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# **NUTRITIONAL INTERVENTIONS FOR CANCER-INDUCED CACHEXIA**



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## Preferred route of feeding

Healthy meal

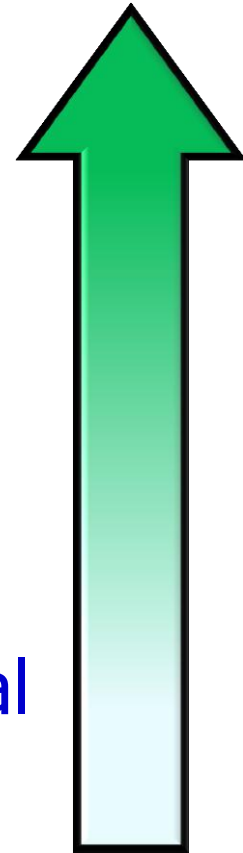
Oral

Enteral gastric

Enteral duodenal/jejunal

Small amount Enteral rest Parenteral

Total parenteral



# Overview



- **Weight loss to cancer-induced cachexia**
- **Specific nutrition for cancer patients - Nutrition in Cancer Care**
- **Summary**

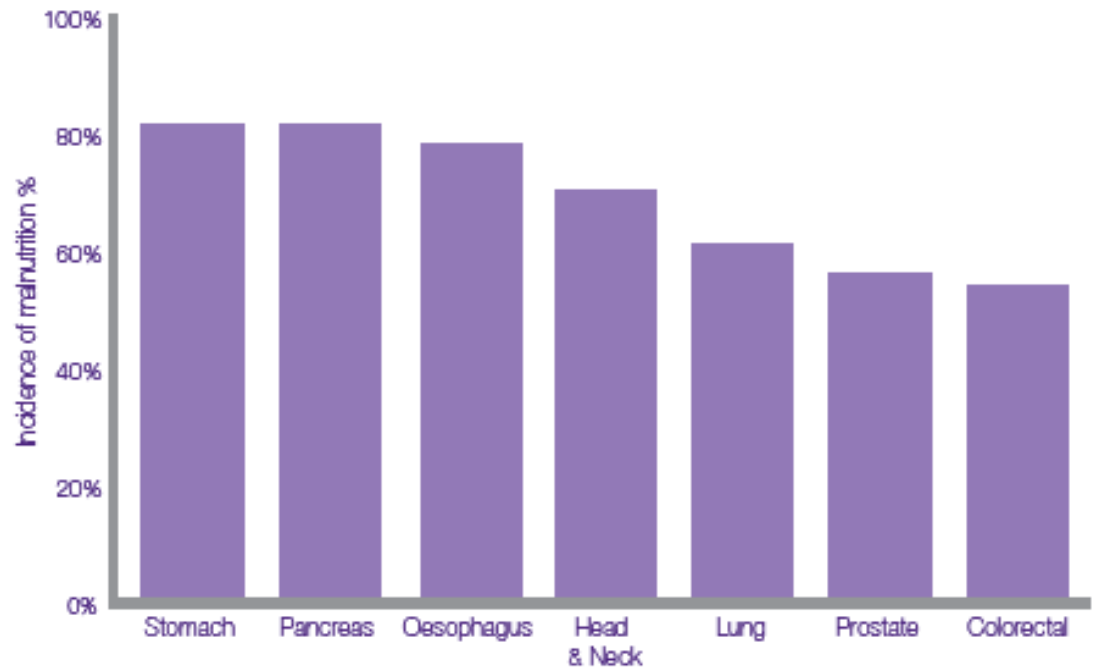
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# Prevalence of Weight loss in Cancer

- **30-85% dependent on:**
- Tumor (type & stage)
- Treatment
- Age
- Individual susceptibility
- Method of assessment



During the course of the disease there is weight loss of >10% in up to 45% of patients



# Prevalence of Weight loss in Cancer

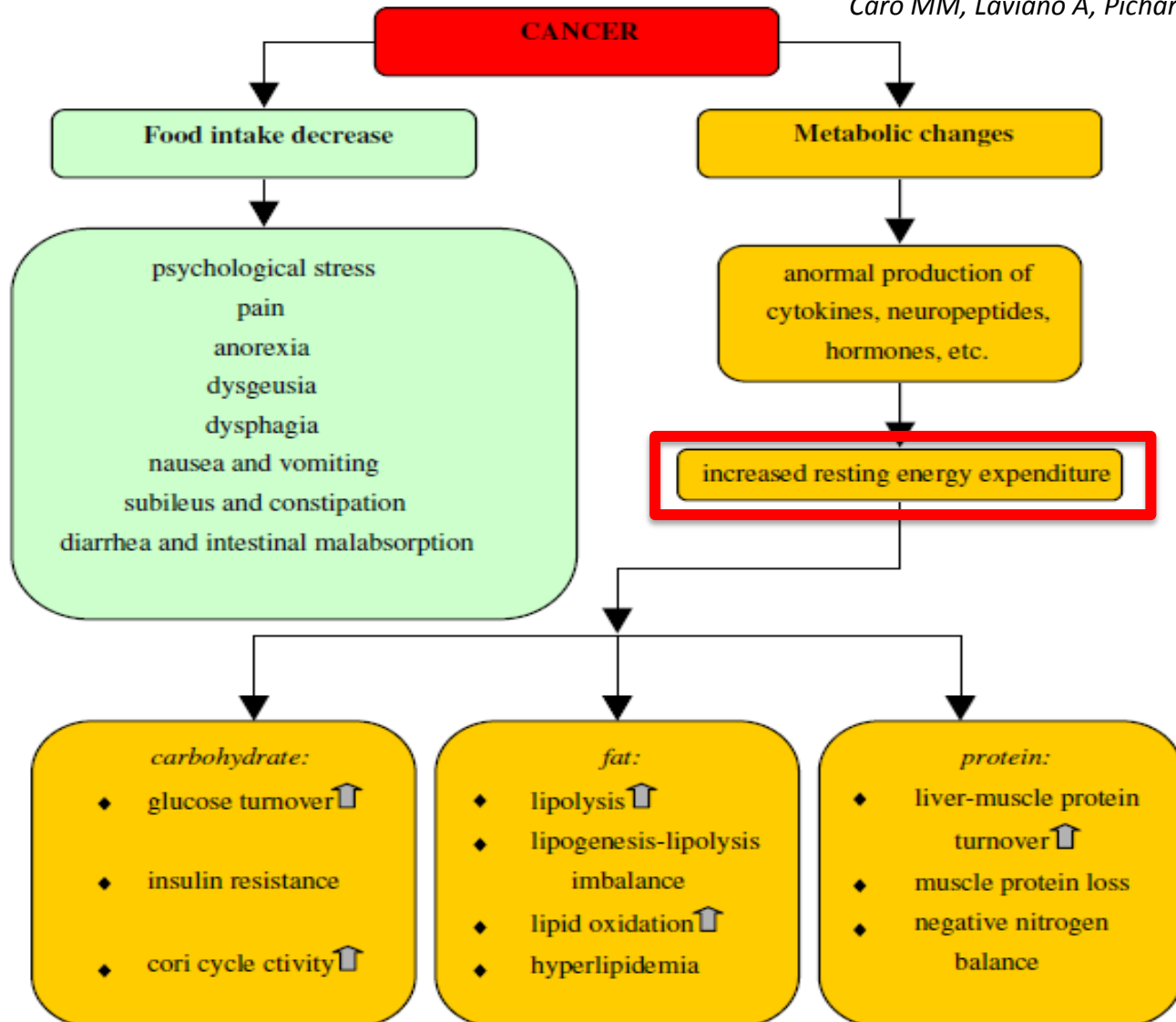
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**Individual susceptibility**  
**Method of assessment**

Over 20 % of death are due simply to malnutrition and host tissue wasting  
50% of newly diagnosed cancer patients are anorexic



