

Stage One – Liquids

Stage one will last for about **2 weeks AFTER** surgery or as indicated by the MD or RD. Follow the guidelines provided; this progression allows your stomach to heal properly.

CONSUME ONLY FOODS LISTED BELOW UNTIL SEEING THE DIETITIAN!

Clear Liquids (consume clear liquids for the first 3 days after surgery)

While in the hospital, you will be provided appropriate meal trays for a post bariatric patient.

Items allowed:

- ✓ **No calorie/sugar free beverages**
 - Examples: Water, Crystal Light, Gatorade Zero, Powerade Zero, Propel Zero, Vitamin Water Zero, SF Kool Aid, Wyler's Light, **decaffeinated** tea or coffee for **1st month** (sugar substitute/artificial sweeteners are allowed)
- ✓ **Sugar free popsicles or Jell-O**
- ✓ **Low sodium broth**
 - Examples: *low sodium* chicken/beef/vegetable broth

Clear Liquids + Full Liquids (Begin on Post-op Day 4)

Items allowed:

- ✓ **Clear liquids listed above**
- ✓ **Protein Supplement – at least 1/day**
 - Examples: premade or powders mixed with *water, low-fat or fat-free milk, unsweetened almond/soy/cashew milk*
- ✓ **Non fat/low sugar yogurt – 4 oz serving**
 - Examples: Dannon Light and Fit, Yoplait light (**NO** fruit chunks and <10 grams sugar), Oikos Triple Zero, Nonfat Greek yogurt (higher protein); **no mix in's**
- ✓ **Thickened Vegetable Soup (*low sodium/low fat*) – 4 oz serving**
 - Examples: Tomato Basil, Roasted Red Pepper, Butternut Squash, Sweet Potato Bisque, Steamed Vegetables blended/pureed.
 - **No more than 15-20g** of **carbohydrates**/serving
 - **NO**: Cream of Mushroom, Broccoli Cheddar, Chicken Tortilla, Cream of Chicken
 - **NO** chunks of rice, pasta or noodles.
- ✓ **Plain Unsweetened Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cream of Rice – ¼ cup serving (2 oz)**
 - Make with *water* first (may use *unsweetened almond, cashew, soy or skim milk* in preparation if tolerated); **MUST BE WATERY, RUNNY AND THIN!**
- ✓ **Sugar free pudding – 4 oz serving**

Tips to remember...

- ✓ **Take small sips**
 - No gulping liquids or using straws; no carbonation
- ✓ **No more than 4 ounces at one serving or as indicated for Full Liquid items**
 - Use small Tupperware/Pyrex or ramekins to help with measuring servings
- ✓ **Stop as soon as you are full**
 - You may only be able to tolerate only a *couple tablespoons* at a time
- ✓ **Only one new food at a time**
 - Make sure you know what foods you are or are not tolerating
 - If you *do not tolerate* something; leave it alone for a couple days before you try it again
- ✓ **Keep hydrated – goal of 48 - 64 ounces per day**
 - Try to consume *4-6 ounces* every hour or take *sips* every 30 minutes to help reach this goal
 - It will take time to achieve this goal
- ✓ **Protein, Protein, Protein – goal of 60 grams per day**
 - It will take time to achieve this goal—most people will not reach this for several days
- ✓ **Avoid gum, soda, straws and carbonated beverages**
 - Can cause an obstruction if swallowed
- ✓ **No caffeine within 1st month after surgery. No alcohol within the 1st year.**
 - Caffeine is a gastric irritant and can upset the stomach; no energy drinks
- ✓ **Walk daily**
 - You will be able to get up and walk around in the hospital
 - Keep up the walking once you get home; this helps prevent blood clots

You may start adding recommended **vitamins and minerals** two weeks post-surgery. Always try to take these with food as they may cause nausea on an empty stomach. Always separate *iron* and *calcium*; take **2 hours** apart from each other.

Your post op appointment will be one week after surgery with Dr. Bhojrul or Kirsten Goshen, FNP. You will then see the dietitian two weeks after surgery. It is best to schedule these appointments once you receive your surgery date. If you have not scheduled your post op visit with the dietitian, please call the office at (858) 457-4917 to make an appointment.