## **Chrononutrition:** When Should We Eat?



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What we eat is extremely important, but when we eat can be important too.

**Circadian rhythm** is our body's 24-hour **internal clock** telling us when to **eat and sleep**.



Chrononutrition explores how our circadian rhythm interacts with nutrients and influences our health.

By eating meals earlier in the day, our bodies are better equipped to digest and absorb nutrients.

Daytime meals won't spike our blood sugar as much as nighttime eating.

> Midnight munchies? Try snacking on foods with **low glycemic index**, like **apples or popcorn**! These types of foods don't raise your **blood sugar** as much as others.

Chrononutrition can influence our **weight** too. Eating during regular **waking hours** may prevent **excess weight gain**.

Chrononutrition affects everyone because we all need to eat! More importantly, **people with diabetes** can use this information as a tool to further **control their blood sugar levels**.

By creating awareness of our eating habits, we can lead ourselves toward a healthier lifestyle.

Consult your doctor or dietitian to see if this is right for you.

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