



Medical Nutrition Therapy in Burns

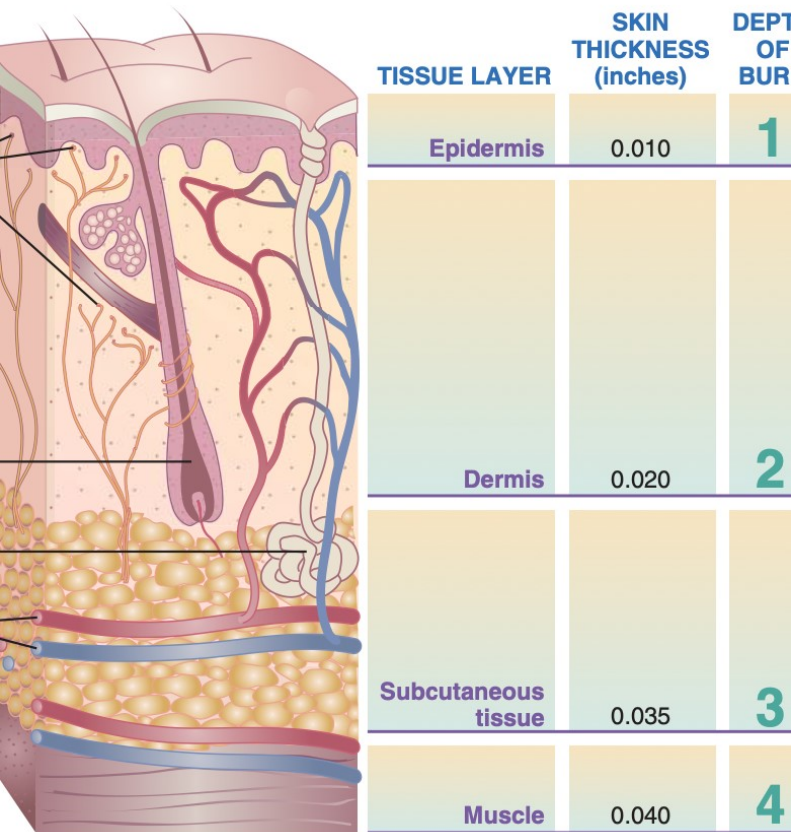
Optimizing Healing and Recovery

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Burn Classification



→ First-degree/Superficial burns.

- Burn site: red, painful, dry, and has no blisters.

→ Second-degree/Partial thickness burns.

- Burn site: red, blistered, and may be swollen and painful.

→ Third-degree/Full thickness burns.

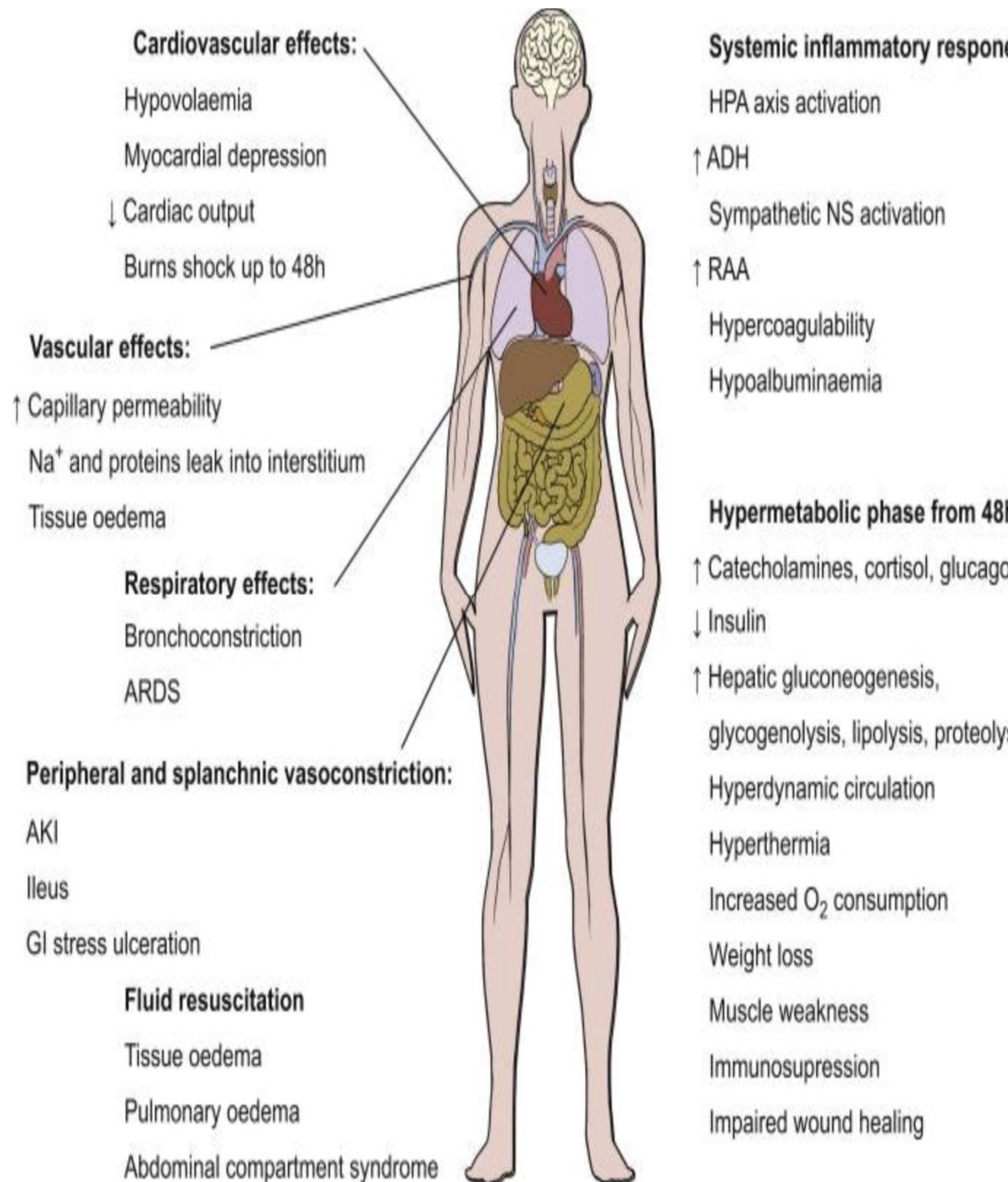
- Burn site: white or blackened and charred.

→ Fourth-degree burns

- Nerve endings are destroyed → no feeling in the area.

