

SIKH CELEBRATIONS & TYPE 1 DIABETES

WITHIN THE SIKH CULTURE THERE ARE MANY TRADITIONS AND EVENTS, THE MAJORITY ARE CELEBRATED IN A GURDWARA, A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION FOR SIKHS.

THE GURDWARA IS OPEN 24/7 AND PROVIDES A LANGAR FREE TO EVERYONE. THIS IS A SELECTION OF VEGETARIAN PUNJABI FOOD LIKE ROTI, CURRIES, SWEET DISHES, SALAD, FRIED FOOD, ALL HOT AND COLD DRINKS. LANGAR IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF WORSHIP FOR SIKHS.



KADHA (PRASAD) IS AN OFFERING TO GURU AND IS SERVED TO PEOPLE VISITING THE TEMPLE. IT IS MADE WITH GHEE (MELTED BUTTER), DRY NUTS AND FULL CREAM MILK.



SIKH FESTIVALS

VAISAKHI (BAISAKHI)

VAISAKHI IS THE SIKH NEW YEAR FESTIVAL. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DATES IN THE SIKH CALENDAR. IT MARKS THE START OF THE PUNJABI NEW YEAR. IT IS CELEBRATED WITH PRAYERS AND EXCHANGE OF PRESENTS.

DIWALI

(BANDI CHHOR DIWAS)

CELEBRATED BY PRAYER, EXCHANGE OF PRESENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF SWEETS TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. THIS IS CELEBRATED OVER TWO DAYS IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

LOHRI

LOHRI IS THE FESTIVAL THAT MARKS THE PASSING OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE AND THE BEGINNING OF HARVESTING SEASON IN INDIA.

ON THE FIRST LOHRI OF A RECENTLY WEDDED BRIDE OR A NEW BORN, PEOPLE GIVE OFFERINGS OF DRY FRUITS, REVRI, ROASTED PEANUTS, SESAME LADOO AND OTHER FOODS TO THE FIRE, AS WELL AS SHARING THEM WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

GURU NANAK'S BIRTHDAY

GURU NANAK WAS THE FOUNDER OF SIKHISM. HIS BIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED ON THE DATE OF THE FULL MOON IN THE MONTH OF KATAK (USUALLY OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER)

HEALTHY FESTIVAL FOOD TIPS

SIKH FESTIVALS ARE MARKED IN WAYS THAT INVOLVE COMING TOGETHER WITH CELEBRATORY FOODS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES TO BE MINDFUL OF THE AMOUNT OF THESE FOODS CONSUMED AS WELL AS THE INGREDIENTS OF FESTIVAL FOODS.

SOME MEALS ARE BASED WITH LARGE PORTIONS OF CARBOHYDRATES, PARTICULARLY RICE OR ROTI AND CURRY WITH POTATOES. CHOOSE WHOLEMEAL RATHER THAN WHITE. THIS HAS MORE FIBRE AND WILL BE DIGESTED MORE SLOWLY, MAKING IT BETTER FOR MANAGING GLUCOSE LEVELS.



KEEP HYDRATED BY DRINKING PLENTY OF WATER. CHOOSE NO ADDED SUGAR SQUASH INSTEAD OF SWEET FIZZY DRINKS AND TROPICAL JUICES, AS THESE FLAVOURED DRINKS CAN CONTAIN A LARGE AMOUNT OF SUGAR

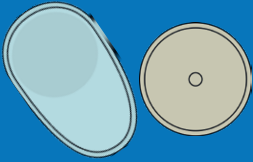


REDUCE SUGAR QUANTITY IF MAKING INDIAN TEA OR HAVING SWEET TREATS LIKE MITHAI, LADOO, OR HALWA



INCLUDE HIGH FIBRE FOODS SUCH AS DAAL, VEGETABLES, AND WHOLEMEAL FLOUR IN MEALS.

MANAGING GLUCOSE LEVELS



REMEMBER TO MONITOR YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE DAY BY USING A METER OR BY WEARING A SENSOR



DURING FESTIVALS, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO MODERATE YOUR INTAKE OF THE LOVELY CELEBRATION FOODS ON OFFER WHICH MAY LEAD TO HIGH GLUCOSE LEVELS.



! IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR GLUCOSE LEVELS DURING THE CELEBRATIONS, TALK TO YOUR DIABETES TEAM FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT. !

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HYPOGLYCAEMIA

HYPERGLYCAEMIA

ACTIVITY AND LIFESTYLE DURING FESTIVE PERIODS

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD AIM TO BE ACTIVE FOR AT LEAST 60 MINUTES EVERY DAY, INCLUDING DURING FESTIVAL PERIODS. THIS WILL ALSO HELP TO REDUCE GLUCOSE LEVELS AND HELP INSULIN TO WORK BETTER

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GO FOR A MORNING WALK OR DO A WORKOUT AT HOME (DANCE, HIIT OR YOGA)

SLEEPING WELL IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR GENERAL HEALTH AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO CONCENTRATE, WHEN YOU NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON PRAYERS

