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# Up to date "Immunonutrizione e farmaco-economia"

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### Indicazioni alla Nutrizione Artificiale

### Farmaconutrizione

A mano a mano che si identificano difetti metabolici propri di diverse condizioni di malattia o si riconosce il ruolo essenziale di determinati nutrienti per il supporto metabolico di organi e/o apparati cruciali per la sopravvivenza dell'ospite, la NA trova impiego in condizioni che prescindono dallo stato di malnutrizione e secondo moduli quantitativi e qualitativi che non corrispondono necessariamente ai fabbisogni fisiologici.

Con il termine di farmaconutrizione si intende la possibilità di modulare alcune risposte biologiche, fisiologiche e/o patologiche attraverso la somministrazione, orale o parenterale, di dosi farmacologiche di singoli principi nutritivi. I benefici ottenuti dalla somministrazione di tali substrati sono in parte o in tutto indipendenti dal miglioramento dello stato nutrizionale, ma appaiono legati alle loro proprietà chimiche e fisiologiche intrinseche. I substrati che sono entrati a far parte del novero dei farmaconutrienti, o nutraceutici, sono gli aminoacidi a catena ramificata, invero già noti da tempo, la glutamina, l'arginina, i chetoacidi, gli acidi grassi  $\omega$ -3, i nucleotidi, i frutto-oligosaccaridi (FOS). La farmaconutrizione rappresenta certamente una delle più interessanti sfide del prossimo decennio.

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### Nutrición Hospitalaria

Revisión

# Revising concepts of artificial nutrition in contemporary surgery: from energy and nitrogen to immuno-metabolic support

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# **Switching philosophy**

Nutritional therapy " the classic concept"

Nitrogen and calorie support

Indications:

• Malnourished patients or with nutritional risk **Immuno-nutrition** 

Immuno-metabolic support

**Indications :** 

 Patients candidate to major surgery independently from nutritional status

# Postoperative complications in gastrointestinal cancer patients: The joint role of the nutritional status and the nutritional support

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Author	RCTs	Control Group	Patients	Short-Term Outcome	Patients Who Benefit
Waitzberg et al, 2006 <sup>13</sup>	17	Standard EN/parenteral	2305	Lower infections Shorter LOS	GI cancer
Marik and Zaloga, 2010 <sup>15</sup>	21	Standard EN	1908	Lower morbidity Shorter LOS	Malnourished and well nourished
Cerantola et al, 2011 <sup>14</sup>	21	Standard EN	2730	Lower morbidity Shorter LOS	Upper GI Lower GI
Drover et al, 2011 <sup>18</sup>	35	Standard EN	3445	Lower morbidity Shorter LOS	GI and non-GI Upper/lower GI Receiving Impact <sup>a</sup>
Marimuthu et al, 2012 <sup>21</sup>	26	Standard EN	2496	Lower morbidity Shorter LOS	GI cancer

Table 1. Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses Examining the Effectiveness of Immunonutrition in Surgery.

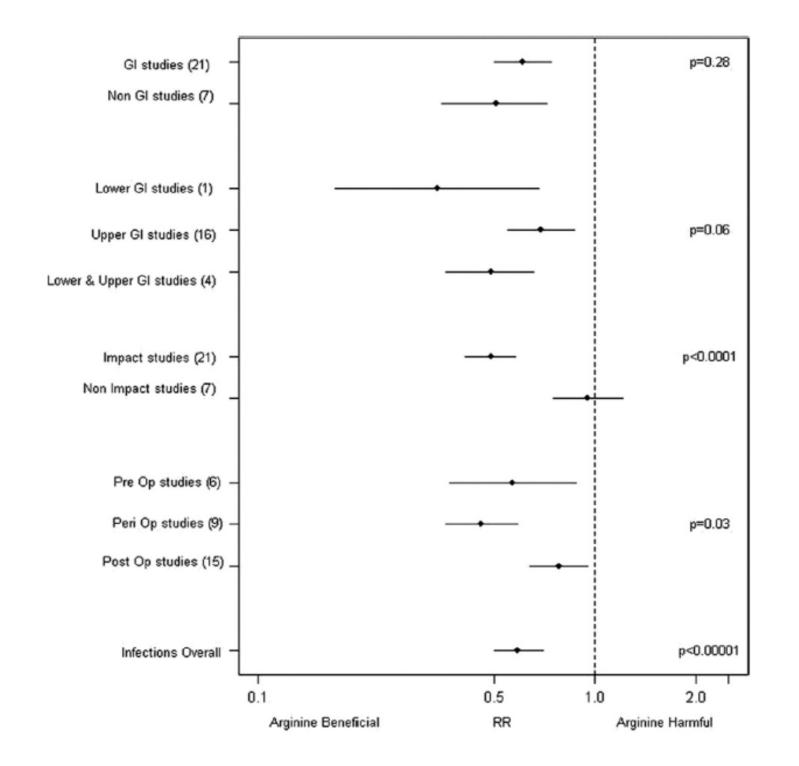
# Immunonutrition in gastrointestinal surgery