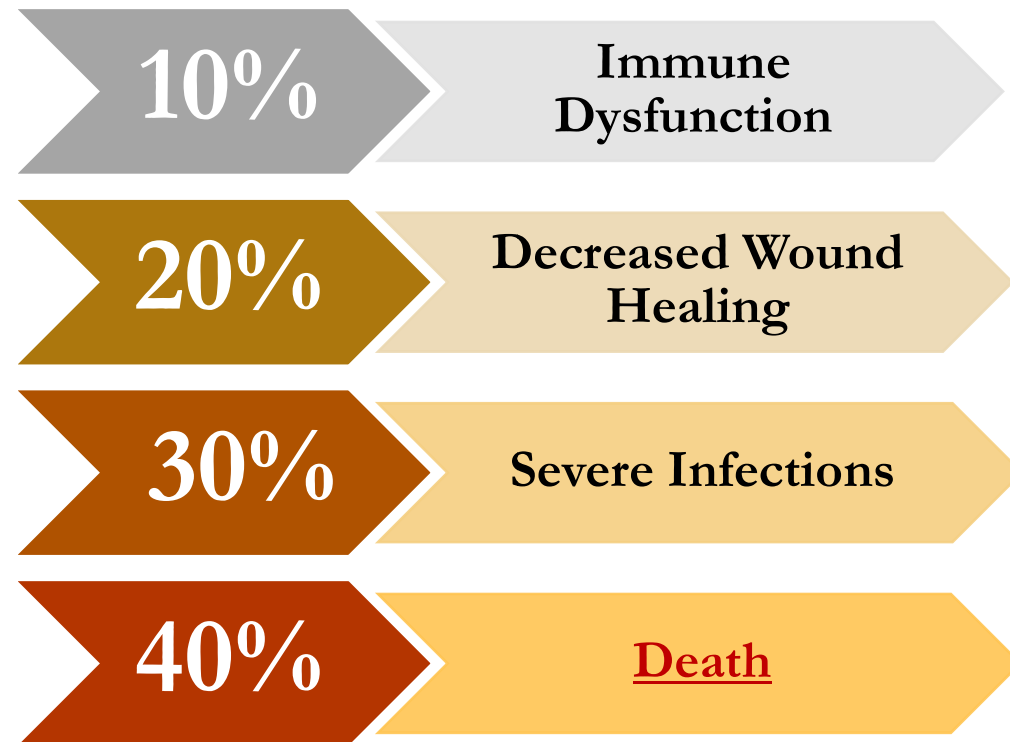
Body's Systemic Response to Burns

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Importance of Nutrition in Burn Patients

- Severely burned, catabolic patients can lose **up to 25%** of pre-burn weight
- Impact of percent weight loss:



Goals of Nutritional Management

A multidisciplinary approach to burn management is essential for optimal functional and cosmetic outcome to:

1. Promote optimal wound healing and rapid recovery from burn injuries
2. Minimize risk of complications, including infections during the treatment period
3. Attain and maintain normal nutritional status
4. Minimize metabolic disturbances during the treatment process

Metabolic Changes

Interesting Fact

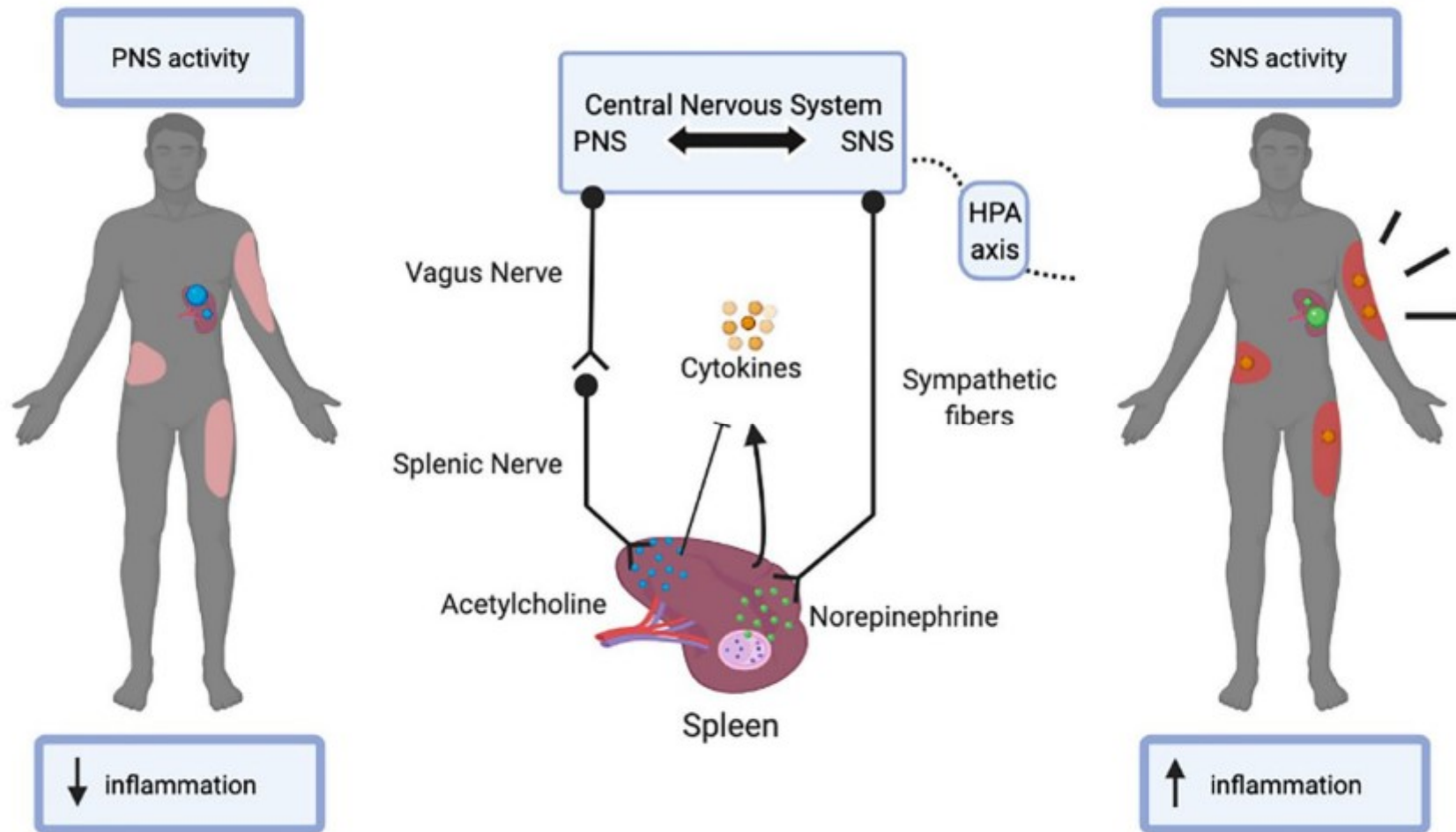
Post-burn myocardial oxygen consumption values far surpass values of a marathon runner & are well-sustained in the rehabilitation phase.



