

CHOICES JOINS THE FOR MENTAL HEALTH Annual Ismaili Walk for Mental Health

hoices will be part of the annual Ismaili Walk to help raise awareness and funds to provide vital mental health resources to the community. Partnering with the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, the event takes place on Sunday, September 18 at the Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park at 11am.

Mental illness affects at least 1 in 5 Canadians, and can affect anyone, at any time. A diagnosis can be made even more difficult by the stigma associated with the illness—two in three people do not seek help due to fear of judgement and rejection.



The Ismaili Walk was founded in 1992 by the Ismaili Muslim Community of BC. Proceeds from the event will help transform the brand new Joseph and Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre at VGH-an eight-storey, state-of-the-art mental health centre. The largest purpose-built facility of its kind in the province, this facility will combine staff expertise with a therapeutic, healing environment to aid recovery.

Ten percent of proceeds will also go to the Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division's "Living Life to the Full for Youth" program.

"Environment plays a vital role in the therapeutic process. By improving a patient's experience, we are more likely to improve their outcome," says Dr. Soma Ganesan, Medical Director of the Department of Psychiatry at VGH. The Vancouver facility will truly be a lasting legacy to the people of BC and those who are on their journey to better mental health.

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The full day of activities includes many special activities to explore with family and friends onsite, including sampling world class mouth-watering cuisine, enjoying live entertainment, and participating in free family activities along with your chance to win some great prizes.

Join in helping us change the face of mental health by:

- · Creating a team and inviting your coworkers, friends and families to step up for mental health,
- · Holding a fundraiser and engaging your clients and customers to raise funds for the Ismaili Walk,
- Becoming a cash or in-kind donation sponsor of the event,
- Making a generous donation to the event.

Choices Markets is proud to support the efforts of the 2016 Ismaili Walk. For more information on registering for the Ismaili Walk, please visit ismailiwalk.org.



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Upcoming Events

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with Choices' Executive Chef Antonio & the Nutrition Team

Saturday, September 17 | 2:00 to 4:00 pm Choices Floral Shop & Annex

Saturday, September 24 | 2:00 to 4:00 pm Choices South Surrey

Are you looking to simplify healthy eating and meal planning? Join Chef Antonio and the Choices Nutrition team as they share a selection of delicious recipes and helpful tricks to make cooking easier, healthier and more enjoyable.

Cost is \$20 plus tax. Register and prepay online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Celiac Awareness

Celiac Information Day: Thriving Without Gluten with the Okanagan Celiac Association

Saturday, September 24 | 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Choices Kelowna

Are you living with celiac disease or a gluten sensitivity? Do you want to know more about what to eat and what support is available? The Okanagan Celiac Association will be available at Choices to answer all of your questions, plus provide recipes and resources!

Free drop-in event. No registration required.

Living Joyfully with Celiac Disease or Gluten Sensitivity

with Selena Devries, Registered Dietitian, Healthbean Nutrition

Saturday, September 24 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm Choices Kelowna

Learn the abundance of foods you can enjoy if you have celiac disease or gluten sensitivity. Also, learn how to eat out confidently with friends and family and about specific foods to help heal the gut.

Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Thursday, September 15 7:00 to 8:00 pm

The Weight-Hormone Connection

with Registered Nutritionist Krista Goncalves, RNC, Making Lemonade Empow(her)ed Health & Nutrition

Choices Kelowna

Learn the reasons why your hormones may be conspiring against you, despite your healthy efforts and what you can do about it!

Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Tuesday, September 27 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Everything You Need to Know About Hormones

with Lorna Vanderhaeghe

Choices South Surrey

When hormones are disrupted, you gain belly fat, have no sex drive, you're tired and suffer mood swings and so much more. Lorna Vanderhaeghe will help you discover how to safely and effectively solve your hormone problems.

Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Thursday, September 22 7:00 to 8:30 pm

The Influence of the Environment on Heart Health

with Dr. Taylor Seier, ND

Choices South Surrey

If you are looking to effectively manage or prevent a heart condition, this talk will bring to light some important factors your MD may not have mentioned.

Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

REGISRATION DETAILS

To register for events, visit choicesmarkets.com/ events.

For inquiries, please call 604.952.2266 or email eventsregistration@choicesmarkets.com.

Please note: these seminars and events are for information purposes only. For any health-related seminars or events, no diagnosis or specific treatments will be prescribed.

Monday, September 26 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Adrenal Fatigue: The Stress-Illness Connection

with Dr. Arjuna Veeravagu, ND, Sage Clinic

Choices Floral Shop & Annex

Adrenal fatigue brought on by chronic stress can be a major cause of illness and symptoms including fatigue, anxiety, pain, insomnia, frequent infections, autoimmune illness, sugar cravings and low blood pressure. Dr. Veeravagu will review the causes of adrenal imbalances and treatment options.

Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Thursday, September 15 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Back Pain Solutions

with Claudia Chen, RAc and Dr. Olisa Mak. ND

Choices Floral Shop & Annex

Do you suffer from chronic back pain? Learn about the most common causes of back pain as well as simple yet effective, natural ways to prevent and manage back pain.

Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Thursday, October 6 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Why Worry About **Electropollution?**

with Farren Lander, Healthy Homes Environmental

Choices South Surrey

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Free event. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

In-store Healthy Cooking Demos

with the Choices Nutrition Team

Asian-Inspired Spiralized Veggie Noodles with Choices' Dietitian Sea Chang, RD

Monday, September 12 | 6:00 to 7:00 pm Choices Floral Shop & Annex

Coconut Quinoa Four Ways

with Choices' Nutrition Consultant D'Arcy Furness, RHN

Thursday, September 29 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm Choices Burnaby Crest

You Can Learn to Sprout

with Choices' Nutrition Consultants Nadine Mross, RHN and Sonia Reed, RHN

Thursday, September 29 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm Choices Abbotsford

Free events. Register online. See top of page 5 for registration information.

Complimentary In-Store Health Screenings

Quantum Touch Healing Sessions with Dennis Barnett, Natural Health Practitioner

Friday, September 16 | 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Choices Kelowna

Free drop-in sessions. No registration required

Naturopathic Doctor Consults with Dr. Jenifer MacKenzie, ND, Ray Clinic

Tuesday, September 20 | 2:30 to 5:30 pm Choices Burnaby Crest | 604-522-0936

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Back to BASICS

ummer is near its end (boo!). So is the time for social occasions and indulgent eating. Many of us have less of a routine in the summer and are more apt to graze on fresh seasonal fruit alongside barbecue, picnic and party foods.

September is a great time to get re-focused on wholesome eating, whether we have kids returning to school or not. Having a more routine way of eating is important for keeping our blood sugar balanced, hormones steady and nutrient intake sufficient to help us perform well physically and mentally.

Here are my top tips to get you started on the right foot this fall:

Start your day with veggies!

To meet the 7 or 8 servings you need each day, it's imperative to tick some off your list at breakfast. In North America and Europe, we tend to have a sweeter breakfast, but elsewhere in the world, savoury, vegetable-based breakfasts are very common. Here are some easy solutions:

· Avocado toast-get a dose of heart healthy fibre and fat that will keep you full all morning.

- Green smoothie—blend up I cup of leafy greens like chard, spinach, kale or beet greens alongside fibre-rich fruit and protein from plain yogurt, kefir and/or hemp hearts.
- Eggs with roasted or sautéed veggies—serve skin-on nugget potatoes, onions, carrots and sweet potatoes with a scramble; use fantastic fillers like mushrooms, spinach and tomatoes in omelets.
- Crudités—serve some cucumber slices with breakfast (adults may think it's strange, but kids don't have the same rules we do so they think it's great!).

Pack that lunch!

Eating out for breakfast and lunch adds up in cost and calories. Bring food from home like a salad in a jar: layer dressing, whole grains and legumes, a mix of raw and lightly cooked veggies, perhaps some fruit, cheese, nuts or seeds. Simply shake before eating. For kids, use the same foods but pack it separately in a bento-style container.

Stock your pantry!

Have the basics on hand to make a wholesome meal come together quickly:

- Dried beans, peas and lentils—these are the best protein source on the planet. Try them in the slow cooker all day for an easy dinner.
- Whole grains like quinoa, brown rice, barley, oats, wheat berries, buckwheat groats-it's easy to cook one or two types on the weekend and mix and match as a side to your meals or toppings for salads all week.
- Healthy oils and condiments like extra virgin olive oil, sesame and coconut oil, apple cider vinegar, balsamic and wine vinegar, low sodium tamari, grainy mustard, miso paste and tahini-you can make so many different sauces with these, keeping your taste buds tantalized.

Find fermented foods!

Get digestion back on track with healthy bacteria from fermented foods: plain yogurt, kefir, kombucha, kimchi and more. Try making unpasteurized sauerkraut and pickles at home with the fall harvest of cabbage, carrots, beans and beets. Include a serving every day.



Nicole Fetterly, RD is the campus dietitian at the University of British Columbia where she engages with students and staff to enhance their nutrition knowledge and connection to their food.

Dealing With Gallbladder Difficulties

By Dr. Taylor Seier, ND



I had my gallbladder removed and currently have gas, bloating, changes in stool and chronic digestive problems. Is there anything that can be done to help with this?



The gallbladder is a pouch that holds liquid bile produced by the liver and releases it when foods enter the digestive tract. The main function of bile is to digest and absorb dietary fats. Gallbladder removal takes away the ability to store and concentrate bile acids, leading to bile leakage and changes gut motility, gut bacteria, gut wall sensitivity and impaired digestion and absorption of critical nutrients, especially fat-soluble vitamins (vitamins A, D, E and K) and minerals.

