

CLEAR LIQUIDS

DIARRHEA, NAUSEA & VOMITING

BRAT DIET

Dietary treatment for diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting includes the following:

- Ice chips or sips of water only, until vomiting stops.
- Consume only clear liquids for 24 to 48 hours. Start with small quantities of water first and slowly increase volume of fluid intake, adding: Weak tea with or without sugar or honey Flat Pepsi, Coke, 7-Up, Ginger Ale (bubbles can be stirred out with a spoon) Apple juice diluted to ½ strength with water (no other fruit juices) Kool-aid Jell-O Broth Gatorade diluted to ½ strength with water
- As the diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting significantly improve the following may be added slowly:

Bananas

Rice, rice cereals, noodles, potatoes (may be lightly salted or seasoned with broth)

Apples, applesauce

Toast, bread, crackers (without butter; jelly or jam is acceptable)

- When the diarrhea, nausea or vomiting has resolved for 24 hours on the BRAT diet, lean meats, fruits, and vegetables should be tried gradually for one to two days more. At this point, dairy products may be added one at a time in limited amounts. Continue drinking lots of clear fluids. (Urine should be clear, not yellow.) NOTE: Dairy products (milk, butter, cheese, and eggs) should not be ingested until the problem is complete resolved. Orange juice, grapefruit juice and fried, spicy, or fatty foods should also be avoided.

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