# Weight loss in cancer patients

Caro MM, Laviano A, Pichard, Clin Nutr 2007



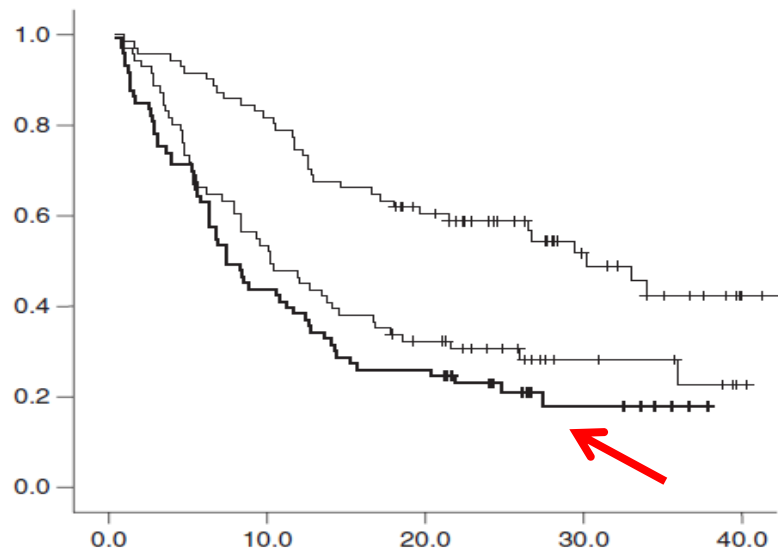
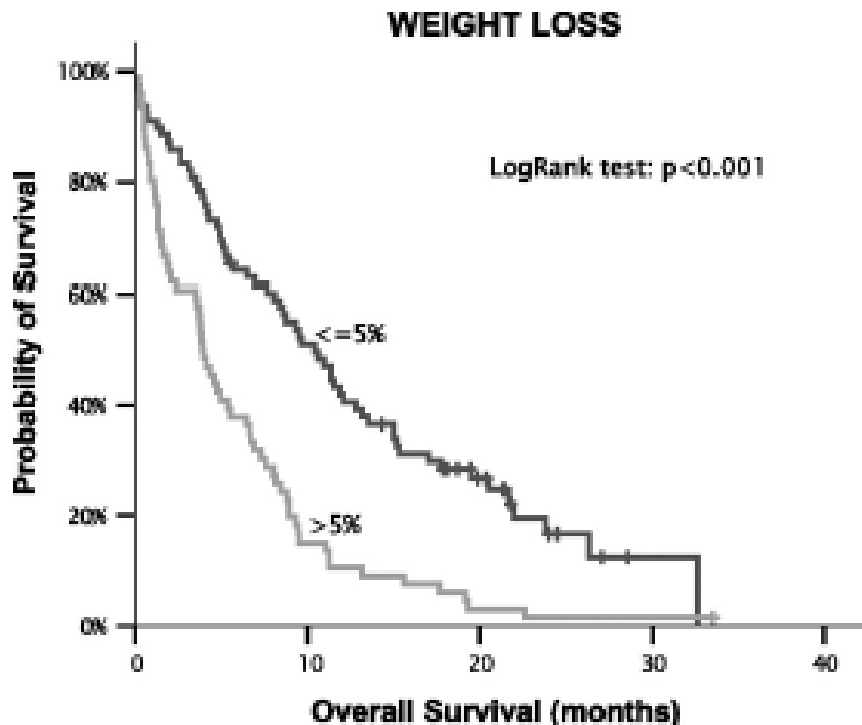
# The higher rate of weight loss: the less survival



original article

*Annals of Oncology* 22: 835–841, 2011  
doi:10.1093/annonc/mdq440  
Published online 11 October 2010

## Baseline nutritional evaluation in metastatic lung cancer patients: Mini Nutritional Assessment versus weight loss history



Number at risk:

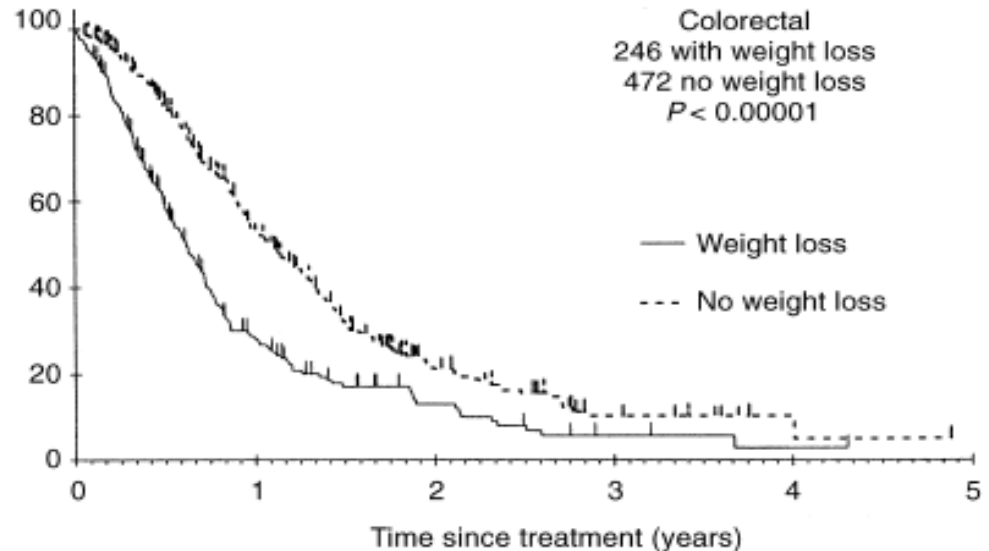
Lowest tertile	73	58	39	18	3
Middle tertile	73	38	21	7	1
Highest tertile	74	32	19	6	0

**Figure 1** Survival curve representing survival duration in the patient cohort from time of diagnosis stratified according to tertiles of rate of weight loss. Thin line = lowest rate of weight-loss tertile with a median survival of 30.2 months; middle line = middle rate of weight-loss tertile with a median survival of 10.2 months; thick line = highest rate of weight-loss tertile with a median survival of 7.5 months ( $P < 0.0001$ , log-rank test).

# Weight change before presentation is associated with poorer outcomes in GI cancer

	51% weight stable	49% weight loss	
QoL score (0-100)	76	59	p<0.0001
Stomatitis 1-4	39 %	52 %	p<0.0001
Treatment duration	150 d	120 d	p<0.0001
Response rate	higher	lower	p=0.006
Overall survival	11.9 m	7.6 m	p<0.0001

N=1555,  
(Age 18-84 y)

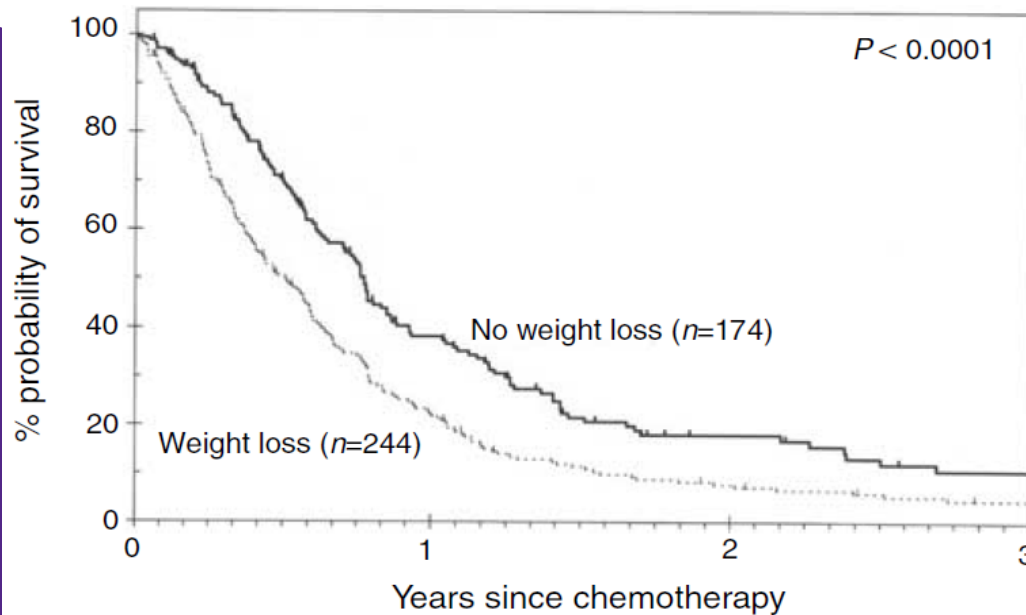


# Weight loss is an independent PROGNOSTIC factor for survival in NSCLC



Do patients with weight loss have a worse outcome when undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancers?

