Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Patient Education

DIET AND NUTRITION

Full Liquid Diet

If you have any

questions, please

ask your nurse

or physician.

The full liquid diet includes mostly liquids (including milk) and some foods with small amounts of fiber. The full liquid diet can provide many of the nutrients your body needs, but it may not give enough vitamins, minerals, and fiber. It is easy to digest and leaves little food in the stomach and intestines.

Purpose

You may be put on a full liquid diet if you are having trouble swallowing solid food or only able to tolerate full liquids at this time. This diet is temporary. You should not follow this diet longer than directed.

Choose these foods

Food Group	Foods Recommended		
Grains	Thin hot cereal, such as cream of wheat		
Dairy	Milkshakes		
	Pudding, custard		
	Ice cream, sherbet, sorbet		
	Milk (Nonfat, 1%, 2%, whole)		
	Yogurt without nuts, seeds or fruit		
	Soy milk, almond milk, rice milk, coconut milk, cashew milk		
Fruits	Clear fruit juices without pulp (apple, cranberry, grape)		
Vegetables	Thin, pureed vegetable soups		
	Vegetable and fruit juice with or without pulp		
Oils	Almond oil, avocado oil, canola oil, cashew oil, corn oil, grapeseed		
	oil, olive oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, soybean oil, sunflower oil		
Other	Gravy		
	Syrup		
	Popsicles		
	Gelatin (Jell-O®)		
	Strained cream soups		
	Chicken, beef or vegetable broths		
Beverages	Water, ice		
	Soft drinks, lemonade, limeade		
	Coffee, tea and other hot beverages		
	Nutritional supplements (Ensure®, Boost®)		

Full liquid diet sample menu

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snack
1/2 cup orange juice (without pulp)	1 cup apple juice 1 cup tomato soup	1 cup grape juice 1 cup milk	1 cup high-protein chocolate shake
1 cup cream of wheat 1 cup milk	1/2 cup vanilla pudding	1 cup high-protein vanilla shake	
1 container yogurt without nuts, seeds or fruit	1 cup high-protein chocolate shake 1 cup tea	1 cup strained, blended cream of broccoli soup	
1 cup coffee		1/2 cup custard	