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Table 3 Pooled data for high-quality studies only

	Ra	ate	
Outcome measure	IN	Control	Odds ratio
Complications <sup>2,7,10,12–19,28</sup>	338 of 956	495 of 957	0.46 (0.38, 0.57)
Infections <sup>2,7,10,12-19,28</sup>	177 of 956	306 of 957	0.47 (0.38, 0.59)
Length of hospital stay <sup>2,7,10,12-18,28</sup> (1837 patients)		-	-2.26 (-2.65, -1.88)
Mortality <sup>7,10,12-14,16-18,28</sup>	13 of 797	13 of 803	1.01 (0.46, 2.23)



### A Meta-Analysis of the Effect of Combinations of Immune Modulating Nutrients on Outcome in Patients Undergoing Major Open Gastrointestinal Surgery

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(Ann Surg 2012;255:1060-1068)

#### TABLE 3. Subgroup Analysis Based on Timing of Initiation of the Enteral Feed

Outcomes	Preoperative Feed	Perioperative Feed	Postoperative Feed
Infectious complications RR (M-H, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.48 [0.31, 0.74] <i>P</i> = 0.001	0.53 [0.38, 0.76] P = 0.0004	0.68 [0.58, 0.80] <i>P</i> < 0.00001
Noninfectious complications RR (M-H, fixed, 95% CI)	1.53 [0.83, 2.83] P = 0.17	0.68 [0.43, 1.07] P = 0.09	0.81 [0.70, 0.94] P = 0.006
Length of hospital stay MD (IV, fixed, 95% CI)	-1.46 [-2.41, -0.50] P = 0.78	-2.71 [ $-3.82$ , $-1.59$ ] $P < 0.00001$	-2.44 [-2.88, -2.01] P = 0.009

P value based on test for overall effect in the meta-analysis (Z test).

### A Randomized Controlled Trial of Preoperative Oral Supplementation With a Specialized Diet in Patients With Gastrointestinal Cancer

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	Conventional (n = 102)	Preoperative $(n = 102)$	Perioperative (n = 101)
Gastroesophageal			
resections	44	48	46
Pancreatic resections	26	28	27
Colorectal resections	32	26	28
Operative time (min)	$220 \pm 90$	226 ± 92	$237 \pm 107$
Operative blood loss (mL)	$435 \pm 350$	$470 \pm 370$	$520 \pm 410$
Transfused patients	32	34	37
Transfusion (mL)	$495\pm265$	$430 \pm 160$	$550\pm305$

#### Table 2. Surgical Parameters

NOTE. Values are means ± SD or number of patients.

#### Table 3. Outcome Variables

		Preoperative (n = 102)	Perioperative (n = 101)
Death	1	1	2
Patients with infectious complications	31	14 <sup>a</sup>	16 <sup>b</sup>
Patients with noninfectious complications	36	30	28
Patients with any complication	49	36	34
Length of hospital stay (days)	14.0 ± 7.7	11.6 ± 4.7°	12.2 ± 4.1 <sup>d</sup>

NOTE. Values are means ± SD or number of patients.

<sup>a</sup>P = 0.006 vs. conventional.

<sup>b</sup>P = 0.02 vs. conventional.

<sup>c</sup>P = 0.008 vs. conventional.

<sup>d</sup>P = 0.03 vs. conventional.