Survival – NSCLC



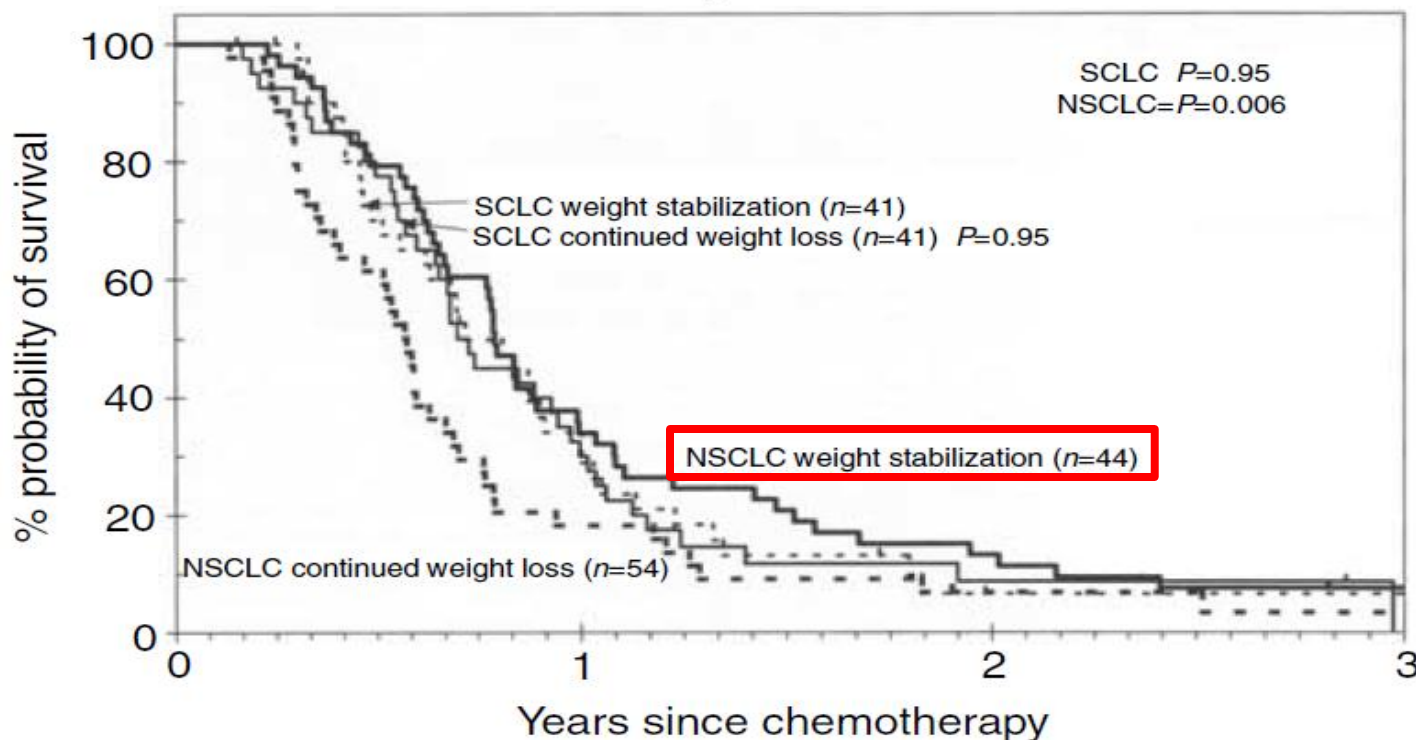
Patients with weight loss and NSCLC ( $p=0.003$ ) more frequently failed to complete at least three cycles of chemotherapy

Prospectively collected data, stage III/IV NSCLC

# Weight stabilization during chemotherapy contributes to higher survival



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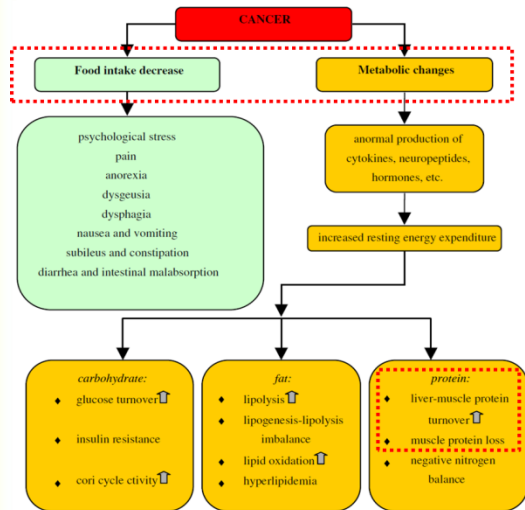
British Journal of Cancer (2004) 90, 1905–1911

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# Standard chemotherapy & other cancer treatments reinforce cancer weight loss



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**Carmustine**  
**Carboplatin**  
**Cisplatin**  
**5-Fluoruracil**  
**Doxorubicin**  
**Paclitaxel**  
 ...  
**Sorafinib**  
**Everolimus**  
 ...  
**Radiation**  
**Surgery**



Weight loss at the start of treatment is associated with reduced response rates and increased toxicity and is included as one of the key Common Terminology criteria of Adverse events (CTCAE)

# Prevalence of Side Effects of cancer treatments



Treatment	Weight Loss	Fatigue	Nausea/ Vomiting	Oral Mucositis	Taste Alterations	Constipation
Overall %	50%-90%	70%-100%	30%-90%	40%-100%	35%-70%	40%-50%
Chemotherapy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Radiation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Surgery	✓	✓	✓			
Immunotherapy	✓	✓		✓		

✓ = treatment in which side effect is common

# Cancer Cachexia



Definition and classification of cancer cachexia:  
an international consensus

THE LANCET **Oncology**

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## Consensus findings

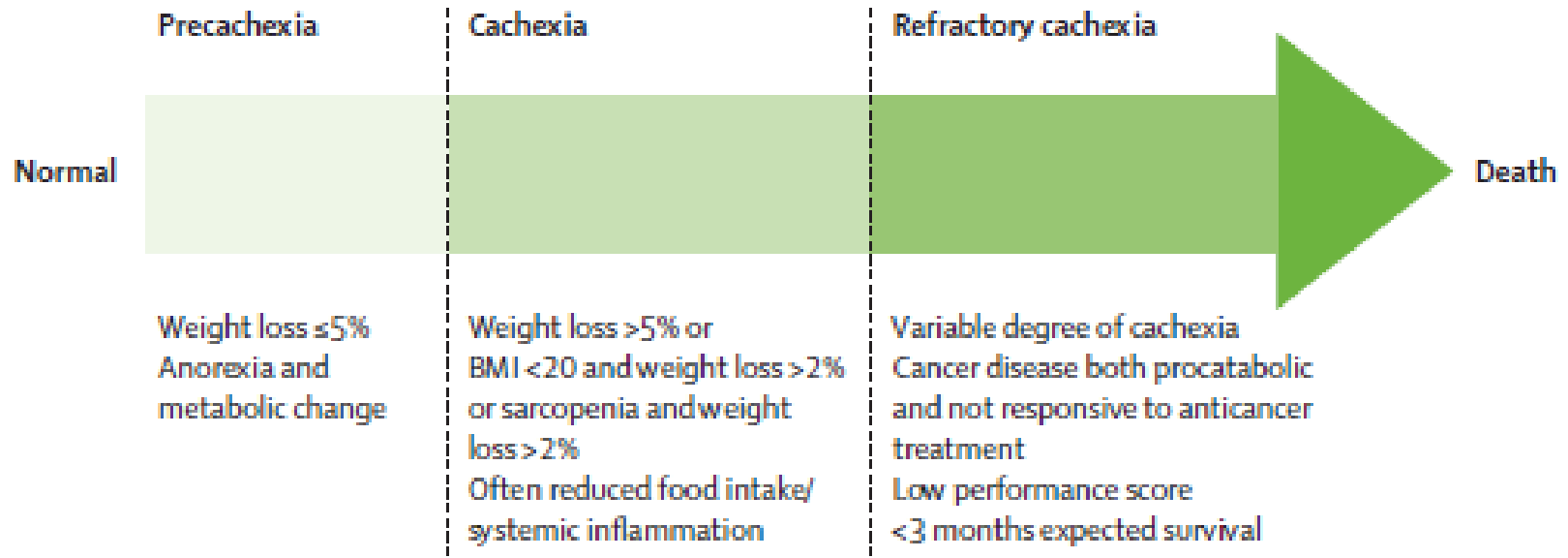
### Definition and diagnosis

Cancer cachexia is defined as a multifactorial syndrome characterised by an ongoing loss of skeletal muscle mass (with or without loss of fat mass) that cannot be fully reversed by conventional nutritional support and leads to progressive functional impairment. The pathophysiology is characterised by a negative protein and energy balance driven by a variable combination of reduced food intake and abnormal metabolism. Consensus statements for diagnosis are presented in the panel.



