

# Making Every Mouthful Count

Nutrition & Dietetics



Boost the nutritional content of your food, without increasing the quantity or size of your meals. By fortifying your diet you can help prevent weight loss and encourage weight gain. Once your treatment goal has been met you can return to your normal diet.

**Choose full fat and full sugar\* products** rather than 'diet', 'low fat' or 'healthy eating' varieties as these provide more calories.

**Try eating little and often** as smaller portions and snacks are easier to manage.

**Add butter, cream, cheese, mayonnaise or oil** into savoury options such as mashed potato, soups or scrambled eggs.

**Add sugar, honey, jam, cream or dried milk powder** into sweet options such as porridge, rice pudding or custard.

**Serve meals with a sauce or accompaniment.** Try a rich gravy, cheese or white sauce with your main meal and custard, cream or ice cream with your dessert.

**Drink nourishing fluids\*** such as fruit juice, smoothies, fortified milk or milkshakes (see 'Super Shakes' resource for recipe examples).

**Have high calorie snacks in between meals** such as peanuts, dried fruit or biscuits (see '100 Calorie Boosters' resource for more examples).

**\*If you have diabetes, continue to choose sugar free drinks although you can have a moderate amount of sugar containing foods as part of a fortified diet.**

Speak to your GP, nurse or diabetes team for more information.



### Did you know?

An extra 500 calories per day can help you gain up to 0.5kg or 1lb a week!

### Fortify your milk:

Add 2-4 heaped tablespoons of dried milk powder to a pint of milk, and stir until dissolved. Once made keep refrigerated and use like regular milk on your cereal, in tea or coffee or as a drink on its own.