

Table 7A. ATP III: Nutritional Components of the TLC Diet

Nutrient	Recommended Intake
Saturated fat*	<7% of total calories
Polyunsaturated fat	Up to 10% of total calories
Monounsaturated fat	Up to 20% of total calories
Total fat	25%–35% of total calories
Carbohydrate (esp. complex carbs)	50%–60% of total calories
Fiber	20–30 g/d
Protein	~15% of total calories
Cholesterol	<200 mg/d

**Trans* fatty acids also raise LDL-C and should be kept at a low intake.

Note: Regarding total calories, balance energy intake, and expenditure to maintain desirable body weight.

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