# International consensus group: classification of cancer cachexia in relation to outcomes

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Recommendation for early recognition of cachexia

**Panel: Diagnosis of cancer cachexia**

- Weight loss  $> 5\%$  over past 6 months (in absence of simple starvation); or
- BMI  $< 20$  and any degree of weight loss  $> 2\%$ ; or
- Appendicular skeletal muscle index consistent with sarcopenia (males  $< 7.26 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ; females  $< 5.45 \text{ kg/m}^2$ )\* and any degree of weight loss  $> 2\% \uparrow$

Fearon KCH. *Eur J Cancer*, 2008 & Fearon et al, *Lancet Oncol* 2011

Aopro et al, position paper of an ESO taskforce, 2014: *Ann Oncol*, 25:

# Cancer Cachexia

## Assessment

### Standard Parameters

Weight loss  $\geq 5\%$   
over past 12 months  
(or BMI  $< 20 \text{ kg/m}^2$ )

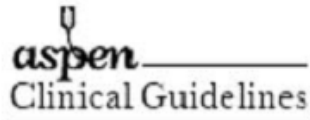


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### 3/5 Parameters

↓ muscle strength  
Tired  
Anorexic  
Clean mass index low  
Biochemical tests  
High Inflammatory indicator  
(CRP, IL-6)  
Anemia (Hb  $< 12 \text{ g/dL}$ )  
Low Albumin/blood ( $< 3.2 \text{ g/dL}$ )

# Nutrition in Cancer Care



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## ESPEN Guidelines on Enteral Nutrition: Non-surgical oncology ☆

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# Nutritional Interventions

## Major goals of supportive nutrition

- Adjunctive to the specific oncology treatment goal
- maintain adequate nutritional status, body composition, performance status, immune function, and quality of life
- Stabilize or improve nutritional status as well as increasing the potential of a favorable response to therapy and enhancing recovery from any adverse effect of therapy
- early supportive nutritional intervention is to avoid irreversible nutritional and physiological deficits
- Weight loss in the cancer patient can often be prevented , but generally only if addressed proactively

# Nutrition in Cancer Care

ESPEN Guideline 2006- 2009; ASPEN Guideline 2009

Appropriate nutritional method

- Oral nutrition support (ONS)
- Tube feeding
- Parenteral nutrition (PN)

Adequate nutrition

- E: 25-30kcal/ kg/day
- Protein: 1,2-1,5g/ kg/ day (max 2g)
- 50% Energy not from protein

Supplements -  
Medicine

- Omega 3
- Drugs (steroids, progesterone, Cannabinoids, NSAIDS)

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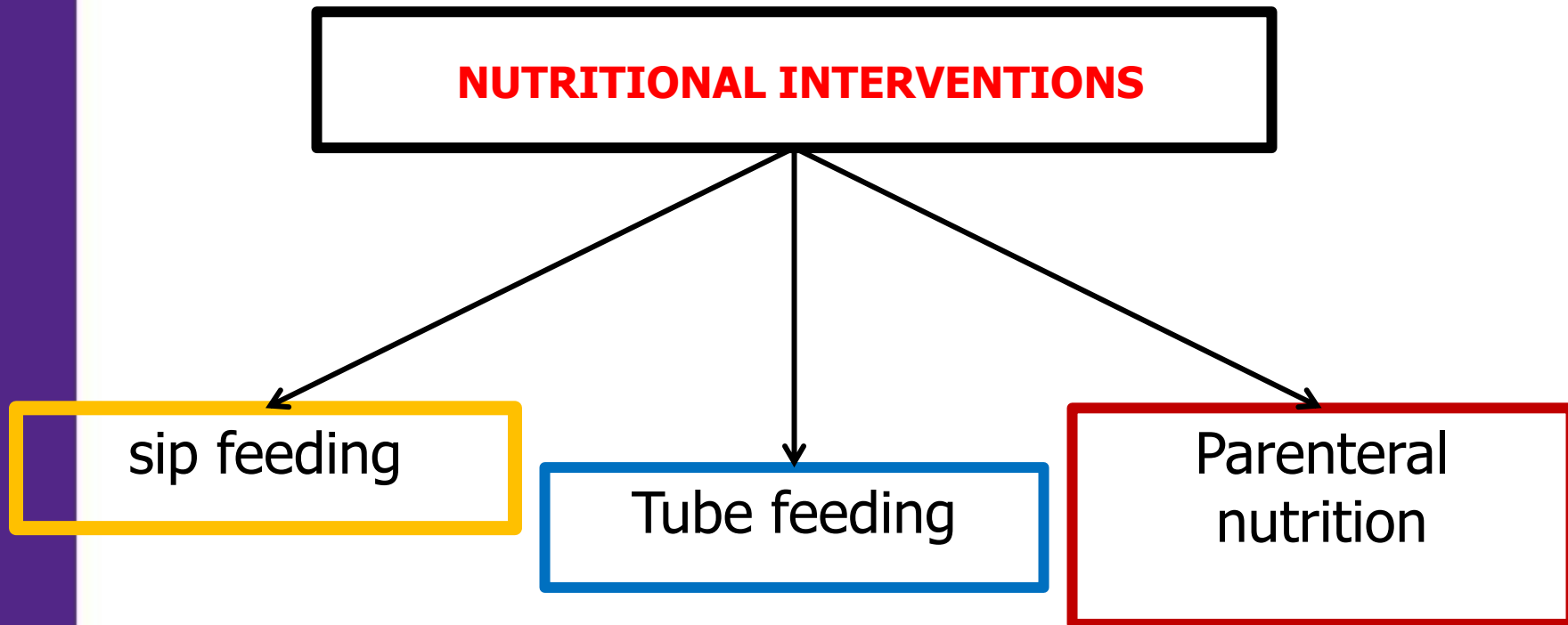


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Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation

ESPEN Guidelines on Enteral Nutrition:  
Non-surgical oncology<sup>☆</sup>



# Nutrition in Cancer Care

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## 3.2. Is there an indication for EN during radiotherapy or combined radio-chemotherapy?

*Yes. Use intensive dietary counselling and ONS to increase dietary intake (A) and to prevent therapy-associated weight loss and interruption of radiation therapy in patients undergoing radiotherapy of gastrointestinal or head and neck areas (A). If an obstructing head and neck or oesophageal cancer interferes with swallowing, EN should be delivered by tube (C). TF is also suggested if severe local mucositis is expected, which might interfere with swallowing, e.g. in intensive radiotherapy or in combined modality radio-chemotherapy regimens including radiation of throat or esophagus (C).*

# Chọn phương pháp dinh dưỡng

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ESPEN Guidelines on Parenteral Nutrition: Non-surgical oncology

***Nutritional support should be started if patient is under-nourished or if it is anticipated that the patient will be unable to eat for more than seven days. It should also be started if an inadequate food intake (<60% of estimated energy expenditure) is anticipated for more than 10 days (Grade C). In such cases if nutritional support for any reason cannot be given through the enteral route, it has to be delivered by vein. A “supplemental” PN should substitute the difference between the actual oral/enteral intake and the estimated requirements (Grade C).***

***There is no rationale for giving PN if the nutrients intake by oral or enteral route is adequate, and for these reasons PN should not be administered in such conditions (Grade A).***



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# What can be Done??

