# **Yeast Free Diet**

The goal of a yeast free diet is to reduce consumption of foods or drinks that 1) contain yeast or mold, such as baked goods and mushrooms; and 2) are high in carbohydrates, especially simple sugars. Why should you reduce carbohydrates in your diet? Because they are the "food" for yeast, and act to sustain the yeast and mold that you may consume. We have listed suggestions of foods to enjoy and to avoid. It is not a comprehensive list, but is meant to serve as a guide to help you maintain a yeast free diet. We recommend following these diet recommendations strictly for 8 weeks. Then, it is okay to reintroduce, slowly, some of these foods. However, if you develop symptoms while reintroducing these foods, you will need to remove these foods from your diet.

# **Foods to Enjoy**

1) Low carbohydrate vegetables - These vegetables contain fiber and wonderful essential nutrients. They are relatively low in carbohydrates and calories. You can eat them fresh or frozen, cooked or raw.

asparagus
beet greens
bell peppers
broccoli
brussels sprouts
cabbage
carrots
cauliflower
celery

collard greens

garlic kale leeks

eggplant

lettuce (all varieties) mustard greens

okra onions parsley
parsnips
radishes
Rutabaga
shallots
snow Peas
soybeans
spinach
string beans
swish chard
tomatoes, fresh

turnips

- **2) Fruits-**Although many fruits can be high in carbohydrates, they are part of a healthy diet. We recommend eating plenty of whole fruits and vegetables, but avoid fruit juices such as apple and orange juice, which will provide a very high carbohydrate load.
- 3) Meats and Seafoods

4) Nuts, Seeds, and Oils

beef almonds

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chicken brazil nuts
fish butter
lamb cashews
pork filberts
shellfish: shrimp, lobster, crab flaxseed

tofu oils: canola, corn, olive, sunflower

turkey pecans

veal pumpkin seeds

wild game walnuts

#### **Food to Eat in Limited Amounts**

## 1) High-Carbohydrate Vegetables

artichoke potatoes

avocado sweet potatoes

beans, peas and other legumes winter, acorn, and butternut squash

beets

#### 2) Whole Grains

barley

brown rice

corn

oats

rice

wheat-the main ingredient in most breads, baked goods, and pastries

# 3) Grain Alternatives

buckwheat couscous quinoa

#### **Foods to Avoid**

Try to limit *sugar* (sucrose), candy, and sugary drinks, such as soda and sweet tea, and other non-diet drinks that are high in sugar. Avoid other quick-acting carbohydrates, such as fructose, maltose, lactose, glucose, mannitol, sorbitol, galactose, monosaccharides and

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polysaccharides. Limit the amount of honey, molasses, maple sugar, date sugar, and turbinado sugar in your diet. Finally, avoid packaged and processed foods which likely contain refined sugar products, such as high fructose corn syrup, and other hidden ingredients.

In general, limit foods that contain yeasts or molds:

- -Breads, pastries, and other raised-bakery goods
- -Moldy cheeses, such as Roquefort and blue cheese
- -Malt products: Malted milk drinks, cereals and candy
- -Edible fungi: All types of mushrooms, morels and truffles.