



### What is phosphate?

Phosphate is a mineral found in food that helps to build healthy bones and teeth. When your phosphate levels are too high it is called hyperphosphataemia, whereas a low phosphate level is called hypophosphataemia. Patients living with chronic kidney disease (CKD) are not able to excrete phosphate as they should which often leads to hyperphosphatemia.



## Why should we limit phosphate intake when we have CKD?

When you are living with advanced stages of CKD your body is unable to excrete phosphate leading to high levels of phosphate in the blood. High phosphate levels cause calcium to leak from the bones, making the bones weak and likely to break more easily. Additionally, high phosphate levels can lead to calcium deposits in the eyes, heart, lungs and blood vessels, which can over time result in an increased risk of a heart attack, stroke or death.

### Guidelines on how to limit your phosphate intake

It is important to note that phosphate can be found naturally in food but it is also added to food as a phosphate additive. These phosphate additives are absorbed almost entirely by the body when compared to phosphate found naturally in food. Many processed foods, ready to eat foods and take away foods have these hidden phosphate additives, so it is important to limit your intake of these.



Limit your milk and dairy products to only one portion per day, as they are high in phosphate. Remember portion sizes are always important to consider *(refer to the list below for suggested portion sizes)* 

## Milk and dairy products

High in phosphate		Portion size
	Milk full cream, fat free or low fat	½ cup
	Soya milk, sour milk	½ cup
	Yoghurt, custard, milkshake	½ cup
	Condensed milk	2 level tablespoons
	Milk, low fat powder	1 heaped dessertspoon
	Ice cream / sorbet	2 scoops
	Milk chocolate	½ slab





Choose most of your meat and meat alternative products from the low and moderate in phosphate lists and less from the high in phosphate list (refer to the list below)

## Meat and meat alternatives

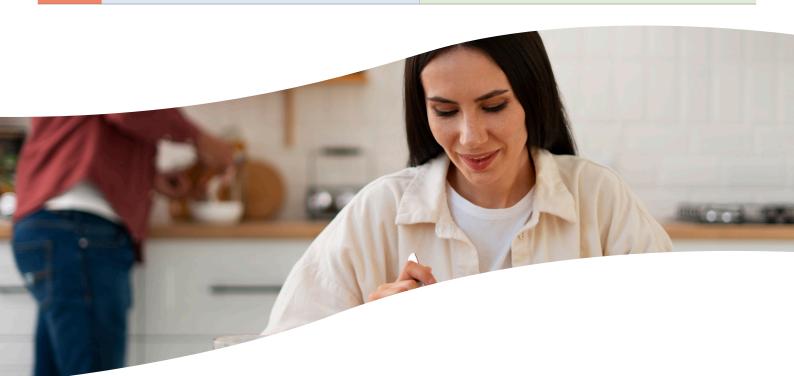
Low in phosphate		Portion size
	Beef or mutton stew with vegetables	½ cup
	Beef patty	1 small portion
	Chicken, cooked without bones	1 small drumstick
# <b>a b c c c c c c c c c c</b>	Red meat, chicken or fish, cooked	Small matchbox size (30g)
8	Calamari, cooked	8 medium rings
	Cottage cheese, low fat	2 heaped tablespoons
A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	Lasagne	1 heaped large spoon
	Minced meat, lean	3 level dessertspoons
	Mussels	10 mussels
(i)3	Pork leg, roasted	1 thin slice
	Pork loin	Small matchbox size

Low in phosphate		Portion size
	Tuna, canned in brine (limit, high in sodium)	½ cup
	Chicken giblets	Small matchbox size (30g)
(F)	Meatballs, lean mince (without egg)	1 small meatball
High in phosphate		Portion size
	Baked beans	2 heaped tablespoons
	Sardines, canned in oil	2 small
241	Pilchards, canned in brine	1 heaped dessertspoon
	Biryani, with lentils, no meat	2 heaped large spoons
	Dried beans and peas, cooked	¾ cup



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High in phosphate, continued.		Portion size
	Egg, boiled/poached	1 extra large
	Peanut butter	2 level dessertspoons
000	Lentils, cooked	2/3 cup
	Liver, fried	Size of a small matchbox
	Mozzarella, grated	2 heaped tablespoons
	Cheddar, gouda	Size of a small matchbox
	Bacon (high in salt)	3 rashers
	Soya beans, cooked	4 level tablespoons



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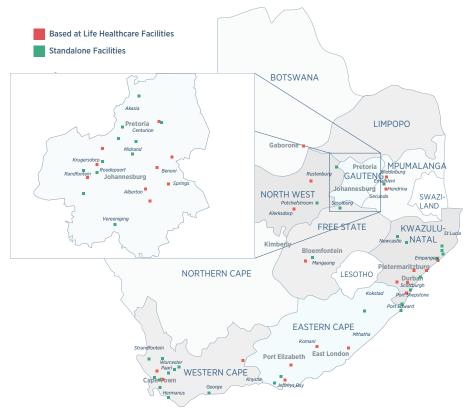


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