Gallbladder removal is a common surgery in Canada. It is not uncommon to see arthritis or muscle and joint pains develop many years after gallbladder removal, highlighting the importance of proper digestion in relation to these chronic

Gallbladder disease and gallstones are preceded by gut and liver dysfunction with toxicities (most commonly dietary) that need to be corrected before anything can improve. As a naturopathic

physician, I provide hydrotherapy, homeopathic remedies, specific herbs, digestive enzymes and key nutrients to aid in proper liver function and adequate bile production with each meal. These steps help with digestion and toxin eliminationand should be employed long before the gallbladder has to be



Join Dr. Seier for his seminar The Influence of the Environment On Your Health, Thursday, September 22 at Choices South Surrey.



Dr. Taylor Seier, ND practices in the area of South Surrey and White Rock. For more information, please visit drtaylorseier.com.

Fish or Flax: Getting Your Essential Omega-3s By D'Arcy Furness, RHN

D'Arcy is at Choices Burnaby Crest on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Omega-3 essential fatty acids (EFAs) are essential for our bodies and must be obtained through food. They're found in our bodies' cell membranes and help regulate inflammation, blood clotting, the flexibility of arterial walls and the genetic function of cells. Omega-3s are thought to help prevent heart disease, stroke and cancer and control autoimmune diseases. So, is it better to get these health-supporting fats from animals or plant sources?



Know the EFA Trio

There are three types of omega-3s: EPA, DHA and ALA. EPA and DHA are found in fish and marine algae and are ready for use by our bodies. ALA is found in plants such as flax, hemp, chia, pumpkin seeds, nuts (especially walnuts), and leafy greens, but needs to be converted to EPA and DHA. The challenge is in the conversion of ALA to EPA and DHA. According to Dr. Holub of the DHA/ EPA Omega-3 Institute at the University of Guelph, human conversion is extremely limited, often as low as 4 percent.



Eat What You Need

Our bodies' utilization of EFAs may be best through food, and with BC's wild salmon plentiful in stores now, it's great to know that just three 3-ounce portions of fatty fish a week will give us all the omega-3s we need. Not a fish eater? Consider supplementing with an EPA/DHA fish oil supplement, or for vegetarians and vegans a supplement derived from algae.



Keep on ALA-ing

Don't turn your back on those yummy plant sources of ALA; in addition to providing ALA for some conversion to EPA and DHA, these nutrient-dense goodies also support your good health with minerals, fibre and phytonutrients.

To get the goods on EFAs and all things fatty, talk to your store nutrition consultant or book a free nutrition tour at your nearest store by emailing nutrition@choicesmarkets.com.



Are you looking for healthy variety in your diet? Let the Choices Nutrition Team help.

Each month in our stores you'll find green labels on certain products, indicating our Dietitians' Top Choices.

Choice Produce Picks

Organic BC Corn:

Stock up! By cooking multiple cobs at once they are ready for a recipe with minimal prep. Boil a few cobs for 15 to 20 minutes, and keep whole in the fridge for the week, or slice off the cob and freeze. Try barbecuing corn brushed with a chili lime spice rub, or added to tacos or salads.

BC Apples:

They're finally back! The best packable snack, apples pair beautifully with a handful of walnuts for a balanced dose of protein, fibre, and anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids that will sustain your hunger until the next meal.

BC Bell Peppers:

Technically, peppers are a fruit, which may explain the high source of vitamin C. Keep peppers sliced in the fridge for the week for quick addition to grain-based salads, stir fry dishes or a quick after school or work snack.



TASTY TOP CHOICES RECIPE

Corn & Apple Tacos

Heat a large sauté pan over medium, and add 1 tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil. Dice half of a white or yellow onion then sauté with I clove minced garlic, I/4 cup minced cilantro stems and I diced jalapeno (optional). Cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Slice the kernels off 3 cobs of cooked corn, and add to the pan with 1 diced red bell pepper, I diced apple, the zest and juice of I lime, 2 teaspoons of chili powder, I/2 teaspoon of each cumin and cayenne, and salt and pepper to taste. Fill tortilla shells with pre-cooked salmon, chicken or black beans. Top with the corn mixture and finish with slices of fresh avocado, diced tomatoes, cilantro leaves, squeeze of lime, and a squeeze of Neal Brother's Sriracha Mayo (optional—it's spicy!).

Neat Meats

Organic Whole Chicken:

Organically raised poultry have a higher standard of living and more space to roam for each bird. They are fed organic feed, and do not receive antibiotics. By cooking the whole bird, the cost is reduced compared to portioned pieces, and portioning yourself is a breeze once it's cooked. Having a whole cooked bird on hand makes dinners and lunches simple. Heat and add to tacos, soups, sandwiches, salads and more.



