## Low Cholesterol Food List

| Food Group        | Examples of Low Cholesterol<br>Foods   | Recommended<br>Servings<br>(Mediterranean<br>Diet)                        | Examples of Heart-Healthy Meal<br>Swaps  |
|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Fruits            | Apples, berries, oranges,<br>bananas, kiwis, melons,<br>peaches, pears   | 2-3 servings per day  | Snack on fresh fruit instead of high-<br>fat or high-sugar snacks.                                     |
| Vegetables        | Broccoli, spinach, kale, carrots,<br>sweet potatoes, bell peppers,<br>tomatoes, cucumbers                              | 4-6 servings per day  | Cook vegetables with heart healthy<br>extra virgin olive oil.  |
| Whole<br>grains   | Oats, brown rice, quinoa, whole<br>wheat bread, whole grain pasta,<br>barley, bulgur                                   | 3-4 servings per day  | Choose whole grain bread instead<br>of white bread, and whole grain<br>pasta instead of regular pasta. |
| Lean<br>proteins  | Skinless chicken breast, turkey<br>breast, fish (salmon, tuna,<br>trout), legumes (beans, lentils,<br>chickpeas), tofu | 1-2 servings per day  | Replace red meat with fish or<br>legumes in your meals.  |
| Nuts and<br>seeds | Almonds, walnuts, pistachios,<br>chia seeds, flaxseeds, pumpkin<br>seeds, sunflower seeds                              | 1-2 servings per day  | Use nuts or seeds as a topping for<br>oatmeal or yogurt instead of<br>granola.                         |
| Healthy fats      | Avocado, olive oil, avocado oil,<br>nuts, seeds, fatty fish  | Use in moderation as<br>a replacement for<br>saturated and trans<br>fats. | Use avocado or hummus instead of butter or cream cheese on toast.                                      |

Consult with a healthcare professional or registered dietitian for personalized advice and guidance on incorporating low cholesterol foods, meal swaps, and tracking your food intake.