

NUTRITION CORNER JANUARY 2022



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The beginning of a new year can signal a fresh start. It can be a decision to pursue weight loss, smoking cessation, making healthier food choices, or to begin exercising. Often even with good intentions, some of us lack follow-through. Here are some resolutions that can not only improve your health but also be followed for life.

EIGHT SIMPLE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- 1. **Consume more whole foods:** vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, & whole grains; increase intake of fish & reduce intake of red meats
- 2. Exercise: helps keep muscles limber & your heart pumping
- 3. Cook more meals at home: control of ingredients & portion sizes
- 4. **Spend more time outside:** fresh air helps to reduce stress, improve mood & blood pressure
- 5. **Reduce convenience foods:** they are high in fat & sodium which can contribute to obesity, heart disease & diabetes
- 6. Add more fruits and vegetables: the fiber improves digestion & satiety
- 7. **Visit your doctor:** regular visits & routine blood work helps avoid potential health issues
- 8. **Take care of your teeth:** natural or dentures to be able to eat you need teeth regular dental appointments are important

Best Wishes for a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2022