# **PLANT PROTEINS FOR A POWERFUL HEART**



More than half of Canadians report that meat and chicken are their main source of protein.



One in 12 adults in Canada live with heart disease.<sup>2</sup>

## **Did You** Know?

Protein does not just come from animals! Many plants are also a great source of protein



What are Plant **Proteins?** 

Plant proteins, also known as plant-based proteins, are proteins that are found in plants



Why Choose Plant

Plant proteins lead to a healthier, stronger heart because they are:



- Low in "bad" fats and can be a source of "good" fats
- High in fiber

## **Proteins?**

Rich in nutrients like vitamins and minerals<sup>2</sup>

Research shows that replacing animal proteins like meat and chicken with plant proteins can reduce the risk of heart disease by up to





### **Examples of Plant Proteins**<sup>3</sup>



Chickpeas and Chickpea dips (hummus)



Nuts and Seeds



Tofu and other soy products



Beans, lentils and dry peas

#### Click here for more examples of plant proteins

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## Wondering how to add more plant proteins into your diet? Check out this delicious CRISPY CHICKPEAS SNACK RECIPE

Yield: 1 1/2 cups Preparation Time: 10 minutes Cooking Time: 35 minutes

15g Protein in 1 cup of cooked chickpeas

### You will need:

Ingredients:

- 1 can (540mL) of chickpeas, unsalted
- 1 Tablespoon (15 ml) of olive oil (or canola or avocado)
- 1/4 teaspoon (1 ml) salt
- Black pepper to taste
- ½ teaspoon (2 ml) smoked paprika
- A pinch (1/16 teaspoon) ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon (1 ml) ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon (1 ml) garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon (1ml) red chili powder, such as Kashmiri or cayenne (optional)



#### Equipment:

- Colander or sieve
- Baking sheet pan
- Paper towels
- Parchment paper

### Instructions:

- Small bowl
- Measuring spoons
- Glass jar
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit (205 degrees Celcius) .
- Drain chickpeas and rinse in colander using cold tap water.
- Dry chickpeas on paper towels and rub gently, removing any loose skins.
- Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Toss chickpeas with oil on the parchment paper.
- Bake chickpeas for 30-40 minutes, tossing occasionally so they bake evenly.
- While chickpeas are baking, mix spices and salt in a small bowl.
- Remove chickpeas from the oven (but do NOT turn oven off) and sprinkle spice mixture over chickpeas, mix until coated.
- Return chickpeas to oven and bake for 5 minutes or until golden brown.
- Remove pan from oven. Chickpeas will get crispy as they cool to room temperature. Store in a glass jar (not airtight) at room temperature for 5 days.

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