



run by Oregon weight-loss surgeons. Turns out, pawere prescribed a simple eating strategy to help them get a little leaner and healthier before their procedures. In many whole lot more. "I lost 25 pounds in eight weeks,

tients awaiting lap-bands and gastric bypasses cases, "a little" became a

and a physician's assistant told me, 'You have to stop losing or you won't qualify for your surgery," recalls Washington mom Jane Costello, 45. "Sb I canceled my lap-band!" After decades of failed diets, Jane

ly dropped 75 without inting calories r carb grams. me goes for any food that you even give up know is a mix of nutrients. For Snickers bars! example, beans can count as protein or carbs; chocolate can Says Rania Batayneh, M.P.H., the nutritionist who reated Jane's e-changing

> plan: "Most people hey'll get the best results if they radically overhaul the way they eat. But I've

he buzz about our favor- found the opposite is true. Start ite new diet started in a with the foods that you already surprising place: a clinic eat and then plug them into an

easy formula. Amazing things happen." And that formula is . . .

# Skinny!

"Aim for one serving of protein, one serving of carbs, one serving of fat and unlimited nonstarchy vegetables at each meal," says Banonstarchy vegetables

tayneh, who has helped folks drop up to 100 pounds this way. How much is a serving? Either use amounts listed on labels or eyeball it: A serving of protein is about the size of your palm; a serving of carbs fits in your two cupped hands; a serving of fat fits in a soup spoon. You get three meals a day. You also get two snacks—which are just like meals, except with half portions of protein, carbs and fat. (See examples, below.) And no, you don't have to eat healthy food all time. "Let's get real," says the author of *The* One One One Diet. "If you want candy and you have brown rice instead, you'll probably eat the candy anyway. Then you might say 'I've blown my diet,' and keep cheating all day. Is brown rice nutritious enough to justify that? No way!" So when you want candy, count it

off-limits. "A cheeseburger fits the bohydrates to allow your body to formula perfectly," adds Batayneh. "The meat is your protein, the bun is your carb and the cheese is your protein and fat to slow the breakfat." Here's why you stand to lose

## Why it works

Automatically eat less! Choose a cheese burger for lunch, and you've used up you allotment of protein carbs and fat for th meal—so you the skip fries and a Coke favor of a side salad a a diet soda. "Over t course of a day, you d easily cut 600 to 1, calories this way," s
Batayneh. Will you hungry? Nope. "The produce hormones that minimize cravings. At the same time, you get

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as your carb. Absolutely nothing is mula ensures you get enough carcess sugar as fat. Better yet, less insulin makes it easier to burn fat that's already been stored. "Stabilizing blood sugar is one of the best things you can do for weight loss," says Batayneh.

### Start now!

Oregon mom Josie Jarnagin, 39, often has a donut for breakfast. "That's my carbs and my fat. I add milk for protein," she says. "I love that I can eat this way, and I've dropped 17 pounds!" Meanwhile, San Francisco college instructor Yasmine Farazian, 30, has shed 50 pounds: "I've lost about three times more than I ever lost on a strict diet!" So what are you waiting for? "You can start right away using whatever is in your kitchen," says Batayneh. "Most people lose six to 10 pounds in their first two weeks!"

weight was just about cutting the more I tried to do that, the more weight gain." recalls Washington

Jane Costello,

45. "The possible side effects from lap-band surgery scared me, but I thought it was my only hope." Then she met Batayneh. "She looked at the foods I ate and showed me how to balance them so I was getting my protein, carbs and fat at each meal. If I wanted a Snickers bar, that could be my carb." She might round the meal out with grilled chicken (protein) over salad (unlimited) with dressing (fat). "I got the hang of it very quickly and I just felt so good. For the more active!" All told. Jane lost 75 pounds in about eight

### Jane's best tip:

Make a sundae! "My of Greek yogurt for protein, chocolate chips as the carb, and nuts for fat.

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Your easy guide to protein, carbs and fat

put them at lower risk of

diabetes, cancer, heart

health conditions!

and fat to live longer!

down or not, it's still

Whether you need to slim

smart to get a serving of

protein, carbs and fat at

each meal. Norwegian

researchers recently found that folks who did

### Great protein options include:

Palm-size portions of tofu, fish, chicken, pork or beef; a couple eggs; a big scoop of cottage cheese, Greek yogurt or edamame

### Great carb options include:

Enough pasta, rice, potato, beans or corn to fit in two cupped hands; two slices of bread; a bagel or English muffin; 10-12 crackers

### Great fat options include:

a spoonful of olive oil, mayo, peanut butter, dressing, sour cream or quacamole; a pat of butter or

# Mixed foods to

1 fried chicken breast is protein (the chicken), carbs (the breading) and fat (the cooking oil); 1 slice pepperoni pizza is protein (the meat), carbs (the dough) and fat (the cheese); 1 slice beef lasagna is protein (the meat), carb (the noodles) and fat (the cheese)

# "Better than lap-band" sample menus!

sing Batayneh's formula, it's easy to make your own meals. Just include a serving of protein, a serving of carbs, a serving of fat and unlimited vegetables. (Not sure if a favorite food is a protein, carb or fat? Check out the handy guide, above right.) Most ultra-low-calorie extras—such as herbs, spices, lemon juice, vinegar, fat-free dressing and zero-cal sweetener—are freebies. And remember, to determine what one serving is, either use amounts listed on labels or eyeball it: One portion of protein is about the size of your palm; one portion of carbs fits in your two cupped hands; one portion of fat fits in a soup spoon. Snacks are the same as meals but with half portions of protein, carbs and fat. Drink plenty of water while using this strategy and add any zero-cal beverages you like. (Want half-and-half in your coffee? That counts as a fat. Want a cocktail? Count it as a carb.) As always, get a doctor's

okay to try any new plan.

1 bowl cereal, 1 cup milk, a few walnuts

1 donut or 1 bagel with cream cheese 12 oz. fat-free latte

2 scrambled eggs (add veggies, if desired) 1 buttered Enalish muffin

1 cup Greek vogurt, a few walnuts. 1 cup chopped



1/2 cup tuna mixed with mayo, 2 slices bread Unlimited

> cheeseburger Unlimited salad with fat-free dressing

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veggies

Lunch choose one daily

1 grilled chicken salad with full-fat dressing 1 candy bar



- pork chop
- Unlimited roasted vegetables

Grilled salmon or any fish, tartar sauce Unlimited steamed vegetables



### Snacks (choose two daily: add any veggies you like)

1 small latte, 1/2 serving cookies a few walnuts

1/2 cup milk. 1/2 peanut butter sand-

small piece leftover chicken 1/2 apple 1 slice cheese

1 hard-cooked egg mashed with 1 tsp. mavo 4 crackers

## Dinner choose one daily

- 1 steak or a
- 1 baked potato, butter or sour cream
- A few meatballs over small bowl of pasta with unlimited vegetables and tomato sauce; top with Parmesan

Glass of wine

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