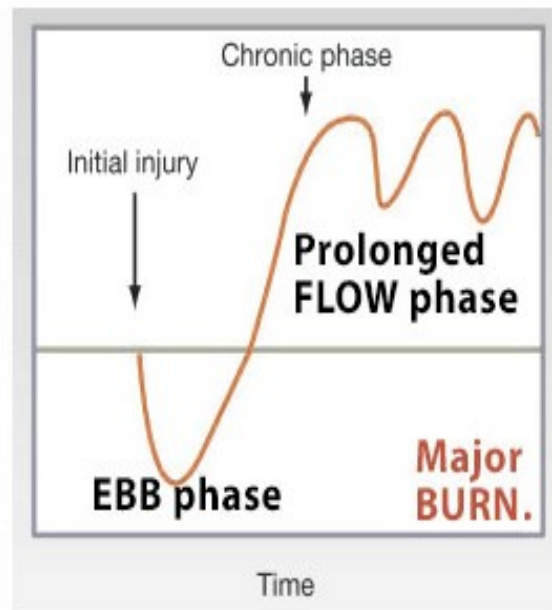
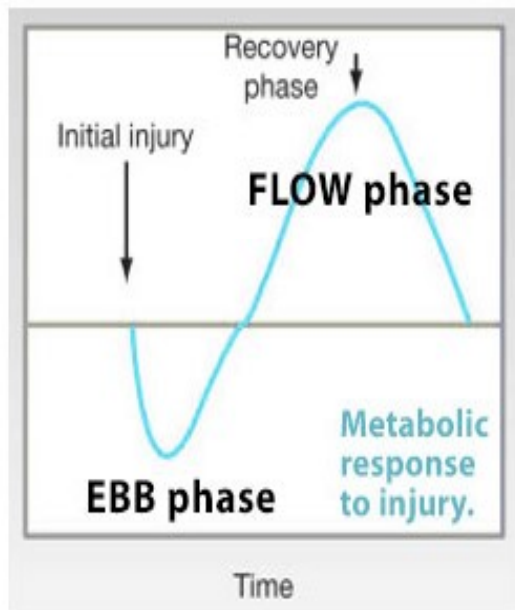
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Hypometabolism

Hypermetabolism



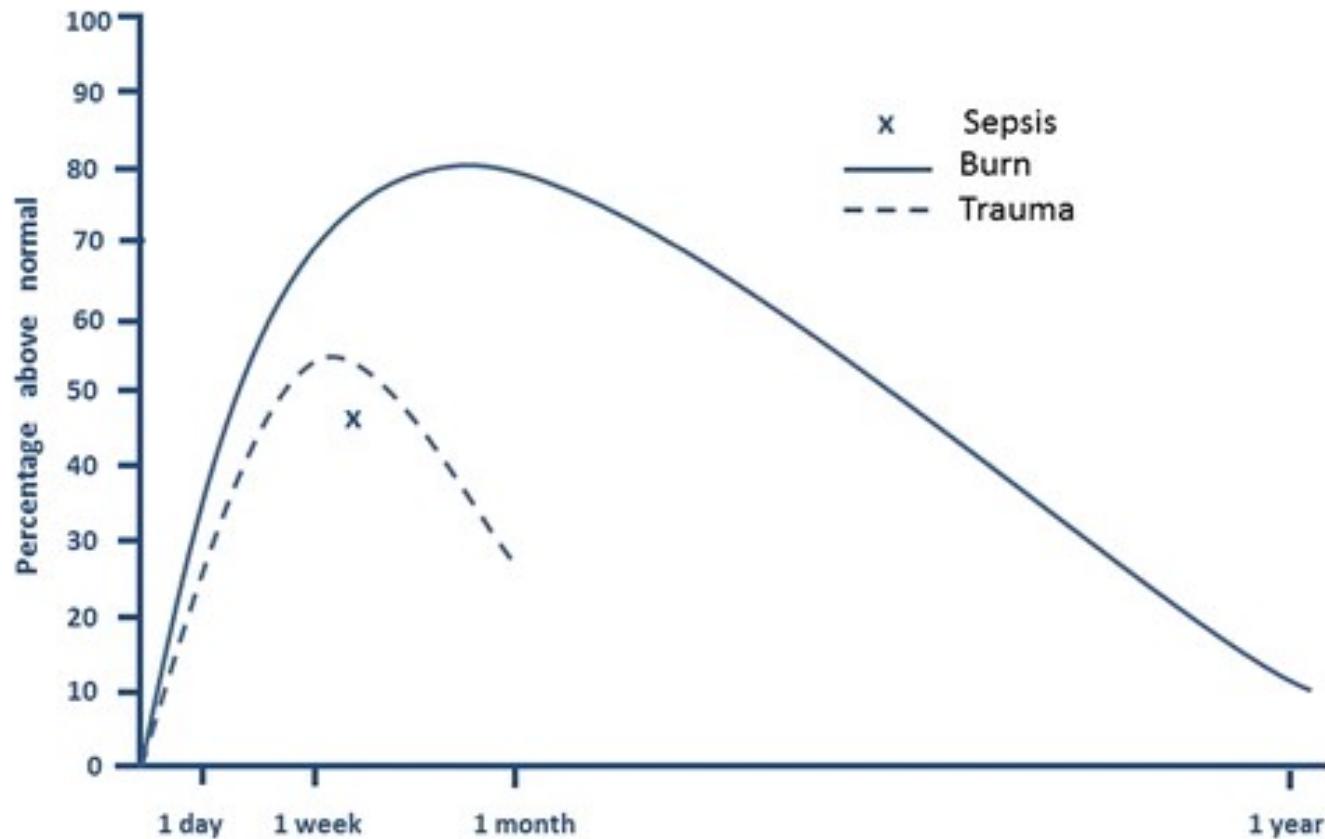
Metabolic Changes



- “Ebb phase” or the burn shock: 1st 24 to 48 h after a burn
- During which, the body experiences:
 - ✓ ↓ Cardiac output
 - ✓ ↓ Tissue perfusion
 - ✓ ↓ Oxygen consumption
 - ✓ ↓ Metabolic rate
 - ✓ ↓ Body temperature
 - ✓ ↓ Stress hormones (Adrenaline & Cortisol)
 - ✓ Hyperglycemia

Hypermetabolic Response Post Severe Burn

The anabolic phase/hypermetabolic hyperdynamic response peaks in 10-14 days after the injury after which condition slowly recovers to normal as the burn wounds heal naturally or surgically close by applying skin grafting.