- Conventional nutritional interventions have limited success
  - Standard oral nutritional products
  - Tube feeding
  - Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)

Conventional nutritional interventions ***do not*** address the underlying mechanism of Cancer-induced weight loss

# What can be Done??



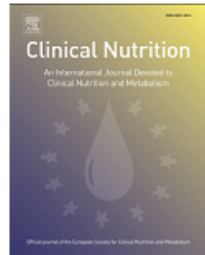
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Randomized control trials

### Randomized trial of the effects of individual nutritional counseling in cancer patients<sup>☆</sup>



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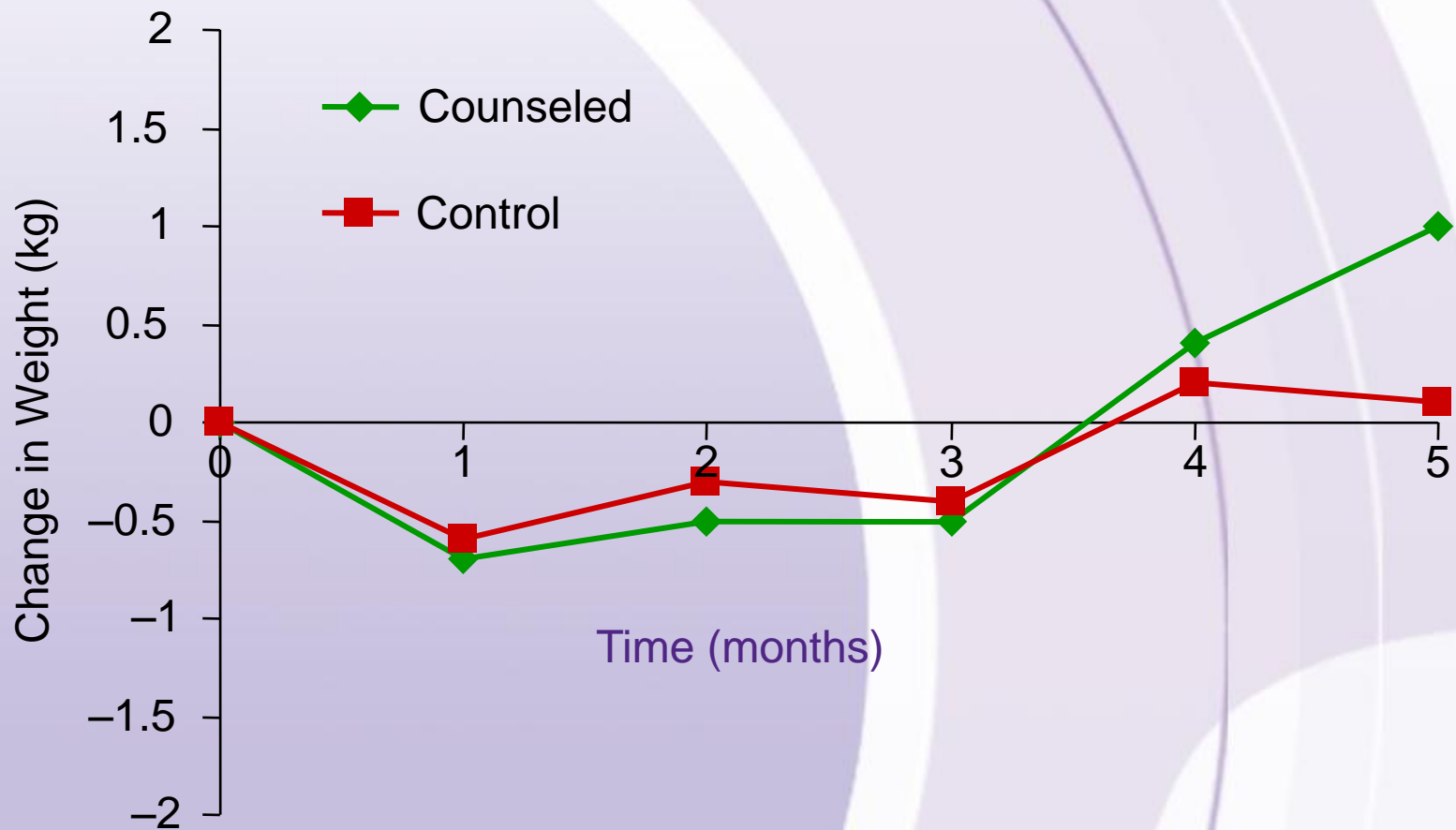
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# Increasing Intake alone DOESN'T work



- 105 patients with small-cell lung, ovarian or breast cancer
- Significant increase in intake, but no significant weight gain



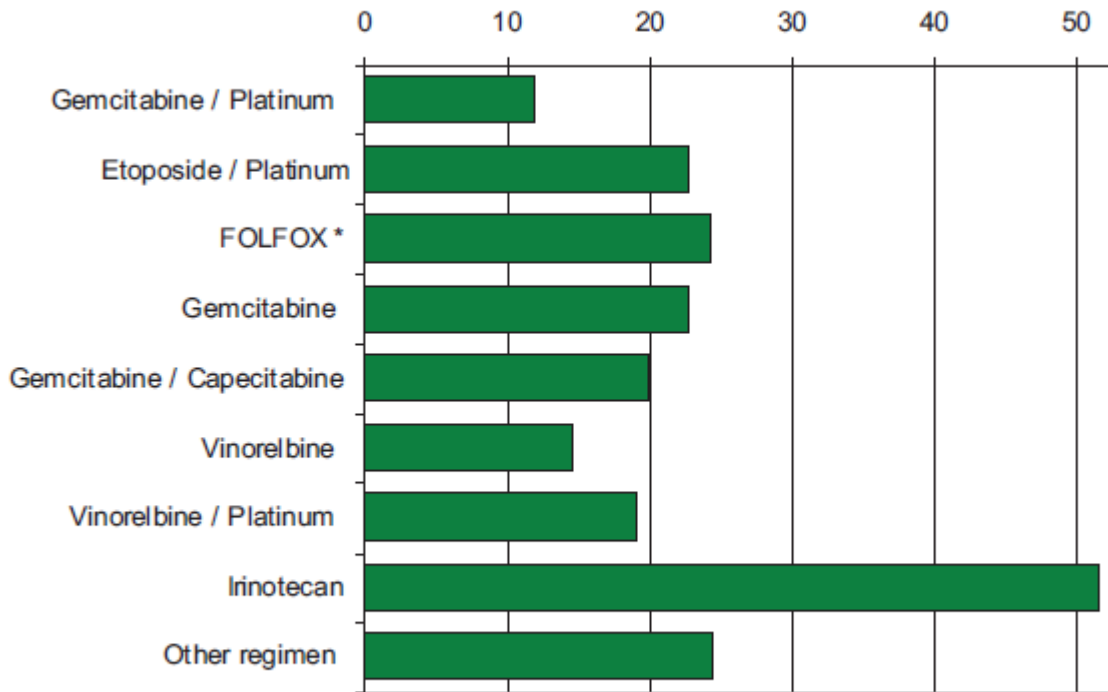


# 70% reported taste alterations (TA) during CT & symptoms persist months after CT

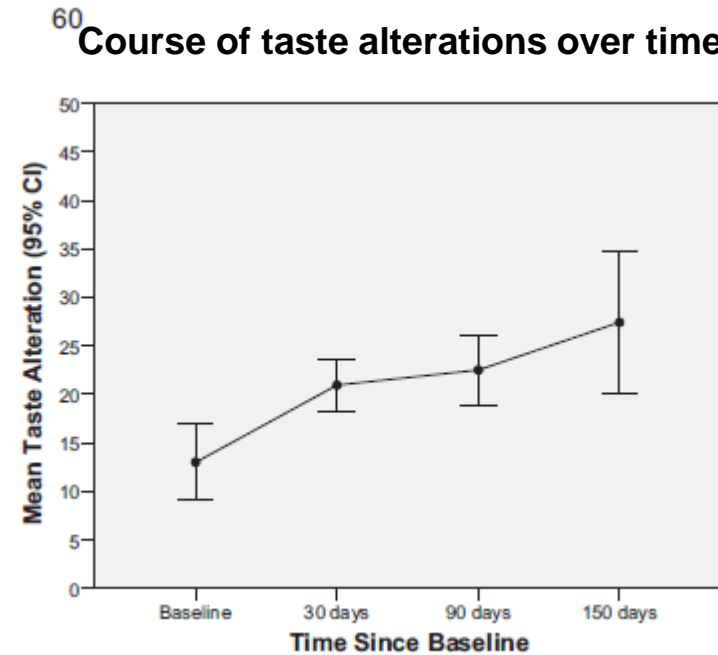
Lung cancer 54%  
Pancreatic cancer 19%  
Colorectal cancer 26%  
Age: 65 years; male 57%

included in study between day 0 and 30 of CT

## Taste Alteration



## Course of taste alterations over time.



N=197

# Association between Taste alterations and QoL



- EORTC QLQ – C30 + 2 additional questions

**TAs are significantly associated with:**

- **Apetite loss**
- **Fatigue**
- **Nausea/vomiting**
- **Cognitive functioning**



