

# Carbohydrates in the diet

**Carbohydrates** should pay 58-60% of the energy intake. These are sugars:

- **Simple** - (monosaccharides, disaccharides).
- **Compound** - (polysaccharides - starch and fiber).

**Fiber** is a plant material resistant to the digestive enzymes of the GIT. It alleviates the rise in glycemia after a meal, has a positive effect on the action of insulin , has a satiating effect, lowers cholesterol ..

## The recommended daily intake

The recommended daily carbohydrate intake is approximately **4-6 g / kg / day.**

## Function

Carbohydrates are a source of muscle energy. They are an important building block and an equally important taste factor. Fiber function - see above

## Excess

Excessive intake of simple sugars is related to:

1. Unnecessarily increased energy intake and subsequently obesity .
2. With **glucose intolerance**.
3. Hyperlipidemia.
4. Increased risk of **tooth decay**.

One-sided excessive supply of crude fiber reduces the absorption of important elements ( Fe, Cu, Zn, Ca ) and other protective substances.

## Deficiency

Lack of fiber increases the risk of:

- Colon tumors;
- Ischemic heart disease;
- Chronic ischemic disease of the lower limbs.



Bakery products



Potatoes



Pasta

## The optimum ratio of the major nutrients in the total energy value

- Protein: 12-14%.
- Carbohydrates: 58-60%.
- Fats: 28-30%.

## Links

### Related articles

- Saccharides (biochemistry, clinically important carbohydrates) • Saccharides (1. LF UK, NT)
- Lipids • Lipids (1. LF UK, NT) • Dietary Fats • Fats as energy source • Lipid degradation and ketone metabolism • Fatty acids
- Proteins in food • Proteins (1. LF UK, NT) • aminoacids
- Types of food • Minerals in food • Trace elements
- Nutritional recommendation
- Diabetes mellitus

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