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Preface

Numerous discoveries in nutrition science over the past few years have continued to benefit the field of health care. In revising this ninth edition of *Nutrition and Diet Therapy*, we have been pleased at the number of new findings we have been able to incorporate into these pages. As always, major goals of this textbook are to present both core nutrition information and guidelines about the prevention of, and care during, illness. Another mission is to help nutrition students evaluate information and products available from the media, colleagues, and the marketplace.

As in the previous edition of this book, Chapters 1 through 10 introduce basic concepts in nutrition and explain how sound nutrition supports health. Chapters 11 to 13 apply nutrition principles to individuals during different stages of life, from pregnancy and birth through old age. The second half of the book addresses the concerns of individuals who are at risk of illness or have medical conditions that require medical nutrition therapy. A hallmark of the text is the "Nutrition in Practice" section located at the end of every chapter: these sections provide coverage of current research topics, advanced subjects, or specialty areas.

Changes for This Edition

Each chapter of this book is based on current nutrition knowledge and the latest clinical practice guidelines, and features new learning objectives for each major section. Some major content changes in this edition include the following:

Chapter 1 Introduced the new MyPlate figure and discussion, added definitions of solid fats, added sugars, and nutrient profiling, added a brief discussion of nutrient profiling, included a new discussion of portion sizes, added a discussion and new figure of the proposed updated Nutrition Facts panel on food labels, added new figures of Facts Up Front and label claims, and added the definition of registered dietitian nutritionist in the Nutrition in Practice.

Chapter 2 Added a new figure showing glycogen and starch molecules and their branching, reorganized and enhanced the discussion of blood glucose regulation, reorganized the section "Health Effects of Sugars and Alternative Sweeteners," added a discussion of sugar and heart disease, placed new emphasis on the term *nonnutritive sweeteners* rather than *artificial sweeteners* as per the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, added a new How To box: "How to Reduce Added Sugar Intake," updated and reorganized the table of nonnutritive sweeteners, and added a little more information about glycemic load in the Nutrition in Practice.

Chapter 3 Added brief discussion and definition of conjugated linoleic acid, increased the emphasis on and explanation of solid fats, added a table of solid fats on food labels, and added a new figure about replacing saturated fat with unsaturated fat in the Nutrition in Practice.

Chapter 4 Enhanced the discussion of proteins as antibodies, reorganized the section on protein deficiency, introduced and defined the WHO term *severe acute malnutrition* and defined chronic malnutrition, added a table comparing severe acute malnutrition and chronic malnutrition, and enhanced the glossary of terms to describe vegetarian diets.

Chapter 5 Added the Food Safety Modernization Act to the discussion in the Nutrition in Practice and reorganized and shortened the foodborne illness table to include the pathogens that cause most foodborne illnesses.

Chapter 6 Deleted a margin note about the "3500-kcal rule" and downplayed its exactness in the text with references, included information from the American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology Guidelines for the Management of Overweight and Obesity in Adults, and added information about and a definition of RED-S (relative energy deficiency in sport) from the International Olympic Committee to replace the female athlete triad.

Chapter 7 Introduced and defined screen time, food deserts, satiation, and satiety, added a new section on "Neighborhood Obstacles to Physical Activity and Healthy Foods," streamlined the obesity drug discussion and simplified and updated FDA-approved obesity drugs information, separated and enhanced tables of weight-loss and weight-gain strategies, addressed new thinking and research about the "3500-kcalorie rule," enhanced and updated the table "Popular Diets Compared," added a new table called "Tips for Identifying Fad Diets and Weight-Loss Scams," and added a brief discussion of protein and kcalorie restriction.

Chapter 8 Added a new table comparing fat-soluble and water-soluble vitamins, updated figures of good sources of vitamins (A, folate, and C) using current USDA nutrient data, added definitions of vitamin D_2 and D_3 , added a brief note about toco-trienols in the vitamin E discussion, and added a new table in the Nutrition in Practice providing tips for consuming phytochemicals.

Chapter 9 Added a new table, "Top Contributors of Sodium in the Diet," added a section on potassium and hypertension, added more food sources of calcium, added information on magnesium and disease, added information on iron excess and oxidative stress, and added information on and a definition of hepcidin, the iron-regulating hormone.

