Dietary Considerations

For People With Paralysis

Nutritious Foods to Add to Your Diet



Dark Greens

Dark green leafy vegetables are packed with nutrients and vitamins, including vitamin C, potassium, iron, calcium, and folate. Folate is a B vitamin that promotes heart health.

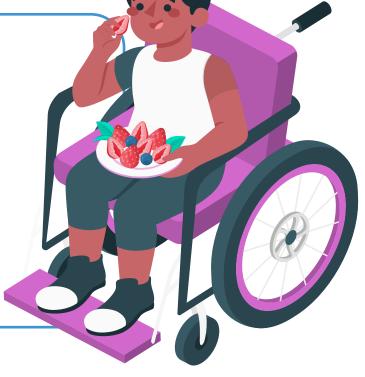


Berries

Berries are nutritious and low in calories. Berries contain **potassium**, **magnesium**, **vitamin C**, **vitamin K**, and **fiber**.

They also provide **antioxidants**, which reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease, and arthritis.



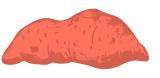


Peanuts & Tree Nuts

Nuts have a lot of nutrients, such as **protein**, **calcium** and **phosphorus** to help strengthen bones. Almonds and walnuts are particularly rich in nutrients. Remember to eat nuts in moderation as they can be high in fat.



Sweet Potatoes



Sweet potatoes are rich in vitamins and minerals including **vitamin A**, **vitamin C**, **potassium**, **beta carotene**, and **maganese**, just to name a few. They also supply **antioxidants**. Squash and pumpkin are comparable options.





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