How to use *My Daily Food and Symptom Diary:*

- 1. Write down everything you eat, drink, take as medication and supplement on the food records provided. Record each as you consume it.
- 2. Record the time of each item you consume.
- 3. If dishes include several different ingredients, write down as many of the ingredients as you know: for example, if you eat a pizza, write down the ingredients of the pizza, such as: crust; tomato sauce; cheese; pepperoni (anchovy; salami; ham); pineapple (green peppers; mushrooms; onions, etc)
- 4. Estimate the amount of each food that you consume; e.g. a cup of pasta; ½ cup sauce; 2 tablespoons grated mozzarella cheese; two chocolates with strawberry cream filling; ½ cup French vanilla yogurt.
- 5. When you consume any medication or supplement write that down as you take it. If you take the same supplements/medications daily and at the same time of day, record only for one day.
- 6. Complete the symptom record at the same time as you complete your food record. Enter the same times as in your food record, and record your symptoms in relation to those times.
- 7. Try to rate your symptoms on a scale of 1-10. 1= very mild symptoms and 10 = very severe symptoms.
- 8. Write down the time of onset of your symptom, and approximate time that it lasts.
- 9. Include any unusual events that might affect your symptoms: for women this might include PMS; for anyone, unusual stress might be a relevant factor. Other factors might include unusually strenuous exercise.

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Bristol Stool Chart

Separate hard lumps, like nuts Type I (hard to pass) Type 2 Sausage-shaped but lumpy Like a sausage but with cracks on Type 3 its surface Like a sausage or snake, smooth Type 4 and soft Soft blobs with clear-cut edges Type 5 (passed easily) Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a Type 6 mushy stool Watery, no solid pieces. Type 7 **Entirely Liquid**