ Other |  |  |

Give examples of what guidelines or diets, if any, you follow: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
2. Which meals do you regularly eat?
$\square$ Breakfast $\quad \square$ L
Lunch
Brunch
$\square$ Dinner
3. When do you snack?

| $\square$ Morning | $\square$ Afternoon $\quad \square$ Evening |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Late night | $\square$ Throughout the day |

What are your favorite snack foods? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
4. Do you eat out or order food in?

| $\square$ Yes | $\square$ No |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| How often? | $\square$ Weekly $\quad \square$ Monthly $\quad \square$ Other |  |
| $\square$ Daily |  |  |

What kind of restaurant(s)/eating facilities? $\qquad$

What kinds of cuisine? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
5. How is your food usually prepared? (check all that apply)

| $\square$ Baked | $\square$ Broiled | $\square$ Boiled |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Steamed | $\square$ Poached | $\square$ Other |

6. How many times each day do you have the following food items?
a. Starch (bread, bagel, roll, cereal, pasta, noodles, rice, potato)
$\square$ Never $\quad \square$ Less than $1 \quad \square$ 1-2 $\quad \square$ 3-5 $\quad \square$ 6-8 $\quad \square$ 9-11
b. Fruit
$\square$ Never $\quad \square$ Less than $1 \quad \square 1-2 \quad \square 3-5 \quad \square 6-8 \quad \square 9$-11
c. Vegetables
$\square$ Never $\quad \square$ Less than $1 \quad \square 1-2 \quad \square 3-5 \quad \square 6$-8 $\quad \square$ 9-11
d. Dairy (milk, yogurt)
$\square$ Never $\square$ Less than $1 \quad \square$ 1-2 $\square$ 3-5 $\square$ 6-8 $\square$ 9-11
e. Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, cheese
$\square$ Never $\square$ Less than $1 \quad \square$ 1-2 $\square$ 3-5 $\quad \square$ 6-8 $\quad \square$ 9-11
f. Fat (butter, margarine, mayonnaise, oil, salad dressing, sour cream, cream cheese)
$\square$ Never
$\square$ Less than 1
$\square 1-2$3-5
$\square 6-8$
g. Sweets (candy, cake, regular soda, juice) $\square$ Never $\quad \square$ Less than $1 \quad \square 1-2 \quad \square 3-5 \quad \square 6$-8 $\quad \square 9$-11
7. What beverages do you drink daily and how much?

| $\square$ Water | __ times or glasses per day $(8 \mathrm{oz})$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Coffee | _ times or cups per day |
| $\square$ Tea | __ times or cups per day |
| $\square$ Soda | _ times or glasses per day $(12 \mathrm{oz})$ |
| $\square$ Alcohol | __ times or glasses per day $(12 \mathrm{oz})$ |
| $\square$ Other | _ times or glasses per day |
| (Specify) |  |

8. Would you like to change your eating habits?
$\square$ Yes
$\square$ No
Which habits would you like to begin to change?

 Figure 4.2 Food and Activity Log (front)

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Figure 4.4

## Food Weight Loss Tips

1. Establish regular meal times. Try not to skip any meals because skipping meals leads to overeating later in the day. If you don't have time for a full meal, try to eat a healthy snack or meal replacement bar instead.
2. Read food labels when you are purchasing
food items. Pay attention to the portion size, the number of calories in each portion, and the amount of saturated fat in each portion. This can help you make the healthiest food choices.
3. Make small substitutions in your diet to cut calories. For example, drink water, diet soda, or unsweetened iced tea instead of high-calorie drinks. Choose low-calorie and low-fat versions of salad dressing, cheese, sour cream, and mayonnaise. Go easy on fried foods - bake, broil, poach, or grill your food instead.
4. Identify "guilty pleasures" such as ice cream, cookies, or potato chips. Continue to enjoy them by trying the low-calorie versions or eating less of the regular versions.
5. Pre-portion your servings to control the amount. For example, scoop your ice cream in a bowl instead of eating it out of the carton. Bag potato chips or cookies into single-serving sized containers or zip-lock bags. Eat the serving size only when you have a craving. Remember to pass on seconds.
6. Control calories when dining out. At fast-food restaurants, "down-size" food and drinks instead of "super-sizing" them. Check favorite fast food restaurant Web sites for nutrition information to select the healthiest options.
7. Share an entrée with a friend at sit-down restaurants. However, order a personal salad or side of vegetables. Ask restaurants to: "Please hold the cheese," "Leave the sauce on the side," "Use low-fat salad dressing," and "Please substitute vegetables for French fries." As always, try to avoid fried dishes.
8. Pre-plan meals and snacks, and make certain to have the food on hand. This makes it easier to resist trips to the vending machine and unhealthy, unplanned snacking.
9. Avoid places and situations that trigger eating.