Metabolic Changes

Severe burns are typically followed by hypermetabolism (flow phase) characterized by:

○Hyperdynamic
circulatory
response

Increased body
temperature

Glycolysis

Proteolysis

Lipolysis

Nutrition Indicators

All burn patients are at nutritional risk, especially those with the following conditions:

- Burns exceeding 25% of total body surface area
- Concomitant injury such as trauma or inhalation injury
- Chronic disease
- Elderly
- Malnourished

Nutrition Assessment

Nutrition Assessment

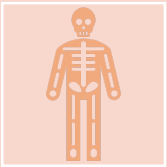
Components of a comprehensive nutrition assessment for individuals with burns include the following:



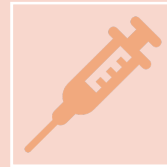
Food and Nutrition-Related History



Anthropometric Measurements



Nutrition-Focused Physical Findings



**Biochemical Data,
Medical Tests &
Procedures**

Nutrition Assessment

- **Biomedical data, Medical tests, Procedures**

- ✓ Nitrogen balance: used to evaluate adequacy of protein intake

$$\text{Nitrogen Balance} = \text{Nitrogen Intake} - \text{Nitrogen Output}$$
$$\text{Nitrogen Balance} = \frac{\text{protein intake (g)}}{6.25} - \frac{UUN}{0.8} + 4$$

Nitrogen losses through burned tissue are difficult to quantify but may be estimated based on the burn size using the following formula (Gottschlich, 1993):

< 10% open wound = 0.02 g nitrogen/kg/day

11-30% open wound = 0.05 g nitrogen/kg/day

> 31% open wound = 0.12 g nitrogen/kg/day

Nitrogen losses should begin to decrease as wounds heal or eng

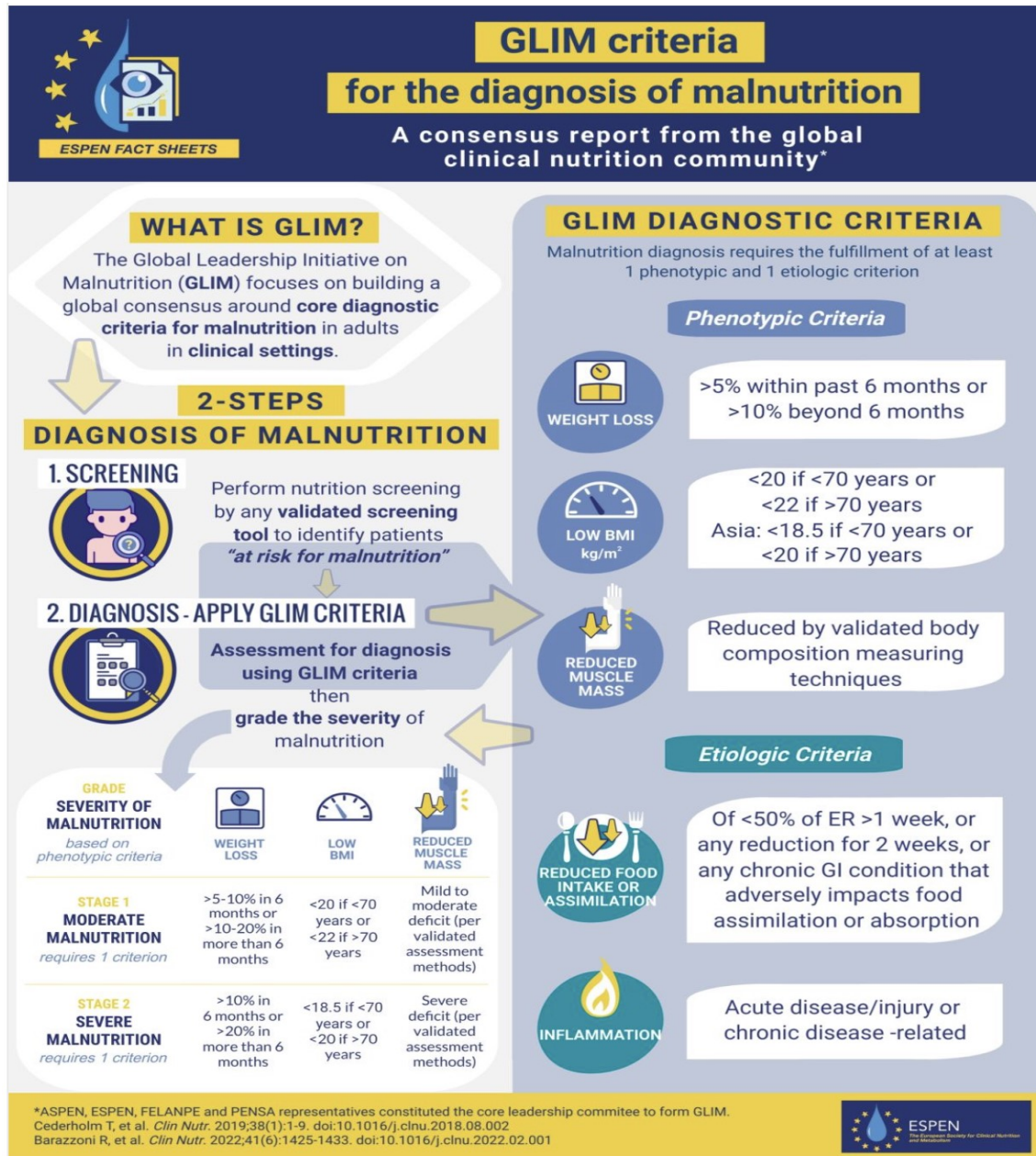
Nutrition Assessment

- Laboratory data:

The following laboratory data may be helpful to monitor patients in the acute burn phase:

**Diagnostic tests are affected by hydration, clinical condition, inflammation, and hypermetabolism
→ albumin, prealbumin, and transferrin are NOT useful in assessing the protein intake of patients with burns.**

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency
Electrolytes	Daily
BUN & Creatinine	Daily
Glucose	Daily
24-hour urine urea nitrogen (nitrogen balance)	Weekly



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Macronutrient & Micronutrient Requirements

Energy Requirements

- Indirect Calorimetry is the **gold standard** (in fed state) to assess energy requirement at several time points during hospitalization to match the dynamic changes in nutrient needs. It can detect underfeeding/overfeeding through calculating the Respiratory Quotient (RQ):
 - $RQ > 1.0 \rightarrow$ Overfeeding
 - $RQ < 0.7 \rightarrow$ Underfeeding

If not available, use:

- **Children:** Schofield Equation
- **Adults:** Toronto Equation

NO predictive equation is accurate:

Rapid formula (25-30 kcal/kg/day) tend to **underfeed** patients.

Curreri formula tend to **overestimate** calorie needs.