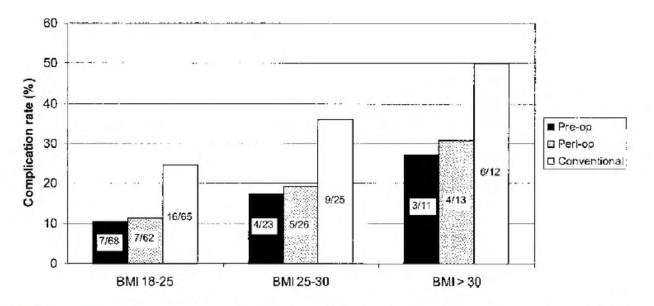


Figure 2. Rate of infectious complications in the 3 groups according to different BMI values.

Type of Complication	SEN $(n = 53)$	IMEN $(n = 52)$	SPN $(n = 49)$	IMPN $(n = 51)$
Infectious complications	15	13	13	12
Pneumonia	14	12	13	10
Urinary tract infection	2	1	2	1
Surgical wound infection	2	4	2	1
Intra-abdominal abscess	2	2	1	2
Bacteremia	8	5	4	6
Infection of venous catheter	1	0	2	2
Sepsis	2	3	2	1
Surgical complications	7	6	7	7
Wound dehiscence	0	1	0	1
Pancreatic fistula	4	4	3	4
Duodenal fistula	2	3	2	2
Jejunal fistula	0	1	0	1
Biliary fistula	0	1	1	0
General complications	5	4	2	2
Pulmonary thrombosis	0	0	1	0
Myocardial infarct	0	1	0	0
Peripheral veins thrombosis	0	0	0	1
Neurological complications	0	0	0	0
Mortality	1	1	1	1
Overall morbidity	19	19	17	18
Postoperative hospital stay (d), mean (SD)	12.4 (3.9)	13.1 (4.1)	12.9 (4.9)	12.5 (3.3)
Enteral nutrition complications				
Diarrhea	3	3	0	0
Tube obstruction	1	0	0	0

### TADLE 4 Destamention Complication

# Preoperative oral arginine and n-3 fatty acid supplementation improves the immunometabolic host response and outcome after colorectal resection for cancer

Marco Braga, MD, Luca Gianotti, MD, ScD, Andrea Vignali, MD, and Valerio Di Carlo, MD, Milan, Italy

	$\begin{array}{l} Peri-op\\ (n=50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} Pre\text{-}op\\ (n=50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} Control\\ (n=50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} Conventional\\ (n=50) \end{array}$
Age (y)	$60.5 \pm 11.5$	$63.0 \pm 8.1$	$61.8 \pm 9.9$	$62.2 \pm 10.4$
Male:female	28:22	30:20	31:19	29:21
Albumin (g/L)	$41.5 \pm 4.1$	$41.8 \pm 5.0$	$42.2 \pm 4.8$	$40.9 \pm 4.3$
Prealbumin (g/L)	$0.23 \pm 0.06$	$0.24 \pm 0.05$	$0.23 \pm 0.10$	$0.22 \pm 0.07$
Hemoglobin (g/L)	$127 \pm 21$	$124 \pm 18$	$130 \pm 19$	$126 \pm 15$
Arginine (µmol/L)	$63 \pm 13$	$61 \pm 18$	$64 \pm 11$	$59 \pm 16$
Weight loss >10%	5	6	4	5
ASA score	$2.1 \pm 1.0$	$1.9 \pm 1.1$	$2.0 \pm 1.3$	$2.1 \pm 1.4$
Procedure				
Rectal resection	19	22	21	20
Left colectomy	18	15	16	14
Right colectomy	11	9	10	13
Transverse colon resection	1	2	1	2
Abdominoperineal amputat	ion 1	2	2	1
Operative time (min)	$190 \pm 63$	$202 \pm 46$	$188 \pm 65$	$197 \pm 55$
Blood loss (mL)	$385 \pm 288$	$377 \pm 383$	$342 \pm 351$	$403 \pm 374$
Homologous transfusion	11	9	8	9

Table I. Baseline and surgical variables

Data are means ± SD or number of patients.