**Metallic  
Taste**

# Challenges for intake



Taste alterations are common in cancer patients resulting from disease and/or treatment

68% patients undergoing chemotherapy reported taste changes<sup>1</sup>:

- Food tastes like cardboard or sandpaper
- Too salty
- Too sweet
- Too sour
- Too bitter
- Metallic aftertaste

Prevalence of metallic taste ranged from 9.7 - 78% among patients with various cancers, chemotherapy treatments, and treatment phases<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Wickham et al, 1999

<sup>2</sup> Ijpma et al, Cancer Treat Rev 2014

# Mechanism of action Cancer induced weight loss

**Malignant Tumor Cells**

**Increased Proinflammatory cytokines  
IL 1, IL6, TNF**

**PIF  
Proteolysis inducing factor**

**Depressed Appetite**

**CRP initiated**

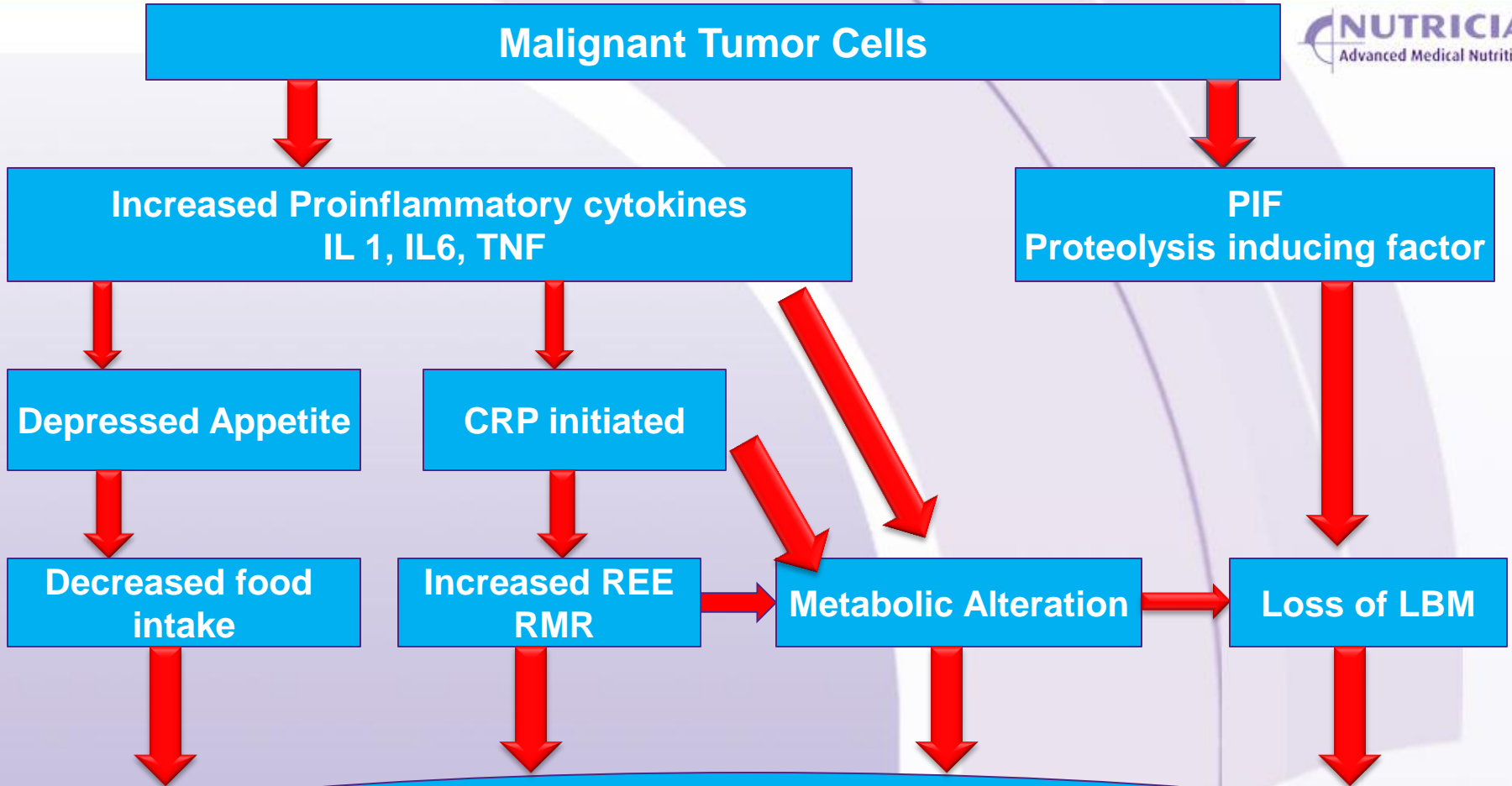
**Decreased food  
intake**

**Increased REE  
RMR**

**Metabolic Alteration**

**Loss of LBM**

**Cancer Induced Weight Loss**

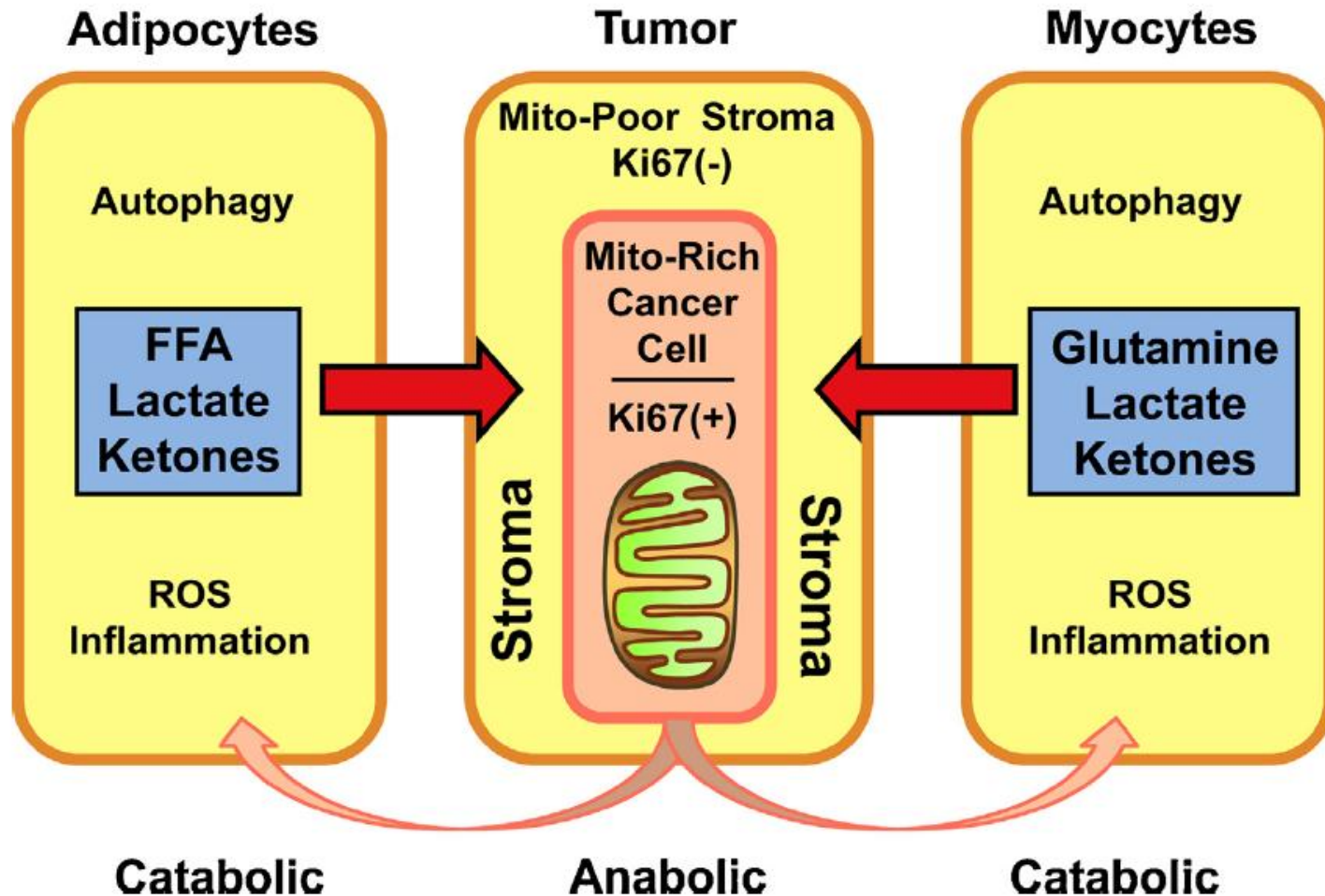




Catabolic cancer-associated fibroblasts transfer energy and biomass to anabolic cancer cells, fueling tumor growth



