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Heart-helper muffins

Here's a muffin packed with antioxidants in the apples, cranberries and nuts, fiber in the oats and even cinnamon to cut blood sugar. All benefit your cardiovascular system.

OATMEAL APPLE MUFFINS

1 egg

3/4 cup fat-free half-and-half

3 Tbs. canola or olive oil

1/3 cup Splenda or sugar

1 medium apple, peeled

and chopped

3/4 cup dried cranberries or raisins 1/2 cup walnut pieces

1 cup whole-wheat flour

1 cup quick-cooking oats

1/4 tsp. salt

1 Tb. baking powder

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

2 tsps. cinnamon



Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

In a bowl, beat together egg, half-and-half, oil and Splenda (or sugar). In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Fold egg mixture into dry mixture, just to moisten.

Fill non-stick muffin tins 3/4 full. Bake

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15 to 20 minutes.

MAKES 12 ■ PER MUFFIN: 173 calories, 4g protein, 23g carbohydrates, 8g fat (1g saturated), 20mg cholesterol, 3g fiber, 192mg sodium