# The Harm Smoking Does



- Increases heart rate and blood pressure
- 2. Damages arteries
- 3. Lowers HDL cholesterol
- 4. Increases clotting



#### **DASH Diet**

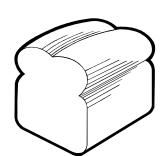
Controlled sodium intake



Non-fat and low-fat dairy foods (2–3 servings)

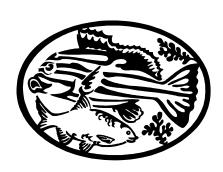
Vegetables and fruits (8 or more servings)





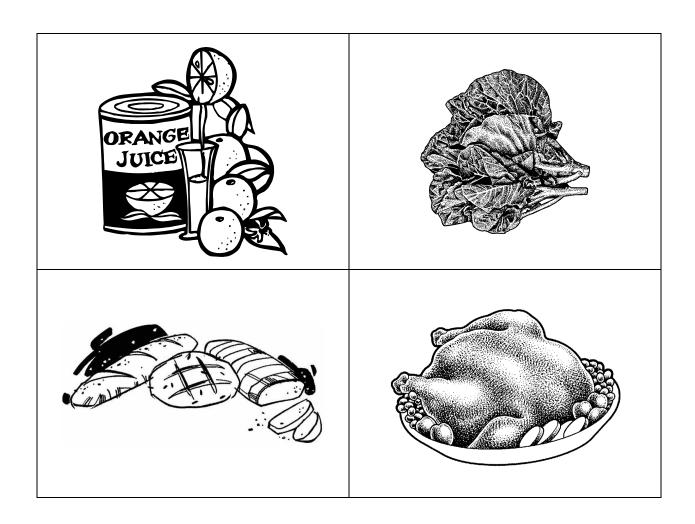
Whole grain breads and cereals (6–11 servings)

Lean meat, fish, and poultry (1–2 servings)





# High Homocysteine Levels



Usually are due to low levels of vitamin  $B_{12}$ ,  $B_6$  or folate



### **Antioxidants**



Food vs. Supplements



## Hormone Replacement Therapy



- May reduce risk 50%
- Lowers cholesterol
- Reduces blood clots
- Improves insulin use
- Protects arteries



#### **Stress Effect**



- Depression increases heart attack mortality
- Hostility, poor social and emotional support, and lack of control over life increases cardiovascular risk





# Any Change Will Improve Your Quality of Life

