

Two weeks after surgery swelling will have settled. This creates space for meals to “slide & glide” past your staples. Very moist, mushy and wet foods slide and glide best. Prepare these using a stick blender and generous amounts of sauces & gravies.

Start with 1/2 cup of slide and glide foods and eat slowly over 20-30 minutes.

This slide and glide eating plan will meet almost all your nutritional needs including protein, fibre, calcium and iron.

How to get started:

1. Review the label of your multivitamin to ensure it is a wise long-term choice to prevent vitamin B12 and iron deficiency. Read our multivitamin section to learn more.
2. Everyday sip, sip, sip enough hydrating fluids to avoid feeling thirsty. Sip a little more each day aiming for 1.5 litres (or more).
3. Choose a variety of protein rich meals, snacks and continue to use some **Nourishing protein drinks** and an **Enriching protein powder** to help you hit your daily protein target. Use the eating plan below as a guide.
4. Use the **What moist and mushy foods to eat** table for a list of allowed foods and the **Shopping for slide & glide foods** to shop with ease.
5. Download **Enlighten Nutrition’s recover and nourish recipes** beef and prune tagine, lentil dahl, and Spanish chicken to enjoy the flavours created by our chef (whose a dietitian too).

What to drink everyday

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| Daily |  | or |  | Your easy to swallow multivitamin | |  | Hydrating fluid (1.5 litres or more) | plus |  | Protein water (30 g protein) | |
| Breakfast |  | baked beans (½ cup fork mashed) | or |  | oats (1/2 cup made with high protein milk) | or |  | 1 Weet-Bix (moisten with high protein milk) | plus |  | 10 g protein |
| Morning Tea | | | |  | yoghurt (1/2 cup) | or |  | de-caf milky coffee (250 ml) | | | |
| Lunch |  | Lentil dahl (1/2 cup) | or |  | Spanish chicken (1/2 cup) | or |  | Beef & prune tagine (1/2 cup) | plus |  | 10 g protein |
| Afternoon tea | | | |  | Blueberry and lime smoothie (200 ml) | or |  | Mango lassi (200ml) | | | |
| Dinner |  | Spanish chicken (1/2 cup) | or |  | Beef & prune tagine (1/2 cup) | or |  | Lentil dahl (1/2 cup) | plus |  | 10 g protein |
| Supper | | | |  | yoghurt (1/2 cup) | | | | | | |

Disclaimer: In the absence of robust science recommendations are based on best available evidence and expert opinion.