

A diet rich in fiber is a cornerstone of maintaining a healthy digestive system and overall well-being. Fiber, a type of carbohydrate found in plant-based foods, offers a host of benefits that extend beyond digestion. The more fibre we eat, the quicker matter passes through our system, the less toxic chemicals have to build, therefore removing potential carcinogens

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FIBER

Fiber plays a crucial role in supporting various bodily functions and promoting optimal health. It comes in two primary forms:

#### SOLUBLE FIBER

Dissolves in water and forms a gel-like substance that can help lower cholesterol levels and stabilize blood sugar levels

types: chai seeds, Psyllium, Slippery elm, Oats, Legumes, Pectin rich fruits such as apples, strawberries, pears and citrus fruits

#### **INSOLUBLE FIBER**

Does not dissolve in water and adds bulk to stool, aiding in regular bowel movements and preventing constipation.

Types: Wholegrains, Bran, Brown rice, Fruit and vegetables such as broccoli, sweet potato, kale, cabbage, carrots

## **BENEFITS OF FIBER**



# **INCREASING FIBER INTAKE TO 30-40G PER DAY**

Whole Grains: Opt for whole grain options like brown rice, quinoa, whole wheat bread, and oatmeal. These provide more fiber than refined grains. **Legumes:** Beans, lentils, and chickpeas are excellent sources of fiber and protein. Add them to soups, salads, and stews.

Colorful Fruits and Veggies: Incorporate a variety of fruits and vegetables into your diet, aiming for a rainbow of colors. Berries, broccoli, carrots, and leafy greens are high-fiber choices.

**Nuts and Seeds:** Snack on almonds, chia seeds, flaxseeds, and walnuts, which are not only rich in fiber but also provide healthy fats.

**Avocado:** Enjoy avocado on toast, in salads, or as a creamy addition to various dishes. Avocados are a good source of both soluble and insoluble fiber.