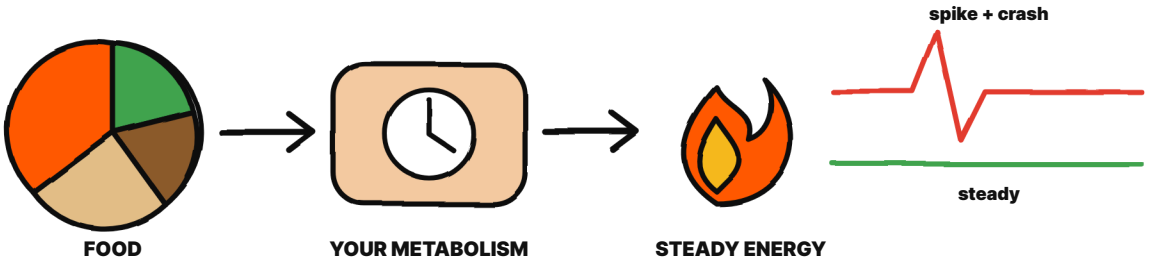
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Metabolic Health Basics

How your body turns food into energy after 50 — and the simple habits that keep that energy steady all day.



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CHAPTER 1 · THE BIG PICTURE

What Metabolic Health Really Means

"Metabolic health" sounds technical, but the idea is simple: how well your body turns food into steady, usable energy. When it works smoothly, you feel even and capable. When it struggles, you feel the spikes, crashes, and afternoon slumps.

After 50, this system can become less efficient. The good news is that it is also highly responsive to everyday habits — what you eat, how you move, how you sleep. Small, consistent choices add up to a real difference in how you feel and function.

This guide keeps things practical. You will learn what is happening under the surface and, more importantly, the simple habits that help keep your energy steady.

CHAPTER 2 · SPIKES AND CRASHES

The Blood-Sugar Rollercoaster

When you eat, your blood sugar rises; your body then works to bring it back down. A balanced meal produces a gentle rise and fall. A meal heavy in refined carbohydrates or sugar can produce a sharp spike followed by an equally sharp crash.

That crash is often what you feel as the mid-afternoon slump: tired, foggy, and craving something sweet — which starts the rollercoaster all over again.

> **TRY THIS**
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> For a few days, notice how you feel about an hour after each meal. The meals that leave you tired are usually the ones worth adjusting first.

CHAPTER 3 · THE GOAL

Steady Beats Spiky

The aim is not perfection or cutting out whole food groups. It is steadiness. A steadier blood-sugar curve tends to mean more even energy, fewer cravings, better focus, and a calmer appetite.

- Pair carbohydrates with protein, fiber, or healthy fat.
- Eat vegetables or protein before the starchy part of a meal.
- Choose whole foods over highly processed ones most of the time.
- Move a little after eating when you can.

> If you take medication for blood sugar, talk to your doctor before changing how or what you eat — some changes affect how medication works.

CHAPTER 4 · ON YOUR PLATE

Foods That Steady You

No single food is magic, and no single food is forbidden. What matters is the overall pattern. Foods that tend to steady your energy share a few traits: they include protein, fiber, or healthy fat, and they are close to their natural form.

Lean toward

- Vegetables and whole fruits
- Beans, lentils, and whole grains
- Fish, poultry, eggs, and other quality proteins
- Nuts, seeds, olive oil, and other healthy fats

Go easy on

- Sugary drinks and sweets
- Heavily processed snacks
- Large portions of refined, starchy foods on their own

> **TRY THIS**
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> Pick one sugary drink you have regularly and swap it for water, tea, or coffee. It is one of the simplest steadiers there is.

CHAPTER 5 · MOVEMENT

How Activity Helps Your Metabolism

Movement is one of the most powerful tools for steady energy. Muscles use glucose for fuel, so even gentle activity after meals can help blunt a spike. Regular movement also helps your body use fuel more efficiently over time.

You do not need intense workouts. A short walk after eating, standing and moving regularly through the day, and some strength work each week all support metabolic health.

> **TRY THIS**
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> After your largest meal of the day, take a ten-minute walk. Many people find it noticeably softens the after-meal slump.

CHAPTER 6 · PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Building a Steady Day

Here is what a steadier day can look like — not a strict rulebook, just a sensible shape you can adapt to your own tastes and schedule.

- **Morning:** a breakfast with protein, not just refined carbs.
- **Midday:** vegetables and protein first, a moderate portion of whole carbs.
- **Afternoon:** a balanced snack if needed, and a short walk.
- **Evening:** a balanced plate, easing off heavy sugar late at night.

Use the worksheet on the next page to log a few days of meals and energy. Patterns will jump out, and those patterns point straight to your easiest wins.

Worksheet: Energy & Meal Log

Log a few days. Rate your energy (1–10) about an hour after eating. Circle the meals that leave you tired.

Day / Meal	What I ate	Energy 1 hr later (1–10)	Notes

The meal pattern that drains me most:

One swap I will try this week:

Key Takeaways

1. Metabolic health is simply how well your body turns food into steady energy.
2. Sharp blood-sugar spikes are usually followed by crashes and cravings.
3. Steady beats spiky — aim for balance, not perfection.
4. Pair carbs with protein, fiber, or fat, and lead meals with vegetables or protein.
5. Movement, especially after meals, helps your body use fuel more smoothly.
6. Find the meals that drain you and fix those first.

Want help putting this into action?

Join Dr Max for a live Healthy After 50 session to build a simple eating-and-movement rhythm that keeps your energy steady.

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