## 8 Steps to Balancing Blood Sugar

- 1. Eat foods low on the glycemic index. These foods release energy SLOWLY into the bloodstream. Stick to a diet high in TRUE FOOD such as vegetables, legumes, some fruits (berries and stone fruits are best), whole grains, nuts and seeds, animal proteins, and natural fats.
- 2. Include a BALANCED snack in between main meals. This will allow you to stay nice and stable throughout the day. I always encourage protein-rich snack.
- 3. Eat some kind of protein with each meal. Protein is the most satiating macronutrient, meaning it releases energy slowly, which helps signal to the brain that you are full!
- 4. Eat breakfast. Make sure it includes a protein and a healthy fat. These satiating macronutrients are sure to keep your blood sugars stable and start you out on your day balanced and blissful.
- 5. Avoid sugar and refined carbohydrates. They're the main culprits of blood sugar spikes.
- 6. Avoid sodas and sweet drinks. They're filled with sugars, artificial sweeteners and preservatives that will inevitably lead to hormonal imbalance and a blood sugar spike.
- 7. Avoid artificial sweeteners. Even though artificial sweeteners contain no glucose, they can mimic sugar in your body.
- 8. Reduce stimulants such as caffeine, nicotine. They all cause our blood sugar to rise due to a spike in adrenaline.