Chapter 10 Reorganized and rewrote parts of the beginning of the chapter, added new tables comparing intensities of physical activity and symptoms of heat stroke and hypothermia, updated the hydration table, rewrote and reorganized the Nutrition in Practice, and added a discussion of beta-alanine to the Nutrition in Practice.

Chapter 11 Added a new table on the benefits of breastfeeding and personalized the table of strategies for successful breastfeeding.

Chapter 12 Added new tables listing protective factors in breast milk and providing tips for picky eaters, enhanced the table of food skills for preschoolers, added a figure to highlight MyPlate resources for children, included new National School Lunch/Breakfast requirements, added a table of new USDA standards for foods and beverages sold in schools, added a new table of physical activities for children and adolescents, and modified and simplified the feature "How to Protect against Lead Toxicity."

Chapter 13 Added a new table comparing signs of Alzheimer's and typical agerelated changes, defined health care communities as per the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, added a brief discussion of the obesity/food insecurity paradox in the Nutrition in Practice, and enhanced the feature about thrifty meal planning, "How to Stretch Food Dollars and Reduce Waste."

Chapter 14 Reorganized the table on information included in a nutrition screening, included a discussion of the multiple-pass method for conducting a 24-hour dietary recall interview, added a paragraph about C-reactive protein in the section on biochemical analyses, revised the SOAP note figure, and updated names for diets in the "Modified Diets" section to more closely match current dietetics terminology.

Chapter 15 Modified the paragraph on isoniazid and vitamin B_6 in the "Diet-Drug Interactions" section, modified several paragraphs about the effectiveness and safety of herbal supplements, and modified and expanded the table listing examples of herb-drug interactions.

Chapter 16 Introduced oral supplements in the beginning of the chapter, reorganized the middle two sections of the chapter so that the discussion of tube feeding candidates and tube feeding routes precedes the section on enteral formulas, added new photos of a current feeding tube and transnasal tube placement in an adult, simplified the presentation of tube feeding initiation and advancement, introduced the term *cyclic feedings* in the section on formula delivery methods, revised the section on fluids and electrolytes in parenteral solutions, clarified the difference between continuous and cyclic parenteral nutrition, shortened the section on discontinuing parenteral nutrition in Practice on inborn errors, revised the introductory paragraph about PKU, added a photo showing phenylalanine-free formula, and updated the medical foods and treatments used in phenylketonuria.

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Chapter 18 Revised some paragraphs in the sections on inflammatory bowel diseases, irritable bowel syndrome, and diverticular disease of the colon; and updated the diet-drug interactions box.

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sections on nutrition therapy according to newly released nutrition guidelines from the American Diabetes Association; reorganized the discussion about body weight concerns by moving the topic of weight gain in type 1 diabetes to the insulin therapy section and the topic on weight loss for type 2 diabetes to the nutrition therapy section; expanded the table on antidiabetic drugs; updated the diet-drug interactions box; and updated several sections in the Nutrition in Practice on metabolic syndrome.

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Dedication

To my husband Tom, Can't wait to see where the next part of our journey takes us. —Linda Kelly DeBruyne

To David Stone, who shares my passion for nutrition, science, old-time fiddle music, and swallowtail butterflies. —Kathryn Pinna

To the memory of my parents, Edith Tyler Noss and Henry H. B. Noss, who supported me with love, discipline, and pride. —Ellie Whitney

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Every day, several times a day, you make choices that will either improve your **health** or harm it. Each choice may influence your health only a little, but when these choices are repeated over years and decades, their effects become significant.

The choices people make each day affect not only their physical health but also their **wellness**—all the characteristics that make a person strong, confident, and able to function well with family, friends, and others. People who consistently make poor lifestyle choices on a daily basis increase their risks of developing diseases. Figure 1-1 shows how a person's health can fall anywhere along a continuum, from maximum wellness on the one end to total failure to function (death) on the other.

As health care professionals, when you take responsibility for your own health by making daily choices and practicing behaviors that enhance your well-being, you prepare yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally to meet the demands of your profession. As health care professionals, however, you have a responsibility to your clients as well as to yourselves.* You have unique opportunities to make your clients aware of the benefits of positive health choices and behaviors, to show them how to change their behaviors and make daily choices to enhance their own health, and to serve as role models for those behaviors.

