## HEALTHY PASTA MEALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH IV WORLD PASTA CONGRESS AND WORLD PASTA DAY

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Mediterranean diet is associated with a significant improvement in healt status, as seen by a significant reduction in overall mortality, mortality from cardiovascolar disease, incidence of mortality from and cancer and incidence of Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's diseases. This is the result of comulative analysis of all studies performed since 1996.

Our work shows the main points of mediterranean diet, the relationship between nutrients and how the different foods are divided in the five groups. Low carbohydrate diets and the role of pasta on normocaloric and hypocaloric diets are examinated.

At least, clinical studies data have demostred that a low carbohydrates diet could be extremely unhealthy leading to several side effects in many organs.

It is important to remember that the mediterranean diet has been recognized by UNESCO as immaterial treasure of the humanity.