Potassium Swaps

Following a low potassium diet can sometimes be challenging. These tables show how you can make changes to your diet by swapping high potassium foods and drinks for those with a lower potassium content.

High potassium foods and drinks



Potatoes (all types)



Cow's milk



Breakfast cereals with chocolate or dried fruit



Potato crisps and other snacks containing potato



Chocolate biscuits



Chocolate cake, fruit cake



Fruit juices, hi juice squash



Instant coffee and coffee essence[†]



Chocolate spread, peanut butter



Chocolate, marzipan, liquorice, toffee, fudge



Ketchup

Alternative lower potassium foods and drinks



Pasta, rice, couscous, noodles



Plant-based milk drinks such as soy, rice*, oat drinks, low protein milk substitutes



Plain, honey coated or sugar coated breakfast cereals



Corn or rice snacks, sweetened popcorn



Plain, jam filled or wafer biscuits



Plain cake filled with cream or jam, jam tarts, doughnuts, plain scones



Lemonade, squash, cordials



Tea (black, green[†] or herbal)



Marmalade, jam, honey



Boiled sweets, jellies, mints, marshmallows



Mayonnaise

Please follow the advice given to you by your dietitian regarding any changes you need to make to your diet.





^{*}It is not advised to give rice milk drinks to young children.

[†]Children under the age of 12 years should not have caffeine-containing drinks.