This text focuses on how nutrition choices affect health and disease. The early chapters introduce the basics of nutrition to promote good

*Health care professionals generally use either *client* or *patient* when referring to an individual under their care. The first 13 chapters of this text emphasize the nutrition concerns of people in good health; therefore, the term *client* is used in these chapters.

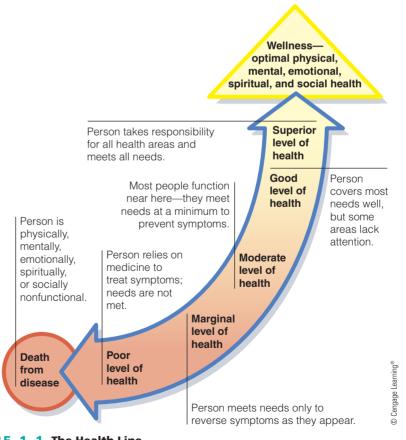


FIGURE 1-1 The Health Line

No matter how well you maintain your health today, you may still be able to improve tomorrow. Likewise, a person who is well today can slip by failing to maintain health-promoting habits.

health: a range of states with physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social components. At a minimum, health means freedom from physical disease, mental disturbances, emotional distress, spiritual discontent, social maladjustment, and other negative states. At a maximum, health means *wellness*.

wellness: maximum well-being; the top range of health states; the goal of the person who strives toward realizing his or her full potential physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. health and reduce disease risks. The later chapters emphasize medical nutrition therapy and its role in supporting health and treating diseases and symptoms.

1.1 Food Choices

LO 1.1 Describe how various factors influence personal food choices.

Sound **nutrition** throughout life does not ensure good health and long life, but it can certainly help to tip the balance in their favor. Nevertheless, most people choose foods for reasons other than their nourishing value. Even people who claim to choose foods primarily for the sake of health or nutrition will admit that other factors also influence their food choices. Because food choices become an integral part of their lifestyles, people sometimes find it difficult to change their eating habits. Health care professionals who help clients make diet changes must understand the dynamics of food choices, because people will alter their eating habits only if their preferences are honored. Developing **cultural competence** is an important aspect of honoring individual preferences, especially for health care professionals who help clients to achieve a nutritious diet.¹

Preference Why do people like certain foods? One reason, of course, is their preference for certain tastes. Some tastes are widely liked, such as the sweetness of sugar and the savoriness of salt.² Research suggests that genetics influence people's taste preferences, a finding that may eventually have implications for clinical nutrition.³ For example, sensitivity to bitter taste is an inheritable trait. People born with great sensitivity to bitter tastes tend to avoid foods with bitter flavors such as broccoli, cabbage, brussels sprouts, spinach, and grapefruit juice. These foods, as well as many other fruits and vegetables, contain **bioactive food components**—**phytochemicals** and nutrients—that may reduce the risk of cancer. Thus, the role that genetics may play in food selection is gaining importance in cancer research.⁴ Nutrition in Practice 8 addresses phytochemicals and their role in disease prevention.

Habit Sometimes habit dictates people's food choices. People eat a sandwich for lunch or drink orange juice at breakfast simply because they have always done so.

Associations People also like foods with happy associations—foods eaten in the midst of warm family gatherings on traditional holidays or given to them as children by someone who loved them. By the same token, people can attach intense and unalterable dislikes to foods that they ate when they were sick or that were forced on them when they weren't hungry.

Ethnic Heritage and Regional Cuisines Every country, and every region of a country, has its own typical foods and ways of combining them into meals. The **foodways** of North America reflect the many different cultural and ethnic backgrounds of its inhabitants. Many foods with foreign origins are familiar items on North American menus: tacos, egg rolls, lasagna, sushi, and gyros, to name a few. Still others, such as spaghetti and croissants, are almost staples in the "American diet." North American regional cuisines like Cajun and TexMex blend the traditions of several cultures. Table 1-1 (p. 4) presents selected **ethnic diets** and food choices.

