

Dear Parents/Patients,

In order for the Dietitians who will be seeing you/your child at our EB Center to evaluate you/your child's nutrition completely, we are asking you to complete this food diary recording three days of intake. You may do it at any point prior to your clinic visit and mail it back to us either with your questionnaire or separately in the self addressed envelope. You may also fax it back to the EB Center, if that is more convenient at (513) 636-5867.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this information and return it to us.



## Epidermolysis Bullosa Center

### Instructions for Completing a Food Intake Record

Please follow these instructions carefully. The more carefully you describe everything your child eats or drinks, the more helpful the record will be in evaluating your child's diet. Be certain to use measuring cups and spoons, and be as accurate as possible in recording amounts of food your child eats.

1. Write down everything your child eats or drinks including water and formula, plus all vitamin, mineral, and/or herbal supplements taken on each of the three days.  
***Special Note:*** do not forget any snacks or extras such as cookies, candy, peanuts, ketchup, butter or gravy.
2. If eating away from home, write down what your child eats on another piece of paper and copy it into this food record when you get home. Teachers, babysitters, or other caregivers should be asked to help if your child is unable to write down intake while away from home. When eating at a restaurant, estimate serving sizes as best as possible and use the food portions listed in the menu if noted.
3. At the top of each page, fill in the day of the week and the date (see example provided).
4. In the first column, record the time of day that the meal or snack was eaten.
5. In the second column, record the food or beverage eaten:  
***Special Note:*** write only one food on a line (see example provided).
6. In the third column, describe how the food was prepared: such as fried, baked, raw, grilled and how it packaged such as frozen, canned, or jarred infant food.  
***Special Note:*** when available please list the brand name of the food.
7. In the fourth column, record the amount your child has eaten.  
***Special Note:*** use measures such as ½ cup, 2 tablespoons, 2 slices, and 4 ounces. If something your child ate has a specific portion size listed on the package label, be certain to record that amount (i.e.: 1 Hershey candy bar, 1.45 ounces).
8. Complete the description of your child's appetite for each day (see example provided).
9. You do not need to record intake for three consecutive days. It is best to include at least one weekend day especially if meals and meal times differ on weekends.

Please call with any questions you have regarding this food record.

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