	$\begin{array}{l} Peri-op\\ (n=50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} Pre\text{-}op\\ (n=50) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} Control\\ (n=50) \end{array}$	Conventional (n = 50)
Death	1	0	0	1
Patients with infectious complications	5*	6†	16	15
Patients with noninfectious complications	5	4	3	4
Anastomotic leak	3	3	6	5
Antibiotic therapy** (d)	$6.2 \pm 1.91$	$6.5 \pm 1.3$ §	$8.9 \pm 2.0$	$8.4 \pm 1.8$
Length of stay (d)	$9.8 \pm 3.1$	$9.5 \pm 2.9$ ¶	$12.0 \pm 4.5$	$12.2 \pm 3.9$

#### Table II. Outcome variables

### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

# Nutritional Approach in Malnourished Surgical Patients

### A Prospective Randomized Study

Marco Braga, MD; Luca Gianotti, MD, ScD; Luca Nespoli, MD; Giovanni Radaelli, PhD; Valerio Di Carlo, MD

Variable	Control Group (n = 50)	Preoperative Group (n = 50)	Perioperative Group (n = 50)
Gastric resection, No.	19	19	18
Pancreatic resection, No.	18	20	21
Colorectal resection, No.	11	8	10
Esophageal resection, No.	2	3	1
Operative time mean (SD), min	244 (110)	258 (90)	263 (97)
Operative blood loss, mean (SD), mL	452 (330)	485 (312)	493 (291)
Transfused patients, No.	17	16	18
Transfusion, mean (SD), mL	555 (310)	570 (255)	480 (190)

#### Table 6. Outcome Variables

Variable	Control Group (n = 50)	Preoperative Group (n = 50)	Perioperative Group (n = 50)	
Patients with major complications, No.	12	9	6	
Patients with infectious complications, No.	12	8	5	
Patients with noninfectious complications, No.	11	10	6	
Patients with complications, total No.	21	14	9*	
Length of hospital stay, mean (SD), d	15.3 (4.1)	13.2 (3.5)†	12.0 (3.8)‡	

\*P = .02 vs the control group. †P = .01 vs the control group. ‡P = .04 vs the preoperative group and P = .001 vs the control group.

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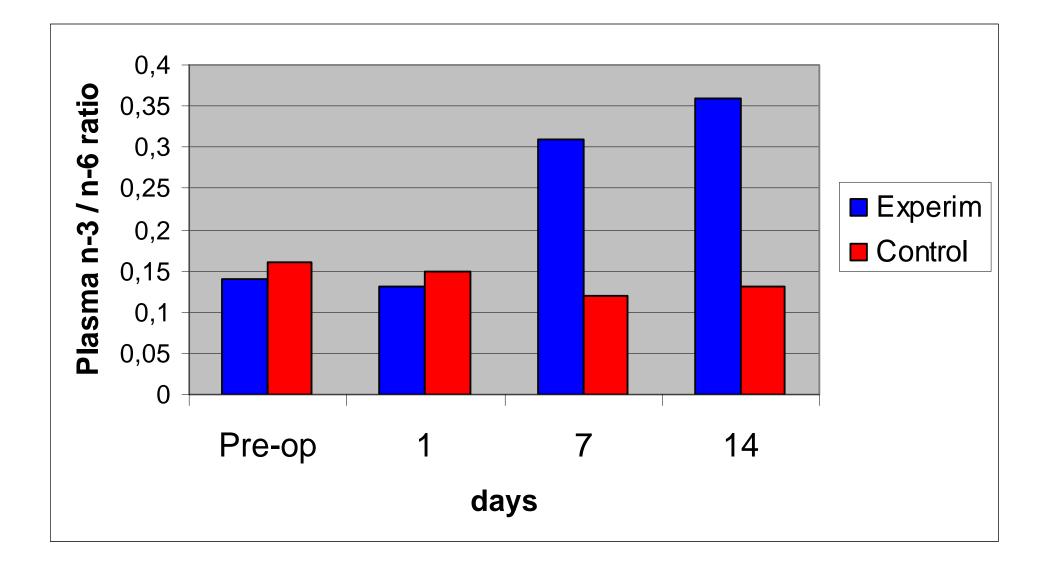
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ESPEN GUIDELINES