Values Food choices may reflect people's environmental ethics, religious beliefs, and political views. By choosing to eat some foods or to avoid others, people make statements that reflect their values. For example, people may select only foods that come in containers that can be reused or recycled. A concerned consumer may boycott fruit or vegetables picked by migrant workers who have been exploited. People may

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Nutrition is only one of the many factors that influence people's food choices.

nutrition: the science of foods and the nutrients and other substances they contain, and of their ingestion, digestion, absorption, transport, metabolism, interaction, storage, and excretion. A broader definition includes the study of the environment and of human behavior as it relates to these processes.

cultural competence: an awareness and acceptance of one's own and others' cultures, combined with the skills needed to interact effectively with people of diverse cultures.

bioactive food components: compounds in foods (either nutrients or phytochemicals) that alter physiological processes in the body.

phytochemicals (FIGH-toe-CHEM-ih-cals): compounds in plants that confer color, taste, and other characteristics. Some phytochemicals are bioactive food components in functional foods. Nutrition in Practice 8 provides details.

foodways: the eating habits and culinary practices of a people, region, or historical period.

ethnic diets: foodways and cuisines typical of national origins, races, cultural heritages, or geographic locations.

TABLE 1-1 Selected Ethnic Cuisines and Food Choices

	Grains	Vegetables	Fruits	Protein Foods	Milk
Asian Berky Luigart-Stayner/ COBBIS	Millet, rice, rice or wheat noodles	Amaranth, baby corn, bamboo shoots, bok choy, cabbages, mung bean sprouts, scallions, seaweed, snow peas, straw mushrooms, water chestnuts, wild yam	Kumquats, loquats, lychee, mandarin oranges, melons, pears, persimmon, plums	Pork, poultry, fish and other seafood, squid, soybeans, tofu, duck eggs, cashews, peanuts	Soy milk
Mediterranean	Bulgur, couscous, focaccia, Italian bread, pastas, pita pocket bread, polenta, rice	Cucumbers, eggplant, grape leaves, onions, peppers, tomatoes	Dates, figs, grapes, lemons, melons, olives, raisins	Beef, gyros, lamb, pork, sausage, chicken, fish and other seafood, fava beans, lentils, almonds, walnuts	Feta, goat, mozzarella, parmesan, provolone, and ricotta cheeses; yogurt
Mexican Break (http://sponductionality)	Taco shells, tortillas (corn or flour), rice	Cactus, cassava, chayote, chilies, corn, jicama, onions, tomatoes, tomato salsa, yams	Avocado, bananas, guava, lemons, limes, mango, oranges, papaya, plantain	Beef, chorizo, chicken, fish, refried beans, eggs	Cheese, flan (caramel custard)

buy vegetables from local farmers to save the fuel and environmental costs of foods shipped from far away. Labels on some foods carry statements or symbols—known as ecolabels—that imply that the foods have been produced in ways that are considered environmentally favorable.

Religion also influences many people's food choices. Jewish law sets forth an extensive set of dietary rules. Many Christians forgo meat on Fridays during Lent, the period prior to Easter. In Islamic dietary laws, permitted or lawful foods are called *halal*. Other faiths prohibit some dietary practices and promote others. Diet planners can foster sound nutrition practices only if they respect and honor each person's values.

Social Interaction Social interaction is another powerful influence on people's food choices. Meals are social events, and the sharing of food is part of hospitality. It is often considered rude to refuse food or drink being shared by a group or

offered by a host. Food brings people together for many different reasons: to celebrate a holiday or special event, to renew an old friendship, to make new friends, to conduct business, and many more. Sometimes food is used to influence or impress someone. For example, a business executive invites a prospective new client out to dinner in hopes of edging out the competition. In each case, for whatever the purpose, food plays an integral part of the social interaction.

Emotional State Emotions guide food choices and eating behaviors.⁵ Some people cannot eat when they are emotionally upset. Others may eat in response to a variety of emotional stimuli—for example, to relieve boredom or depression or to calm anxiety. A depressed person may choose to eat rather than to call a friend. A person who has returned home from an exciting evening out may unwind



Ethnic meals and family gatherings nourish the spirit as well as the body.

with a late-night snack. Eating in response to emotions can easily lead to overeating and obesity but may be appropriate at times. For example, sharing food at times of bereavement serves both the giver's need to provide comfort and the receiver's need to be cared for and to interact with others as well as to take nourishment.

