# Notes 3 - Macronutrients



Which of the statements below are true, and which are false? Check your answers on p. 642.

- Eating too much protein, carbohydrate, or fat will make you gain weight.
- Peanut butter and potato chips are high in cholesterol.
- Fiber isn't important because it cannot be absorbed.
- 4. You don't need to worry about getting enough vitamins and minerals because they are needed in such small amounts.
- Water is a nutrient.
- The Recommended Dietary Allowances are guidelines for the amounts of nutrients we need.
- 7. Snacking is bad for you.

#### **ANSWERS**

- 1. TRUE
- FALSE—plant foods do NOT contain cholesterol.
- FALSE—fiber enables food to move through the intestines smoothly and efficiently
- 4. FALSE—your body can't produce all vitamins and minerals so you need to eat them in your diet
- 5. TRUE
- 6. TRUE
- FALSE—choosing the right kind of snacks can provide energy and

nutrianta

## **Section 1** Carbohydrates, Fats, and Proteins



#### **VOCAB**:

#### **Nutrition:**

- a) the science or study of food
- b) the ways the body uses food

#### **Nutrients:**

- a) provide energy
- b) form body tissues
- c) necessary for life and growth.



#### **VOCAB**:

Calories: the amount of energy in food

#### Metabolism:

- a) All chemical processes in your body that keep you alive and active.
- b) Requires energy from carbohydrates, fats, and proteins



### Six Classes of Nutrients:

- Carbohydrates (4 calories / gram)
- Proteins (4 calories / gram)
- Fats (9 calories / gram)
- Vitamins (0 calories)
- Minerals (0 calories)
- Water (0 calories)

A Balanced Diet: Eating the right amount of nutrients from each class.



# **Section 1** Carbohydrates, Fats, and Proteins



#### **Nutrients that provide calories:**

#### Carbohydrates (4 cal/gm):

- give you energy
- includes sugars, starches, and fiber

#### Proteins (4 cal/gm):

- made of amino acids
- builds and repair structures
- regulate processes in the body

#### Fats (9 cal/gm):

the main form of energy storage in the body

FYI: Alcohol has 7 calories / gram



# **Section 2** Vitamins, Minerals, and Water



#### **Vitamins**

- needed for overall health and cell growth
- Fat-soluble vitamins dissolve in fat.
  - can be stored in fat tissue and remain in the body for a long time.
  - Toxicity is possible
- Water-soluble vitamins dissolve in water.
  - They are not stored in the body
  - Excess is excreted in urine



# **Section 2** Vitamins, Minerals, and Water



#### **Minerals**

- essential to maintain good health.
- Most people eat too much <u>sodium</u>.
- Most teens do not eat enough <u>calcium</u>.
  - found in green, leafy vegetables and in calcium-fortified foods.
- Iron-deficiency is a worldwide problem that causes anemia.
  - Red meats are rich in iron.



# **Section 2** Vitamins, Minerals, and Water



#### **Water**

- essential for almost every body function that keeps you alive.
- About 60% of your body is water.
- you should take in at least 2.5 quarts of water each day (more in hot or dry climates, or when exercising).
- MILD dehydration can interfere with mental and physical performance (<2% body weight lost through sweat).
- **SEVERE dehydration** can have very serious consequences, including death.

