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Lack of education/awareness

Score - 50%

1. *Do you have an understanding of your daily caloric needs to support your weight goals?*

Your Answer: No

Suggestion: Consider consulting with a nutritionist or using online tools to calculate your daily caloric needs based on your goals. Educate yourself on the factors influencing caloric requirements, such as activity level and metabolism

2. *Are you familiar with the calorie content of the foods you regularly include in your diet?*

Your Answer: No

Suggestion: Consider consulting with a nutritionist or using online tools to calculate your daily caloric needs based on your goals. Educate yourself on the factors influencing caloric requirements, such as activity level and metabolism. Start by researching and familiarising yourself with the calorie content of common foods. Utilise mobile apps or online databases that provide nutritional information. Gradually, this awareness will become second nature.

5. *Are you conscious of any patterns of unhealthy eating habits that might be affecting your weight?*

Your Answer: No

Recognition of Unhealthy Eating Habits

Suggestion: Keep a reflective journal to document your eating habits and feelings associated with them. Consider seeking support from a nutritionist or counsellor to identify triggers and develop healthier alternatives. Gradual changes, like swapping one unhealthy habit for a healthier choice, can be a good starting point.

7. Are you actively engaged in mindful eating, paying attention to the nutritional value and portion sizes of your meals?

Your Answer: No

Mindful Eating Practices

Suggestion: Start small by incorporating mindfulness techniques into one meal per day. Focus on savouring each bite, paying attention to flavours, and recognizing hunger cues. Eliminate distractions during meals to enhance mindfulness.

9. Are you aware of the potential hidden sources of calories in condiments, dressings, and other additives in your meals?

Your Answer: No

Understanding Hidden Calories

Suggestion: Educate yourself on common sources of hidden calories in condiments, dressings, and additives. Read labels to identify high-calorie condiments and explore healthier alternatives. Consider making your own dressings with olive oil, herbs, and vinegar to control ingredients and calories. Be mindful of portion sizes for these additions.

Medical or Health Condition

Score - 83%

12. *Are you aware of any diagnosed mental health conditions affecting your weight?*

Your Answer: yes

Mental health can affect weight through emotional eating, changes in appetite, reduced motivation for physical activity. Provide some short suggestions for addressing these.

Suggestion: Develop alternative coping mechanisms for emotional distress, such as journaling, deep breathing exercises, or engaging in a hobby. Seek support from friends, family, or a therapist to address underlying emotional triggers.

Changes in Appetite: Establish regular, balanced meal times. Focus on nutrient-dense foods to support overall health. Consult a registered dietitian to create a personalised meal plan aligned with your appetite patterns.

You may also have reduced motivation for Physical Activity. Suggestion: Start with small, achievable goals for physical activity. Choose activities you enjoy to increase motivation. Consider socialising during exercise to enhance enjoyment and accountability. Consult with a fitness professional for tailored guidance.

Emotional eating

Score - 16%

19. *Do you eat when you're feeling lonely or isolated?*

Your Answer: yes

Eating when lonely

Suggestion: Connect Socially: Reach out to friends, family, or support groups when feeling lonely. Schedule regular social activities to build connections and combat isolation. Consider joining clubs or classes to meet new people and expand your social circle.

20. *Do you tend to indulge in eating during celebratory occasions?*

Your Answer: yes

Celebratory occasion eating

Suggestion: Plan Moderation: Plan ahead for celebratory occasions by setting limits on indulgent foods. Opt for smaller portions or choose healthier alternatives. Focus on the social aspect of the celebration rather than using food as the main source of enjoyment.

21. *Are you prone to mindlessly snacking, especially in front of the TV or computer?*

Your Answer: yes

Mindless snacking

Solution: Mindful Snacking: Create a designated eating area away from distractions. Portion snacks mindfully, and focus on the sensory experience of eating. Consider using smaller bowls or plates to prevent overeating during screen time.

22. *Have you ever sought comfort in food to cope with difficult emotions?*

Your Answer: yes

Comfort snacking

Suggestion: Alternative Coping Strategies: Identify alternative ways to cope with emotions without turning to food. This could include journaling, deep breathing exercises, or engaging in a hobby. Consider seeking support from friends, family, or a therapist to discuss emotions and explore healthier coping mechanisms.

23. Do you reward yourself with food for accomplishing tasks or goals?

Your Answer: yes

Food Rewards

Suggestion: Non-Food Rewards: Establish a list of non-food rewards for achievements. This could include treating yourself to a movie, taking a day off, or enjoying a relaxing activity. Shift the focus from food as a reward to activities that contribute to your overall well-being.

24. Do you engage in eating late at night when emotions are heightened?

Your Answer: yes

Late Night Snacking

Suggestion: Nighttime Routine: Develop a calming nighttime routine that doesn't involve eating. This could include reading a book, practicing relaxation techniques, or engaging in a quiet hobby. Create a soothing environment to promote better sleep and emotional well-being.

25. Does socialising often involve overeating or consuming unhealthy foods?

Your Answer: yes

Healthy Social Activities

Suggestion: Healthy Social Activities: Plan social activities that revolve around non-food-related experiences, such as outdoor activities, games, or cultural events. Choose restaurants with healthier options or suggest potluck-style gatherings where you can contribute a nutritious dish

26. Do you use eating as a way to distract yourself from negative emotions?

Your Answer: yes

Mindful Snacking

Suggestion: Create a designated eating area away from distractions. Portion snacks mindfully, and focus on the sensory experience of eating. Consider using smaller bowls or plates to prevent overeating during screen time. Mindful Distraction

Techniques: Practise mindful distraction techniques, such as deep breathing exercises or engaging in a creative activity. Develop a list of activities that serve as positive distractions from negative emotions. Use these techniques when the urge to eat for distraction arises.

27. Are you prone to eating food without being hungry?

Your Answer: yes

Mindful Eating Practices

Suggestion: Incorporate mindful eating into your routine. Focus on the sensory aspects of each bite, chew slowly, and savour the flavours. Eliminate distractions during meals and pay attention to your body's hunger and fullness cues. Consider taking mindful eating courses or using apps to guide your practice.

28. Are you prone to overeating to the point you feel uncomfortably full?

Your Answer: yes

Overeating

Pay close attention to the sensations of hunger and fullness during meals. Eat slowly, savor each bite, and pause between bites to assess your level of fullness.

Establish regular meal times and avoid skipping meals. Having a structured eating routine can help regulate appetite and prevent extreme hunger that may lead to overeating.

Recognise emotional triggers that may prompt overeating. Find alternative ways to cope with stress, boredom, or other emotions, such as practicing mindfulness, going for a walk, or engaging in a hobby.

Inadequate nutrition

Score - 0%

29. *Are you mindful of maintaining a well-balanced diet with a variety of nutrients?*

Your Answer: yes

Nutrient Tracking

Suggestion: Consider using a nutrition tracking app or journal to monitor your daily nutrient intake. Aim for a balance of macronutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, and fats) and micronutrients (vitamins and minerals). Consult with a registered dietitian or nutrition coach for personalised guidance.

Eating from the following 5 food groups can help to achieve balanced nutrition:

1. Vegetables and legumes/beans
2. Fruits
3. Whole grains (Cereal) foods
4. Lean meats and poultry, Fish, Eggs, Tofu, Nuts, and Seeds
5. Milk, Yogurt, Cheese, and Alternatives