Availability, Convenience, and Economy The influence of these factors on people's food selections is clear. You cannot eat foods if they are not available, if you cannot get to the grocery store, if you do not have the time or skill to prepare them, or if you cannot afford them. Consumers who value convenience frequently eat out, bring home ready-to-eat meals, cook meals ahead at storefront meal preparation sites, or have food delivered. Whether decisions based on convenience meet a person's nutrition needs depends on the choices made. Eating a banana or a candy bar may be equally convenient, but the fruit provides more vitamins and minerals and less sugar and fat.

Rising food costs have shifted some consumers' priorities and changed their shopping habits.⁶ They are less likely to buy higher-priced convenience foods and more likely to prepare home-cooked meals. Those who frequently prepare their own meals eat fast food less often and are more likely to meet dietary guidelines for fat, calcium, fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. It is not surprising that, when eating out, consumers choose low-cost fast-food outlets over more expensive fine-dining restaurants. Foods eaten away from home, especially fast-food meals, tend to be high in kcalories, sodium, total fat, saturated fat, and *trans* fat—which can contribute to a variety of health problems.⁷

Some people have jobs that keep them away from home for days at a time, require them to conduct business in restaurants or at conventions, or involve hectic schedules that allow little or no time for meals at home. For these people, the kinds of restaurants available to them and the cost of eating out so often may limit food choices.

Age Age influences people's food choices. Infants, for example, depend on others to choose foods for them. Older children also rely on others but become more active in selecting foods that taste sweet and are familiar to them and rejecting those whose taste or texture they dislike. In contrast, the links between taste preferences and food choices in adults are less direct than in children. Adults often choose foods based on health concerns such as body weight. Indeed, adults may avoid sweet or familiar foods because of such concerns.

Body Weight and Image Sometimes people select certain foods and supplements that they believe will improve their physical appearance and avoid those they believe might be detrimental. Such decisions can be beneficial when based on sound nutrition and fitness knowledge but may undermine good health when based on fads or carried to extremes. Eating disorders are the topic of Nutrition in Practice 6.

Medical Conditions Sometimes medical conditions and their treatments (including medications) limit the foods a person can select. For example, a person with heart disease might need to adopt a diet low in certain types of fats. The chemotherapy needed to treat cancer can interfere with a person's appetite or limit food choices by causing vomiting. Allergy to certain foods can also limit choices. The second half of this text discusses how diet can be modified to accommodate different medical conditions.

Health and Nutrition Finally, of course, many consumers make food choices they believe will improve their health.⁸ Food manufacturers and restaurant chefs have responded to scientific findings linking health with nutrition by offering an abundant selection of health-promoting foods and beverages. Foods that provide health benefits beyond their nutrient contributions are called **functional foods**.⁹ Whole foods—as natural and familiar as oatmeal or tomatoes—are the simplest functional foods. In other cases, foods have been modified through fortification, enrichment, or

functional foods: whole, fortified, enriched, or enhanced foods that have a potentially beneficial effect on health when consumed as part of a varied diet on a regular basis at effective levels.

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enhancement. Examples of these functional foods include orange juice fortified with calcium to build strong bones, bread enriched with folate to promote normal fetal development, and margarine enhanced with a plant sterol to lower blood cholesterol. Nutrition in Practice 8 offers more discussion of functional foods.

Consumers typically welcome new foods into their diets, provided that these foods are reasonably priced, clearly labeled, easy to find in the grocery store, and convenient to prepare. These foods must also taste good—as good as the traditional choices. Of course, a person need not eat any "special" foods to enjoy a healthy diet; many "regular" foods provide numerous health benefits as well. In fact, foods such as whole grains; vegetables and legumes; fruits; meats, seafood, poultry, eggs, nuts, and seeds; and low-fat milk products are among the healthiest choices a person can make.

IN SUMMARY

- A person selects foods for many different reasons.
- Food choices influence health—both positively and negatively. Individual food selections neither make nor break a diet's healthfulness, but the balance of foods selected over time can make an important difference to health.
- In the interest of health, people are wise to think "nutrition" when making their food choices.

1.2 The Nutrients

LO 1.2 Name the six major classes of nutrients and identify which are organic and which yield energy.

You are a collection of molecules that move. All these moving parts are arranged in patterns of extraordinary complexity and order—cells, tissues, and organs. Although the arrangement remains constant, the parts are continually changing, using **nutrients** and energy derived from nutrients.