Schofield Equation

Pediatrics Population

Age category	Equation	Requirement (kcal/day)
Girls 3–10 yrs	Schofield	$(16.97 \times \text{weight in kg}) + (1618 \times \text{height in cm}) + 371.2$
Boys 3–10 yrs	Schofield	$(19.6 \times \text{weight in kg}) + (1033 \times \text{height in cm}) + 414.9$
Girls 10–18 yrs	Schofield	$(8365 \times \text{weight in kg}) + (4,65 \times \text{height in cm}) + 200$
Boys 10–18 yrs	Schofield	$(16.25 \times \text{weight in kg}) + (1372 \times \text{height in cm}) + 515.5$



Toronto Equation

Adult Population

For all patients:

$$\text{REE (kcal)} = -4343 + (10.5 \times \text{TBSA burned}) + (0.23 \times \text{kcal}) + (0.84 \times \text{Harris Benedict}) + (114 \times T (^{\circ}\text{C})) - (4.5 \times \text{days post-burn})$$

TBSA = total body surface area burned;

kcal = calorie intake in past 24 hours;

Harris Benedict = basal requirements in calories using the Harris Benedict equation with no stress factors or activity factors;

T = body temperature in degrees Celsius;

days post-burn = the number of days after the burn injury is sustained using the date of injury itself as day zero.



Energy Expenditure and Protein Requirements Following Burn Injury

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Proteins

Dickerson et al (2012) assessed trauma patients through the nitrogen balance and found that net positivity was observed in:

- 29% of patients receiving 1 – 1.49 g/kg/day
- 38% of patients receiving 1.5 – 1.99 g/kg/day
- 54% of patients receiving >2 g/kg/day

If positive nitrogen balance alone is sufficient to maintain lean body mass & shorten the hypermetabolic state
→ the requirement should be > 2g/kg/d.

Allingstrup et al (2012) examined ICU patients with sepsis and burns covering >15% TBSA which showed an:

- Increase in mortality when patients are provided with low protein and amino acid supplementation (\cong 1g/kg/day) compared to those provided with high protein (\cong 1.7g/kg/day)

Protein Requirements

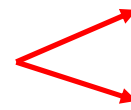
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ESPEN endorsed recommendations: Nutritional therapy in major burns[☆]

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Higher than in other
category of patients



Adults:
ESPEN/ASPEN: 1.5-2 g/kg/day
Children: 3 g/kg/day

Non-protein calorie to nitrogen ratio should be maintained between:

<u>% burn</u>	<u>protein/kgBwt/d</u>	<u>NPC:N ratio</u>
<15	1.0-1.5	150:1
15-30	1.5	120:1
31-49	1.5-2	100:1
50+	2-2.3	100:1

- Adequacy of protein intake can be evaluated by:
 - ✓ Wound healing of burn and donor sites
 - ✓ Adherence of skin grafts
 - ✓ Nitrogen balance

Carbohydrates



- Major source of energy to:
 - ✓ Provide glucose for metabolic pathways
 - ✓ Spare amino acids
- 55-60% of total energy requirements (prescribed for nutritional and drug dilution purposes without exceeding:
 - 5 mg/kg/minute in both adults and children = 7g/kg/day
- **Glucose targets:**
 - ASPEN: between 140 or 150 and 180 mg/dL = 7.8 or 8.3 – 10 mmol/L (similar to critically ill patients in general)
 - ESPEN: between 81 and 144 mg/dL = 4.5 – 8 mmol/L

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Lipids



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- Minimal amounts are needed to prevent essential fatty acid deficiency
- < 35% of total energy requirements
- Monitor:
 - Total fat delivery
 - Non-nutritional lipids (from propofol) which can reach 15-30 g/day in adults

Vitamin A

Vitamin A-Induced Hypercalcemia in Burn Patients: A Case Study

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Recommendation:

Burn patients:

- BMI<18
- Who present chronically malnourished
- Age<18



Half the dose of vitamin A and discontinuation once the patient's wounds are < 10% open.

- ✓ Clinicians should be aware of potential hypercalcemia secondary to Vitamin A overdose.
- ✓ It is important to assess Vitamin A levels in burn patients with asymptomatic hypercalcemia, normal PTH, & Vitamin D levels

Vitamin C

SESC Podium Paper

Vitamin C in the Management of Burn Patients: A Systematic Review of the Risks and Benefits

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High-dose Vitamin C supplementation (66 mg/kg/hr):

- Decreases fluid requirements
- Improves edema, healing time, and post burn infections in adults on the first day of admission

Continuous infusion for 24 hours in 1st and 2nd degree burn (10 to 40% TBSA) **but** there is a risk of AKI and renal failure.

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RESEARCH

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Effect of high-dose vitamin C therapy on severe burn patients: a nationwide cohort study

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High-dose Vitamin C therapy was associated with **reduced in-hospital mortality** in patients with severe burns under a minimum threshold of **10 g within the first 2 days of admission**.

Nakajima M;Kojiro M;Aso S;Matsui H;Fushimi K;Kaita Y;Goto H;Yamaguchi Y;Yasunaga H; (n.d.). *Effect of high-dose vitamin C therapy on severe burn patients: A nationwide cohort study*. Critical care (London, England) (2019). <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31831039/>

Vitamin D

JOURNAL ARTICLE
667 A Retrospective Review of Vitamin D Levels and Dosing in Burn Center Patients
Sara Calder, RD, CNSC, Asia N Quan, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, Suzanne Osborn, BSN, RN, Virginia Nisbet, Karen J Richey, BSN, RN, Curt Bay, PhD, Kevin N Foster, MD, MBA
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Vitamin D deficiency is present in >90% of burn patients (profound degree) → Vitamin D deficiency is not easily corrected for; taking 3 weeks to reach therapeutic level using an aggressive supplementation regimen

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Review
Vitamin D in burn-injured patients
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Vitamin D supplementation is a low-cost, low-risk intervention that may be beneficial especially in reducing length of stay

Burns
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Letter to the Editor
Vitamin D: The ‘Immune Cell Mediator’ in burn critical care patients
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Administer Vitamin D (safe & cheap) to all critically unwell burn patients in the UK where sunlight is limited + Long-term Vitamin D supplement may be required for bone homeostasis

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Vitamin E

The Role of Vitamin E in Thermal Burn Injuries, Infection, and Sepsis: A Review

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Findings:

- ✓ Vitamin E supplementation has shown the ability to alleviate stress on skeletal muscle caused by increases in glucocorticoids
- ✓ Enteral or Parenteral Vitamin E supplementation can prevent, mitigate, and even reverse the effects of *thermal* burn injuries, infection, and sepsis
- ✓ Direct application of Vitamin E on the wound resulted in improved wound outcomes

Vitamins



- Mainly Vitamin A, B, C, E and D + Thiamin (normalize lactate & pyruvate metabolism)
 - Intake of multivitamin once per day
- Vitamin D deficiency → osteoporosis in burn people
 - ✓ Standard intake of 400 IU/day is insufficient & does not improve bone density
- Vitamin C and E of doses 1.5-3 times higher than RDA → ↓oxidative stress & ↑ wound healing
 - ✓ Vitamin C needs remain ↑ in acute phase → Recommendation: 0.5 – 1 g/day
- Vitamin A: 10,000 IU once per day

Minerals



Aim 1: To check if adjusting the Trace Elements (TE) repletion plan could correct TE levels in burn patients.