### ESPEN Guidelines on Enteral Nutrition: Surgery including Organ Transplantation

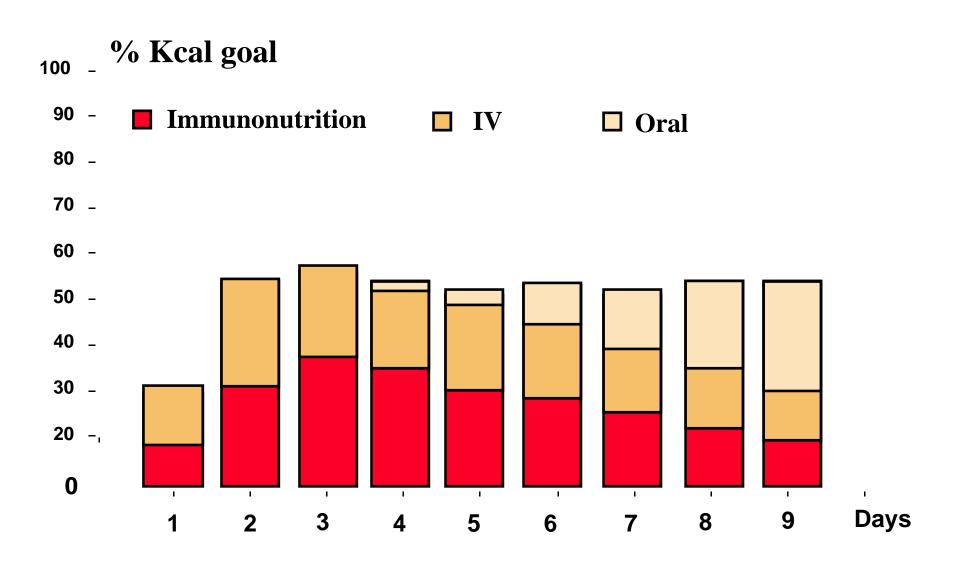
A. Weimann<sup>a,\*</sup>, M. Braga<sup>b</sup>, L. Harsanyi<sup>c</sup>, A. Laviano<sup>d</sup>, O. Ljungqvist<sup>e</sup>, P. Soeters<sup>f</sup>,

### Post-operative Immunonutrition (Daly, Ann Surg 1995)



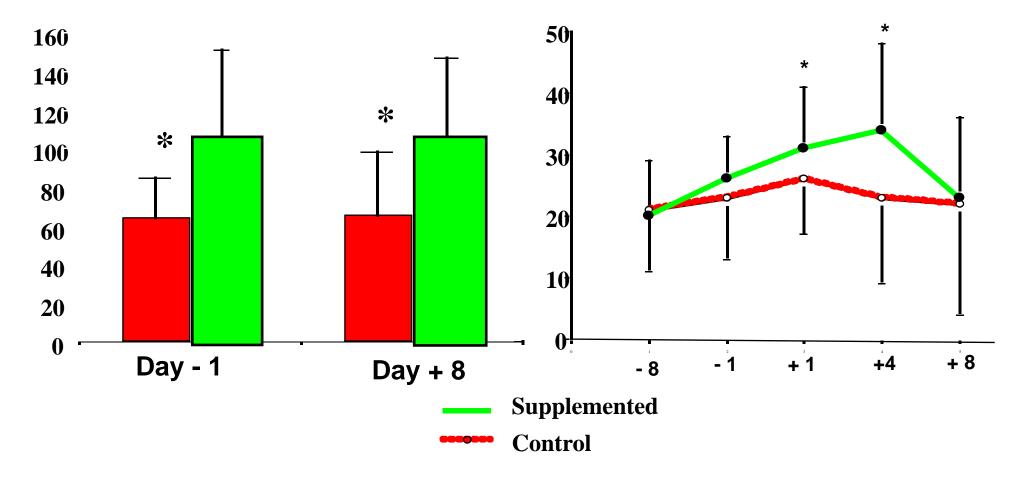
### **Post-operative Immunonutrition (Elective surgery)**

Heslin MJ, et al. Ann Surg 226: 567-580; 1997



# Plasma Arginine (mmol/L)

# Plasma NO (mmol/L)



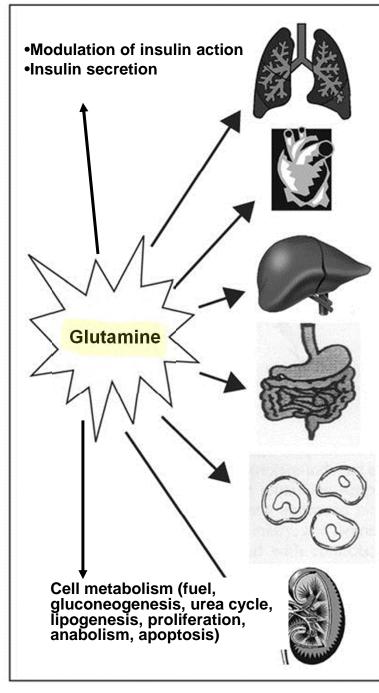


### **Summary Points and Consensus Recommendations From** the North American Surgical Nutrition Summit

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#### Lung

- -Major source of energy for endothelial cell
- -May protect epithelial cells against endotoxin/oxidant-related injury
- -Enhances HSP expression post-stress
- -Preserves cell metabolism following endotoxin injury