Almost any food you eat is composed of dozens or even hundreds of different kinds of materials. Spinach, for example, is composed mostly of water (95 percent), and most of its solid materials are the compounds carbohydrates, fats (properly called lipids), and proteins. If you could remove these materials, you would find a tiny quantity of minerals, vitamins, and other compounds.

Six Classes of Nutrients

Water, carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, and minerals are the six classes of nutrients commonly found in spinach and other foods. Some of the other materials in foods, such as the pigments and other phytochemicals, are not nutrients but may still be important to health. The body can make some nutrients for itself, at least in limited quantities, but it cannot make them all, and it makes some in insufficient quantities to meet its needs. Therefore, the body must obtain many nutrients from foods. The nutrients that foods must supply are called **essential nutrients**.

Carbohydrates, Fats, and Proteins Four of the six classes of nutrients (carbohydrates, fats, proteins, and vitamins) contain carbon, which is found in all living things. They are therefore **organic** (meaning, literally, "alive").[†] During metabolism, three of

[†]Note that this definition of *organic* excludes coal, diamonds, and a few carbon-containing compounds that contain only a single carbon and no hydrogen, such as carbon dioxide (CO₃).

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nutrients: substances obtained from food and used in the body to provide energy and structural materials and to serve as regulating agents to promote growth, maintenance, and repair. Nutrients may also reduce the risks of some diseases.

essential nutrients: nutrients a person must obtain from food because the body cannot make them for itself in sufficient quantities to meet physiological needs.

organic: in chemistry, substances or molecules containing carboncarbon bonds or carbon-hydrogen bonds. The four organic nutrients are carbohydrate, fat, protein, and vitamins. these four (carbohydrates, fats, and proteins) provide energy the body can use.[‡] These **energy-yielding nutrients** continually replenish the energy you spend daily.

Vitamins, Minerals, and Water Vitamins are organic but do not provide energy to the body. They facilitate the release of energy from the three energy-yielding nutrients. In contrast, minerals and water are **inorganic** nutrients. Minerals yield no energy in the human body, but, like vitamins, they help to regulate the release of energy, among their many other roles. As for water, it is the medium in which all of the body's processes take place.

kCalories: A Measure of Energy

The amount of energy that carbohydrates, fats, and proteins release can be measured in **calories**—tiny units of energy so small that a single apple provides tens of thousands of them. To ease calculations, energy is expressed in 1000-calorie metric units known as **kilocalories** (shortened to **kcalories**, but commonly called "calories"). When you read in popular books or magazines that an apple provides "100 calories," understand that it means 100 kcalories. This book uses the term *kcalorie* and its abbreviation *kcal* throughout, as do other scientific books and journals.[§] kCalories are not constituents of foods; they are a measure of the energy foods provide. The energy a food provides depends on how much carbohydrate, fat, and protein the food contains.

Carbohydrate yields 4 kcalories of energy from each gram, and so does protein. Fat yields 9 kcalories per gram. Thus, fat has a greater **energy density** than either carbohydrate or protein. Chapter 7 revisits energy density with regard to weight management. If you know how many grams of each nutrient a food contains, you can derive the number of kcalories potentially available from the food. Simply multiply the carbohydrate grams times 4, the protein grams times 4, and the fat grams times 9, and add the results together (Box 1-1 on p. 8 describes how to calculate the energy a food provides).

Energy Nutrients in Foods Most foods contain mixtures of all three energy-yielding nutrients, although foods are sometimes classified by their predominant nutrient. To speak of meat as "a protein" or of bread as "a carbohydrate," however, is inaccurate. Each is rich in a particular nutrient, but a protein-rich food such as beef contains a lot of fat along with the protein, and a carbohydrate-rich food such as cornbread also contains fat (corn oil) and protein. Only a few foods are exceptions to this rule, the common ones being sugar (which is pure carbohydrate) and oil (which is pure fat).

Energy Storage in the Body The body first uses the energy-yielding nutrients to build new compounds and fuel metabolic and physical activities. Excesses are then rearranged into storage compounds, primarily body fat, and put away for later use. Thus, if you take in more energy than you expend, whether from carbohydrate, fat, or protein, the result is an increase in energy stores and weight gain. Similarly, if you take in less energy than you expend, the result is a decrease in energy stores and weight loss.

