## SURGICAL CARE & PERIPHERAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION

## PREHABILITATION





## TACKLING MALNUTRITION IN THE SURGICAL PATIENT

- Up to 65% of patients undergoing surgery are at risk of malnutrition.<sup>1</sup>
- Malnutrition increases morbidity, mortality, risk of postoperative complications, duration of hospitalization and healthcare costs.<sup>2-3</sup>



Enhanced recovery programs are multimodal perioperative care pathways designed to achieve early recovery for patients undergoing major surgical procedures.

**Prehabilitation** is a multidisciplinary strategy for conditioning risk patients for surgery to optimize postoperative outcomes and recovery.<sup>5</sup>



- 72 years
- Esophageal cancer
- Admitted for elective esophagectomy
- Good peripheral venous access

## NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT

- Screen for malnutrition in every patient on admission or first contact<sup>1,5</sup>
- Assess nutritional status before and after major surgery<sup>5</sup>



- Identify high risk patients who will benefit from preoperative nutritional therapy, e.g.,
  - Pre-existing malnutrition<sup>1</sup>
  - Major gastrointestinal cancer surgery<sup>1</sup>
  - Esophageal resection<sup>6</sup>
- Initiate perioperative nutritional support therapy without delay<sup>5</sup>

- Body weight: 65 kg/Height 185 cm/BMI: 16.9
- Lost 6 kg in the past 30 days
- Subjective Global Assessment grade C

Bernard is identified to be at high nutritional risk. In view of the forthcoming cancer surgery, nutritional therapy urges.

## NUTRITION THERAPY

Set nutritional targets and choose the adequate route of nutrition support

• When requirements cannot be adequately met by oral nutrition supplements / enteral nutrition, preoperative parenteral nutrition is indicated<sup>1,5</sup>

### Peripheral parenteral nutrition

- Infusion of a nutritionally complete solution with a low osmolarity (≤900 mOsml/L) into a peripheral vein<sup>7-9</sup>
- To avoid delays when nutritional therapy urges<sup>8</sup>
- For limited periods of time (10 to 14 days)<sup>7-9</sup>
- To bridge the gap where oral intake or enteral nutrition is suboptimal<sup>7</sup>
- Caloric target: 25 kcal/kilogram bodyweight/day
- Oral nutrition supplements implemented at admission, but not tolerated
- Enteral nutrition started according to gastric tolerance, but insufficient to cover caloric need

## Bernard's nutritional needs cannot be met by oral/enteral intake.

## BENEFITS OF PERIPHERAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION

- Allows for immediate delivery of adequate energy and nutrients<sup>8</sup>
- Less invasive than central parenteral nutrition, no need of central venous catheter placement<sup>8</sup>



- Low risk of complications, especially when the care and follow-up are provided by a nutritional support team<sup>9</sup>
- Reduced workload for healthcare professionals<sup>10</sup>
- Commercially available 3-chamber bags are safe and well tolerated<sup>10</sup>

Peripheral parenteral nutrition makes your patients fit for surgery to comply with enhanced recovery protocols

To reach Bernard's nutritional targets, peripheral parenteral nutrition is started as soon as possible.

This helps improve Bernard's preoperative nutritional status and results in less loss of lean body mass<sup>4</sup> for optimal postoperative outcome and recovery.

# **PRE-OPERATIVE CAUSES OF NUTRITIONAL DEFICIT:**

ADEQUATE NUTRITIONAL THERAPY:



### **Optimizes glucose control**

Attenuates the stress response . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Modulates inflammation and immune response 

> Attenuates the hypermetabolic response to surgery

**Optimizes wound** healing and recovery

From Evans DC & Correia MI 9,11

## CLOSING THE NUTRITIONAL GAP<sup>2,4,11</sup>

## The prehabilitation period represents an attractive time window before surgery to:

- prevent and reduce malnutrition and nutritional deficits
- optimize the patient's nutritional and metabolic status

### In order to:

- reduce postoperative complications
- improve postoperative outcome and recovery

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