Grocery Gossip

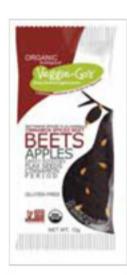


Elias Honey:

Elias has been producing 100 percent pure honey in Western Canada since 1972. Choose from organic, raw, or honey infused with lavender oil. Sweetening with honey may help curb a sweet tooth because of the full flavour honey provides, but be aware that honey offers equal sugar compared to regular sugar.

Veggie Go:

Not your usual fruit snack, these are made with organic veggies and fruits. Each variety is perfectly spiced with flavours like cinnamon, ginger, which helps keep sugar content low at 2 grams to 5 grams per snack. It's the ideal snack to keep stashed away in a backpack, desk drawer or glove box.



Farro:

This ancient grain is the second ever cultivated type of wheat, so the gluten hasn't been highly hybridized like modern varieties. A 1/4 cup boasts 7 grams of fibre and 7 grams of protein. Try cooking it for savoury breakfast porridge, or make a big batch for grain-based salads. Or even add to the sautéed corn and apple taco filling (recipe featured in this section).

Veggemo:

This non-dairy beverage is made with-you guessed it-veggies. It's white and creamy, similar to cow's milk, but Veggemo is from a mixture of potatoes and cassava root, no nuts or seeds. There are 4 grams of pea protein in a I cup serving, plus it's a source of vitamin D, calcium, and vitamin B12. Veggemo is a truly delectable allergenfriendly beverage.





Thai-Spiced Butternut Squash Bisque With Lime and Chilies

Courtesy of Farmer's Market Foods

- Serves 4 to 6 -

I tablespoon canola oil I cup chopped red onion one-inch piece of ginger, peeled, minced 2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tsp lemongrass powder or I Tbsp fresh minced **lemongrass**

> I jalapeño and 2 serrano peppers, seeded and minced

2 cans of Farmer's Market Organic Butternut Squash

3 cups chicken stock, vegetable stock or water

I ripe tomato, chopped I/4 cup fresh minced cilantro Juice of 2 limes

Garnish: I/4 cup shelled pumpkin seeds

In a large soup pot, heat the oil over medium. Sauté the onion, ginger, garlic, lemongrass and chili peppers for 3 minutes, until lightly browned. Add the Farmer's Market

Organic Butternut Squash and stock and bring to a boil. Lower to a simmer and cook for 35 to 40 minutes, stirring occasionally until the all the vegetables are tender. Add the chopped tomato, minced cilantro and lime juice. Serve with additional cilantro for garnish. Sprinkle with pumpkin seeds.



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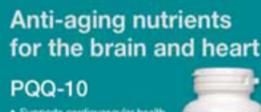
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hether it's more suited to the budget, health goals or sustainability practices, people are relying more heavily on meatless meal options. Meatless burgers-made with seafood, vegetables, grains, tofu and more-fit right into this trend. Last month, The Dish focused on elevating your meat burger game. This month, it's all about the meatless burgers.

The simplest way to create a meatless burger is to use a whole fish fillet. Salmon or halibut portioned into burger-sized servings, brushed with oil, seasoned with salt and pepper and fired on the grill are extremely satisfying. If you'd like to make things a little fancier, you can always use pesto in place of plain oil or use a marinade or glaze. But do take care when grilling fish fillets that are oiled or marinated and seasoned; they will stick to the grill and burn more than plain.



If you decide you want to chop or grind your fish and form full burger patties, you'll have to resort to using a cooking method other than grilling. Fish burgers don't hold up well at all on the barbecue. Don't despair! Rely on a frying pan or flat top to cook. You can even foil or broil.

In the world of strictly veggie patties, your creations can go on forever. Beans, lentils, grains, chickpeas, tofu and tempeh (taste- and nutrition-wise) are all amazing foundations for your veggie burgers. Mash

up whatever base you choose then toss in other items like shredded carrots, zucchini, onion, yams or sweet potatoes. Add fresh herbs, shredded cheese of your choice and eggs for binding and mix for a tantalizing alternative to basic meats.



Last—but certainly not least—marinated Portobello mushrooms are a divine way to replace your meat burgers. They are delicious and so easy to prepare. Once you go that route, it'll be hard to look back.

When it comes to burger toppings, again, the sky is they limit. I like to top my veggie burgers with tzatziki, even spicy mayo, chutney or salsa.

That's enough burger chat from me. Happy experimenting (and dining)!



September is here and Antonio is eager to get back into cooking class action. He's teaming up with Choices' Nutrition Team, so these will be events you don't want to miss. See pages 4 and 5 and find out how you can register for an up coming cooking class with Antonio and Choices' Nutrition Team. Be sure to visit choicesmarkets.com for delicious recipes from Antonio.



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