Alcohol, Not a Nutrient One other substance contributes energy: alcohol. The body derives energy from alcohol at the rate of 7 kcalories per gram. Alcohol is not a nutrient, however, because it cannot support the body's growth, maintenance, or repair. Nutrition in Practice 20 discusses alcohol's effects on nutrition.

[‡]*Metabolism* is the set of processes by which nutrients are rearranged into body structures or broken down to yield energy.

[§]Food energy can also be measured in kilojoules (kJ). The kilojoule is the international unit of energy. One kcalorie equals 4.2 kJ.

energy-yielding nutrients: the nutrients that break down to yield energy the body can use. The three energy-yielding nutrients are carbohydrate, protein, and fat.

inorganic: not containing carbon or pertaining to living organisms. The two classes of nutrients that are inorganic are minerals and water.

calories: a measure of *heat* energy. Food energy is measured in **kilocalories** (1000 calories equal 1 kilocalorie), abbreviated **kcalories** or kcal. One kcalorie is the amount of heat necessary to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram (kg) of water 1°C. The scientific use of the term *kcalorie* is the same as the popular use of the term *calorie*.

energy density: a measure of the energy a food provides relative to the amount of food (kcalories per gram). To calculate the energy available from a food, multiply the number of grams of carbohydrate, protein, and fat by 4, 4, and 9, respectively. Then add the results together. For example, one slice of bread with 1 tablespoon of peanut butter on it contains 16 grams of carbohydrate, 7 grams of protein, and 9 grams of fat:

> 16 g carbohydrate \times 4 kcal/g = 64 kcal 7 g protein \times 4 kcal/g = 28 kcal 9 g fat \times 9 kcal/g = 81 kcal Total = 173 kcal

From this information, you can calculate the percentage of kcalories each of the energy nutrients contributes to the total.

To determine the percentage of kcalories from fat, for example, divide the 81 fat kcalories by the total 173 kcalories:

81 fat kcal \div 173 total kcal = 0.468 (rounded to 0.47)

Then multiply by 100 to get the percentage:

$$.47 \times 100 = 47\%$$

Dietary recommendations that urge people to limit fat intake to 20 to 35 percent of kcalories refer to the day's total energy intake, not to individual foods. Still, if the proportion of fat in each food choice throughout a day exceeds 35 percent of kcalories, then the day's total surely will, too. Knowing that this snack provides 47 percent of its kcalories from fat alerts a person to the need to make lower-fat selections at other times that day.

IN SUMMARY

- Foods provide nutrients—substances that support the growth, maintenance, and repair of the body's tissues.
- The six classes of nutrients are water, carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, and minerals.
- Vitamins, minerals, and water do not yield energy; instead they facilitate a variety of activities in the body.
- Foods rich in the energy-yielding nutrients (carbohydrates, fats, and proteins) provide the major materials for building the body's tissues and yield energy the body can use or store.
- Energy is measured in kcalories.

1.3 Nutrient Recommendations

LO 1.3 Define the four categories of the DRI, the Estimated Energy Requirement (EER), and the Acceptable Macronutrient Distribution Ranges (AMDR), and explain their purposes.

Nutrient recommendations are used as standards to evaluate healthy people's energy and nutrient intakes. Nutrition experts use the recommendations to assess nutrient intakes and to guide people on amounts to consume. Individuals can use them to decide how much of a nutrient they need to consume.

Dietary Reference Intakes

Defining the amounts of energy, nutrients, and other dietary components that best support health is a huge task. Nutrition experts have produced a set of standards that define the amounts of energy, nutrients, other dietary components, and physical activity that best support health. These recommendations are called **Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI)** and reflect the collaborative efforts of scientists in both the United States and Canada.*¹⁰ The inside front covers of this book present the DRI values.

*The DRI reports are produced by the Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, with active involvement of scientists from Canada.

CHAPTER ONE

Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI):

a set of values for the dietary nutrient intakes of healthy people in the United States and Canada. These values are used for planning and assessing diets. (A set of nutrient recommendations developed by the World Health Organization for international use is presented in Appendix B.)