#### Heart

- -Major source of energy (via conversion to glutamate) for cardiomyocyte
- -Protect cardiomyocyte against ischemia-related injury
- -Enhances HSP expression post-stress

#### Liver

-Supports hepatocyte glutathione biosynthesis -Regulator of ammonia metabolism

#### Gastrointestinal tract

- -Major source of energy for enterocyte
- -Supports nucleotide biosynthesis
- -May protect epithelial cells against endotoxin/oxidant-related injury
- -Enhances HSP expression post-stress

#### Immune cell function

- -Major source of energy for proliferating cells
- -Supports neutrophil killing and macrophage function
- -Enhances HSP expression post-stress
- -Vital for appropriate cytokine secretion
- -Attenuates pathologic pro-inflammatory cytokine release following endotoxemia

#### Kidney

- -Acid/base regulation
- -NH<sub>3</sub> metabolism

Glutamine supplementation in serious illness: A systematic review of the evidence\*

Frantisek Novak, MD; Daren K. Heyland, MD, FRCPC, MSc; Alison Avenell, MD, MRCP, MRCPath, MB BS, MSc; John W. Drover, MD, FRCSC; Xiangyao Su, PhD

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The impact of glutamine dipeptides on outcome of surgical patients: systematic review of randomized controlled trials from Europe and Asia

Zhu-Ming Jiang<sup>a,\*</sup>, Hua Jiang<sup>b</sup>, Peter Fürst<sup>c</sup>

Clinical Nutrition Supplements (2004) 1, 17-23

Glutamine dipeptide for parenteral nutrition in abdominal surgery: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

Ya-Min Zheng, Fei Li, Ming-Ming Zhang, Xiao-Ting Wu

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Study	Treatment n/N	Control n/N	OR (fixed) 95% Cl	Weight %	OR (fixed) 95% Cl
O'Riordan	1/11	2/11	<	- 17.50	0.45 [0.03, 5.84]
Jiang Z	0/60	3/60	<b>+</b>	33.41	0.14 [0.01, 2.69]
Neri	1/16	4/17	Image:	35.00	0.22 [0.02, 2.19]
Fan YP	0/20	1/20	<	14.09	0.32 [0.01, 8.26]
Total (95% Cl)	107	108		100.00	0.24 [0.06, 0.93]
Total events: 2 (Treatme	ent), 10 (Control)				
Test for heterogeneity:	thi = 0.40, df = 3 (P = 0.94)				
Test for overall effect: Z	= 2.07 (P = 0.04)				
			0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2	5 10	

Figure 2 Effect of glutamine dipeptide on postoperative morbidity of infection for abdominal surgery. Review: Clinical evidence of glutamine dipeptide for abdominal surgery; Comparison: Gln dipetide vs control; Outcome: Postoperative infective morbidity.

п	Gln dipeptide mean (SD)	п	Control mean (SD)	WMD (random) 95% Cl	Weight %	WMD (random) 95% Cl
	Contraction in the					
15	12.80 (2.60)	15	17.50 (6.30)		11.30	-4.70 [-8.15, -1.25
13	15.50 (0.72)	15	21.70 (2.80)		18.10	-6.20 [-7.67, -4.73]
60	12.50 (5.10)	60	16.40 (7.10)		15.48	-3.90 [-6.11, -1.69]
16	11.50 (2.50)	17	15.00 (3.00)		16.68	-3.50 [-5.38, -1.62]
20	22.30 (2.10)	20	24.90 (1.70)		18.99	-2.60 [-3.78, -1.42]
20	10.60 (1.20)	20	11.70 (2.00)		19.44	-1.10 [-2.12, -0.08]
144		147		•	100.00	-3.55 [-5.26, -1.84]
: chi = 33.72,	df = 5 ( $P < 0.00001$ )					
Z = 4.07 (P <	<0.0001)					
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Figure 3 Effect of glutamine dipeptide on length of hospital stay for abdominal surgery. Review: Clinical evidence of glutamine dipeptide for abdominal surgery; Comparison: Gln dipeptide vs control; Outcome: Length of hospital stay.