Aim 2: To check whether patients needing continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) required different TE amounts.

The study spanned from 1999 to 2015, with changes made to the protocol during different periods.

Data collection: daily TE intake and TE levels in the blood over the first 21 days in the ICU.



Original article

Trace element repletion following severe burn injury: A dose-finding cohort study

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Study Protocol

Evolution of the ICU's nutritional recommendations.

Variable	Period 1 (99–01)	Period 2 (02–05)	Period 3 (06–10)	Period 4 (11–15)
Initial resuscitation	4 ml/kg/% TBSA burned	4 ml/kg/% TBSA burned	2 ml/kg/% TBSA burned	2 ml/kg/% TBSA burned
Energy target	MEE ^a × 1.3	MEE ^a × 1.2	MEE ^a (or Toronto)	MEE ^a (or Toronto)
Nutritive solution	Standard	Standard	Protein-enriched Low fat	Protein-enriched Low fat
Protein target	Not explicit	Not explicit	1.3–2.0 g/kg	1.3–2.0 g/kg
Enteral glutamine ^e (Intestamin [®])	None	None	30 g/day for 10 days (TBSA >20%)	30 g/day for 10 days (TBSA 20–60%) 30 g/day for 30 days (TBSA >60%)
Specific burn IV trace element preparation		1 Specific burn TE-flex ^b : 5 days/20–30% BSA 10 days/30–40% BSA 21 days/>40% BSA	1 Specific burn TE-flex ^b : 5 days/20–30% BSA 10 days/30–40% BSA 21 days/>40% BSA	1 Specific burn TE-flex ^b : 5 days/20–30% BSA 14 days/30–60% BSA 30 days/>60% BSA
Standard ICU IV micronutrient	None	Stress profile 1 ^c		Stress profile 2 ^d
Max total daily intravenous TE's intake	Copper 3.75 mg Selenium 375 µg Zinc 37.5 mg	Copper 5.05 mg Selenium 507 µg Zinc 54 mg		Copper 4.23 mg Selenium 545 µg Zinc 52.5 mg
Max total daily intravenous and enteral TE's intake		No additional enteral intake except minor quantities in enteral feeds	Additional 300 µg Se, 20 mg Zn contained in Intestamin ^e :	Copper 4.23 mg Selenium 845 µg Zinc 72.5 mg

The TE doses are indicated as elemental doses.

^a MEE = indirect calorimetry measured energy expenditure.^b Specific burn TE flex: Cu 3.75 mg, Se 375 µg, Zn 37.5 mg.^c Stress profile 1 (Indication = parenteral nutrition or acute inflammatory condition): 1 Addamel[®] N vial (Cu 1.3 mg, Se 32 µg, Zn 6.5 mg and 6 other TE) + 100 µg Se and 10 mg Zn.^d Stress profile 2 (Indication = parenteral nutrition or acute inflammatory condition): 1 Decan[®] vial (Cu 0.48 mg, Se 70 µg, Zn 10 mg and 7 other TE) + 100 µg Se and 5 mg Zn.^e Intestamin[®] 500 ml: Glutamine 30 g, Se 300 µg and Zn 20 mg, (Fresenius Kabi, Switzerland AG).

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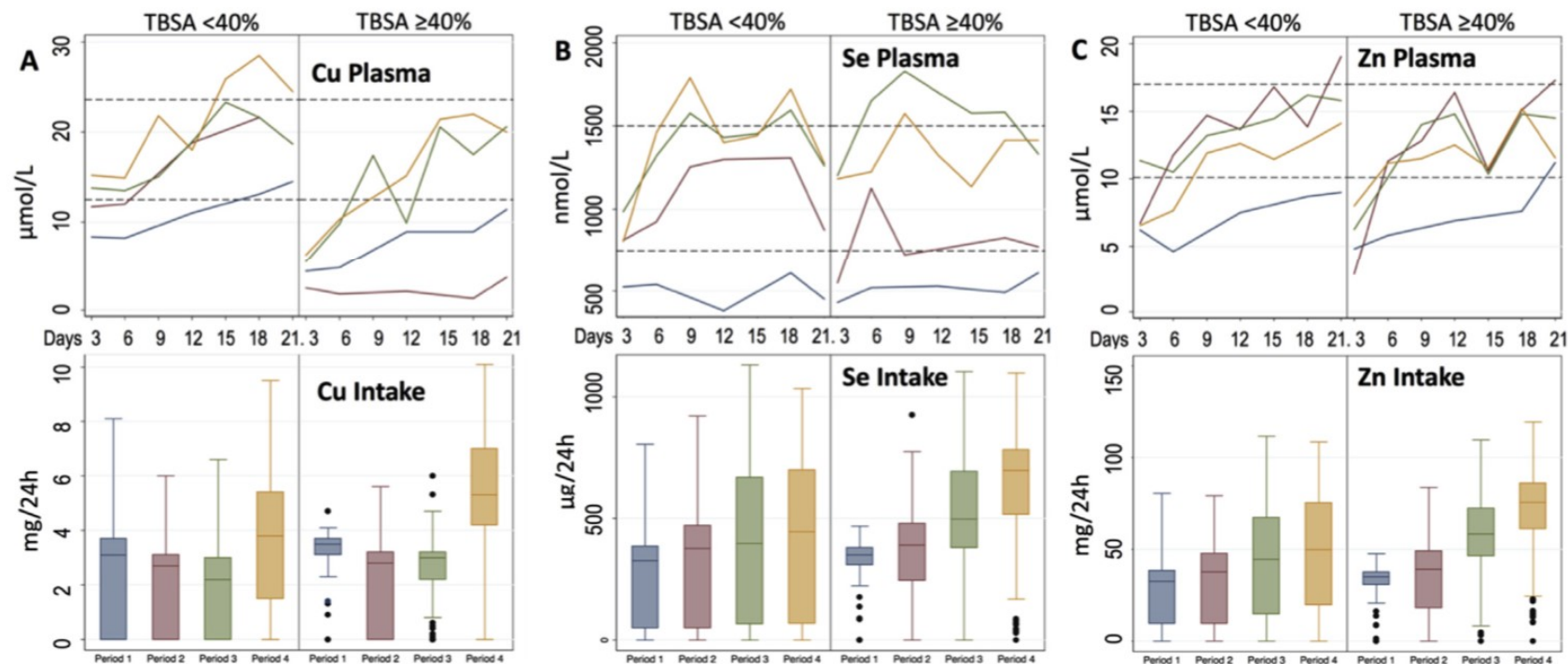


Fig. 2. For copper (A) selenium (B) and zinc (C):

- Median plasma concentrations of TE's concentrations over 21 days and by period, according to burn size (< or ≥40% TBSA burned). The dashed lines represent the reference values. Note the supra-normal selenium values.
- Median daily intakes by period and according to burn size. Note the increased delivery of the three elements.