Setting Nutrient Recommendations: RDA and AI One advantage of the DRI is that they apply to the diets of individuals. The DRI committee offers two sets of values to be used as nutrient intake goals by individuals: a set called the **Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA)** and a set called **Adequate Intakes (AI).**

Based on solid experimental evidence and other reliable observations, the RDA are the foundation of the DRI. The AI values are based on less extensive scientific findings and rely more heavily on scientific judgment. The committee establishes an AI value whenever scientific evidence is insufficient to generate an RDA. To see which nutrients have an AI and which have an RDA, turn to the inside front cover.

In the last several decades, abundant new research has linked nutrients in the diet with the promotion of health and the prevention of chronic diseases. An advantage of the DRI is that, where appropriate, they take into account disease prevention as well as an adequate nutrient intake. For example, the RDA for calcium is based on intakes thought to reduce the likelihood of osteoporosis-related fractures later in life.

To ensure that the vitamin and mineral recommendations meet the needs of as many people as possible, the recommendations are set near the top end of the range of the population's estimated average requirements (see Figure 1-2). Small amounts above the daily **requirement** do no harm, whereas amounts below the requirement may lead to health problems. When people's intakes are consistently **deficient**, their nutrient stores decline, and over time this decline leads to deficiency symptoms and poor health.

Facilitating Nutrition Research and Policy: EAR In addition to the RDA and AI, the DRI committee has established another set of values: **Estimated Average Requirements (EAR).** These values establish average requirements for given life stage and gender groups that researchers and nutrition policymakers use in their work. Nutrition scientists may use the EAR as standards in research. Public health officials may use them to assess nutrient intakes of populations and make recommendations. The EAR values form the scientific basis on which the RDA are set.

Establishing Safety Guidelines: UL The DRI committee also establishes upper limits of intake for nutrients posing a hazard when consumed in excess. These values, the **Tolerable Upper Intake Levels (UL)**, are indispensable to consumers who take supplements. Consumers need to know how much of a nutrient is too much. The UL are also of value to public health officials who set allowances for nutrients that are added to foods and water. The UL values are listed on the inside front cover.

Using Nutrient Recommendations Each of the four DRI categories serves a unique purpose. For example, the EAR are most appropriately used to develop and evaluate nutrition programs for *groups* such as schoolchildren or military personnel. The RDA (or AI, if an RDA is not available) can be used to set goals for *individuals*. The UL help to keep nutrient intakes below the amounts that increase the risk of toxicity. With these understandings, professionals can use the DRI for a variety of purposes.

In addition to understanding the unique purposes of the DRI, it is important to keep their uses in perspective. Consider the following:

- The values are recommendations for safe intakes, not minimum requirements; except for energy, they include a generous margin of safety. Figure 1-3 (p. 10) presents an accurate view of how a person's nutrient needs fall within a range, with marginal and danger zones both below and above the range.
- The values reflect daily intakes to be achieved on average, over time. They assume that intakes will vary from day to day, and they are set high enough to

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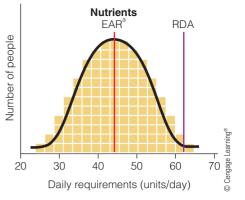


FIGURE 1-2 Nutrient Intake Recommendations

The nutrient intake recommendations are set high enough to cover nearly everyone's requirements (the boxes represent people). ^aEstimated Average Requirement

Recommended Dietary

Allowances (RDA): a set of values reflecting the average daily amounts of nutrients considered adequate to meet the known nutrient needs of practically all healthy people in a particular life stage and gender group; a goal for dietary intake by individuals.

Adequate Intakes (AI): a set of values that are used as guides for nutrient intakes when scientific evidence is insufficient to determine an RDA.

requirement: the lowest continuing intake of a nutrient that will maintain a specified criterion of adequacy.

deficient: in regard to nutrient intake, describes the amount below which almost all healthy people can be expected, over time, to experience deficiency symptoms.

Estimated Average Requirements (EAR): the average daily nutrient intake levels estimated to meet the requirements of half of the healthy individuals in a given age and gender group; used in nutrition research and policymaking and as the basis on which RDA values are set.

Tolerable Upper Intake Levels

(UL): a set of values reflecting the highest average daily nutrient intake levels that are likely to pose no risk of toxicity to almost all healthy individuals in a particular life stage and gender group. As intake increases above the UL, the potential risk of adverse health effects increases.

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