For example, if walking past the donut shop causes donut cravings, try changing your route. Replace the candy on your desk with fruit or avoid walking near the office candy bowl. Avoid eating while watching television, reading, or driving. Many people do not recall what they've eaten while doing other things.

## 10. Try substituting other activities for eating.

For example, take a walk, talk to a friend, or listen to music. These activities avoid the extra calories and can be more satisfying than eating.

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Figure 4.9

## Learning about Serving Sizes

| Starch | 1 serving $=80$ calories |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Slice Whole Grain Bread |
| $1 / 3$ c. | Cooked Pasta |
| $1 / 3$ c. | Cooked Rice |
| $1 / 4$ | Whole Wheat Bagel |
| $1 / 2$ | English Muffin/Bun/Pita |
| 1 | Tortilla (7 inch) |
| $1 / 2$ c. | Cooked Cereal |
| $3 / 4$ c. | Cold Cereal |
| $1 / 4$ | Lg. Potato |
| $1 / 2$ c. | Sweet Potato |
| 3 c. | Popcorn, Unbuttered |
| $1 / 2$ c. | Corn/Peas |
| 6 | Crackers (saltine type) |
|  |  |
| Fruit | 1 serving $=60$ calories |
| 1 small | Fruit (orange, apple, etc.) |
| $1 / 2$ c. | Cut Fruit |
| $1 / 2$ c. | Fruit Juice |
| $1 / 4$ c. | Dried Fruit |

## Vegetable 1 serving $=25$ calories

1 c. Raw
$1 / 2$ c. Cooked
$1 / 2$ c. Tomato or Vegetable Juice

Protein 1 serving $=35-100$ calories
1 oz. Cooked Meat, Poultry or Fish
$1 / 2$ c. Beans, Peas, Lentils
1 Egg or 2 Egg Whites
1/4c. Egg Substitute
1 oz. Low Fat Cheese
$1 / 4$ c. Low Fat Cottage Cheese
$1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Tofu
1 oz. Water Packed Salmon or Tuna
1 T. Peanut Butter (all nut butters)

Dairy Protein 1 serving $=90-120$ calories
1 c. Low Fat or Nonfat Milk
1 c. Low Fat Yogurt
1 c. Nonfat or Low Fat Buttermilk
1 c. Nonfat or Low Fat Soy Milk (calcium enriched)

Fat 1 serving $=45$ calories
1 tsp. Oil, Butter, or Margarine
1 T. Regular Salad Dressing
2 T. Low Fat Salad Dressing
3 T. Low Fat Sour Cream
1.5 T. Low Fat Cream Cheese

2 T. Avocado
8 Olives
6 Nuts
1 T. Seeds
1 slice Bacon

## Recommendations for a well-balanced diet

A healthy diet is low in calories and has a good balance between the different food groups. Follow these recommendations to help balance your diet.

- Eat at least five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables per day.
- Eat 25 to 30 grams of fiber per day (from fruits, vegetables, beans, whole grain breads, pastas, and cereals).
- Choose whole grains instead of refined, processed carbohydrates.
- Drink at least 64 ounces of water each day.
- Eat at least two servings of low-fat dairy each day (low-fat milk, cheese, etc).
- Choose more low-fat sources of protein (such as skinless chicken, turkey, and soy products) while choosing leaner cuts of beef and pork.
- Eat fish at least two times per week.
- Limit sodium intake to 2,400 milligrams per day or less.


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