

# NUTRITION IN SURGERY

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# OUTLINE

1. Overview on Basics of Nutrition
2. Importance of Nutrition in Surgical Patient
3. Nutrition Assessment
4. Nutrition Support
  - θ Enteral
  - θ Parenteral
1. Take Home Message

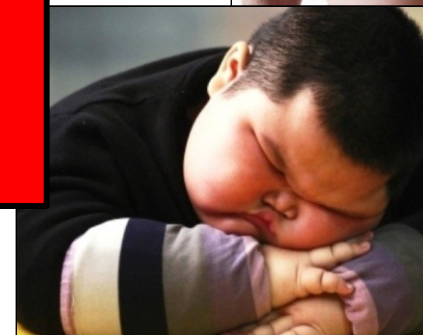
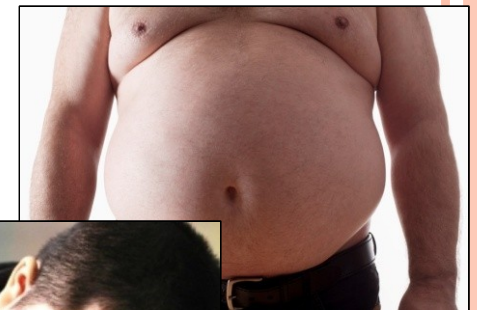
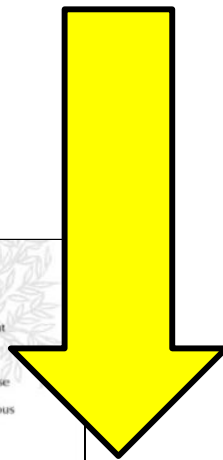
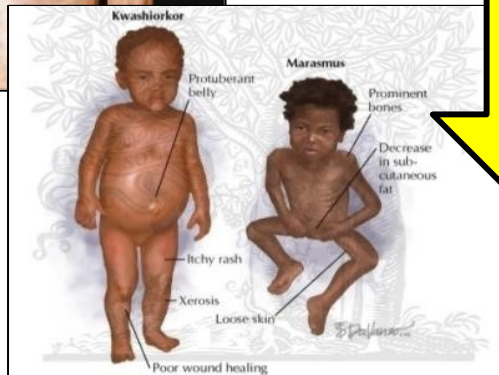


# BASICS OF NUTRITION

- θ Nutrition is the process of providing or obtaining the foods necessary for health and growth.
- θ The general indications for nutritional support in surgery are in the prevention and treatment of under nutrition.



- ⊖ Normal functioning of human body requires a balance between nutritional intake and metabolism
- ⊖ Imbalances will manifest as nutritional deficiencies or excess



# NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- ⊖ Calories provided mainly by carbohydrate and fat
  - ⊖ Fat = 9 kcal/ g
  - ⊖ Carbohydrate = 4 kcal/ g
  - ⊖ Protein = 4 kcal/ g
- ⊖ Daily caloric requirements: 30-35kcal/kg
- ⊖ Metabolic stress associated with sepsis, trauma, surgery or ventilation lead to increase energy requirement (35-40kcal/kg/day)

# MALNUTRITION

- ⊖ Malnutrition :
- ♣ condition that develops when the body does not get the right amount of the vitamins, minerals and other nutrients it needs to maintain healthy tissues and organ function.
- ⊖ Can occur in people who are either undernourished or over-nourished



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## ⊖ Under nutrition:

- ⌋ BMI  $<18\text{kg/m}^2$
- ⌋ Weight loss  $>10\text{-}15\%$  within 6 months
- ⌋ Serum albumin  $<30\text{g/L}$  (with no evidence of hepatic or renal dysfunction)
- ⌋  $<80\%$  of ideal body weight

## ⊖ Over nutrition:

- ⌋ BMI  $>30\text{kg/m}^2$
- ⌋ Body weight  $>20\%$  from ideal body weight



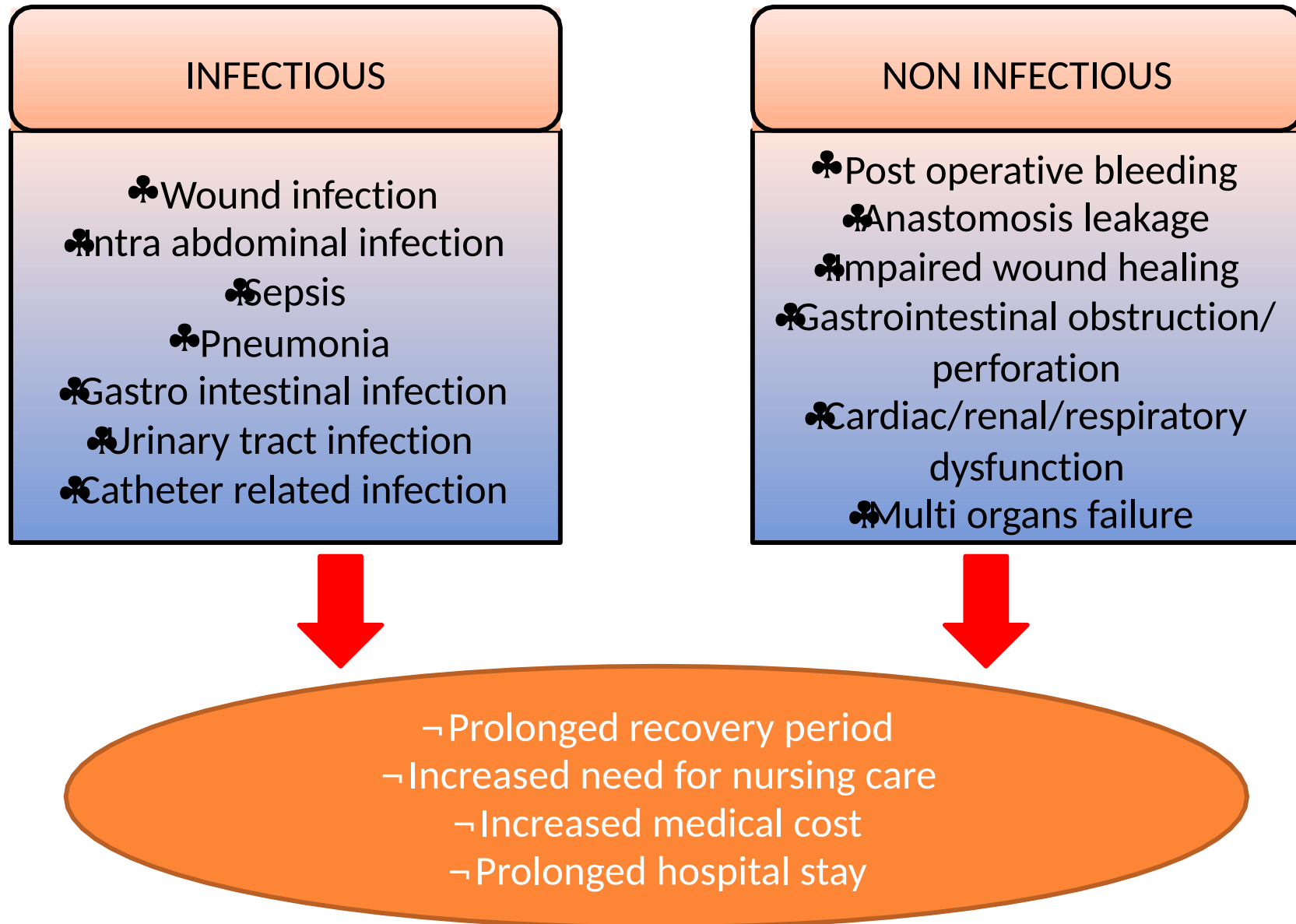
# BMI

Category	BMI Range (kg/m)
Underweight	<18.5
Normal	18.5 – 23.9
Overweight	24.0 – 26.9
Obese Class I	27.0 – 34.9
Obese Class II	35 – 40
Obese Class III	> 40





# COMPLICATION OF MALNUTRITION



# NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT

- θ History
- θ Physical examination
- θ Laboratory investigation
- θ Nutritional assessment score



# NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT

## History

- θ Presenting Complaints
  - ' Vomiting, dysphagia, diarrhea
- θ Co morbidities
  - ' Obesity, Malignancy, IBD,
- θ Social & Dietary History
  - ' Socio economic background
  - ' Intake
  - ' Amount



# NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT

## Physical Examination

### ⌘ Anthropometric Measurements

- Weight, height & BMI, IBW
- Skin-fold thickness ◇ biceps & triceps
- Mid-arm circumference

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{IBW} \\ &= (\text{Ht} - 152.4) \times 0.91 \\ &+ 50 \text{ (male)}/45.5 \text{ (female)} \end{aligned}$$

### ⌘ Signs of Malnutrition

- Hair – easy pluckability
- Face – nasolabial seborrhoea, angular fissures of lip
- Muscle bulk – temporalis, thenar eminence, lumbricals
- Skin – increased fold, hyperkeratosis, non healing ulcers
- Limbs – dependant edema



# NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT

## Laboratory

θ FBC – Hemoglobin (HCMC anemia), Total Lymphocytes count

θ LFT – Serum albumin

• Albumin (T<sub>1/2</sub>): 20 days

θ Serum Transferrin

• Transferrin (T<sub>1/2</sub>): 8-10 days

θ Serum Prealbumin

• Prealbumin (T<sub>1/2</sub>): 2-3 days

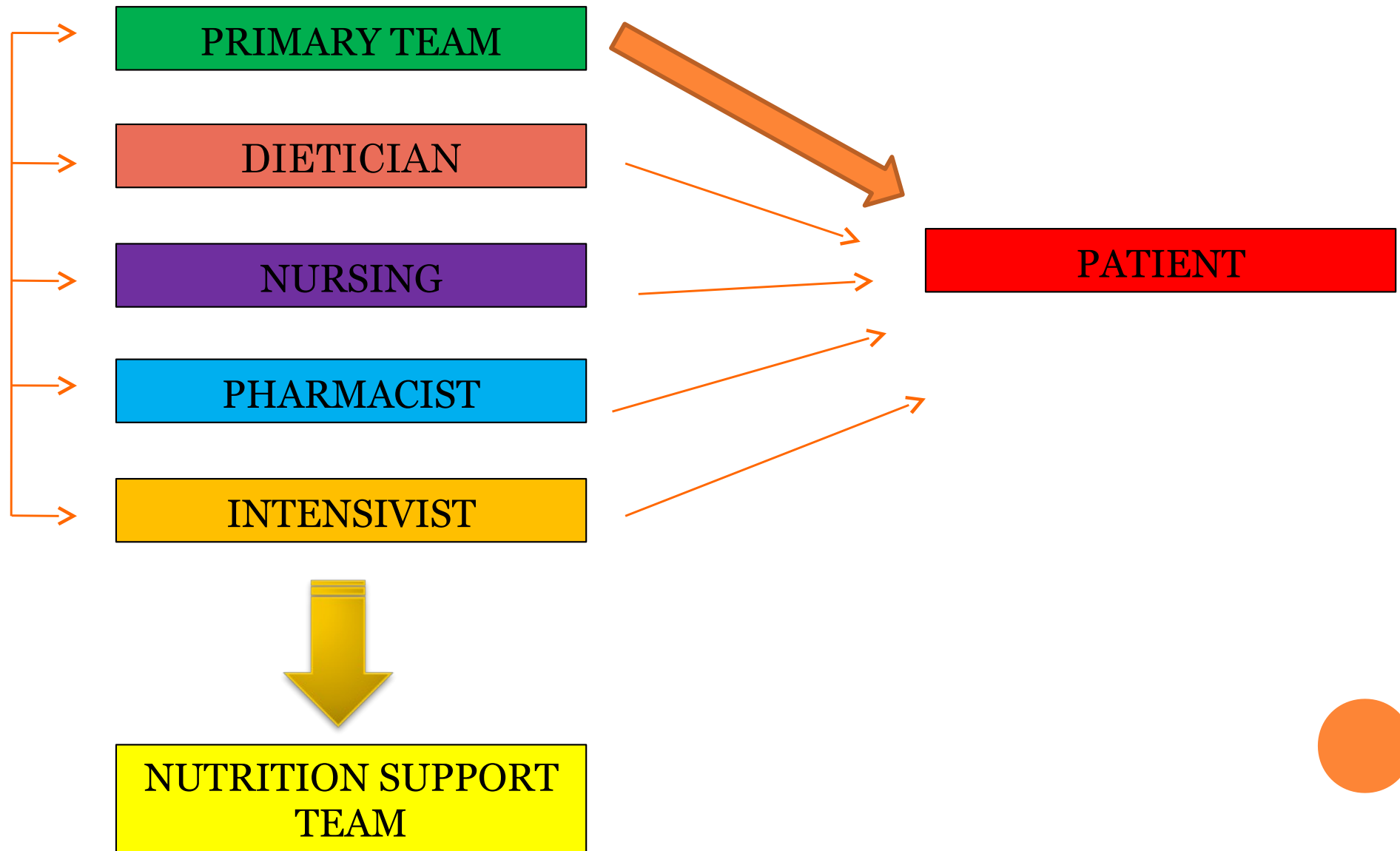
θ Others

• Nitrogen balance

• Electrolytes/BUSE/ creatinine



# MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH



# Nutritional risk screening

## E. Subjective global assessment (SGA)

### I Patient's history

(weight loss, change in dietary intake, gi-symptoms,

### II functional capacity)

Physical examination

(muscles, subcutaneous fat,  
edema,

ascites)

- Clinician's overall judgement
- mildly normal nutritional status
- Significantly malnourished



# STEPS IN NUTRITION SUPPORT

θ Assessment of Nutrition

θ Resuscitation

γ Fluid & electrolytes derangements

θ Nutritional Requirements

γ Caloric goal – start with 10-15kcal/kg/d and increased slowly up to 30-35kcal/kg/day

θ Routes & Methods of Feeding

γ Oral, enteral, parenteral or combinations

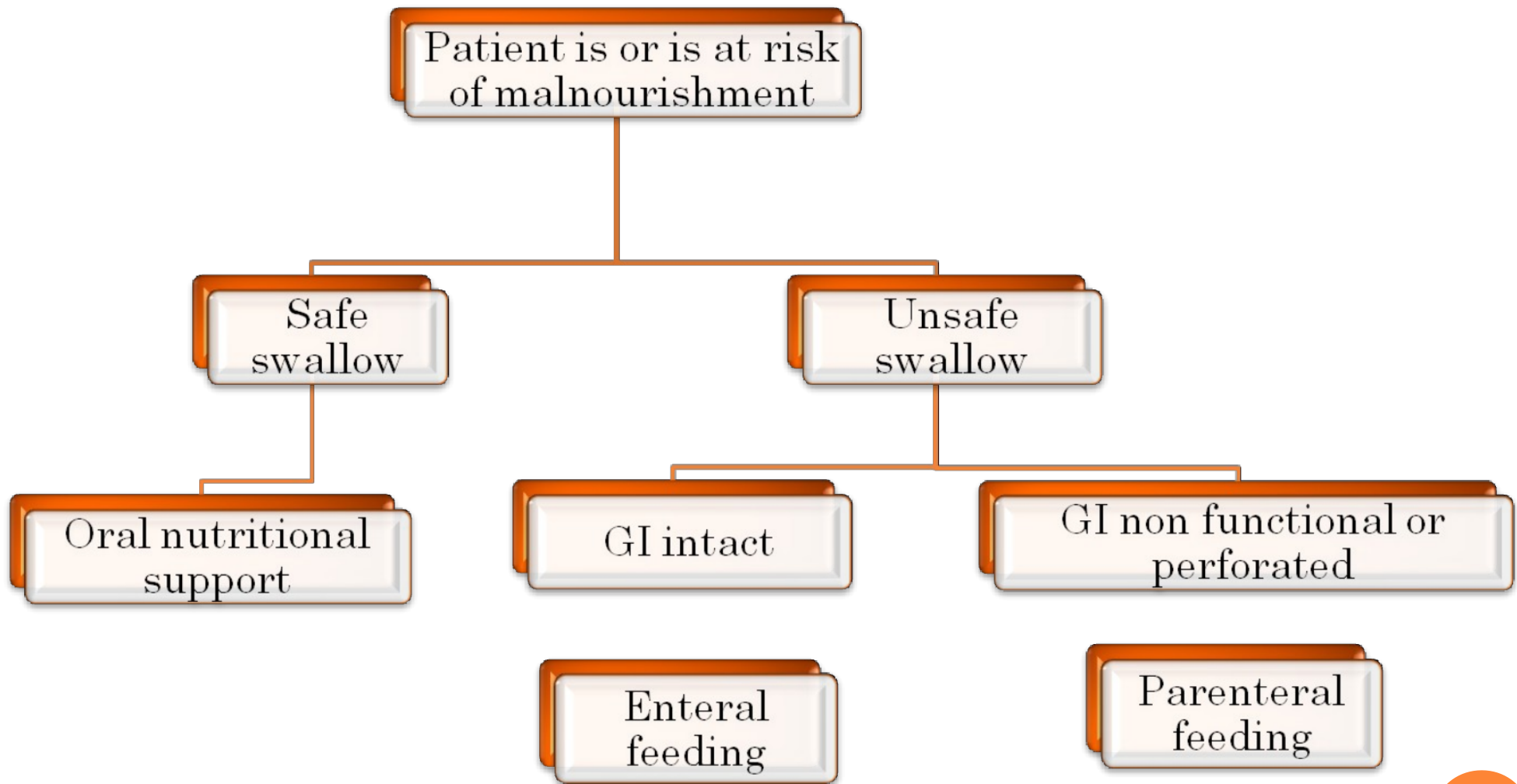
θ Monitoring

γ Adequacy, complications





# INITIATING NUTRITION SUPPORT



# ENTERAL NUTRITION

- θ Basics of enteral feeding
- θ Indication/Contraindication
- θ Enteral routes
- θ Feeding regime/ Types of formulas
- θ Complication



# ENTERAL NUTRITION (EN)

- θ Delivery of nutrient into healthy and functioning GI tract
- θ Most preferred and more physiological
- θ Advantages
  - ' Maintain gut mucosal integrity
  - ' Maintain normal gut flora & pH
  - ' Cheap & easily available
  - ' Less complication



# INDICATIONS & CONTRAINDICATIONS

Indications	Contraindications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oral intake &lt; 50% of required need for the previous 7-10 days</li><li>• Dysphagia or chewing problem due to strokes, brain tumor, head injuries</li><li>• Major burns</li><li>• Low output GIT fistulas (&lt; 500 mls/day).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanical obstruction of GIT</li><li>• Prolonged ileus</li><li>• Severe GI hemorrhage</li><li>• Severe diarrhea</li><li>• Intractable vomiting</li><li>• High output GIT fistula (&gt;500ml/day)</li><li>• Severe enterocolitis</li></ul>



# Examples of Enteral Access

Nasal Cavity -----=

Nasogastric (NG)  
Tube

Esophagus

Intestine

Feeding Routes Through The Nose  
(or alternatively may be oral)

- Q ) Nasogastric
- @ Nasoduodenal
- @ Nasojejunal

## Gastrostomy Options\*

- Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG)
- Percutaneous Radiologic Gastrostomy (PRG)
- Percutaneous Endoscopic Jejunostomy (PEJ)
- Percutaneous Radiologic Jejunostomy (PRJ)
- Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrojejunostomy (PEJ)
- Button
- Surgically placed Gastrostomy

## Jejunostomy

- Gastrostomy and jejunostomy tubes may be placed endoscopically, radiologically, or surgically.



# FEEDING REGIME

Method	Criteria	Advantages
Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to start from 20-50 ml/H</li><li>• ↑ 10-25 ml/H q8-24H till desired volume achieved.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ↓ abdominal cramping, aspiration, diarrhea, gastric distension, nausea, vomiting</li></ul>
Intermittent/bolus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to start with 50ml isotonic formula q3-4H</li><li>• ↑ 50ml q8-12H as tolerated</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Approximates meal pattern</li><li>- easy to administer</li></ul>



# FORMULAS AVAILABLE IN HTAA

Types of formula	Indications	Energy (kCal)
Standard • Ensure	Normal digestive & absorption capacity	1 kcal/ml
Fiber containing • Jevity powder	Constipation, diarrhea	1 kcal/ml 4-20g fiber/L
Condition specific • Nutren Diabetik • Glucerna SR • Nepro • Pulmocare	Glucose >10mM/L  ARF/CRF + dialysis COAD	1 kcal/ml  2 kcal/ml 1.5 kcal/ml
Elemental • Peptamen	↓ digestive & absorption capacity	1 kcal/ml
Modular • Myotein	Single nutrient supplement	28 kcal/scoop



# COMPLICATIONS OF ENTERAL NUTRITION

Metabolic /  
Biochemical

- Malposition
- Displacement
- Blockage
- Break/ leakage
- Local complications  
(erosion of skin or mucosa )
- Aspiration
- Diarrhea
- Bloating, nausea, vomiting
- Abdominal cramps
- Constipation
- Electrolyte disorders
- Vitamin, mineral, trace elements deficiencies
- Drug interactions





# EARLY EN VS DELAYED EN

- ① Initiate nutritional support ( by the enteral route if possible) without delay:
  - ❑ Even in patients without obvious under nutrition, if it is anticipated that the patient will be unable to eat for more than 7 days
  - ❑ In patients who cannot maintain oral intake above 60% of recommended intake for more than 10 days.

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# PARENTERAL FEEDING

- θ BASIC OF PARENTERAL FEEDING
- θ INDICATIONS
- θ CONTRAINDICATIONS
- θ TYPES OF PARENTERAL NUTRITION
- θ CALORY REQUIREMENT
- θ COMPLICATIONS
- θ MONITORING PATIENT WITH PN



# BASICS OF PARENTERAL FEEDING

- ⌘ Delivery of all nutritional requirements by IV route without the use of GIT (bypass GIT)
- ⌘ Sterile liquid chemical formula
- ⌘ May be delivered via :
  - Central line
  - Peripheral line



# INDICATIONS

- ⌘ GIT Malfunction
  - OBSTRUCTED - Ca esophagus/stomach, stricture
  - FISTULATED - post op enterocutaneous fistula, high output fistulas
  - INFLAMMED - small bowel disease ex, crohn's disease, acute severe pancreatitis
  - TOO SHORT - massive resection, short gut syndrome
- ⌘ Pre operative : build up of malnourished patient
- ⌘ Failure enteral feeding to meet caloric requirement
  - major polytrauma, major burns
- ⌘ Cancer : complication of chemotherapy, radiotherapy
- ⌘ Newborns
  - GIT anomalies, NEC



# PRE OPERATIVE PN

Indicated in :

- ⊖ Severely undernourished patients who cannot be adequately enterally fed

Studies have shown that :

- ⊖ Inadequate oral intake of >14 days = higher mortality
- ⊖ 7-10 days of preoperative PN = improves postoperative outcome in severe undernourished patient

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# POST OPERATIVE PN

Indicated in:

- ⊖ Undernourished patients = enteral nutrition is not feasible / not tolerated
- ⊖ Patients with postoperative complications  
= impairing gastrointestinal function -> unable to receive and absorb adequate amounts of oral/enteral feeding for at least 7 days

Post operative PN is life saving in patients with prolonged gastrointestinal failure.

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# PN IS CONTRAINDICATED IN:

- ⊖ Functional and accessible GI tract
- ⊖ Patient is taking orally
- ⊖ Prognosis does not warrant aggressive nutrition support (terminally ill patients)
- ⊖ Risk exceeds benefit
- ⊖ Patient expected to meet needs within 14 days



# NUTRITION

Total Parenteral Nutrition	Partial Parenteral Nutrition
Supplies all daily nutritional requirement	Only part of the daily nutritional requirements supplied, supplementing oral intake ~ 50-70% of patient's energy needs
Central line	Peripheral line
Long term support (>10 days)	Short term support (10-14 days)
Hypertonic solutions with high osmolarity	Formulation with low osmolarity (< 900mOsm/L )





# CALORY REQUIREMENT

## Estimating energy requirement ( Harris- Benedict Equation)

- θ Men  $\text{BMR} = 66.47 + 13.7 \text{ wt} + 5.0 \text{ ht} - 6.76 \text{ age}$
- θ Women  $\text{BMR} = 65.5 + 9.56 \text{ wt} + 1.85 \text{ ht} - 4.68 \text{ age}$

Wt = weight in kg, ht = height in cm

BMR= Basal Metabolic Rate

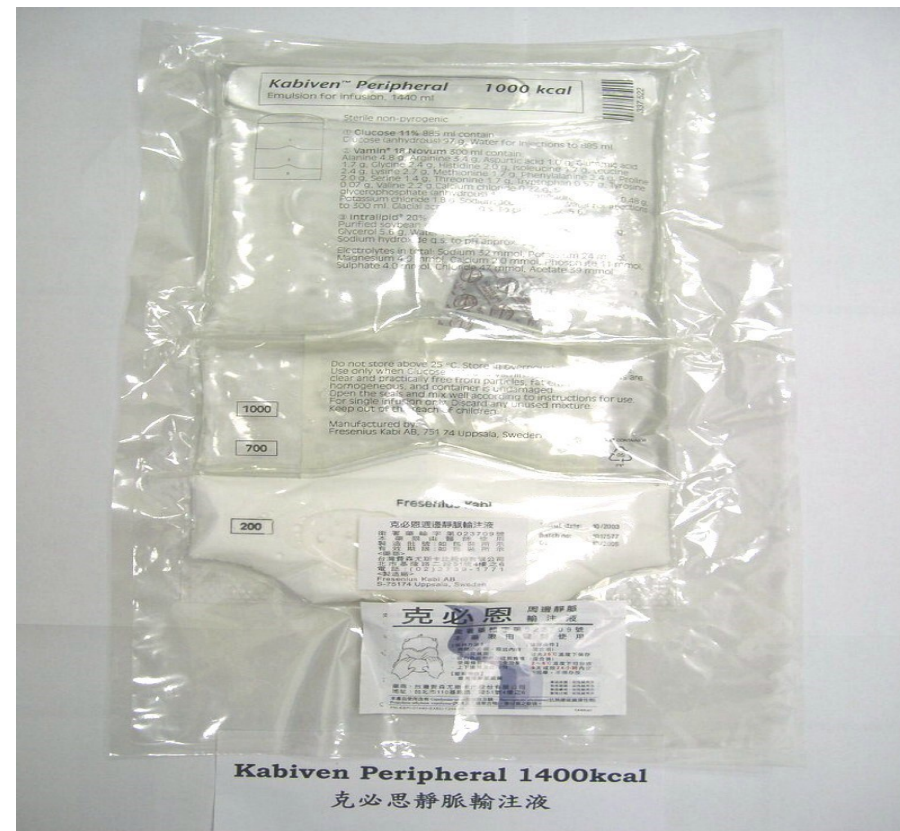
- θ **Total calorie need = BMR x Activity factor x Injury factor**

**for practical purpose: 30-35kcal/kg/day**



# FORMULAS AVAILABLE AT HTAA

- ① 2-in-1 mixtures : glucose + protein aggregate  
(Nutriflex Peri, Nutriflex Plus)
- ① 3-in-1 mixtures : glucose + lipids + proteins  
(NuTRIflex Lipid Peri, NuTRIflex Lipid Plus, Kabiven range)



# MONITORING PATIENTS ON PN

Parameter	Daily	Frequency 3x/week	Weekly
Glucose	Initially	√	
Electrolytes, FBC	Initially	√	
Phos, Mg, BUN, Cr, Ca		Initially	√
TG Fluid-			√
I/O	√		
Temperature	√		
T. Bili, LFT		Initially	√



# COMPLICATIONS OF PARENTERAL NUTRITION

## Acute

- θ **Refeeding syndrome**
- θ Expansion of extracellular volume, fluid overload
- θ Hyper/hypoglycemia
- θ Fluid or electrolyte abnormalities
- θ Catheter leak
- θ Air embolism
- θ Catheter related sepsis



# COMPLICATIONS OF PARENTERAL NUTRITION

## Late

- ⌚ Metabolic bone diseases : osteoporosis
- ⌚ Hepatic complications : fatty liver, liver failure, hyperammonemia
- ⌚ Gallbladder complications: cholestatic jaundice
- ⌚ Venous thrombosis
- ⌚ Catheter related sepsis
- ⌚ Vitamin and traced element deficiency



# REFEEDING SYNDROME

- ⌘ Metabolic complication = in severely malnourished patients
- ⌘ Potentially fatal condition - may be successfully managed
  - prevented if detected early

## Pathophysiology

- ⌘ Metabolism shifts : catabolic -> anabolic state
- ⌘ Insulin is released - triggering cellular uptake of  $K^+$ ,  $PO_4$ , Mg
- ⌘ Profound depletion those electrolyte extracelullarly
  - hypo  $PO_4$ , hypo Mg, hypo  $K^+$ , hypo Ca ◇ multiorgan dysfunction
- ⌘ PN initially delivered = maximum of 10 kcal/kg/day
  - = raised gradually to full needs within a week



# Ways to wean off TPN

- θ PN may rapidly discontinued ◇ patient tolerating tube feeding
- θ Reduced PN volume by 1/2 for 1-2 H before discontinued it  
◇ minimize rebound hypoglycemia
- θ Enteral feeding initiated ◇ patient's GIT function resume
- θ Initiation enteral feeding ◇ GIT function  
◇ minimal risk of aspiration  
◇ patient motivation.



# COMBINATIONS OF ENTERAL AND PARENTERAL FEEDING

- ⊖ >60% of energy needs cannot be met via the enteral route, e.g. in high output enterocutaneous fistulae
- ⊖ partly obstructing benign or malignant gastrointestinal lesions which do not allow enteral feeding.

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# ENTERAL NUTRITION VS PARENTERAL NUTRITION

Studies have shown that:

- ⊖ There are no significant differences in mortality rate
- ⊖ There are no significant differences regarding length of hospital stay.

Enteral feeding	Parenteral feeding
Lower risk infection	Higher risk infection
Decreased cost	Increased cost
Lower incidence hyperglycemia	Higher incidence hyperglycemia

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# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

1. Malnutrition leads to prolong stay, prolong recovery period and increased medical cost
2. Normal caloric requirement = 30-35kcal/kg/day  
Metabolic stress = 35-40kcal/kg/day
3. Use enteral feeding unless contraindicated
4. Low osmolarity PN (<900mOsm/L) given via peripheral line
5. In high risk patient to develop re feeding syndrome, we should start with low calories
6. Parameters that required daily monitoring are glucose, electrolytes, FBC, I/O and temperature



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