Minerals

Recommendations for Maximum Daily Intravenous Intake

Copper (Cu): 4.77 mg

Selenium (Se): 273 µg

Zinc(Zn): 45.5 mg

V/S

Copper (Cu): 900µg

Selenium (Se): 55µg

Zinc(Zn): 11 mg

RDA



Conclusion

- ✓ TE repletion is safe, with reduced infectious complications.
- ✓ Monitoring, when available, enhances precision.
- ✓ Special attention needed for patients on CRRT, requiring higher doses.

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Table 2

Patient characteristics.

Variable	All periods	Period 1 (1999–01)	Period 2 (2002–05)	Period 3 (2006–10)	Period 4 (2011–15)	p-value
Number of patients	139	11	29	57	42	
Number of patients $\geq 40\%$ BSA	59	5	10	24	20	
Age (years) ^b	37 (28)	50 (37)	31 (24)	37 (25)	38 (30)	0.74 ^c
Gender (male) ^a	94 (68%)	7 (64%)	19 (66%)	35 (61%)	33 (79%)	0.33 ^d
TBSA burned (%) ^b	35 (25)	38 (32)	35 (23)	35 (19)	36 (35)	0.32 ^c
Full thickness burn size (%) ^b	23 (28)	28 (30)	23 (17)	20 (28)	25 (38)	0.36 ^c
Inhalation injury ^a	83 (60%)	5 (45%)	19 (66%)	34 (60%)	25 (60%)	0.72 ^c
ABSI score ^b	8 (3)	9 (2)	9 (3)	8 (3)	9 (3)	0.42 ^e
Ryan score ^b	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0)	1 (1)	0.91 ^e
Length of stay (days) ^b	31 (35)	34 (14)	31 (37)	29 (34)	30 (35)	0.72 ^c
Ventilation time (days) ^b	12 (19)	14 (15)	11 (14)	9 (20)	20 (23)	0.06 ^c
Number of infections per patient during 21 days ^h	2.0 (1.2)	2.3 (1.6)	2.6 ^g (1.3)	1.7 ^g (1.1)	2.0 (1.2)	<0.05 ^c
CRP medians (mg/l) ^b	168 (125)	180 (108)	169 (145)	161 ^g (114)	172 ^g (139)	0.001 ^e
Number of patients requiring CRRT ^a	17 (12%)	1 (9%)	1 (3%)	3 (5%)	12 (29%)	<0.05 ^f
Mortality ^a	16 (12%)	2 (18%)	2 (7%)	5 (9%)	7 (17%)	0.44 ^f

^a Numbers of patients (%).

^b Medians (interquartile range): CRP is expressed as the median of all values of the first 21 days.

^c Kruskal–Wallis.

^d Chi-squared.

^e ANOVA.

^f Fisher's exact.

^g Bonferroni.

^h Mean (standard deviation).

Minerals

The Extent of Burn Injury Significantly Affects Serum Micro- and Macroelement Concentrations in Patients on the First Day of Hospitalisation

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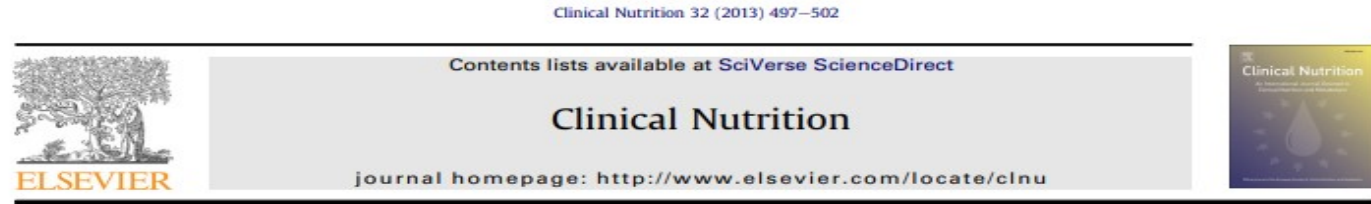
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Findings:

- ✓ As per Gosling's study hypocupremia in one of the patients, whose burns covered 78% of TBSA, resolved on day 75, after wounds have healed → Monitor **Copper** status over the long term.
- ✓ Early sufficient supplementation of **Selenium** can restore plasma levels but with constant monitoring due to the high risk of overloading.
- ✓ The increase in **Chromium** concentration on 1st day after burn might be part of the stress response to prevent lean body mass loss in initial phase.

Minerals



ESPEN endorsed recommendations: Nutritional therapy in major burns[☆]



Copper, Selenium & Zinc are lost in large amounts in exudative losses.

→ Substitution should be done as follows for:

- ✓ 7-8 days for burns 20-40% TBSA
- ✓ 2 weeks for burns 40-60% TBSA
- ✓ 30 days for burns >60% TBSA

Competition between Copper and Zinc for intestinal absorption → administration of enteral nutrition substitution doses is inefficient

Nutrition Intervention

Timing for Achieving Nutritional Goals

SCCM/ASPEN:

80% of Energy and Protein goals should be met within 48 – 72 hours

ESPEN:

NO specific timing



Fluids and Fibers

Fluids

- All patients with burns covering $>10\%$ of TBSA require fluid resuscitation as per Parkland formula (Baxter, 1974)

Fiber

- Recommended from the start as these patients are exposed to an increased risk of constipation due to:
 - ✓ Important fluid movements
 - ✓ \uparrow Doses of sedatives and opioids

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Route of Feeding

Give priority to the Enteral route!

- Early Initiation:
 - ✓ **SCCM/ASPEN**: within the first 6 hours from injury
 - ✓ **ESPEN**: within 12 hours from injury
- Early EN has shown to:



- Circulating catecholamines, cortisol and glucagon
- Risk of Curling ulcer formation
- LOS
- Risk of diarrhea
- Caloric deficits



- Preserve intestinal mucosal integrity, motility and blood flow
- Muscle mass maintenance, wound healing
- Insulin secretion
- Protein retention

Nutrition Support

- Volume-based feedings as recently presented by the PEPuP protocol, seems to increase the probability of meeting the nutritional goals in a safe way, also related to less episodes of hyperglycemia and lower use of PN (Prest PJ, 2019)
- Consider supplemental PN if patients are unable to consume more than 60% of energy and protein through enteral route or PO within 7-10 days (ASPEN, 2016)



Immune-Enhancing Formulas

Some of the specific nutrients utilized in the nutrition support of burn patients are as follows:

- Glutamine
- Arginine
- Omega-3 fatty acids



Glutamine

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Randomized Trial of Enteral Glutamine for Treatment of Burn Injuries

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The largest international, multicenter, double-blind, pragmatic, randomized controlled trial:

Aim: Clarify the effects of glutamine in burn patients

Inclusion criteria: deep 2nd or 3rd degree burns (>10-20% TBSA)