### Perioperative Intravenous Glutamine Supplemetation in Major Abdominal Surgery for Cancer

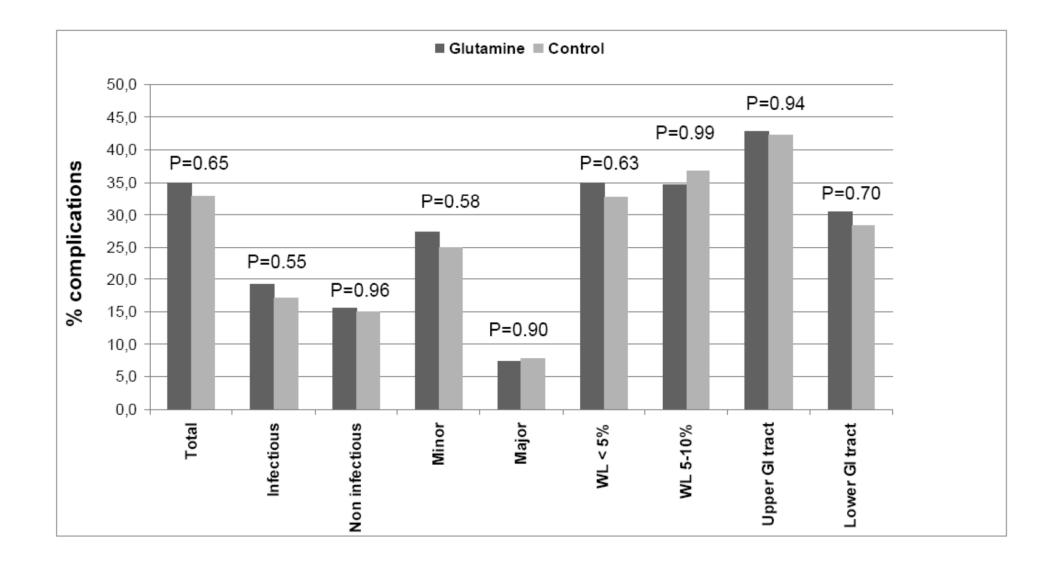
A Randomized Multicenter Trial

Luca Gianotti, MD, ScD,\* Marco Braga, MD,† Roberto Biffi, MD,‡ Federico Bozzetti, MD,§ and Luigi Mariani, PhD,¶ for the GlutamItaly Research Group of the Italian Society of Parenteral, and Enteral Nutrition

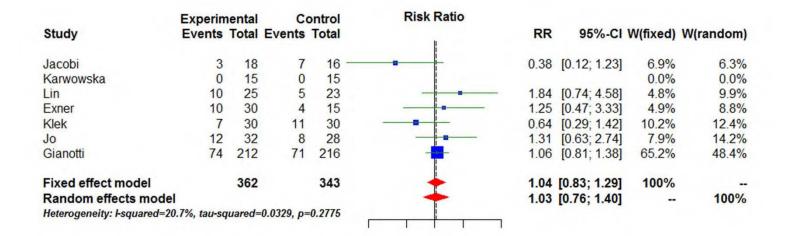
(Ann Surg 2009;250: 684-690)

# **Treatment Protocol**

- Parenteral L-alanine-L-glutamine dipeptide (0.40 g/kg/day; equal to 0.25 g of free glutamine).
- The first dose of Ala-Glu given the afternoon before the operation.
- Infusion through a peripheral or central catheter, mixed in 5% glucose solution (vehicle).
- Continuous infusion over a period of 20 hours
- Ala-Glu given for a minimum of 6 days
- No other artificial nutritional support given unless the patient could not start a progressive oral feeding within 7 days after surgery (SINPE – ESPEN - ASPEN guidelines)



### Elective surgery: Overall morbidity



### Elective surgery: Infectious morbidity

	Experin	nental	C	ontrol	Risk Ratio				
Study	Events	Total	Events	Total	19.1	RR	95%-CI	W(fixed)	W(random)
O'Riordain	1	11	2	11		0.50	[0.05; 4.75]	2.1%	3.7%
Jacobi	3	18	9	16		0.30	[0.10; 0.91]	9.9%	11.5%
Jiang	0	30	3	30 -		0.14	[0.01; 2.65]	3.6%	2.3%
Karwowska	0	15	0	15	i			0.0%	0.0%
Neri	1	16	4	17		0.27	[0.03; 2.13]	4.0%	4.3%
Spittler	3	20	3	10		0.50	[0.12; 2.05]	4.1%	8.2%
Lin	0	25	0	23				0.0%	0.0%
Klek	7	30	12	30		0.58	[0.27; 1.28]	12.4%	17.5%
Yao	0	20	2	20		0.20	[0.01; 3.91]	2.6%	2.2%
Oguz	5	57	14	52		0.33	[0.13: 0.84]	15.1%	14.2%
Asprer	1	17	2	17		0.50	[0.05; 5.01]	2.1%	3.6%
Fan	0	20	1	20	• 1	0.33	[0.01; 7.71]	1.6%	2.0%
Gianotti	41	212	37	216		1.13	[0.76; 1.69]	37.9%	28.0%
Lu	0	25	4	25 -	•	0.11	[0.01; 1.96]	4.7%	2.4%
Fixed effect model		516		502	•	0.65	[0.49; 0.87]	100%	<u> </u>
Random effects mode	E					0.51	[0.32; 0.80]		100%
Heterogeneity: I-squared=20	8.8%, tau-so	uared=	=0.1547, p=	=0.1632		-1	2000		
				0.0	1 0.1 1 10	100			

Intervention	Difference sizes (9		Difference in effect sizes (95% Cl)	P value for interaction
Acupuncture <sup>45</sup>			-0.63 (-1.10 to -0.17)	0.007
Aquatic exercise <sup>43</sup>			-0.10 (-0.63 to 0.43)	0.71
Balneotherapy <sup>46</sup>			-0.85 (-1.84 to 0.15)	0.10
Chondroitin <sup>16</sup>			-0.66 (-1.06 to -0.26)	0.001
Diacerein <sup>40</sup>	-	-	-0.15 (-0.37 to 0.07)	0.18
Exercise <sup>36</sup>			-0.12 (-0.28 to 0.05)	0.15
Glucosamine <sup>39</sup>			-0.78 (-1.26 to -0.30)	0.001
Opioids <sup>42</sup>		-	-0.12 (-0.29 to 0.05)	0.18
Oral NSAIDs <sup>44</sup>	-	-	-0.19 (-0.49 to 0.12)	0.23
Paracetamol <sup>41</sup>	+		0.28 (-0.26 to 0.82)	0.31
Self management <sup>38</sup>		-	0.05 (-0.13 to 0.23)	0.57
Topical NSAIDs44	-	F	-0.10 (-0.32 to 0.13)	0.40
Viscosupplementation <sup>37</sup>	-	-	-0.35 (-0.63 to -0.06)	0.018
Overall ( $\tau^2 = 0.03$ , P=0.005	)	•	-0.21 (-0.34 to -0.08)	
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**Conclusions** Small study effects can often distort results of meta-analyses. The influence of small trials on estimated treatment effects should be routinely assessed.

### A.S.P.E.N. Position Paper: Parenteral Nutrition Glutamine Supplementation

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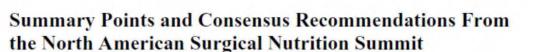
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Glutamine supplementation for the patient requiring postoperative PN cannot be recommended for lack of outcome benefit (and actually may cause net harm for the patient who has renal or hepatic failure). Whether supplemental parenteral glutamine benefits the cancer patient undergoing a major operation who remains on PN for a prolonged period postoperatively (and is thus at risk for glutamine depletion) has yet to be proven.



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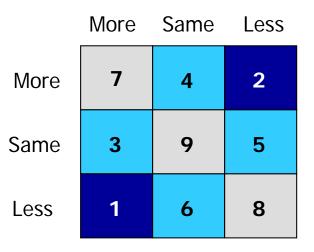
1) Benefits of treatment X

2) Risks of treatment X

3) Economic (cost-benefit / effectiveness) analysis of treatment X

# **DOMINANCE FOR DECISION**

(resolution of the clinical scenario)





Strong dominance for decision:

1=Accept treatment 2=Reject treatment

Weak dominance for decision:

3=Accept treatment 4=Reject treatment 5=Reject treatment 6=Accept treatment N

Non dominance: No obvious decision.

7=Is added effect worth added cost to adopt treatment ? 8=Is reduced effect acceptable given reduced cost to accept treatment ? 9=Neutral on cost and effect. Other reasons to accept treatment ?