

**AWFH** is a peer-led, community-based network dedicated to advancing Asian women's health and wellness through education, advocacy, and support.



# **Dietary Recommendations**

We've created this guide so that AAPI's can find balance in their diet and understand how we can better manage our increased risk factors and prevent other common health conditions with culturally relevant foods!

## **Diabetes**

Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how your body turns insulin into energy.

It is the 5th leading cause of death in the Asian American community.

# **Management of Diabetes**

At least half of your plate in your meal should include non-starchy vegetables!



Most types of fatty fish would be great!

Here are some examples already commonly found in Asian cuisine:

#### Vegetables

Chinese Spinach Bamboo shoots Chayote Leeks Okra

#### **Protein**

Whole Eggs Edamame Lentils Tofu Tilapia





# **High Cholesterol**

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that's found in our blood stream. High cholesterol is having a total of 200+ mg/dL.



However, for any given level of cholesterol, heart disease risk among South Asians is

## double

that of other ethnic groups.

# **Management of High Cholesterol**

The key is to limit foods high in saturated fat and choose foods low in trans fat, sodium, and added sugars.

#### **Unhealthy Fats**

Potato Chips Butter Ice Cream Red Meat Coffee Creamer

### **Healthy Fats**

Sweet Potato Fries Extra Virgin Olive Oil Avocado Fatty Fish Coconut Milk

# **Tips for Cancer Prevention**

# Did you know

Cancer is the #1



Research has shown that soy foods may actually reduce the risk of certain cancers and reduce cancer recurrence risk among women who eat 1-2 servings per day

## **Cruciferous Vegetables**

are known for its high fiber content and can significantly lower cancer risk!