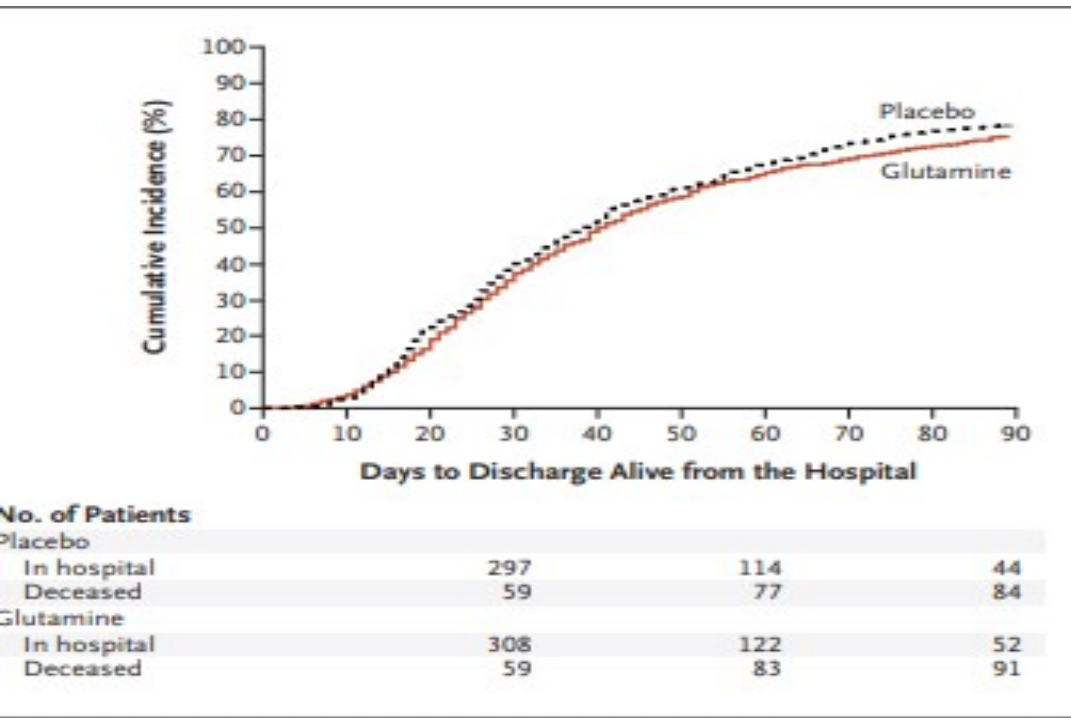
Method:

- Administration within 72 hours after hospital admission 0.5g/kg enterally delivered glutamine or placebo
- Given Q4h through a feeding tube or 3-4 times/day by mouth, until
 - 7 days after the last skin grafting procedure
 - 7 days after discharge from the acute care unit
 - 3 months after admission
- Primary outcome: Time to discharge alive from the hospital

Results

1209 patients with severe burns (mean burn size 33% of TBSA)

1200 patients included in the analysis



Analysis	Glutamine (N=596)	Placebo (N=604)	Subdistribution Hazard Ratio (95% CI) [†]	P Val
Primary analysis: median no. of days to discharge alive from the hospital (IQR)	40 (24–87)	38 (22–75)	0.91 (0.80–1.04) [†]	0.17
Secondary analysis stratified according to site			0.89 (0.78–1.02)	0.08
Secondary analysis with site as a random effect			0.88 (0.77–1.00)	0.06
Secondary analysis with site as a random effect and with adjustment for age, APACHE II score, baseline SOFA score, burn size, Charlson co- morbid index score, and geographic region			0.92 (0.81–1.05)	0.23

In patients with severe burns, supplemental glutamine did not reduce the time to discharge from the hospital

Glutamine

- Conditionally essential for burn patients
- The favorite substrate for lymphocytes & enterocytes preserve small bowel integrity & gut-associated immune function
- ESPEN:
 - ✓ Till now, no precise dose, route, or duration administration (inconclusive studies)
 - ✓ Dose for other critical patients: 0.3 g/kg/day during 5-7 days
 - ✓ Ornithine alpha-ketoglutarate (precursor of glutamine) can be used as an alternative to glutamine
 - Dose: 30g divided into 2 to 3 boluses daily
- ASPEN:

✗ Recommends against glutamine supplementation

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Immune-Enhancing Formulas

- The addition of arginine, glutamine, and omega-3 fatty acids to enteral formulas has been evaluated in clinical trials, but it remains controversial (Gottschlich, 1990b; Saffle, 1997).
- The benefits of arginine supplementation have not been clearly elucidated, though they appear to be beneficial in trauma and surgical patients but may be harmful in septic patients (Zaloga, 2004; McClave, 2016).

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Non-Nutritional Management of Hypermetabolism

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- Maintenance of nursing environmental temperature at 28-30°C (warm ambient temperature)
- Early excision & coverage of deep burn wounds
- Pain control
- Early institution of exercise therapy
- Administration of agents stimulating protein synthesis such as
 - Non-selective beta-blockers (Propranolol)
 - Oxandrolone

Oxandrolone

- A synthetic androgen, at a dose of 10 mg/12 hours for adults and 0.1 mg/kg/12 hours for children, resulted in:

- ↓ Mortality
- ↓ Length of stay
- ↓ Weight loss
- ↓ Healing time

- ↑ Bone metabolism
- ↑ Protein synthesis efficiency

- However, its administration requires close monitoring of liver function

Propranolol

- Non-selective beta-blockers; best results in children but less significant in adults
- Benefits:
 - ↓ HR & metabolic rate
 - ↓ Cytokines
 - ↓ Release of stress hormones
 - ↓ Both hypermetabolism & hypercatabolism
 - ↑ Peripheral lean body mass accumulation

Recommendation: Start administration after resuscitation phase,

1. Propranolol at the end of the first week
2. Oxandrolone a little later for

Recombinant Human Growth Hormone (rhGH)

- Its administration is **not** recommended in adults (increased mortality) but in children it is effective
- At a dose of 0.05-0.2 mg/kg/d it showed to:
 - ↑ Donor site healing
 - ↑ Lean body mass accretion
 - ↓ Hypermetabolism & growth deficit

BUT duration of treatment is still to be determined (as per some studies, treatment up to 1 year has shown to be safe)

Take Home Message!

- ✓ Energy requirements are **elevated** by the burn injury
 - ✓ Protein requirements are substantially **increased**
- } associated with **healing and immune function**
- ✓ Wound healing process can be used to assess protein adequacy
 - ✓ Maintain **weight within 5 % - 10 %** of pre-burn weight
 - ✓ Prevent signs and symptoms of **micronutrient deficiency**
 - ✓ Minimize **hyperglycemia** and **hypertriglyceridemia**
 - ✓ Provide nutrition support via **enteral route** as early as possible, within 6 - 18 hours post burn injury, through a high-protein, high-carbohydrate formula

