

Table 12.1. Template short-term maintenance plan (for editing to suit the individual patient)

| Problems to focus on | How to address |
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| Over-concern about shape and weight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep an eye out for unhelpful body shape checking (frequent mirror use, inappropriate clothing checks, pinching/touching, comparing self with others), consider whether information is helpful and accurate, and reduce/stop as discussed • Be sure not to avoid seeing body shape. If this is happening, try to be more aware of body (e.g., by wearing different clothes; or having a massage; etc) • Use mirrors carefully • Keep an eye out for ‘feeling fat’, and identify the triggers and re-label • Avoid weighing outside the set weekly time; do not interpret single readings • Avoid judging self solely on basis of shape and weight • Maintain and develop other life interests (e.g.,) |
| Dietary restraint and restriction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to eat a flexible and varied diet • Practice eating socially (i.e., with others, in restaurants, etc) • Take care not to avoid certain foods • Try and eat ‘enough’ and avoid under-eating • Eat regularly (at least every four hours) • Avoid strict (rigid and extreme) dietary rules (e.g., concerning amount to eat (calories), when to eat, eating less than others, compensating for food already eaten, “debting” by eating less in advance of eating) • Feeling full is a normal and short-lived sensation. If troubled by recurrent feelings of fullness, identify triggers (e.g., not being used to eating a normal amount, being underweight, not eating regularly, wearing too tight clothing, eating an ‘avoided’ food) and address |
| Binge eating | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct “binge analysis”, if needed, to identify triggers (under-eating, being underweight, going for too long without eating, breaking a dietary rule, alcohol relaxing dietary control, responding to a problem in life) and address • Practice problem-solving the triggers |
| Other weight-control behavior | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid vomiting / taking laxatives / over-exercising as they keep the eating problem going (and are relatively ineffective) • Other: |
| Weight regain and maintenance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly weighing on a set day is crucial • Maintain weight within goal weight range (i.e., from to) • If weight falls below this weight range, → alarm bells! Review pros/cons of weight regain taking a long-term perspective. Remember one needs to eat 500 extra calories every day to regain on average 0.5 kilogram a week. |
| Weight loss | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to lose weight is risky if one has had an eating problem • The goal of weight loss is only appropriate if one is medically overweight • Remember not to try to lose weight over the next 20 weeks • Avoid rigid and extreme dietary rules |

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| <p>Slip-ups and lapses</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor slip-ups are to be expected • Spot slip-ups early and react positively by i) trying to understand the trigger, and ii) trying to get back on track as soon as possible (see Long-term Plan) • If struggling to get back on track, contact • Becoming underweight is particularly serious. If body mass index is below 18.5 (.....pounds) on two readings in a row contact |
| <p>Other</p> | |