## **Cows Milk-Free Diet**

If you feel frustrated and helpless due to food allergies, you are not alone. Up to 60% of Americans have shown signs of food allergy at one time or another. About 10% of food allergy sufferers exhibit symptoms serious enough to see a doctor. Food allergy typically does not appear overnight. In susceptible people, allergies to food eaten regularly (if not daily) progress over time. Because allergy onset is subtle, identifying offending foods can be difficult and often requires trial diets. Once the food has been identified, the patient may incorporate acceptable substitutes in his or her diet and avoid the food completely.

Nearly any type of food can cause allergy, but cow's milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, nuts, corn, cereal grains, chocolate, citrus fruit, peanuts, and soy products, most commonly provoke reactions. Because many foods come from related plant and animal species, which contain cross-reacting substances, a person may suffer an allergic reaction from a food he has never eaten. The web site <a href="www.dpcAlaSTAT.com">www.dpcAlaSTAT.com</a> provides information on specific allergens, peak pollination seasons and allergen cross-activity.

The following diet excludes cow's milk and cow's milk products. While cow's milk and goat's milk have similar antigens (a substance that the body perceives as foreign and thus creates an immune response), people allergic to cow's milk may tolerate goat's milk. To eliminate cow's milk completely, you must read labels before purchasing commercially prepared food.

The following products contain milk:

- · Instant non-fat dry milk powder
- Whey
- Casein hydrolysate
- Curd
- Ice Cream
- Milk solids
- Margarine
- Cheese
- Butter
- Casein
- Lactose

| Types and Amounts of Food                                    | Include  | Omit   |
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| Soups<br>As desired  | Bouillon, broth,<br>Consommé, plain or<br>made with allowed<br>foods                                     | Cream soups, all soups made with milk or milk products                         |
| Meat and Meat<br>substitutes<br>2-3 servings<br>(5 oz total) | Beef, chicken, ham,<br>kidney, lamb, liver,<br>pork, turkey, veal, fish<br>Sausage and<br>luncheon meats | Cheese, cottage cheese  Sausage products such as wieners or balance containing |
|  | made without milk products   | bologna containing<br>milk products  |
|  | Eggs, peanut butter  | Breaded or creamed meat fish or poultry  |

|   |   | Eggs cooked with milk or milk products  |
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|   |   | Egg substitutes such as Egg beaters®  |
| Potato and Potato Substitutes 1 or more serving (1/4 cup each)                | White or sweet potatoes, macaroni, noodles, rice, spaghetti   | Any prepared with milk or milk products such as mashed potatoes or macaroni and cheese        |
| Vegetables 2 or more servings (1/4 cup each)                                  | All (includes 1 dark-<br>green or deep-yellow<br>vegetables daily as a<br>vitamin A source  | Any prepared or creamed milk with or milk products (such as Creamed spinach)                  |
| Breads 3 or more servings   | French, Italian, or<br>Vienna bread   | Any made with milk or milk products: doughnuts, waffles,                                      |
|   | Breads made without<br>milk (most breads<br>contain non-fat dry<br>milk)  | pancakes, hot<br>breads, rolls, biscuits,<br>crackers rusk,<br>zwieback, teething<br>biscuits |
| Cereals 1 or more servings (½ cup each)                                       | Cooked cereals prepared without milk or milk products   | All pre-cooked and prepared with added milk solids  |
|   | Ready-to-serve cereals (served with formula)  | High protein cereals  |
| Fats 3 or more servings (1 tsp each)  | Kosher margarine  Margarine without added milk solids   | Butter, cream,<br>margarines<br>containing milk solids  |
|   | Vegetable oil   | Salad dressings and mayonnaise containing milk or   |
|   | Shortening, oil and vinegar salad dressing, meat fat, lard, bacon   | milk products  Milk gravy   |
|   | Milk-free gravy   |   |
| Fruits and Fruit Juice 2 or more servings (4 oz. juice or 1/4 cup fruit each) | All prepared or<br>served without milk or<br>cream (include 1<br>serving citrus fruit of<br>fruit juice daily as a<br>vitamin C source) | None  |
| Desserts<br>In moderation   | Angel food cake, fruit ices, fruit whips, gelatin, meringues  | Any prepared with ingredients not allowed   |
|   | Homemade product from allowed   | Commercial cakes, cookies, pies,  |

|                                     | ingredients such as cake, pies, Cookies, puddings   | puddings, ice cream,<br>sherbets, yogurt,<br>prepared mixes   |
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| Milk 2 or more servings (8 oz each) | Soy formulas: Isomil Mul-soy®* Neo-mul-soy®, Prosobee®, Soyalac®, Nursoy®, MBF (meat base formula)  | Cow's milk, skim milk, non-fat dry milk, evaporated milk, condensed milk, yogurt  Standard prepared infant formulas  Cocoa prepared with cow's milk |
|                                     |   | Ovaltine®   |
| Beverages                           | Water as desired  Weak tea, carbonated beverages, fruit drinks  | Milk beverages such<br>as eggnog, cocoa,<br>milkshakes, malts   |
| Miscellaneous                       | Salt (iodized), sugar, honey, corn syrup, hard candy, pure chocolate, pure cocoa, jelly  Spice, herbs, pepper catsup, mustard  Nuts, olives, pickles  Popcorn prepared with allowed ingredients | Milk chocolate Cream sauce Au gratin dishes Imitation chocolate chips   |

<sup>\*</sup>Mul-soy is high in protein and calcium and is most suitable for older children

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