Vary Your Vegetables

Healthy eating is important at every age. Eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives. When deciding what vegetables to eat, choose options that are full of nutrients and limited in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. Start with these tips:

Start your day with vegetables
Add leftover cooked vegetables to your omelet or breakfast wrap. Or, add spinach to a morning smoothie and enjoy a burst of flavor and nutrition!

Add variety to salads
Make your salad pop with color and flavor by including corn kernels, radish slices, or diced red onions. Include seasonal vegetables for variety throughout the year.

Try a stir-fry
Stir-fry vegetables like carrots, shredded cabbage, greens, and low-sodium jarred mushrooms for a quick meal. Add some tofu as a protein source.

Spruce up your sandwich
Add spinach or some thinly sliced sweet onions to your favorite sandwich or wrap for extra flavor and a little crunch.

Go for a dip or a dunk
Enjoy baked potato wedges, cucumber slices, or cauliflower pieces with a homemade Italian dressing or dunked into a low-fat dip or hummus.

Take vegetables on the go
Carry along some crunchy carrot, celery, or jicama sticks. A small container of cherry tomatoes or sugar snap peas also makes an easy snack.

The benefits of healthy eating add up over time, bite by bite.