## **SOFT DIET**

IF YOU HAVE TOLERATED A CLEAR LIQUID DIET WELL FOR ONE WEEK, ADVANCE YOURSELF TO A SOFT DIET

Soft Diet: a transition diet from liquids to a regular diet. A soft diet consists of foods that are easy to chew and swallow.

## **ALLOWED**

- Foods softened by cooking or mashing
- Canned or soft-cooked fruits and vegetables
- Moist, tender meats, fish, and poultry



## NOT ALLOWED

- Raw fruits and vegetables
- Tough meats.
- Fried, greasy foods
- Highly-seasoned or spicy foods



| FOOD GROUP        | RECOMMENDED      | AVOID              |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Meats and Poultry | Moist, Tender    | Fried or Smoked    |
| Fish              | Moist, Tender    | Fried or Smoked    |
| Fruits            | Cooked or Canned | Raw                |
| Vegetables        | Cooked or Canned | Raw or Fried       |
| Grains            | Cereal           | Bread, Pasta, Rice |