



## Guidelines for Eating and Drinking Before Cardiac Surgery

## **START**

Eat as you always do until 11PM	<ul> <li>Eat a light snack before you go to bed or before you stop eating at 11PM</li> <li>Suggested final snacks:         <ul> <li>1 small piece of fruit and</li> <li>1 cup cereal with 1/2 cup milk</li> <li>0R</li> <li>1 small piece of fruit and</li> <li>1/2 cup yogurt with 1 slice of toast and jam</li> </ul> </li> <li>Do not eat:         <ul> <li>meat, eggs, fried food, margarine, butter, peanut butter or any nut butters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
STOP Eating food at 11PM	<ul> <li>STOP eating solid food at 11PM</li> <li>You can drink clear fluids after 11PM until 3AM         <ul> <li>Clear fluids are water or clear juice (apple or cranberry)</li> <li>No milk products</li> <li>Do not drink alcohol for 24 hours before surgery</li> </ul> </li> <li>If you are Diabetic:         <ul> <li>You can have <u>only water</u> after 11PM then nothing to drink after 3AM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## STOP drinking clear fluids at 3AM

Arrive at the University of Alberta Hospital at: