

# ***Alterazioni metaboliche nel paziente settico: diagnosi e terapia nutrizionale***

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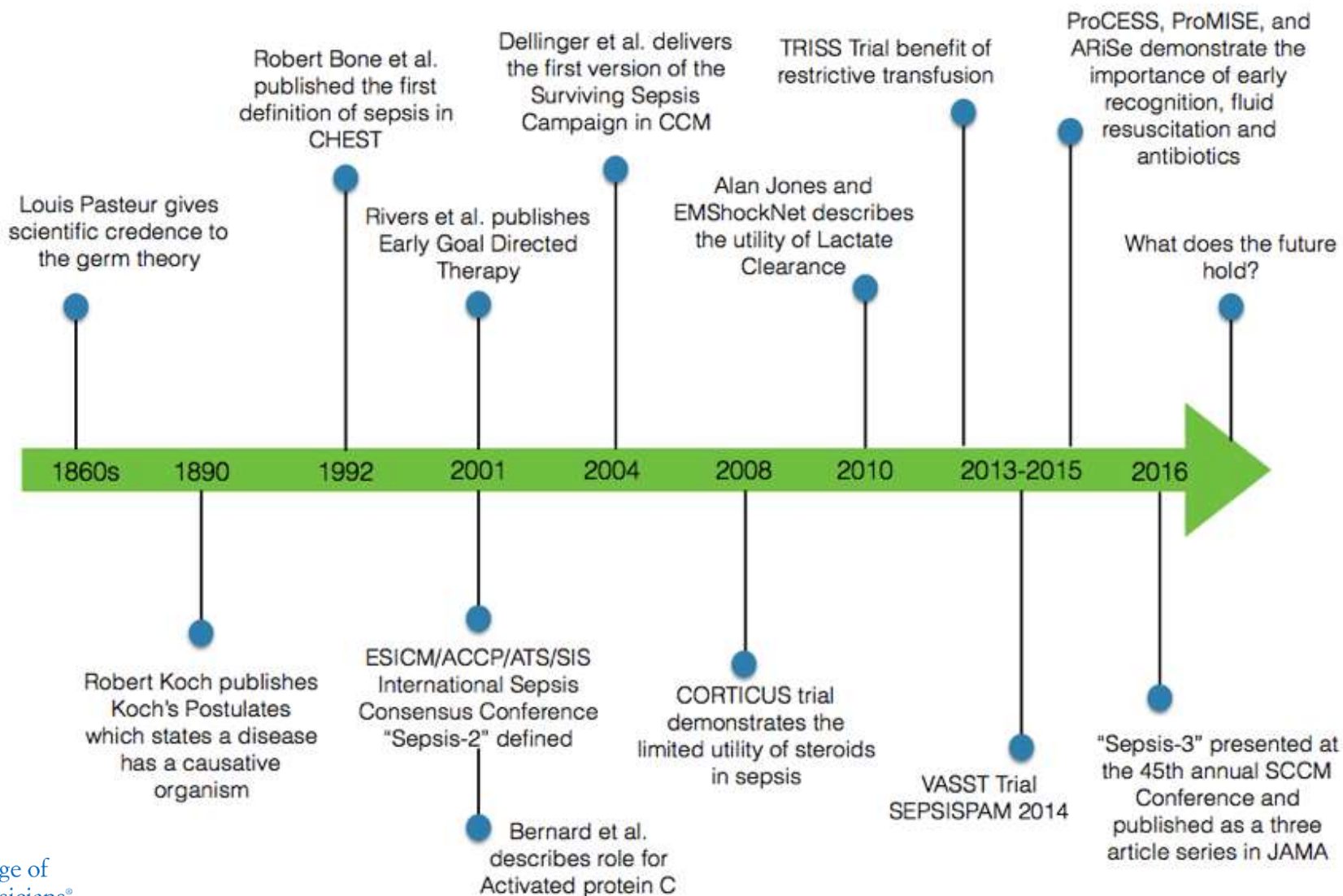
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# History of Sepsis definition

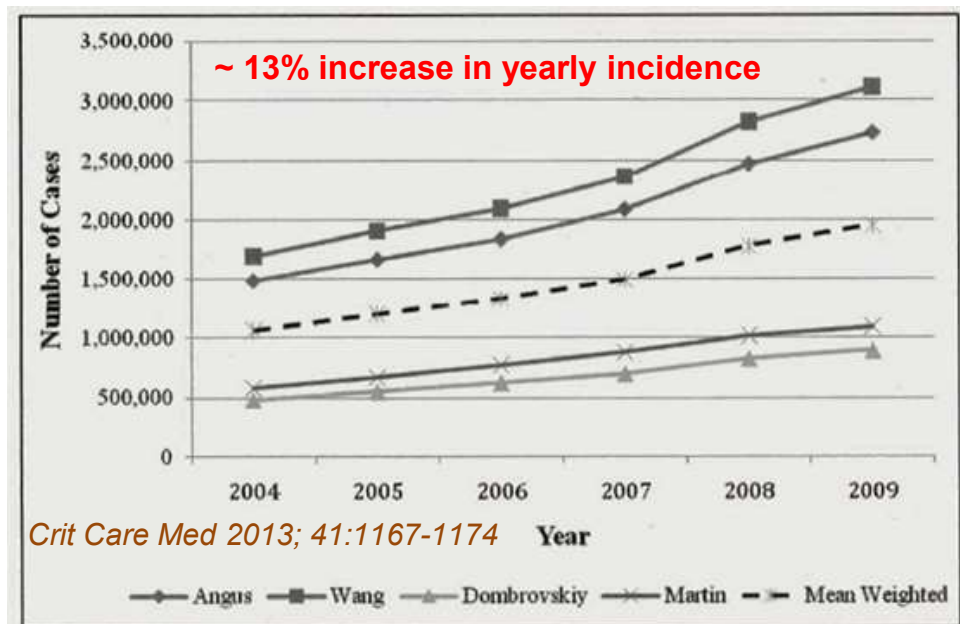


# Evolving epidemiology of sepsis

## Trajectories

<i>Lancet Infect Dis 2012;12:919-24</i>	USA	Europe	p value*
<b>ICU patients with sepsis</b>	18766	6609	
Origin			<0.0001
Emergency department	12 218 (65.1%)	2159 (32.7%)	
Ward	4763 (25.4%)	3405 (51.5%)	

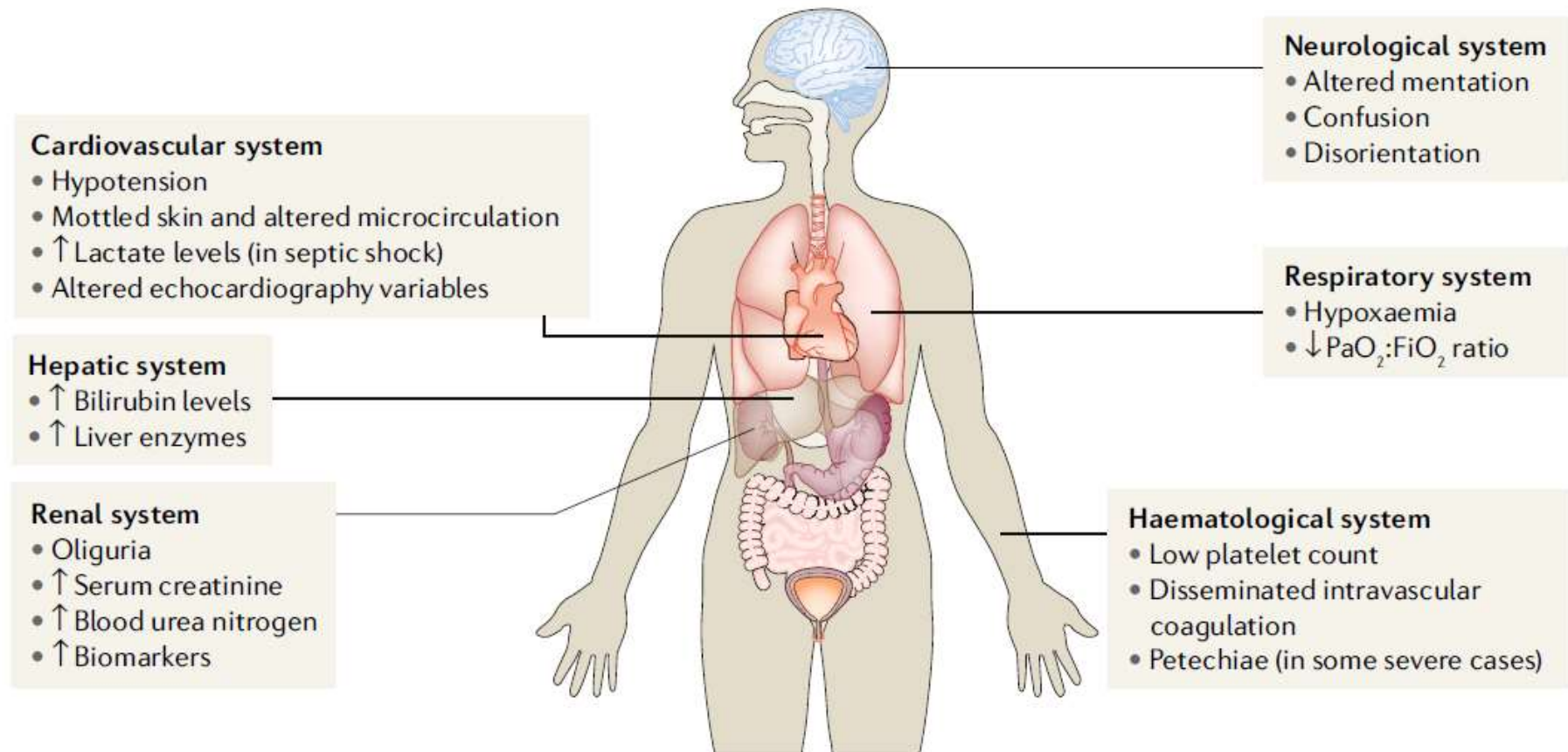
## Yearly incidence (~ 0.5-0.8 %)



## Risk factors for developing sepsis

- Age
- Chronic illness
- Impaired immunity
- Trauma, surgical injury, burns
- Catheterization or intubation
- Chronic infections
- Protein calorie malnutrition

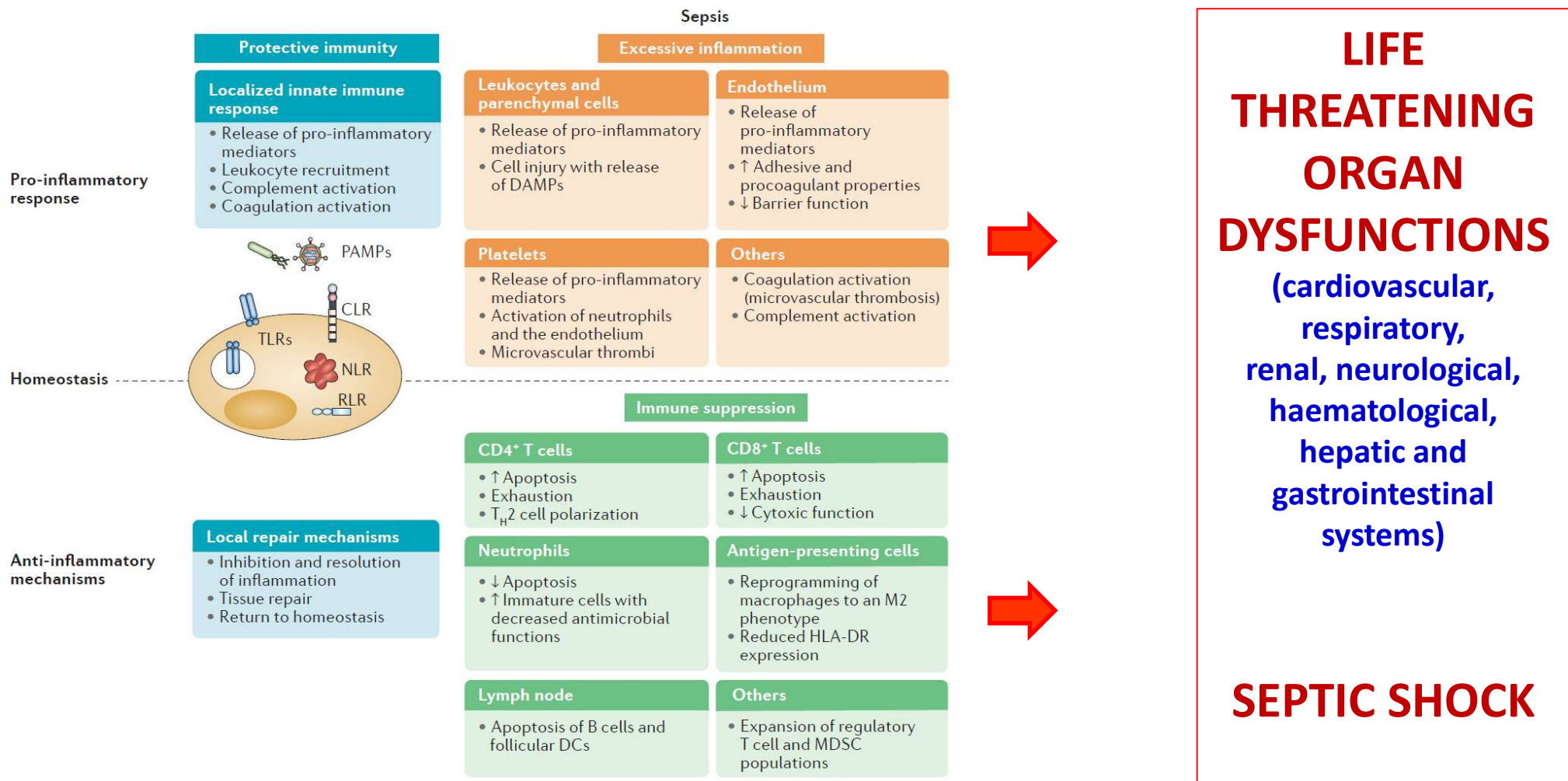
**The third international consensus definitions for sepsis and septic shock (Sepsis-3) JAMA 2016:**  
**life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection**



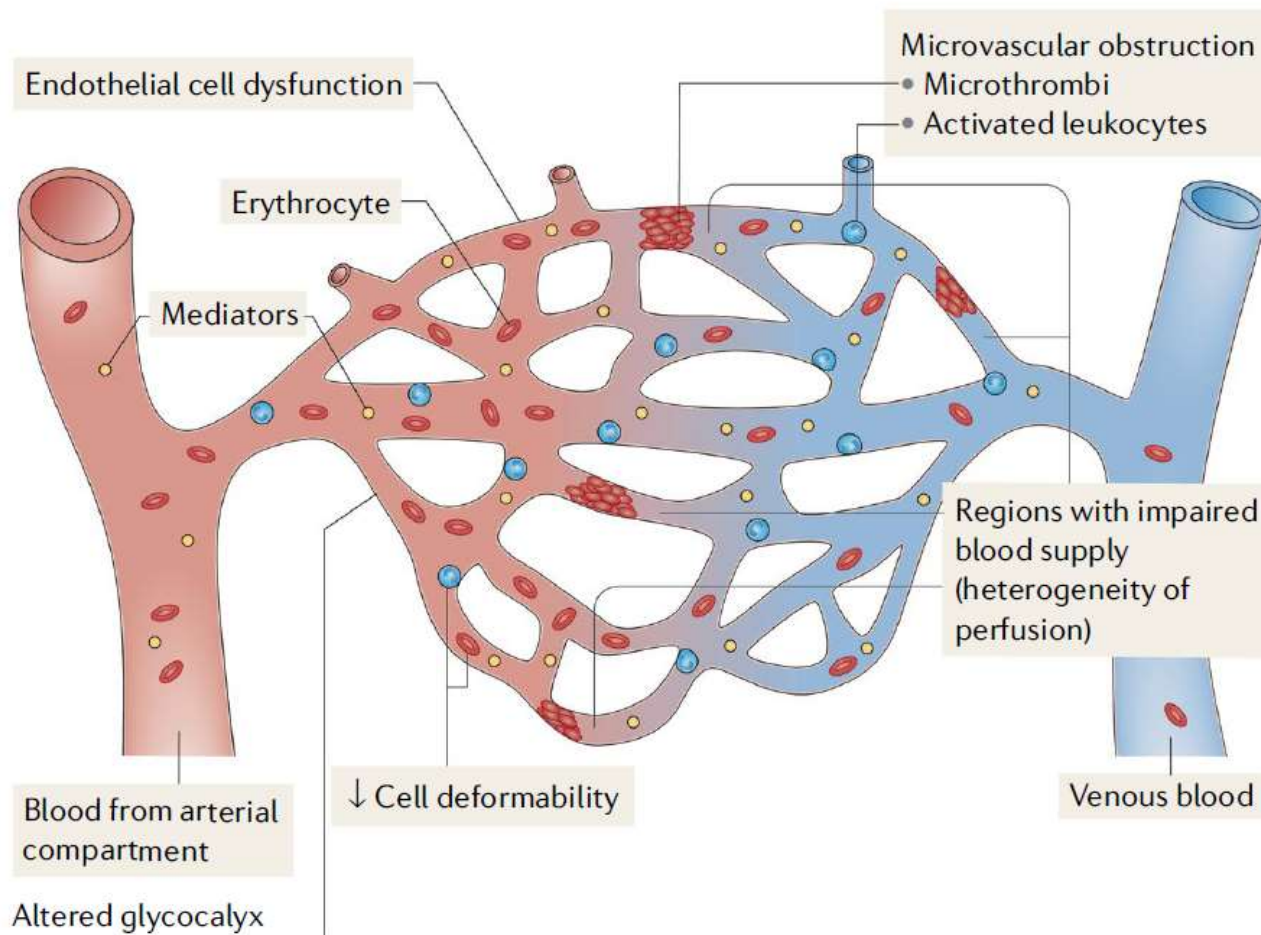
Although dysfunction can occur in any organ in patients with sepsis, dysfunction in some organs, such as the gastrointestinal tract, is difficult to quantify. Six organ systems for which dysfunction has severe consequences or in which dysfunction is readily detectable are usually monitored in clinical practice.



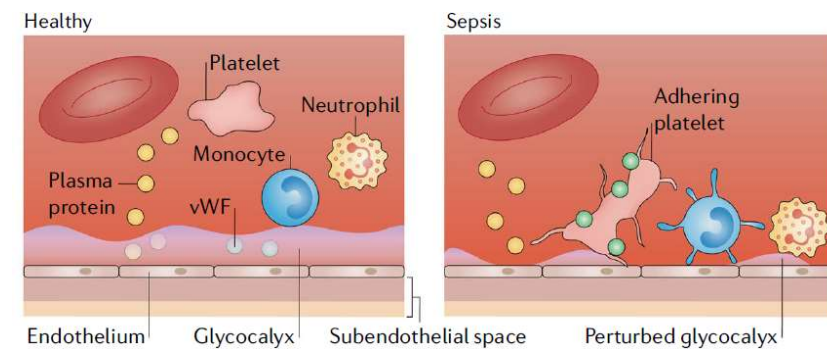
# SEPSIS = DYSREGULATED HOST RESPONSE TO INFECTION



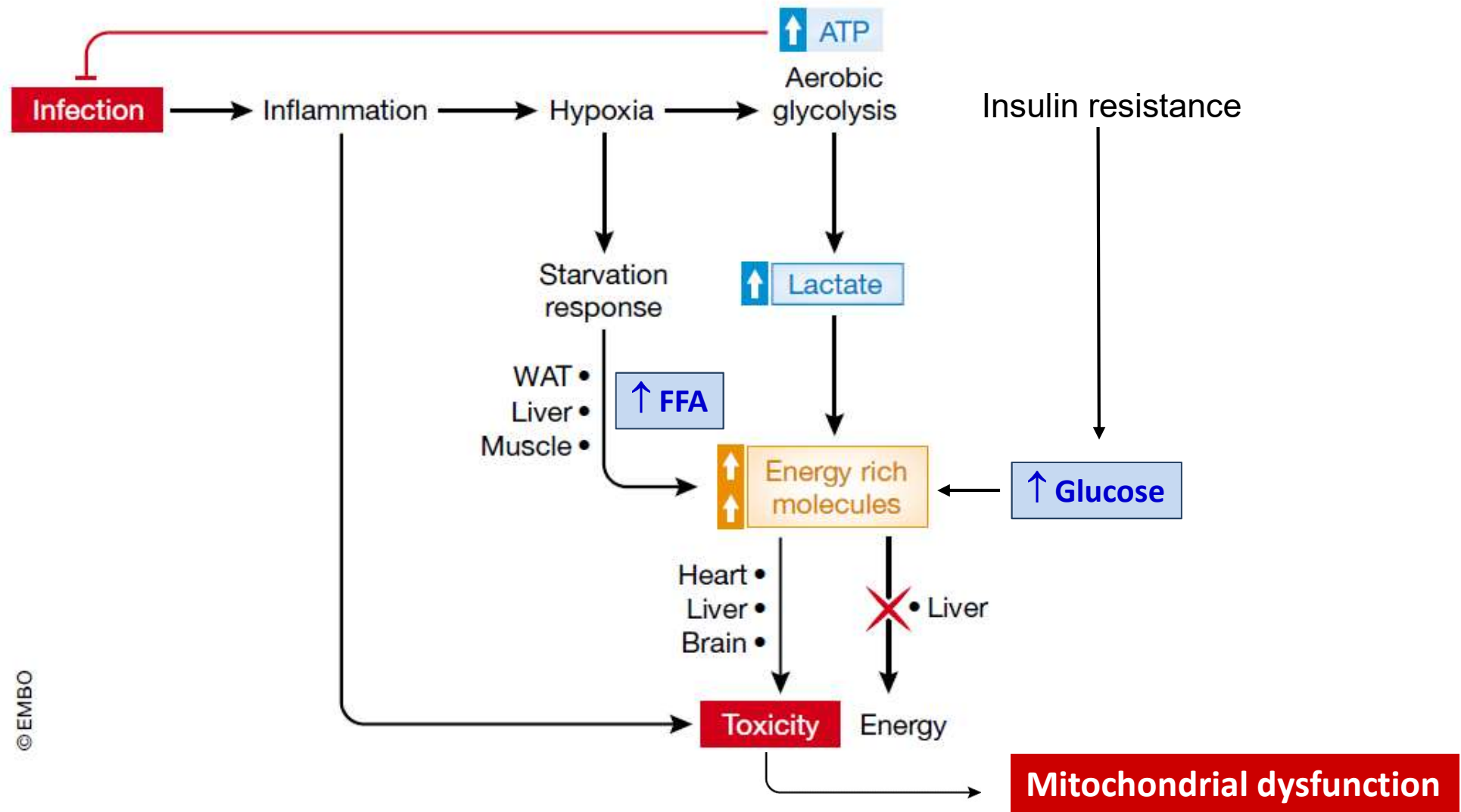
## Microvascular and cellular alterations in sepsis

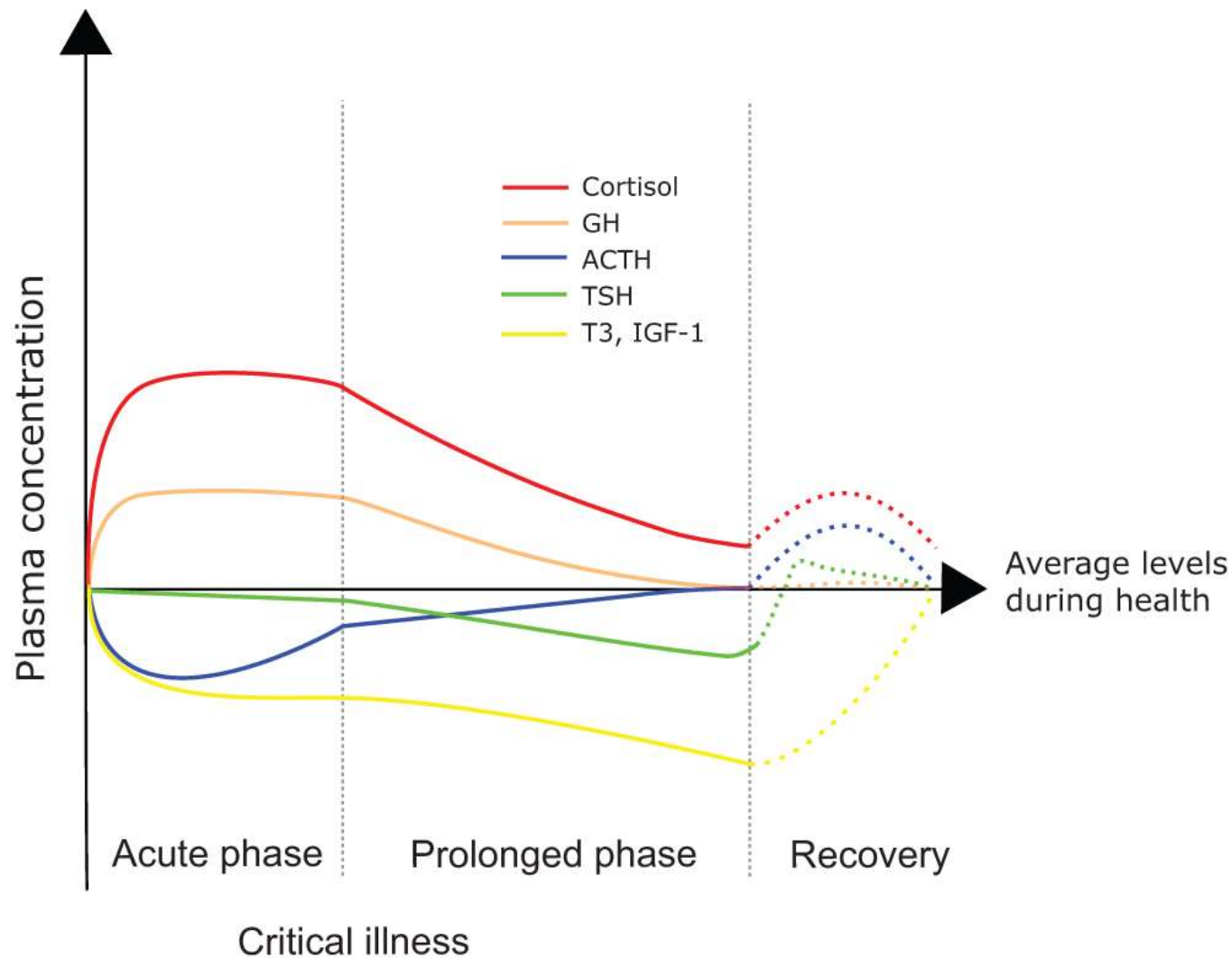


## Altered glycocalyx



# The toxic consequences of metabolic reprogramming in sepsis



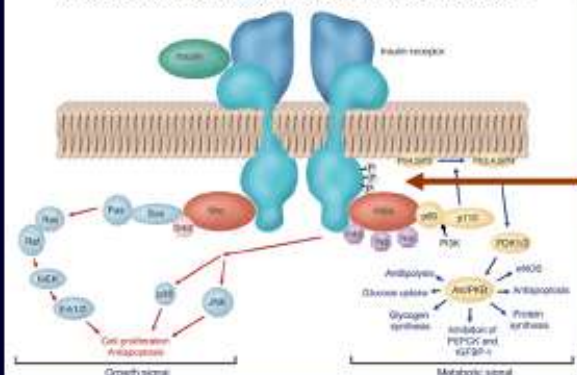


**Biphasic neuroendocrine response to critical illness.** Trends in plasma concentrations of the most important pituitary and peripheral hormones during critical illness are rendered over time and compared to the physiological ranges in healthy individuals (black line). A rise in growth hormone levels is seen in the first hours after the onset of critical illness (orange line). This rise in GH coincides with a decrease in IGF-I (yellow line). During the chronic phase of critical illness, IGF-I further decreases and GH plasma concentration start to normalize. Thyroid hormone T3 levels rapidly decreases after the onset of critical illness with a further decline during the prolonged phase of critical illness (yellow line). It is currently unclear when the plasma levels of both IGF-1 and T3 fully normalize (dotted yellow line). Although TSH levels (green line) are not significantly altered during the first hours and days of critical illness, plasma concentration decreases when chronic critical illness sets in. When recovery is commenced, TSH transiently rise to supra-normal concentration before returning to physiological levels. Cortisol levels (red line) rise after a severe insult. High cortisol levels plateau in the first week of critical illness. When critical illness is prolonged, cortisol levels start to decrease. ACTH levels are rapidly reduced in acute critical illness but start to normalize after several days of critical illness. During the recovery phase, a rise in plasma concentrations of both ACTH and cortisol is seen (dotted blue line and dotted red line); however, when this rise is dampened and the circulating levels of ACTH and cortisol start to normalize is not clear. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1530/EC-19-0318>



## Glucose Kinetics in Acute Illness

### INSULIN SIGNALING IN SKELETAL MUSCLE



### LIVER

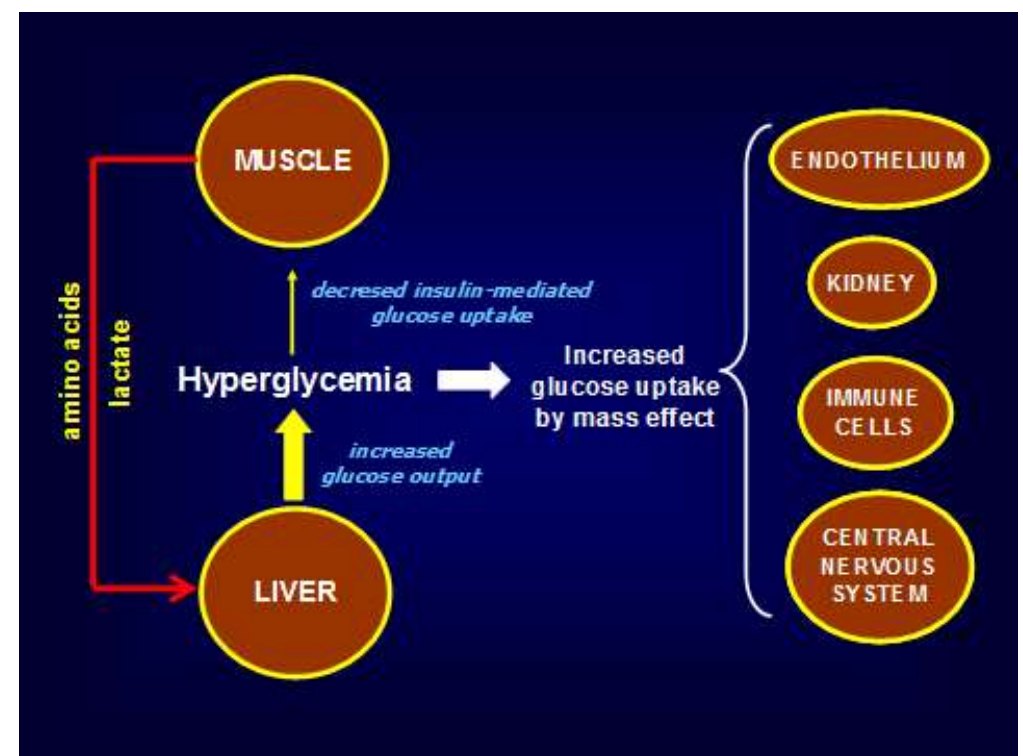
GLUCONEOGENESIS  
GLYCOGENOLYSIS

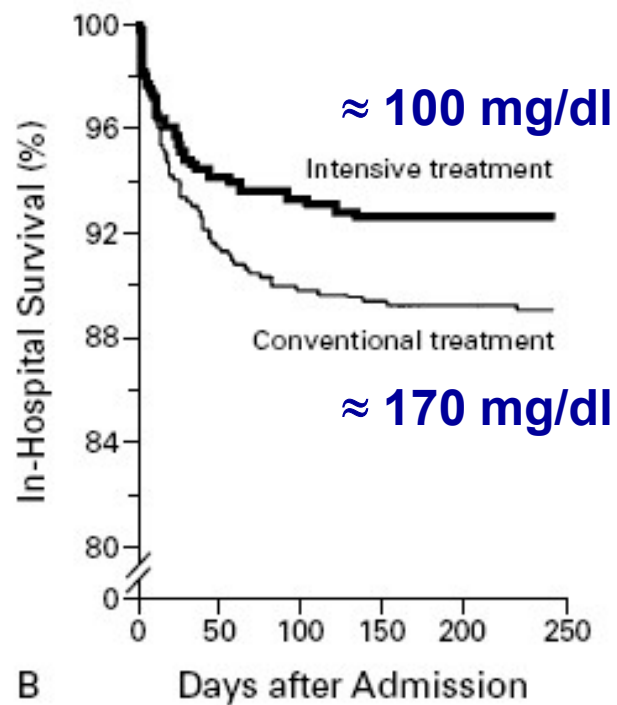


GLUCOSE OUTPUT

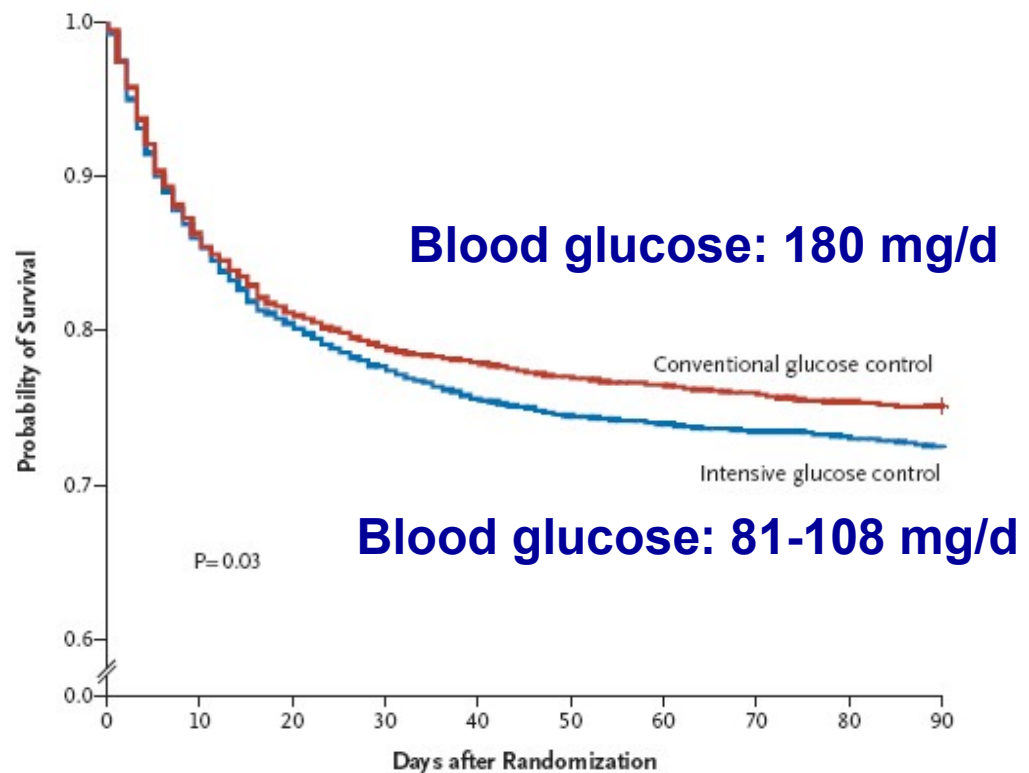


Cortisol  
Catecholamines  
Growth hormone  
Cytokines  
INACTIVITY





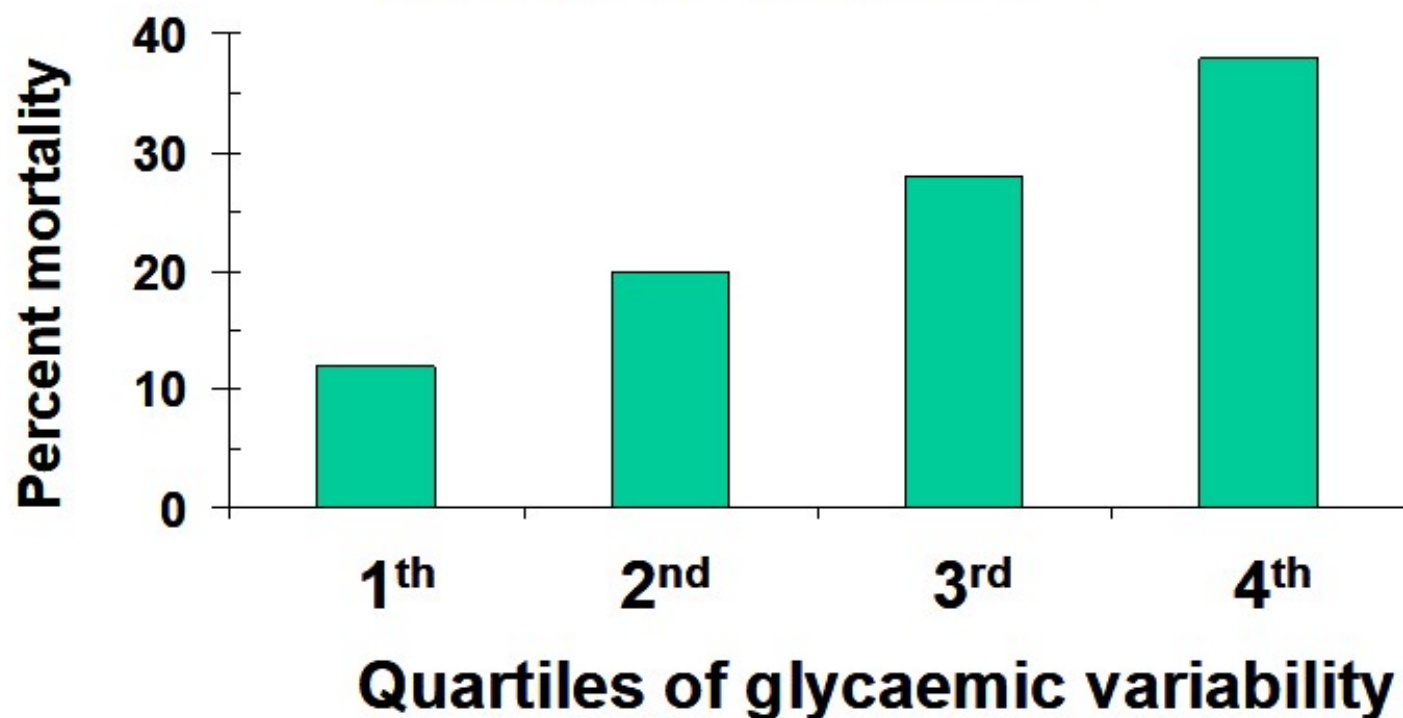
**SURGICAL ICU**  
**Van del Berghe**  
**NEJM 2001**



**MIXED ICU**  
**NICE sugar study**  
**NEJM 2009**

# Glycemic variability: a strong independent predictor of mortality in critically ill patients

Krinsley, Crit Care Med. 2008



The relationship between glycemic variability and mortality was strongest in the euglycemic range (70-110)

## Recommendation 53 and 54

- **Blood glucose should be measured initially (after ICU admission or after artificial nutrition initiation) and at least every 4 h, for the first two days in general.**

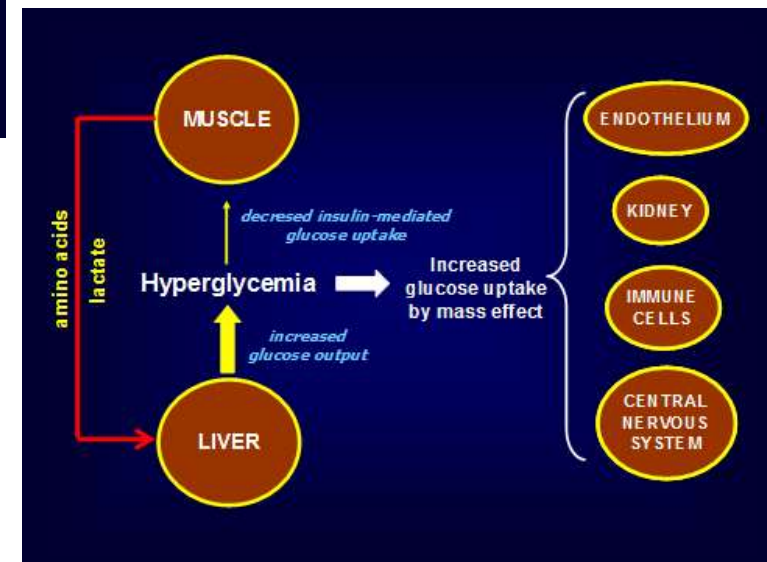
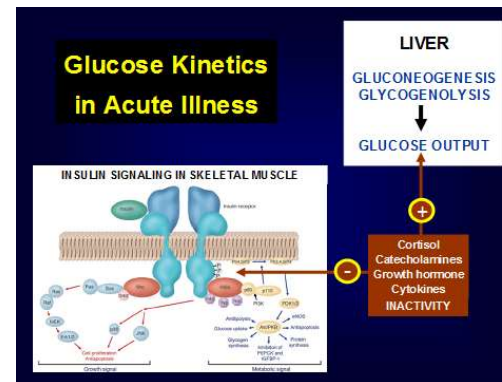
Grade of recommendation: GPP - strong consensus (93% agreement)

- **Insulin shall be administered, when glucose levels exceed 10 mmol/L (180 mg/dl).**

Grade of recommendation: A - strong consensus (93% agreement)

ESPEN guideline on clinical nutrition in the intensive care unit  
Clinical Nutrition 38 (2019) 48-79

- Strong association between **dysglycemia** [i.e. **severe hyperglycemia** (>180 mg/dl, >10 mmol/L), **marked glycemic variability** (coefficient of variation > 20%), **mild hypoglycemia** (<70 mg/dl)] and increased mortality.
- **Glycemic target** associated with best outcome and lowest risk of hypoglycemia: **144-180 mg/dl** (6-10 mmol/L) [JAMA 2017;42:16-28.]
- **Process of glycemic control in ICU to avoid dysglycemia:**
  - **Blood draw:** preferentially central venous or arterial. Avoid capillary pricks in critically ill patients
  - **Glucose meter:** the point-of-care devices are not validated for use in the critically ill, as several sources of interference are likely. The use of blood gas analyzer or central laboratory analyzers (hexokinase-based) is essential.
  - **Insulin:** **intravenous and continuous** in case of ongoing nutrition support (enteral or parenteral) using an electric syringe.
  - Insulin algorithm: **dynamic scale** rather than sliding scales
  - Hyperglycemia can be managed with increased insulin doses, but **adequacy of carbohydrate administration** should always be considered when high insulin is required (> 6 U/hr).

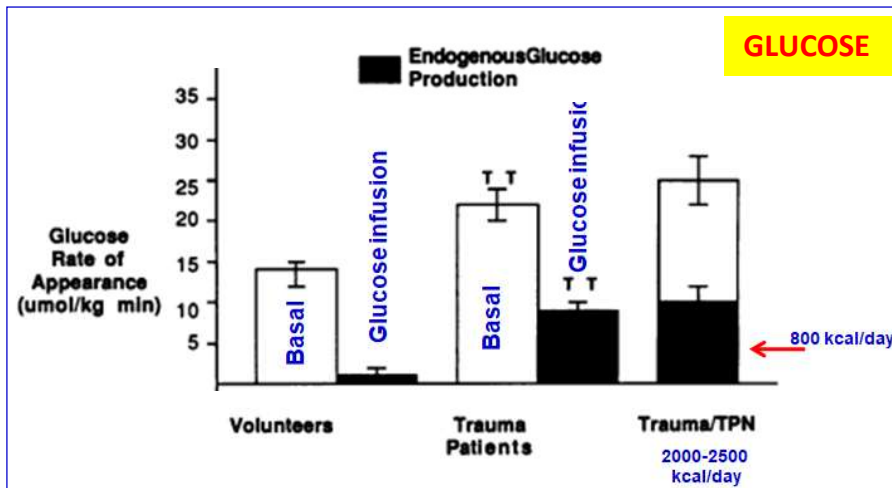


# The early phase of critical illness is associated with relevant endogenous energy production

## An Integrated Analysis of Glucose, Fat, and Protein Metabolism in Severely Traumatized Patients

*Studies in the Basal State and the Response to Total Parenteral Nutrition*

Ann. Surg. • January 1989



### Fasting glucose production

Volunt: 250 g/day

Trauma: 400 g/day

1500 kcal/day

### Glucose infusion (250 g/day)

Endogenous production

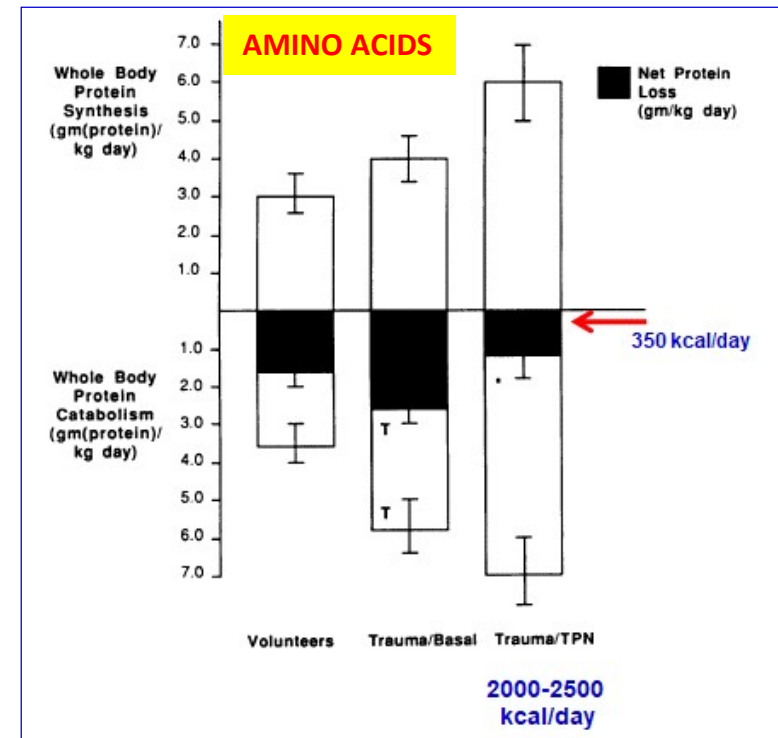
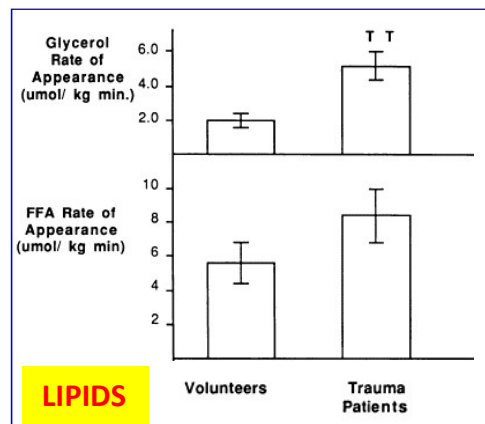
Volunt: <10 g/day

Trauma: 180 g/day

### Kcal/day in trauma patients

Exogenous: 1500

Endogenous: 750



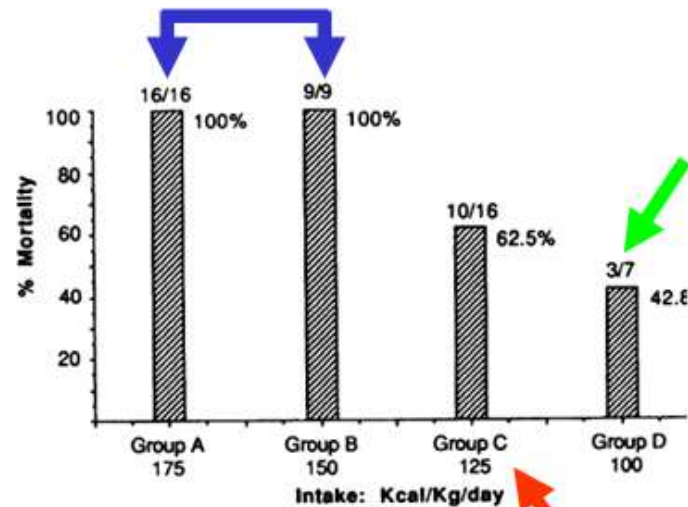


# A New Model for Studying Nutrition in Peritonitis

## *The Adverse Effect of Overfeeding*

J. WESLEY ALEXANDER, M.D., Sc.D., SARA J. GONCE, B.A., B.S., PHILLIP W. MISKELL, B.A., B.S.,  
MICHAEL D. PECK, M.D., and HARRY SAX, M.D.

Ann. Surg. • March 1989

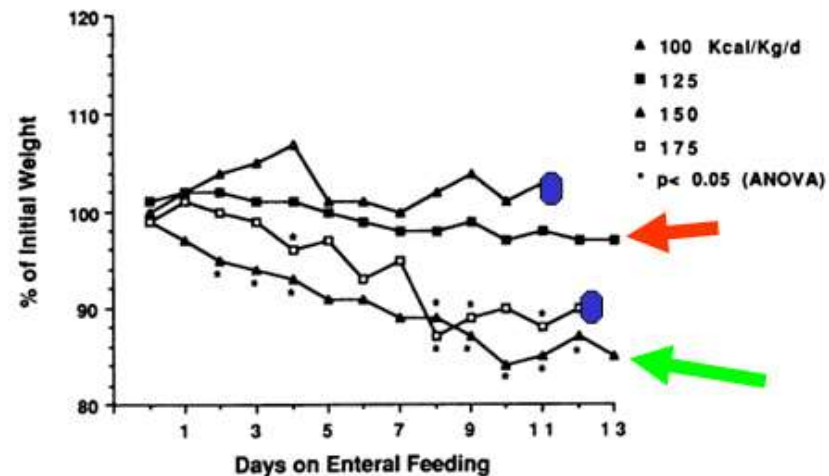


125 kcal/kg/day diet was  
found to be optimal for  
burned guinea pigs

### p values (z test)

A vs. C: 0.0066  
A vs. D: 0.0008  
B vs. C: 0.0348  
B vs. D: 0.0088  
C vs. D: 0.4238

$\alpha = 0.01$

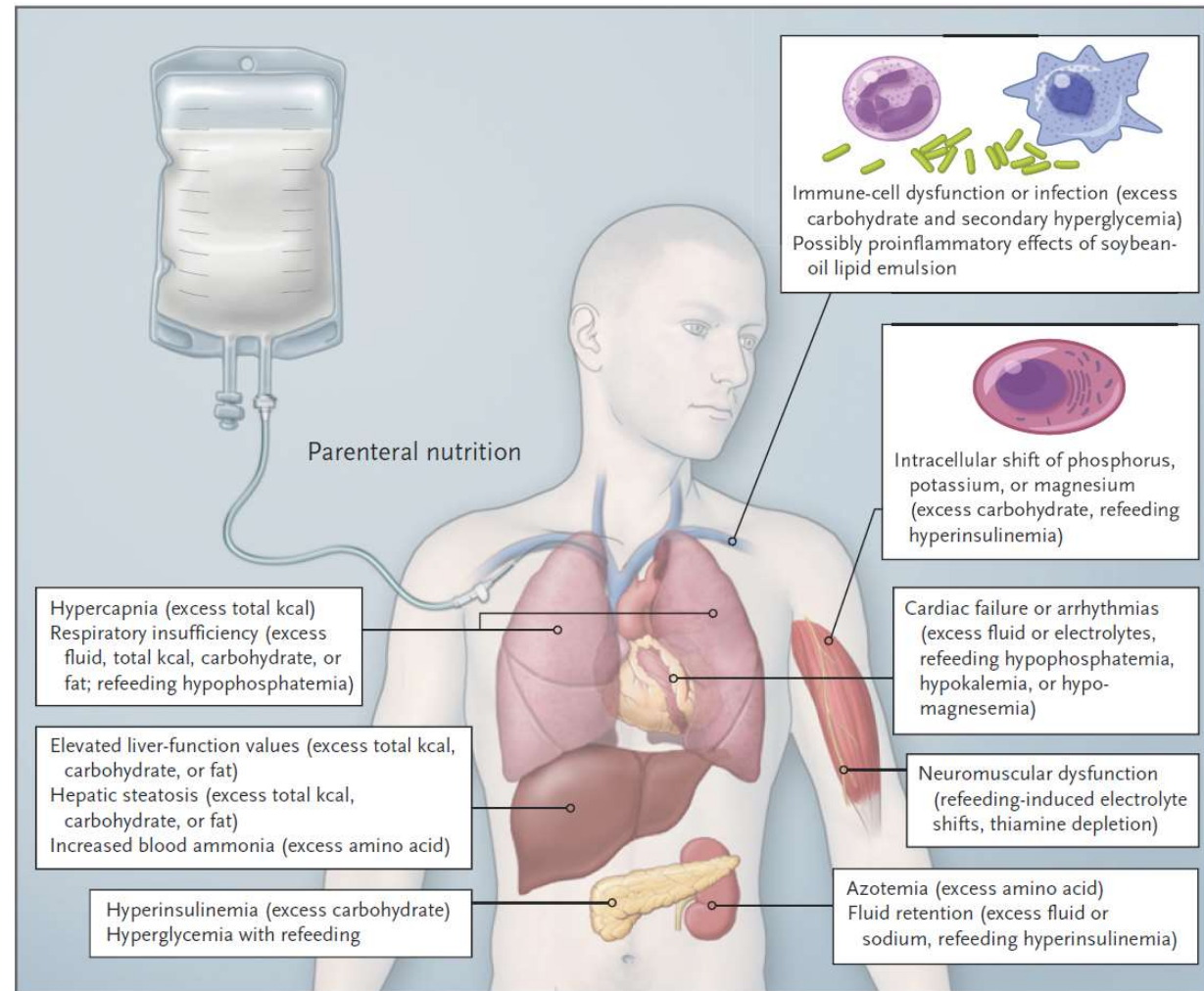


Weight changes in the four groups of animals given different amounts of food, beginning the day enteral nutrition was started. Gastrostomy feedings were begun on the third day after peritoneal pump placement.

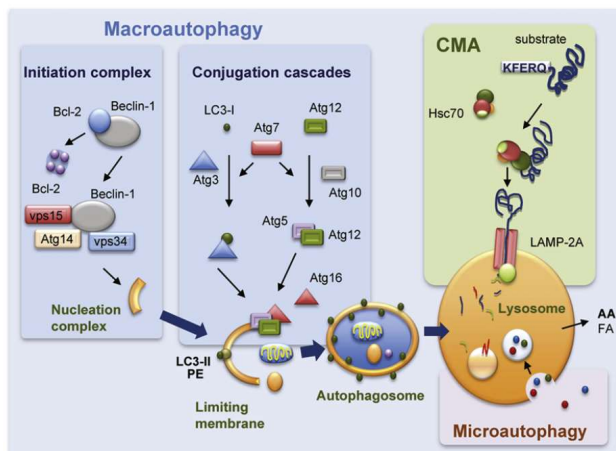
## Parenteral Nutrition in the Critically Ill Patient

Thomas R. Ziegler, M.D.

N Engl J Med 2009;361:1088-97.



**Potential Metabolic and Clinical Consequences of Overfeeding** and the **Refeeding Syndrome** during Administration of Central Venous Parenteral Nutrition in Patients with Critical Illness. Hypertriglyceridemia can occur with excess administration of carbohydrates or fat emulsion; excess administration of specific electrolytes in a variety of clinical conditions (e.g., acute kidney injury) can lead to elevated blood levels, whereas inadequate administration, especially during refeeding, can lead to decreased blood levels. Inadequate energy provision in relation to the dose of amino acids can contribute to azotemia



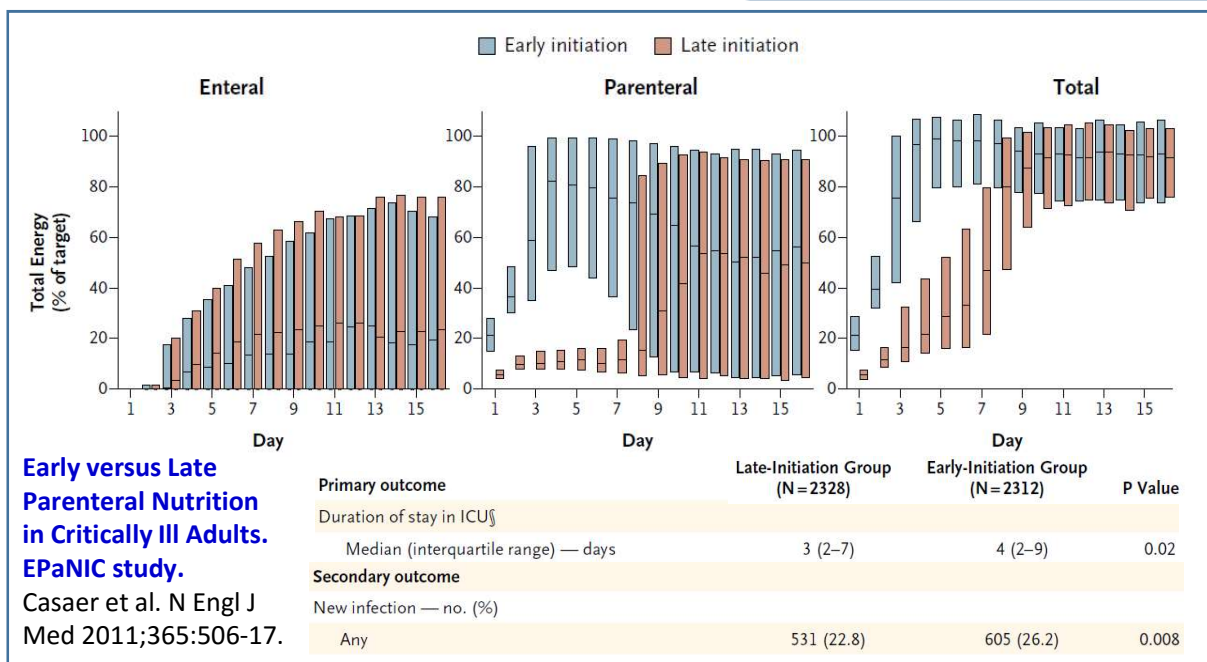
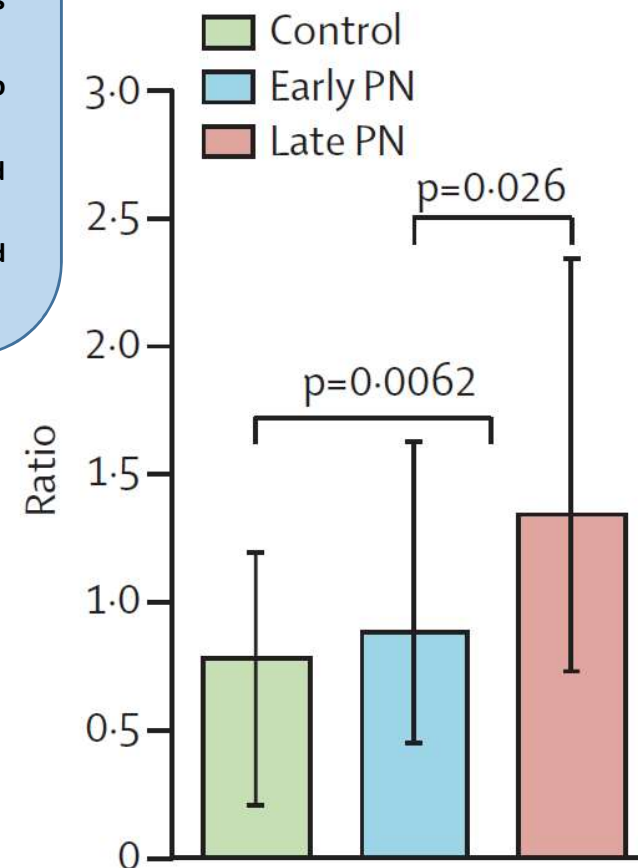
Cell Metabolism 13, May 4, 2011

## NUTRIENT-INDUCED SUPPRESSION OF AUTOPHAGY

- **Autophagy** is a crucial **cellular repair process** that **removes damaged organelles, toxic protein aggregates, and intracellular or macrophage-engulfed microorganisms**. It is the only clearance mechanism for **damaged mitochondria**
- The harmful impact of early nutrition may be attributed to **nutrient-induced suppression of autophagy**.
- However, restricting macronutrient intake may only be tolerated for a limited period of time.
- The optimal timing when parenteral nutrition can be initiated safely and effectively remains unclear.

Microtubule-associated protein light chain 3(LC3)

LC3 II to LC3I ratio, related to autophagosome formation



Hermans et al. Subanalysis of the EPaNIC trial  
Lancet Respir Med 2013; 1: 621–29

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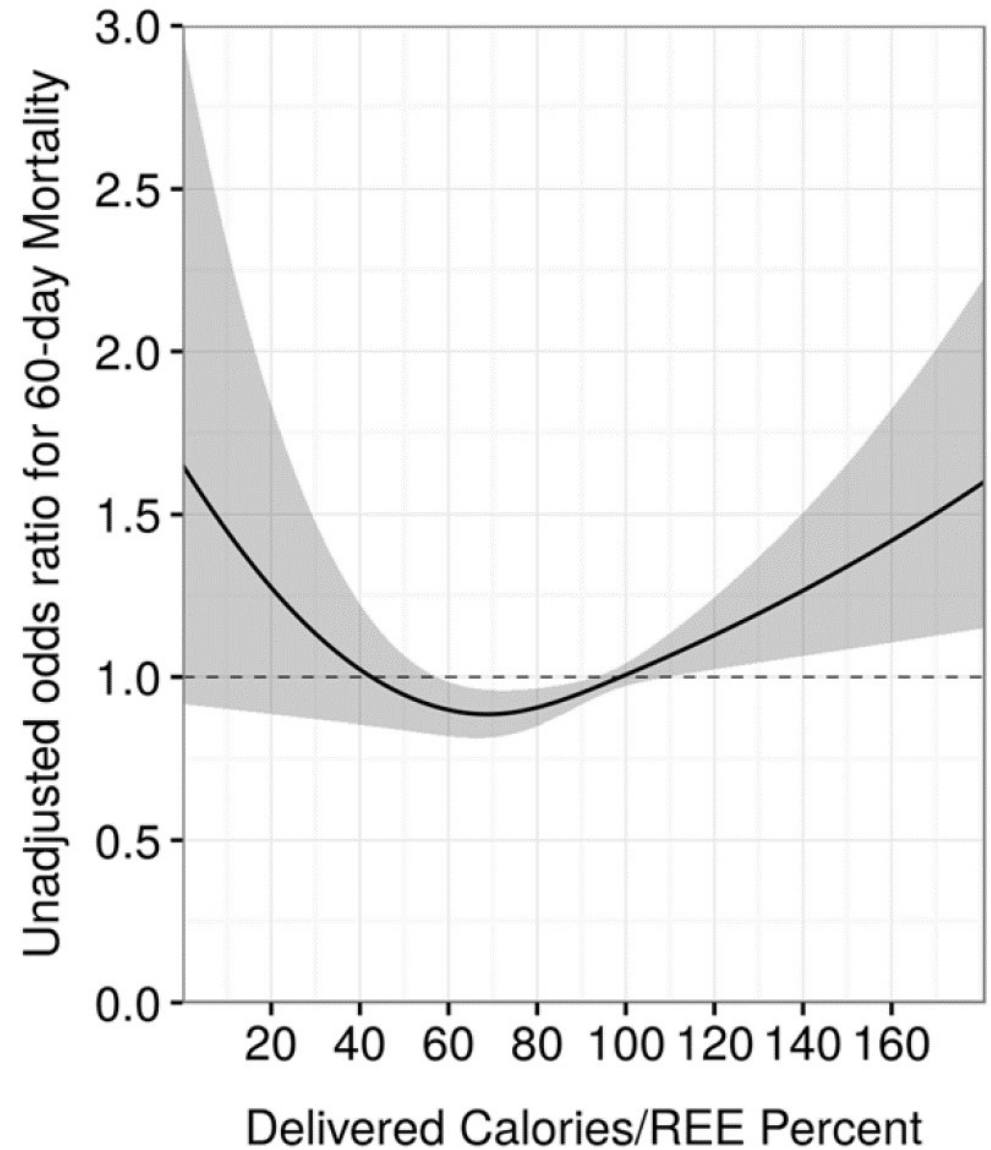


## Resting energy expenditure, calorie and protein consumption in critically ill patients: a retrospective cohort study

Oren Zusman<sup>1\*</sup>, Miriam Theilla<sup>2,3</sup>, Jonathan Cohen<sup>2,4</sup>, Ilya Kagan<sup>2</sup>, Itai Bendavid<sup>2</sup> and Pierre Singer<sup>2,4</sup>

- Retrospective study on 1171 mechanically ventilated ICU patients
- Association of administered calories/REE obtained by indirect calorimetry with 60-day mortality by odds ratio.

➤ The therapeutic window of energy delivery in ICU is narrow







## Original article

## Predictive equations versus measured energy expenditure by indirect calorimetry: A retrospective validation

Oren Zusman<sup>a, b, \*</sup>, Ilya Kagan<sup>b, c</sup>, Itai Bendavid<sup>b, c</sup>, Miriam Theilla<sup>c, d</sup>, Jonathan Cohen<sup>b, c</sup>, Pierre Singer<sup>b, c</sup>

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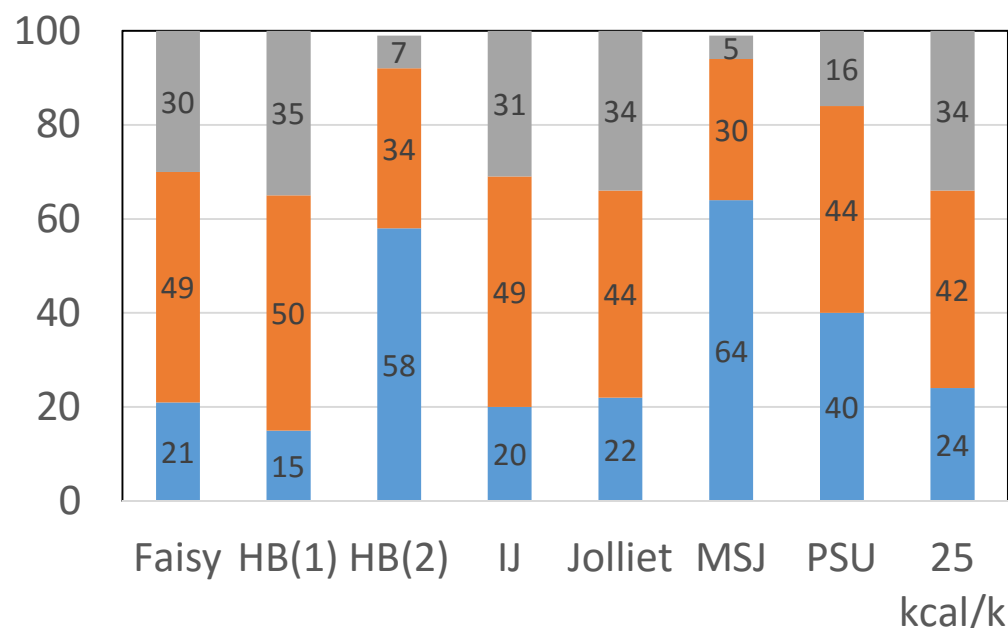
<sup>c</sup> Department of General Intensive Care and Institute for Nutrition Research, Rabin Medical Center, Beilinson Hospital, Petah Tikva, Israel

<sup>d</sup> Nursing Department, Steyer School of Health Professions, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Israel



- Patients hospitalized from 2003 to 2015 in a 16-bed ICU
- Total of 3573 resting energy expenditure (REE) measurements via indirect calorimetry (IC) in 1440 patients
- A total of 8 equations were examined.
- Agreement was defined as a measurement within 85% and 115% of measured REE

## Agreement of equations with measured REE



■ <85% underfeeding

■ 85% - 115%

## EQUATIONS

- Faisy 2003
- HB(2) Harris Benedict 1918
- HB(1)
- IJ Ireton-Jones 1997
- Jolliet 1998
- MSJ Mifflin-St. Jeor 1990
- PSU Penn State 2003

$8 \cdot (\text{wt})^p 14 \cdot (\text{ht}) + 42 \cdot \text{minute ventilation (m)} \cdot 94 \cdot (\text{daily maximal temperature}) - 4834$

Males:  $13.75 \cdot (\text{ht}) + 5 \cdot (\text{wt}) 6.8 \cdot (\text{age}) + 66$  Females:  $1.8 \cdot (\text{ht}) + 9.6 \cdot (\text{wt}) 4.7 \cdot (\text{age}) + 655$

$\text{HB}(1) \cdot 1.3$

$1784 \cdot 5 \cdot (\text{wt}) 11 \cdot (\text{age}) \cdot 244 \cdot (\text{male}) + 239 \cdot (\text{trauma}) + 804 \cdot (\text{burns})$

Males, age >60:  $25 \cdot (\text{wt})$  Males, age <60:  $30 \cdot (\text{wt})$  Females, age >60,  $20 \cdot (\text{wt})$  Females, age <60,  $25 \cdot (\text{wt})$

Males:  $10 \cdot (\text{wt}) \cdot 6.25 \cdot (\text{ht}) 5 \cdot (\text{age}) + 5$  Females:  $10 \cdot (\text{wt}) \cdot 6.25 \cdot (\text{ht}) 5 \cdot (\text{age}) 161$

$0.96 \cdot (\text{MSJ}) + 167 \cdot (\text{daily maximal temperature}) + 31 \cdot \text{minute ventilation (ml)} 6212$



**2018 ESPEN guideline on clinical nutrition in the intensive care unit.  
Singer et al. Clin Nutr 2018**

**If oral intake is not possible, early EN (within 48 hours) shall be performed/initiated in 402 critically ill adult patients rather than early PN**

**Grade of recommendation: A – strong consensus (100 % agreement)**

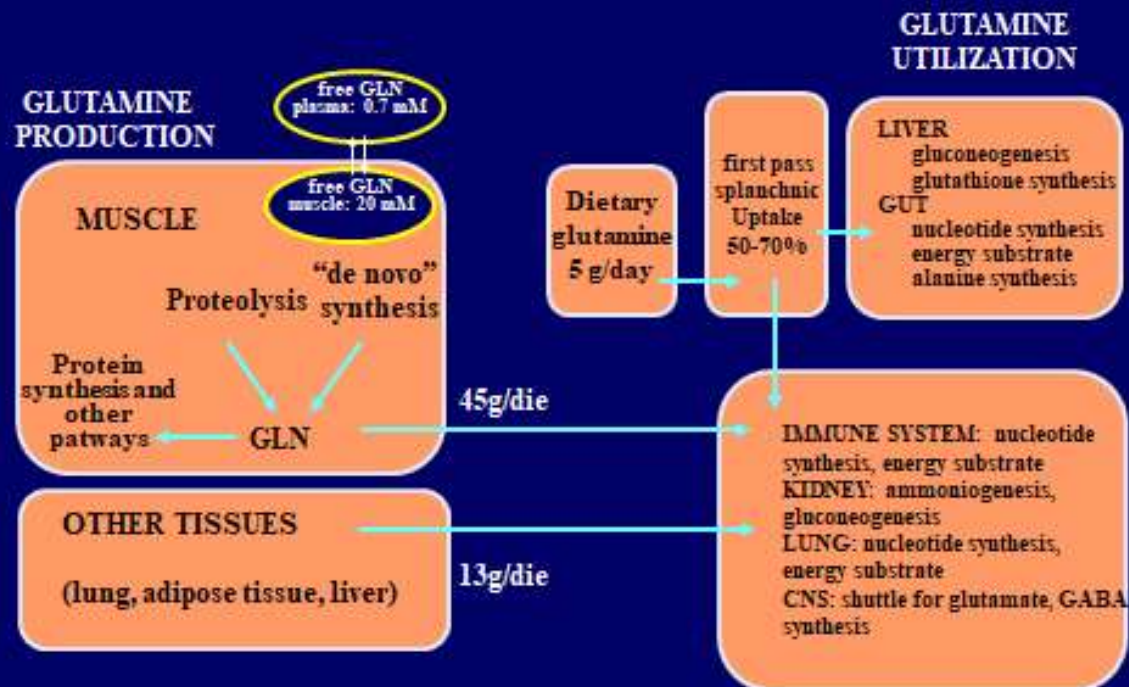
**Hypocaloric nutrition (not exceeding 70% of EE) should be administered in the early phase of acute illness.**

**Grade of recommendation: B – strong consensus (100 % agreement)**

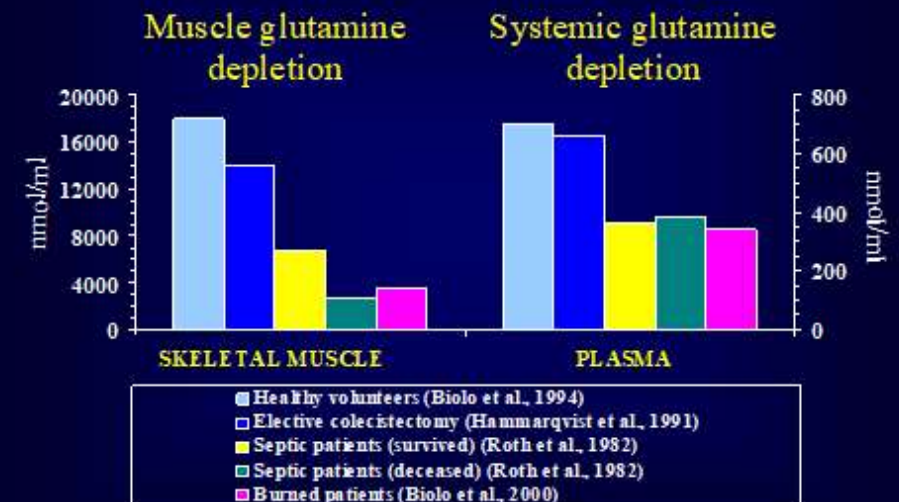
**If predictive equations are used to estimate the energy need, hypocaloric nutrition (below 70 % estimated needs) should be preferred over isocaloric nutrition for the first week of ICU stay.**

**Grade of recommendation B – strong consensus (95 % agreement)**

## BODY GLUTAMINE KINETICS ASSESSED BY STABLE ISOTOPES IN PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS



## GLUTAMINE CONCENTRATIONS IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS



# A Randomized Trial of Glutamine and Antioxidants in Critically Ill Patients

Daren Heyland, M.D., John Muscedere, M.D., Paul E. Wischmeyer, M.D.,  
Deborah Cook, M.D., Gwynne Jones, M.D., Martin Albert, M.D.,  
Gunnar Elke, M.D., Mette M. Berger, M.D., Ph.D., and Andrew G. Day, M.Sc.,  
for the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group

**N Engl J Med 2013;368:1489-97.**

## GLUTAMINE SUPPLEMENTATION

- within 24 hrs ICU admission
- $\approx 60$  g/day
- intravenous and enteral

## Inclusion Criteria

Mechanically ventilated adult patients admitted to ICU, 2 or more of the following organ failures:

- 1) A PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> ratio of <300;
- 2) Hypoperfusion defined as the need for vasopressor agents
- 3) Renal dysfunction defined as a serum creatinine >171 micromol/L or a urine output of less than 500 ml/last 24 hours
- 4) A platelet count of < 50 x10<sup>9</sup>/L.

## GLUTAMINE 28-day mortality

### A Glutamine

#### Subgroup

#### Odds Ratio (95% CI)

All patients

No. of organ failures on presentation

2

>2

APACHE II score

≤Median

>Median

Admission diagnosis

Sepsis

Other

Age

<55 yr

55 to <65 yr

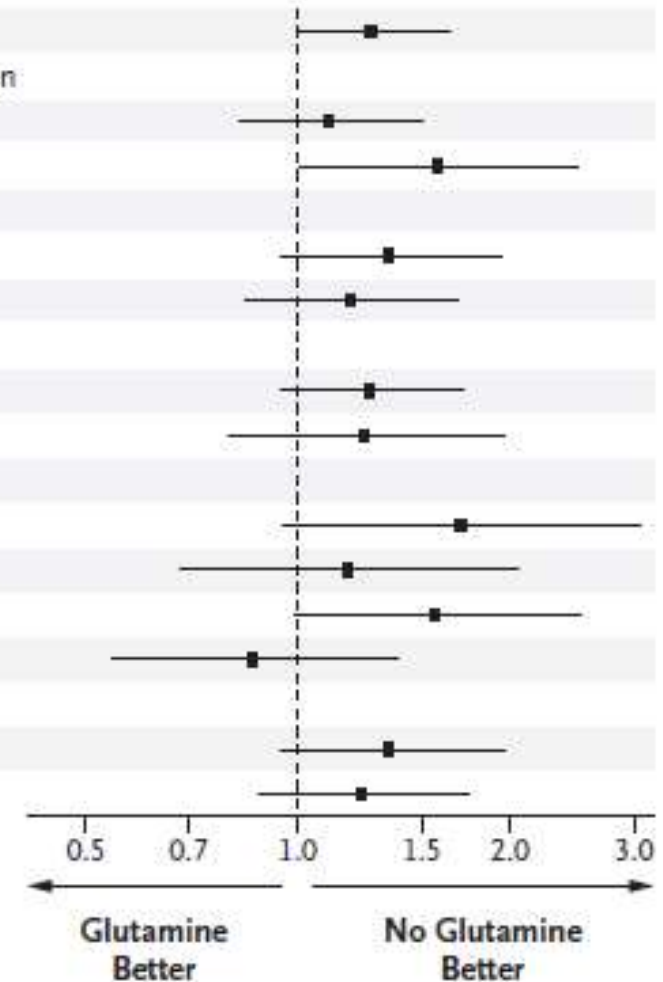
65 to <75 yr

≥75 yr

Charlson comorbidity index score

0-1

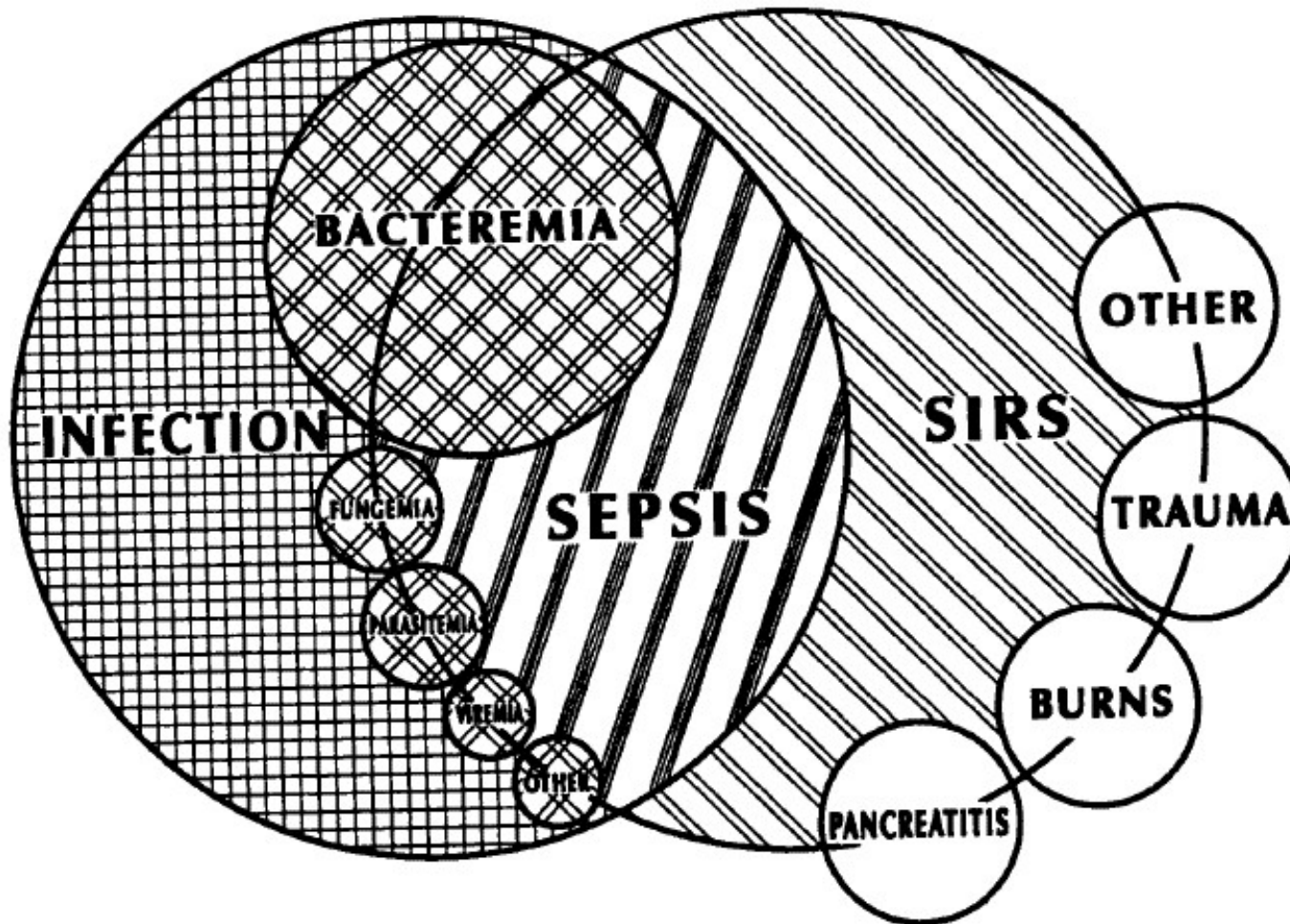
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# Diagnosis and Prognosis



## The interrelationship between systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS), sepsis, and infection



SIRS = the systemic inflammatory response to a variety of severe clinical insults. The response is manifested by two or more of the following conditions:

- (1) temperature  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- (2) heart rate  $>90$  beats per minute;
- (3) respiratory rate  $>20$  breaths per minute or  $\text{PaCO}_2 <32$  mm Hg;
- (4) white blood cell count  $>12,000/\text{cu mm}$ ,  $<4,000/\text{cu mm}$ , or  $>10\%$  immature (band) forms



**accp/sccm consensus conference**

Definitions for Sepsis and Organ Failure and Guidelines for the Use of Innovative Therapies in Sepsis

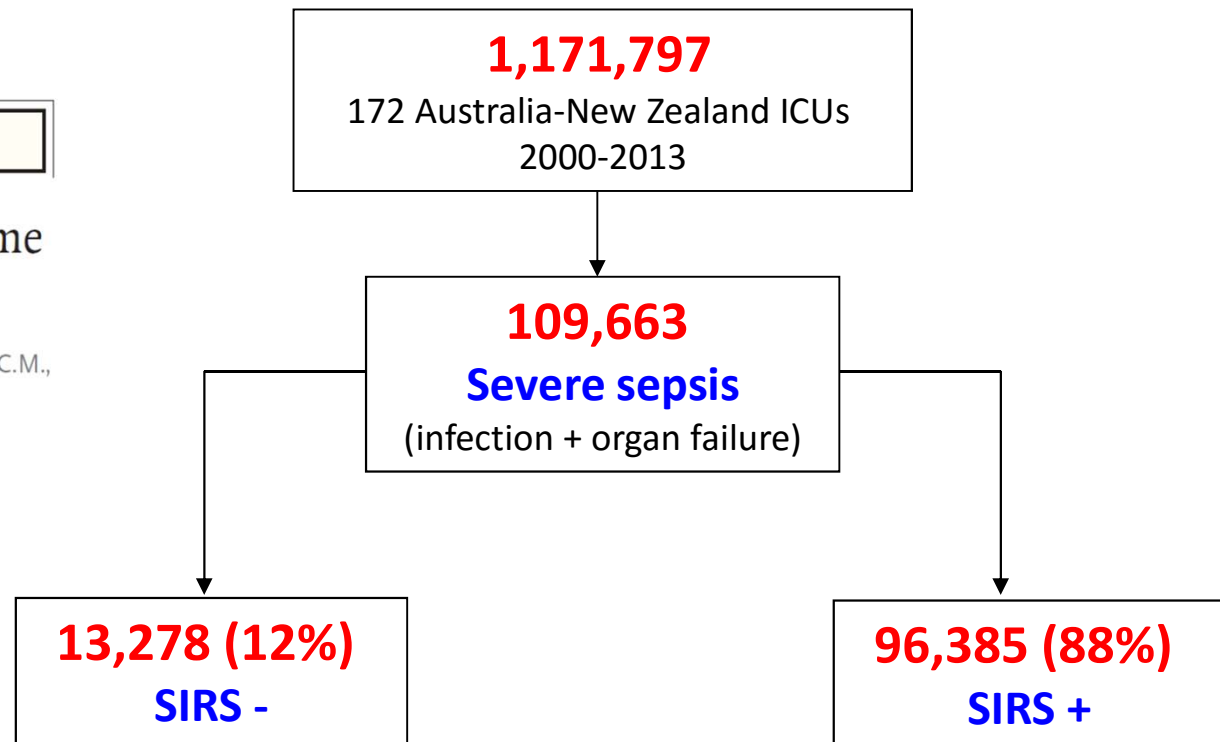
Bone et al., Chest 1992; 101:1644-55



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome Criteria in Defining Severe Sepsis

Kirsi-Maija Kaukonen, M.D., Ph.D., Michael Bailey, Ph.D., David Pilcher, F.C.I.C.M.,  
D. Jamie Cooper, M.D., Ph.D., and Rinaldo Bellomo, M.D., Ph.D.

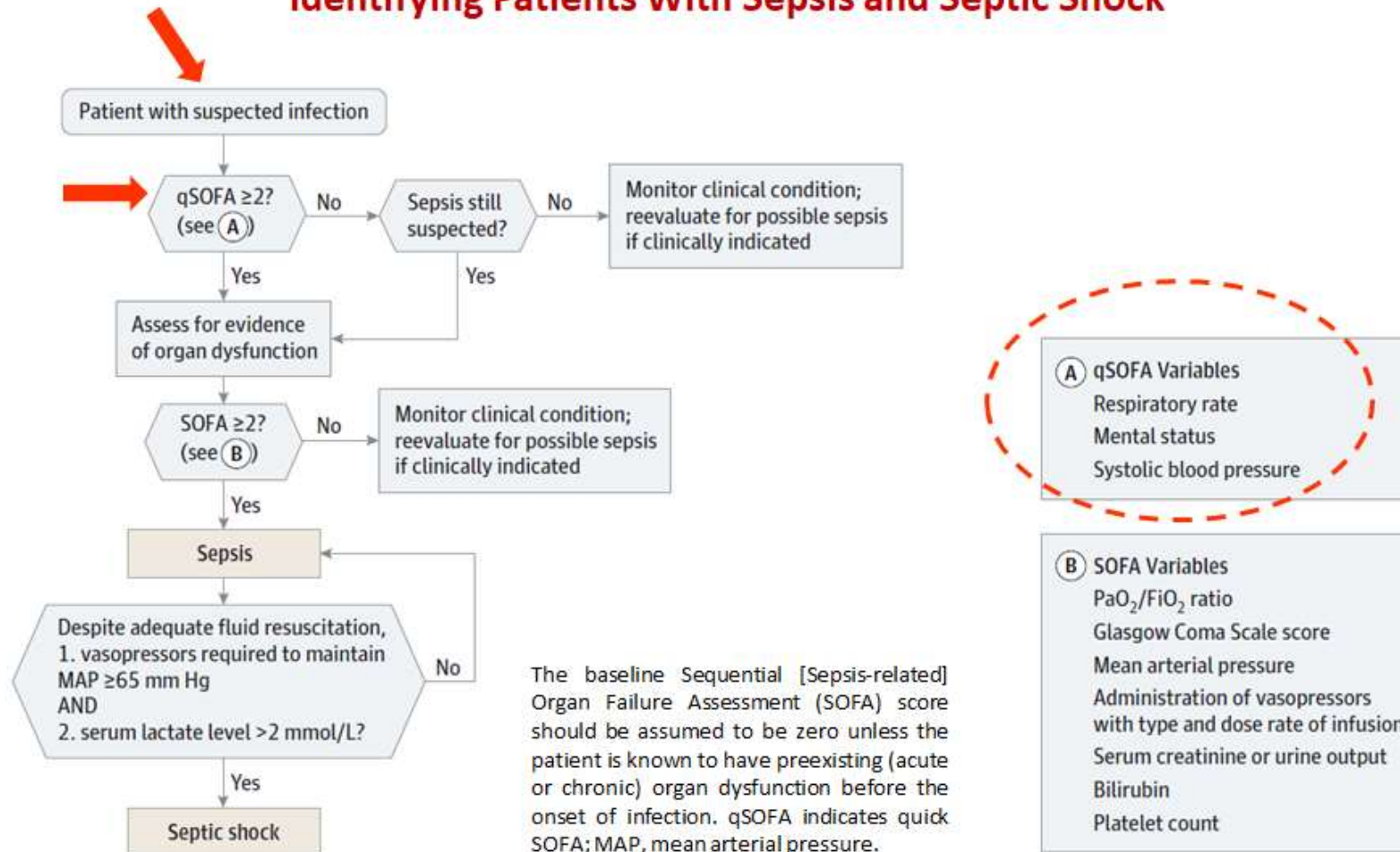


### 1991 Definition

Characteristics	1991 Definition		
	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Area Under Receiver Operating Characteristic
Unit stay level	94.6	61.0	0.778

<sup>a</sup>Adjudication outcome: 353 sepsis cases (37%), 607 of nonsepsis cases;

## Operationalization of Clinical Criteria Identifying Patients With Sepsis and Septic Shock

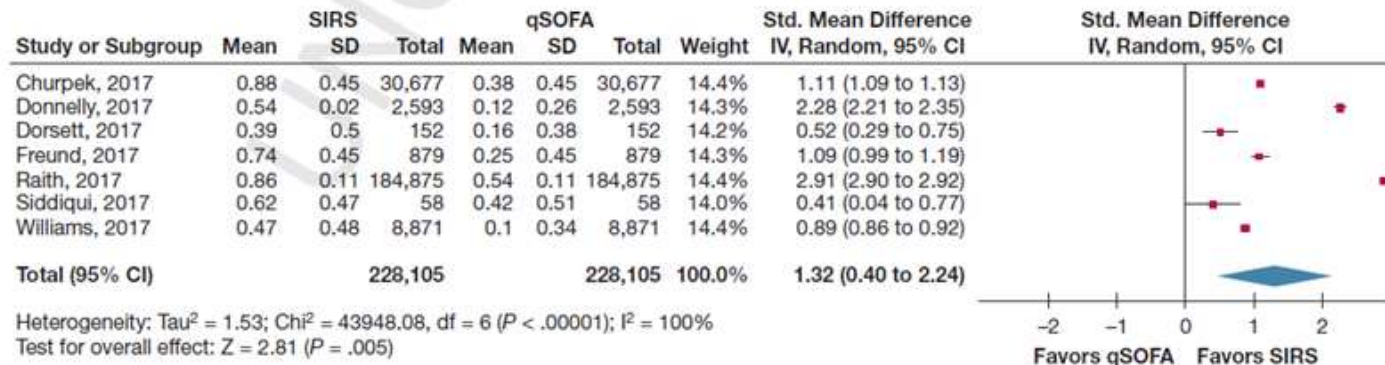


# Initial evaluation of common sources of sepsis

Up to Date 2018

Suspected site	Symptoms/signs (fever is frequently seen with all conditions)	Initial microbiologic evaluation
Upper respiratory tract	Pharyngeal inflammation plus exudate ± swelling and lymphadenopathy	Throat swab for aerobic culture
Lower respiratory tract	Productive cough, pleuritic chest pain, consolidative auscultatory findings	Sputum of good quality, rapid influenza testing, urinary antigen testing (eg, pneumococcus, legionella; not recommended in children), quantitative culture of protected brush or bronchoalveolar lavage
Urinary tract	Urgency, dysuria, loin, or back pain	Urine culture and microscopy showing pyuria
Vascular catheters: arterial, central venous	Redness or drainage at insertion site	Culture of blood (from the catheter and a peripheral site), culture catheter tip (if removed)
Indwelling pleural catheter	Redness or drainage at insertion site	Culture of pleural fluid (through catheter), culture of catheter tip (if removed)
Wound or burn	Inflammation, edema, erythema, discharge of pus	Gram stain and culture of draining pus, wound culture not reliable
Skin/soft tissue	Erythema, edema, lymphangitis	Culture blister fluid or draining pus; role of tissue aspirates not proven
Central nervous system	Signs of meningeal irritation	CSF cell count, protein, glucose, Gram stain, and culture <sup>Δ</sup>
Gastrointestinal	Abdominal pain, distension, diarrhea, and vomiting	Stool culture for Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, and Clostridium difficile
Intra-abdominal	Specific abdominal symptoms/signs	Aerobic and anaerobic culture of percutaneously or surgically drained abdominal fluid collections
Peritoneal dialysis (PD) catheter	Cloudy PD fluid, abdominal pain	Cell count and culture of PD fluid
Genital tract	Women: Low abdominal pain, vaginal discharge Men: Dysuria, frequency, urgency, urge incontinence, cloudy urine, prostatic tenderness	Women: Endocervical and high vaginal swabs onto selective media Men: Urine Gram stain and culture
Bone	Pain, warmth, swelling, decreased use	Blood cultures, MRI, bone cultures at surgery or by interventional radiology
Joint	Pain, warmth, swelling, decreased range of motion	Arthrocentesis with cell counts, Gram stain, and culture

# DIAGNOSIS



# PROGNOSIS



**A Comparison of the Quick-SOFA and Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome Criteria for the Diagnosis of Sepsis and Prediction of Mortality**  
*A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*  
 CHEST 2018; 153(3):646-655

# Etiology of Illness in Patients with Severe Sepsis Admitted to the Hospital from the Emergency Department

Alan C. Heffner,<sup>1,3</sup> James M. Horton,<sup>2</sup> Michael R. Marchick,<sup>3</sup> and Alan E. Jones<sup>3</sup>

Divisions of <sup>1</sup>Critical Care Medicine and <sup>2</sup>Infectious Diseases, Department of Internal Medicine, and <sup>3</sup>Department of Emergency Medicine, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

Clinical  
Infectious  
Diseases

2010; 50:814–820

## PATIENTS

45% had positive culture results

55% had negative culture results.

- 24% had clinical infections
- 4% had atypical infections
- 18% had noninfectious mimics
- 9% had an illness of indeterminate etiology

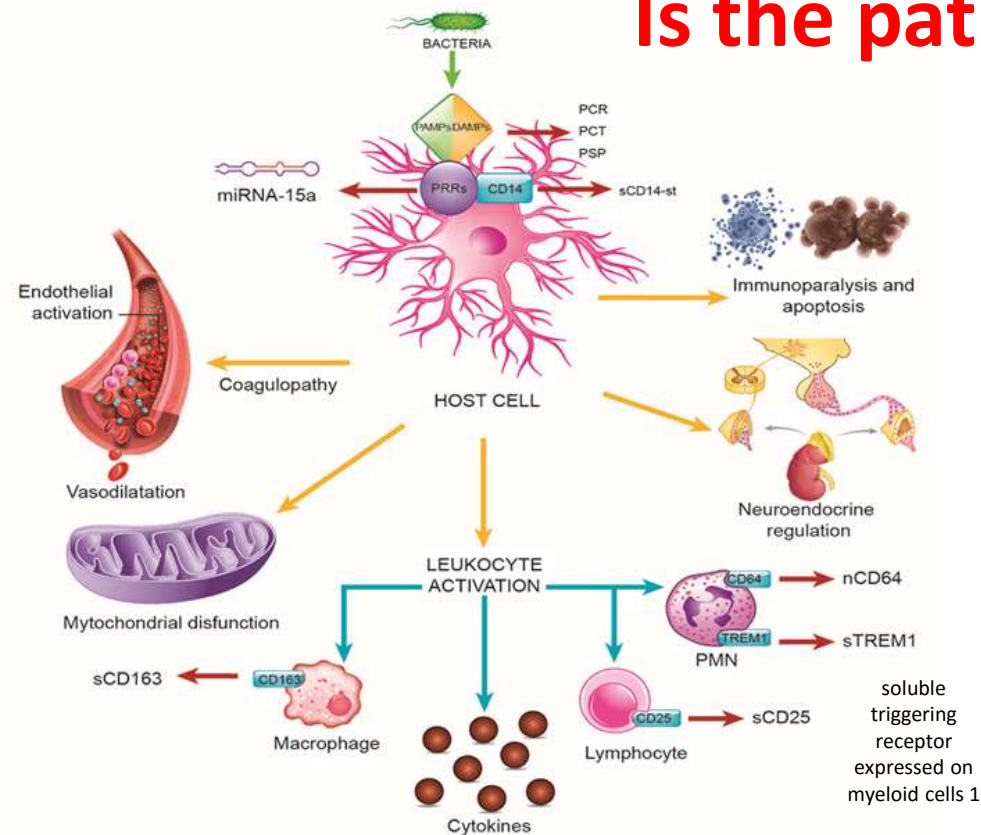
Prevalence of infection ~ 5:1

- Missed or delayed antibiotic therapy
- Inappropriate antibiotic therapy

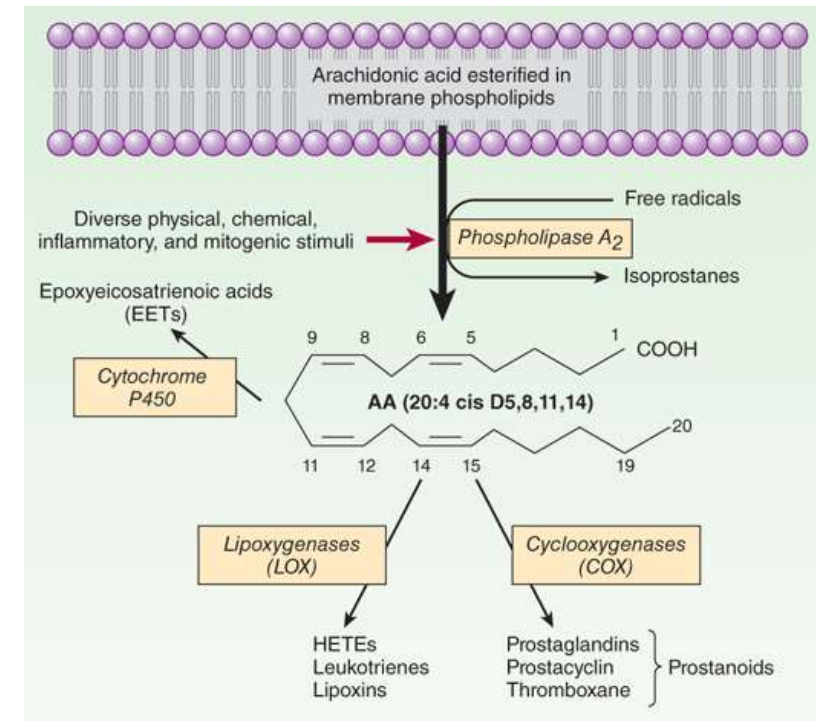
- Aspiration
- Anaphylaxis
- Adrenal insufficiency
- Bowel obstruction
- Diabetic ketoacidosis
- Heat emergency
- Hypovolemia
- Pulmonary Embolism
- Pancreatitis
- Heat emergency
- Intestinal ischemia
- Thyroid disease
- Toxic ingestion/overdose
- Withdrawal state
- Spinal cord injury
- Cancer



# Is the patient infected? Sepsis Biomarkers!



## Phospholipase A<sub>2</sub>



**Table 4 Diagnostic performance of biomarkers in distinguishing sepsis from non-infective SIRS in patients with organ dysfunction.**

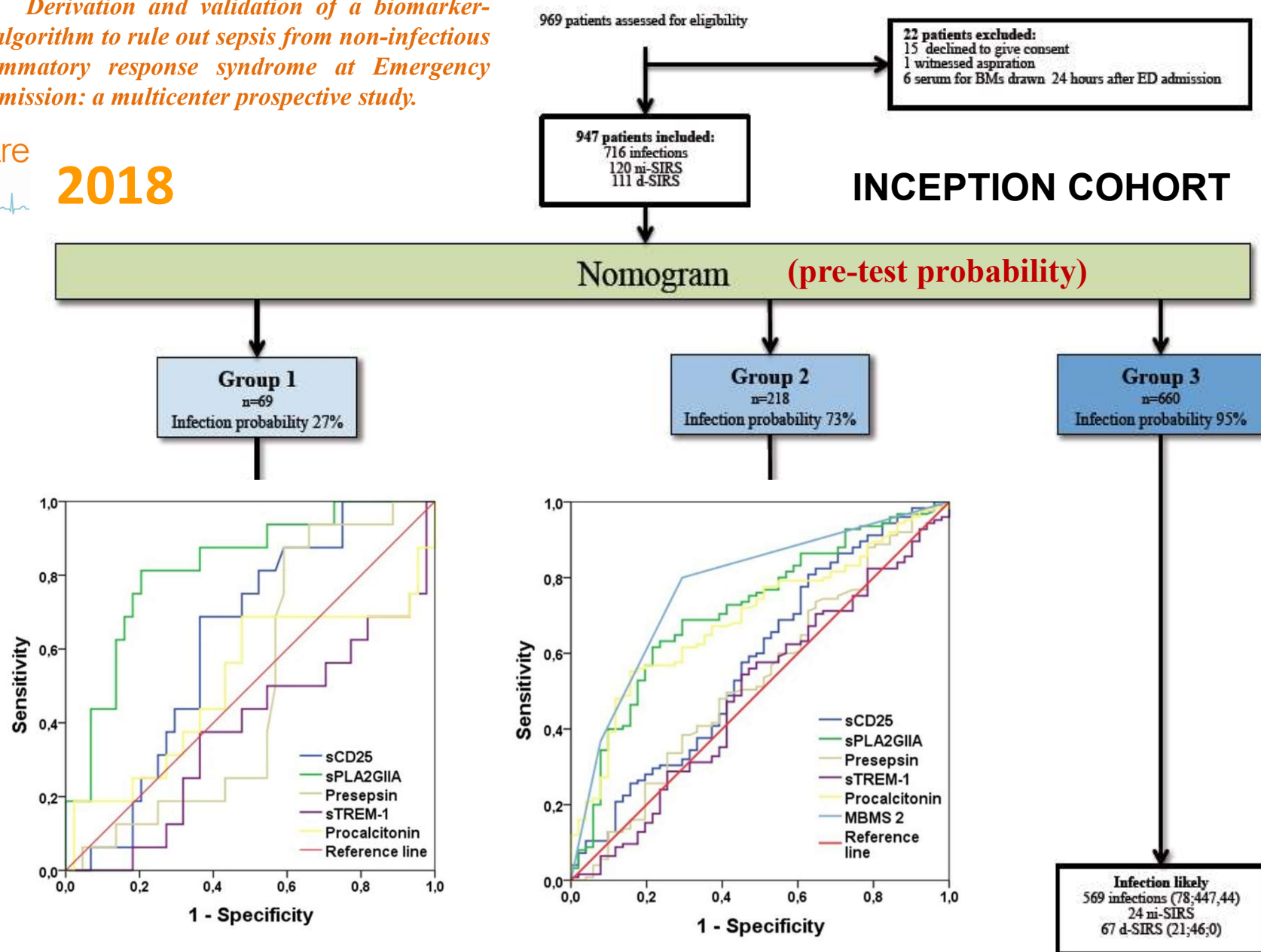
Marker	AUC (95% CI)	Cut off	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
PCT	0.84 (0.77 to 0.91)	1.0 ng/ml	74%	81%	86%	67%
PSP	0.91 (0.86 to 0.96)	30 ng/ml	88%	78%	86%	81%
sCD25	0.87 (0.81 to 0.93)	2.5 ng/ml	80%	78%	85%	72%
HBP	0.58 (0.48 to 0.68)	50 ng/ml	78%	38%	66%	53%
IL6	0.82 (0.74 to 0.89)	200 pg/ml	71%	66%	76%	60%
IL8	0.76 (0.68 to 0.84)	80 pg/ml	82%	58%	75%	67%
IL1 $\beta$	0.77 (0.69 to 0.85)	1.0 pg/ml	65%	88%	89%	62%

Biomarker performance is shown for 76 patients with severe sepsis and 50 patients with non-infective SIRS and organ dysfunction. Data for GM-CSF and TNF $\alpha$  are not shown as only a minority of patients had detectable levels of these markers.

*Mearelli et al. Derivation and validation of a biomarker-based clinical algorithm to rule out sepsis from non-infectious systemic inflammatory response syndrome at Emergency Department admission: a multicenter prospective study.*

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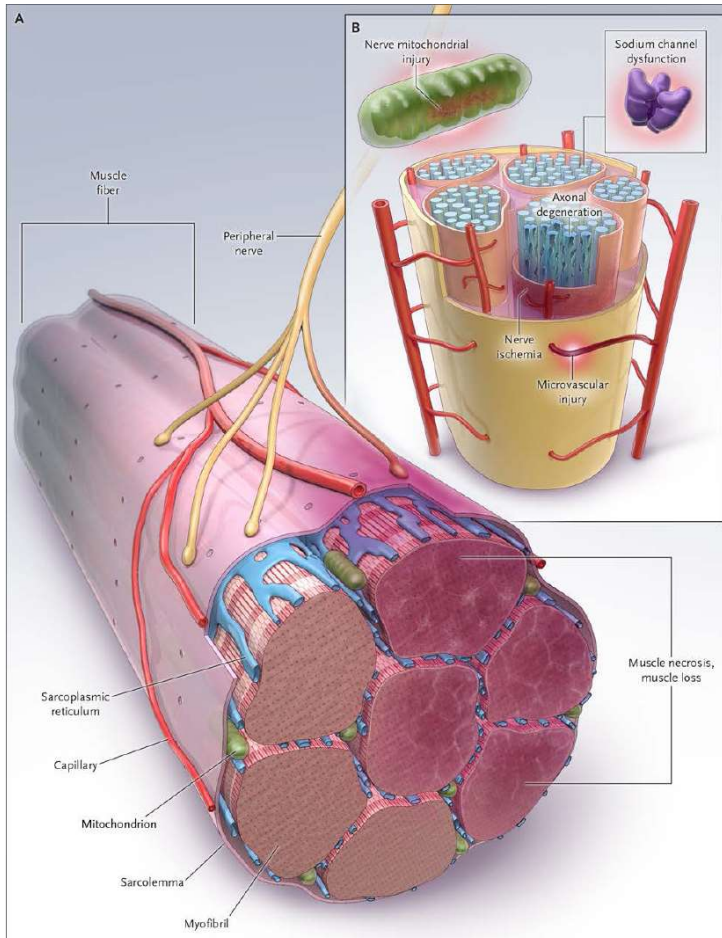


The **NPV** and **PPV** of the Experimental algorithm for diagnosing infection in the full spectrum of severity were 71% and 93%, respectively. The corresponding figure for the **diagnosis of S/SS** were **93%** and 92%, respectively.

In the whole population (1161 patients with SIRS, inception + validation coorts), **only 5 (0.7%) patients with S/SS were misclassified**

## ICU-Acquired Weakness and Recovery from Critical Illness

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## MUSCLE WEAKNESS OF CRITICAL ILLNESS

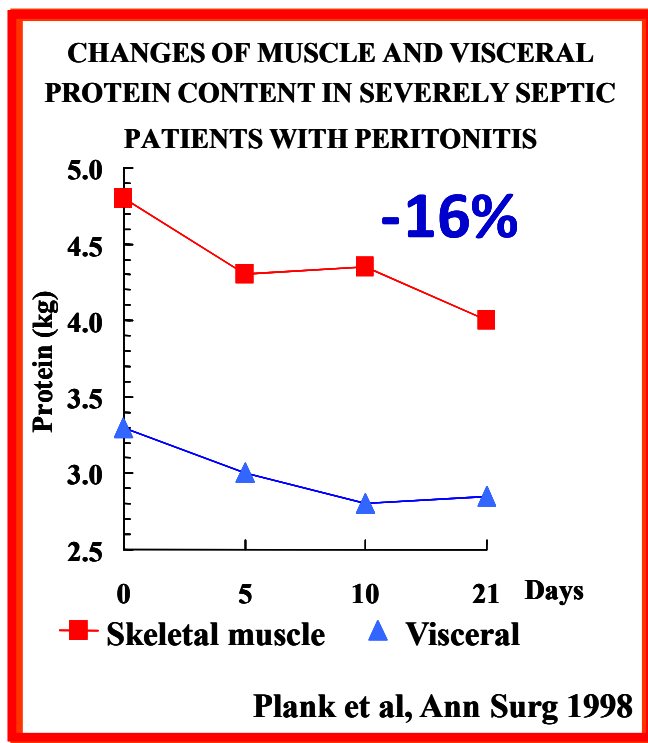
### CONSEQUENCES

- increased morbidity
- increased hospital mortality
- prolonged hospitalization
- ventilatory impairment
- prolonged mechanical ventilation
- prolonged rehabilitation
- chronic disability in survivors

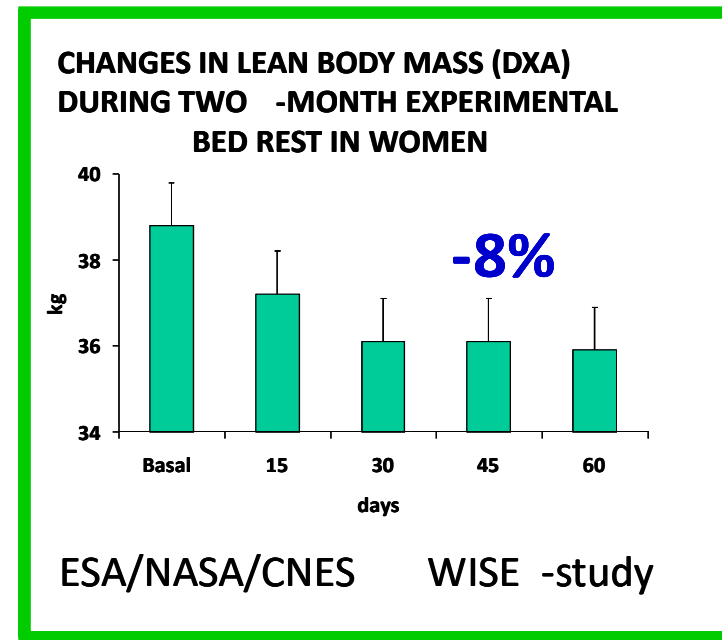
### MECHANISMS

- **Skeletal-muscle wasting.** Possible mechanisms include microvascular ischemia, catabolism, and immobility.
- **Polyneuropathy** with axonal degeneration. Possible mechanisms include microvascular injury with resulting nerve ischemia, dysfunction of sodium channels, and injury to nerve mitochondria.

# Muscle Catabolism in Sepsis and Inactivity



**Sepsis**



**Bed rest**



## Recommendation 15

➤ **During critical illness, 1.3 g/kg protein equivalents per day can be delivered progressively**

Grade of recommendation: 0 - strong consensus (91% agreement)

## Statement 3

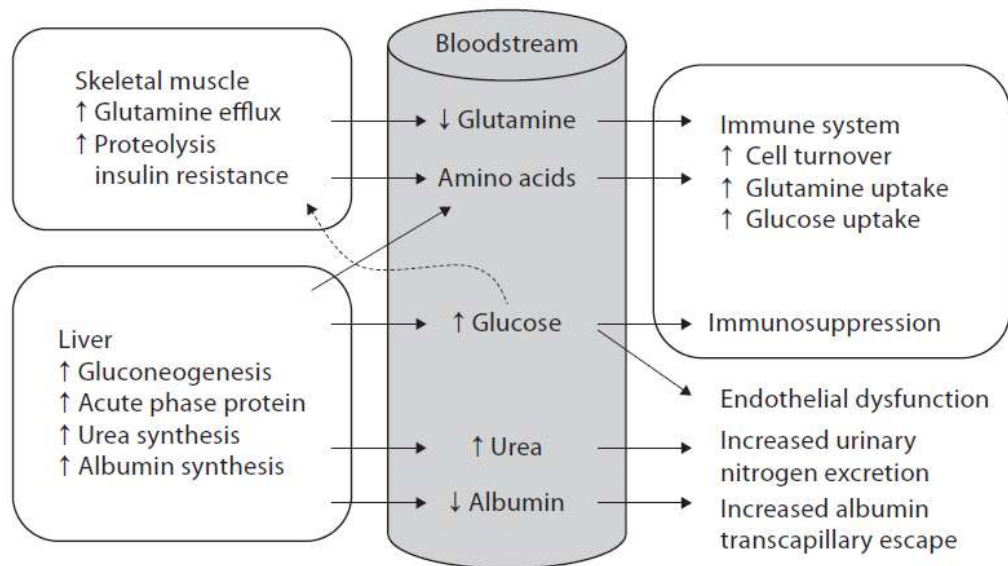
➤ **Physical activity may improve the beneficial effects of nutritional therapy**

Consensus (86% agreement)



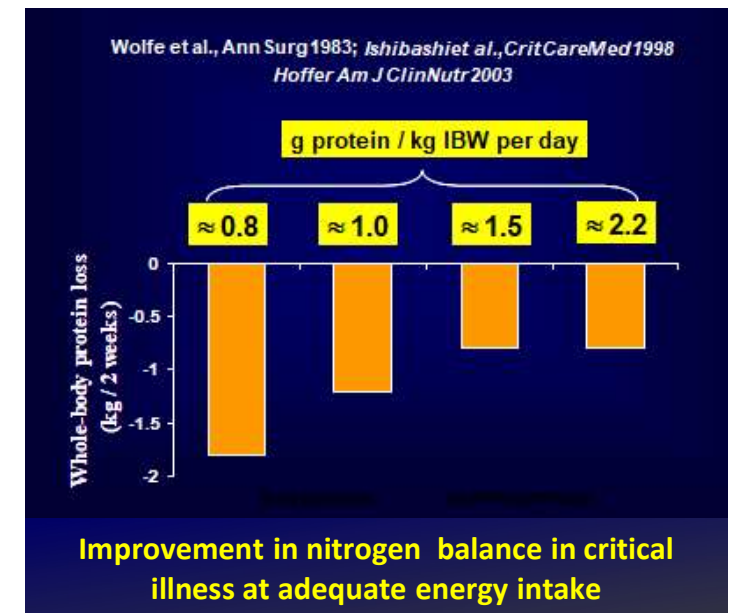
ESPEN guideline on clinical nutrition in the intensive care unit  
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### Mechanisms of muscle wasting, glutamine depletion, hyperglycemia, and hypoalbuminemia in critical illness.



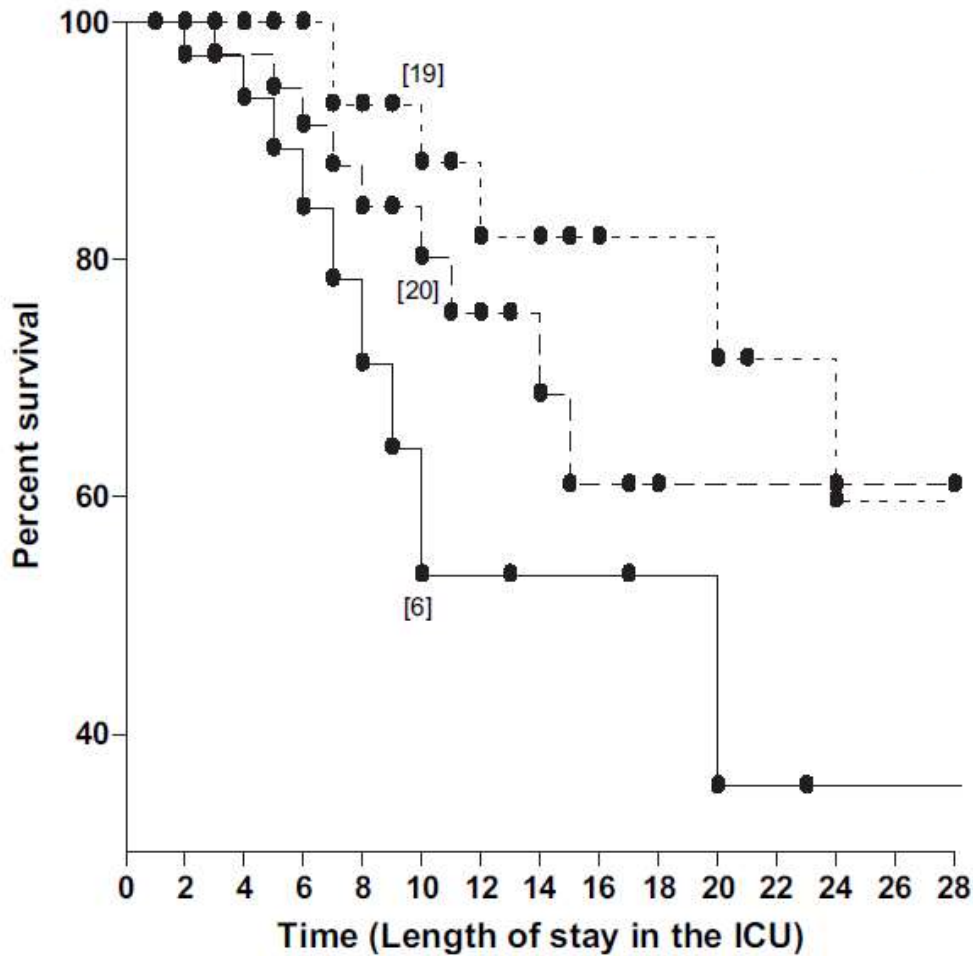
Protein Metabolism and Requirements. Biolo G. Singer P (ed): Nutrition in Intensive Care Medicine: Beyond Physiology. World Rev Nutr Diet. Basel, Karger, 2013, vol 105, pp 12–20

A higher protein intake and physical activity might be needed to overcome **anabolic resistance** associated with older age, immobility and critical illness  
(100 g protein = 83 g amino acids)





Prospective observational cohort study of 113 ICU patients



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Provision of protein and energy in relation to measured requirements in intensive care patients

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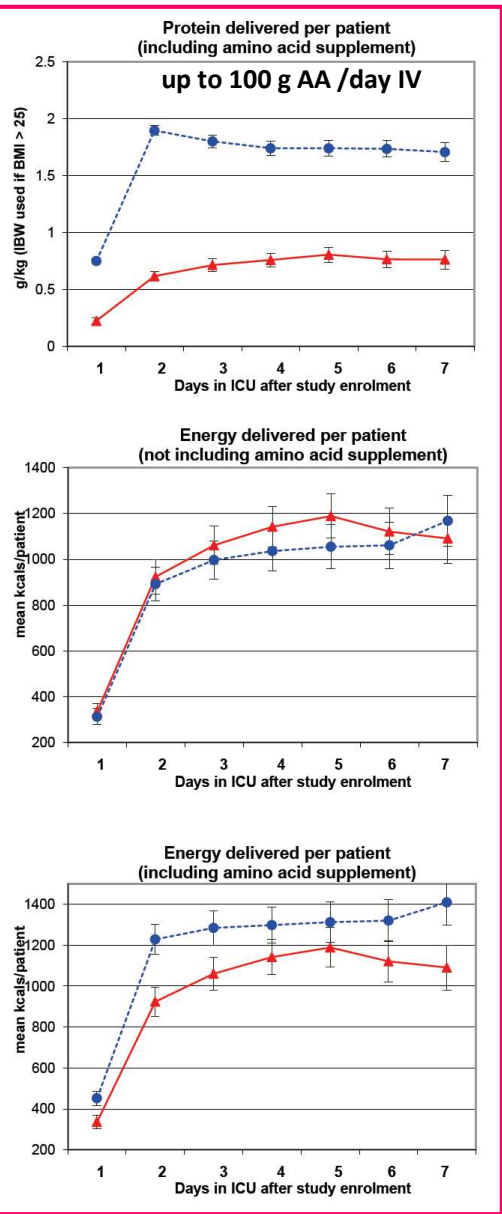
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- High protein & AA
- Medium protein & AA
- Low protein & AA

Protein provision g/kg/day	Energy provision Kcal/kg/day
1.46 ± 0.29	27.2 ± 6.7
1.06 ± 0.23	24.7 ± 5.7
0.79 ± 0.29	21.7 ± 6.7
L vs. M: <0.001	L vs. H: <0.001
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Death occurred earlier in the tertile of patients with the lowest provision of protein and amino acids. The results were confirmed in Cox regression analyses which showed a significantly decreased hazard ratio of death with increased protein provision, also when adjusted for baseline prognostic variables (APACHE II, SOFA scores and age). Provision of energy was not related to mortality.



# Intravenous amino acid therapy for kidney function in critically ill patients: a randomized controlled trial

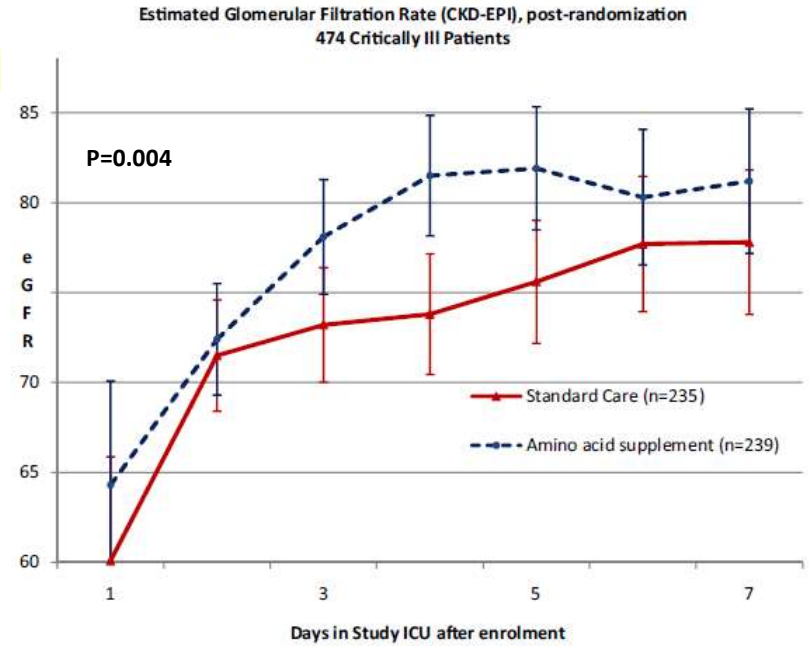
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## The Effect of IV Amino Acid Supplementation on Mortality in ICU Patients May Be Dependent on Kidney Function: Post Hoc Subgroup Analyses of a Multicenter Randomized Trial

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Outcome	Standard Care	Amino Acid Supplement	Difference (95% CI)	p
Subgroup with “no” baseline kidney dysfunction and “no” baseline risk of progression of AKI				
	189 patients	179 patients		
Deaths before study day 90, % (n/N)	21.2% (40/189)	14.2% (25/176) <sup>a</sup>	<b>-7.9%</b> (-15.1 to -0.7)	0.034 <sup>1b</sup>
Subgroup “with” baseline kidney dysfunction “or” baseline risk of progression of AKI				
	46 patients	60 patients		
Deaths before study day 90, % (n/N)	15.2% (7/46)	28.3% (17/60)	-0.6% <sup>b</sup> (-16.2 to 15.2)	0.945 <sup>d</sup>

# CONCLUSIONS

- **Metabolic changes contribute to organ dysfunction of sepsis**
- **Hyperglycemia (<180 mg/dl) and glucose variability should be avoided in sepsis**
- **Permissive underfeeding should be implemented in the acute phase of sepsis**
- **Endocrine and metabolic biomarkers may contribute to diagnosis and prognosis definition of sepsis**
- **Increased protein intake and early rehabilitation may reduce skeletal muscle wasting and weakness in sepsis**