## Multi-Compartment Metabolism in Cancer Cachexia



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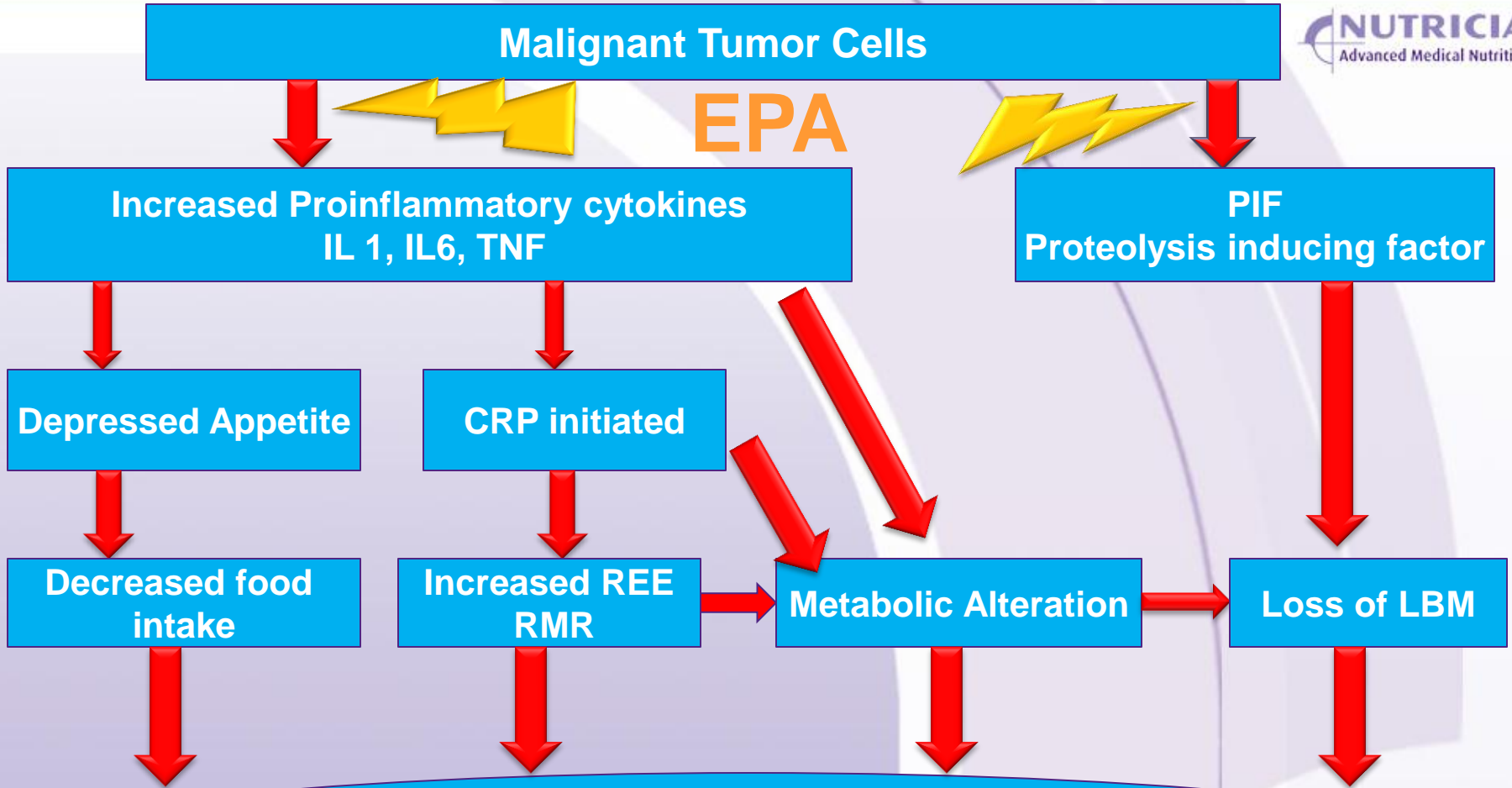
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8.  $\omega$ -3 Fatty acid supplementation may help stabilize weight in cancer patients on oral diets experiencing progressive, unintentional weight loss. (Grade: B)

# Clinical Study Model

## EPA Studies

Wigmore 1996  
2 g EPA/day  
Weight Stabilization

Wigmore 2000  
6 g EPA/day  
Weight Stabilization

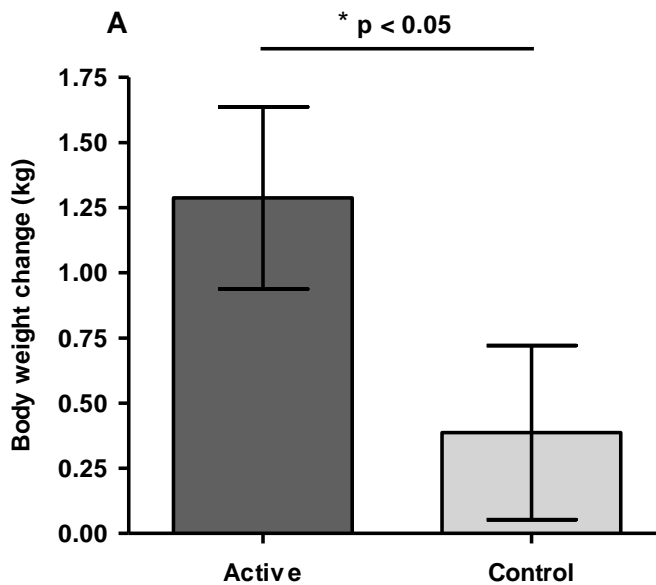
Barber 1999  
Increase in weight and LBM

Barber 2001  
Decrease in PIF and IL-6

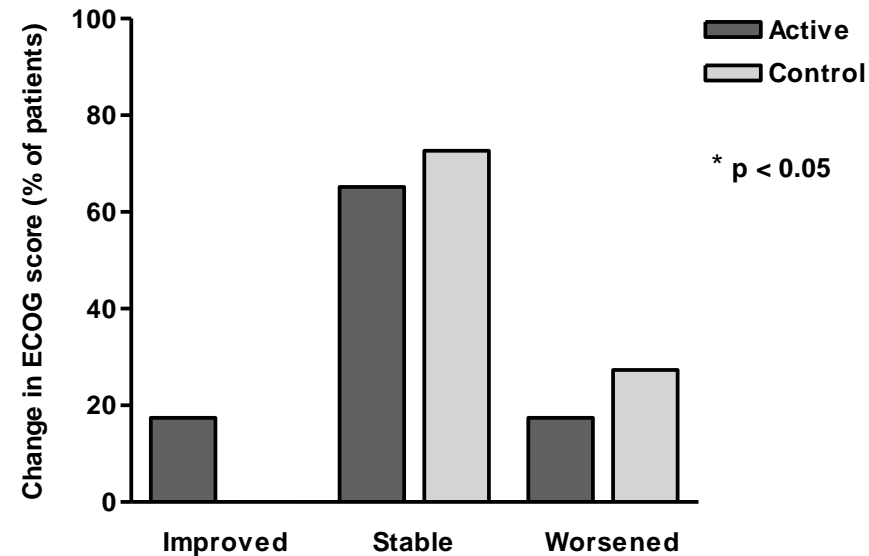
# Improved body weight and performance after supplementation in newly diagnosed esophageal cancer patient

*Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle* 2015; 6: 32–44

## Body weight change



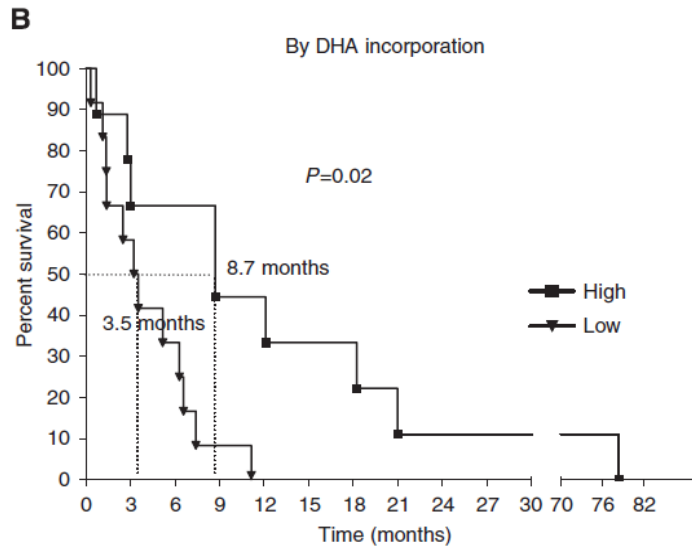
## Performance score



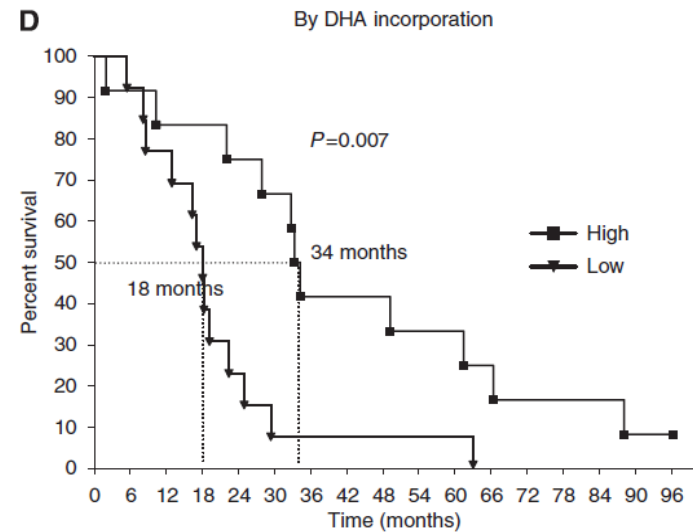
# Improving outcome of chemotherapy of metastatic breast cancer by docosahexaenoic acid: a phase II trial

## Improved outcome of FEC 75 chemotherapy in metastatic breast cancer

### Time to progression



### Overall survival



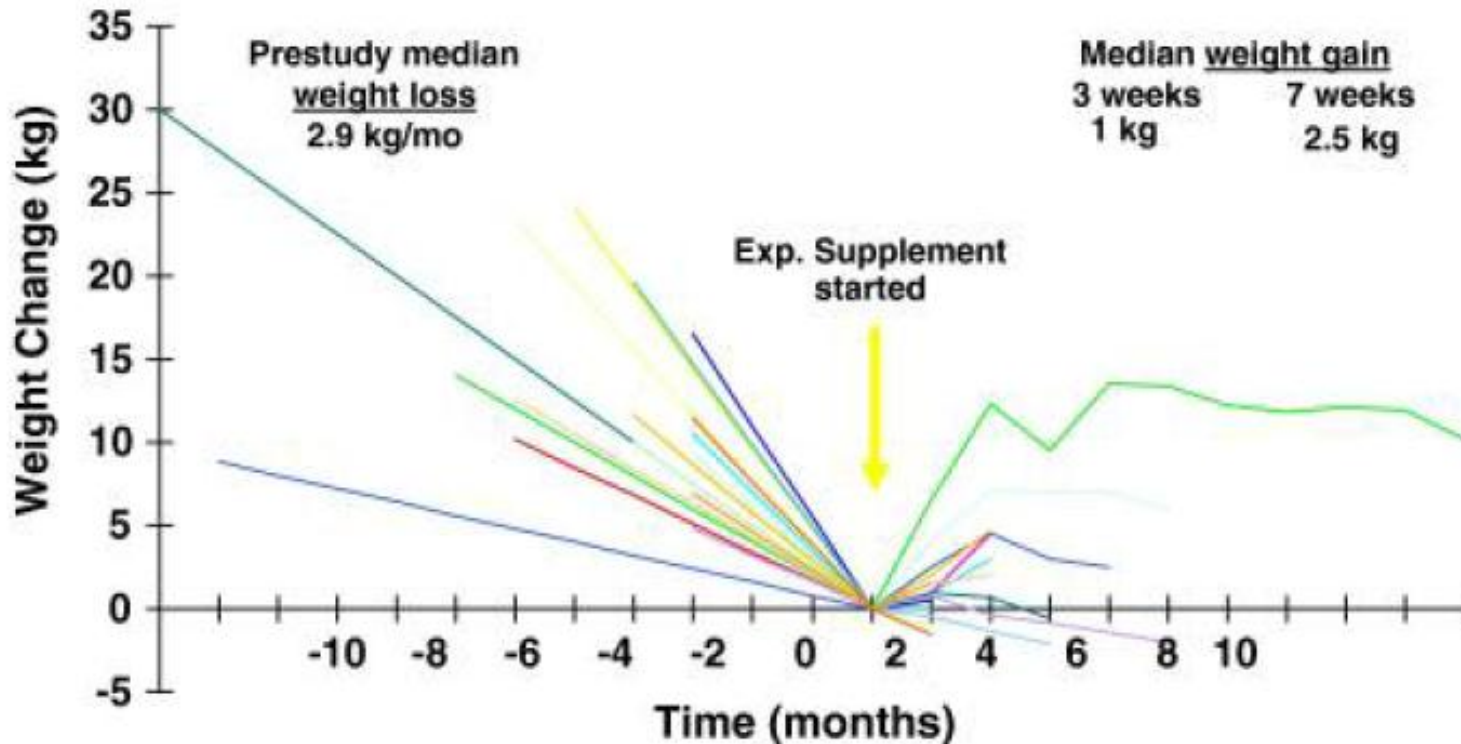
Effect of a protein and energy dense n-3 fatty acid enriched oral supplement on loss of weight and lean tissue in cancer cachexia: a randomised double blind trial

University of Medicine and Pharmacy  
at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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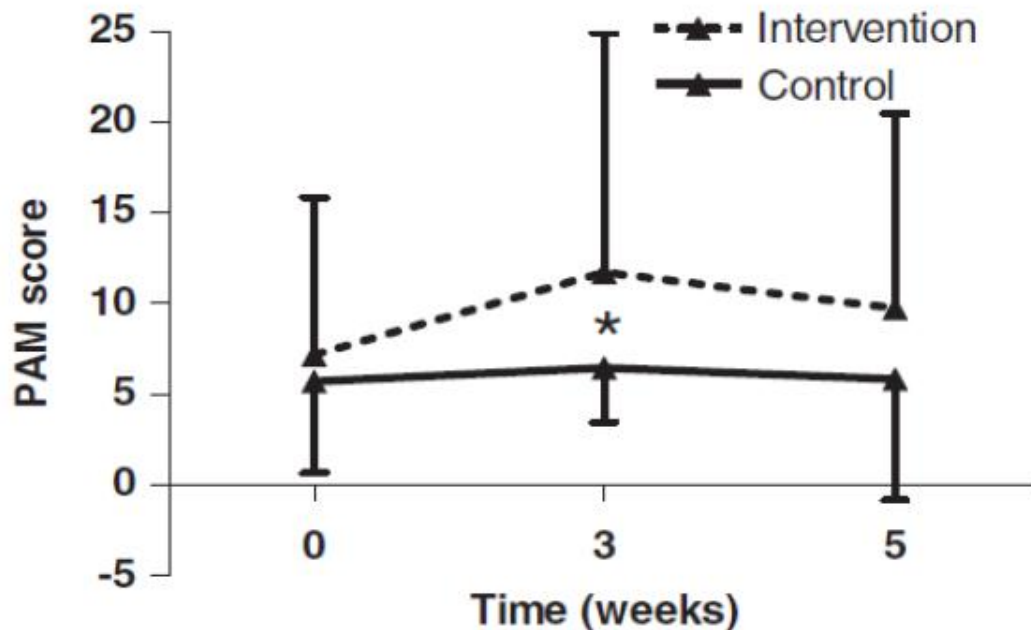
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## Cancer cachexia- $\omega$ 3



# Oral nutritional supplements containing n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids affect quality of life and functional status in lung cancer patients during multimodality treatment: an RCT

BS van der Meij<sup>1</sup>, JAE Langius<sup>1</sup>, MD Spreeuwenberg<sup>2</sup>, SM Slootmaker<sup>3</sup>, MA Paul<sup>4</sup>, EF Smit<sup>5</sup> and PAM van Leeuwen<sup>4</sup>



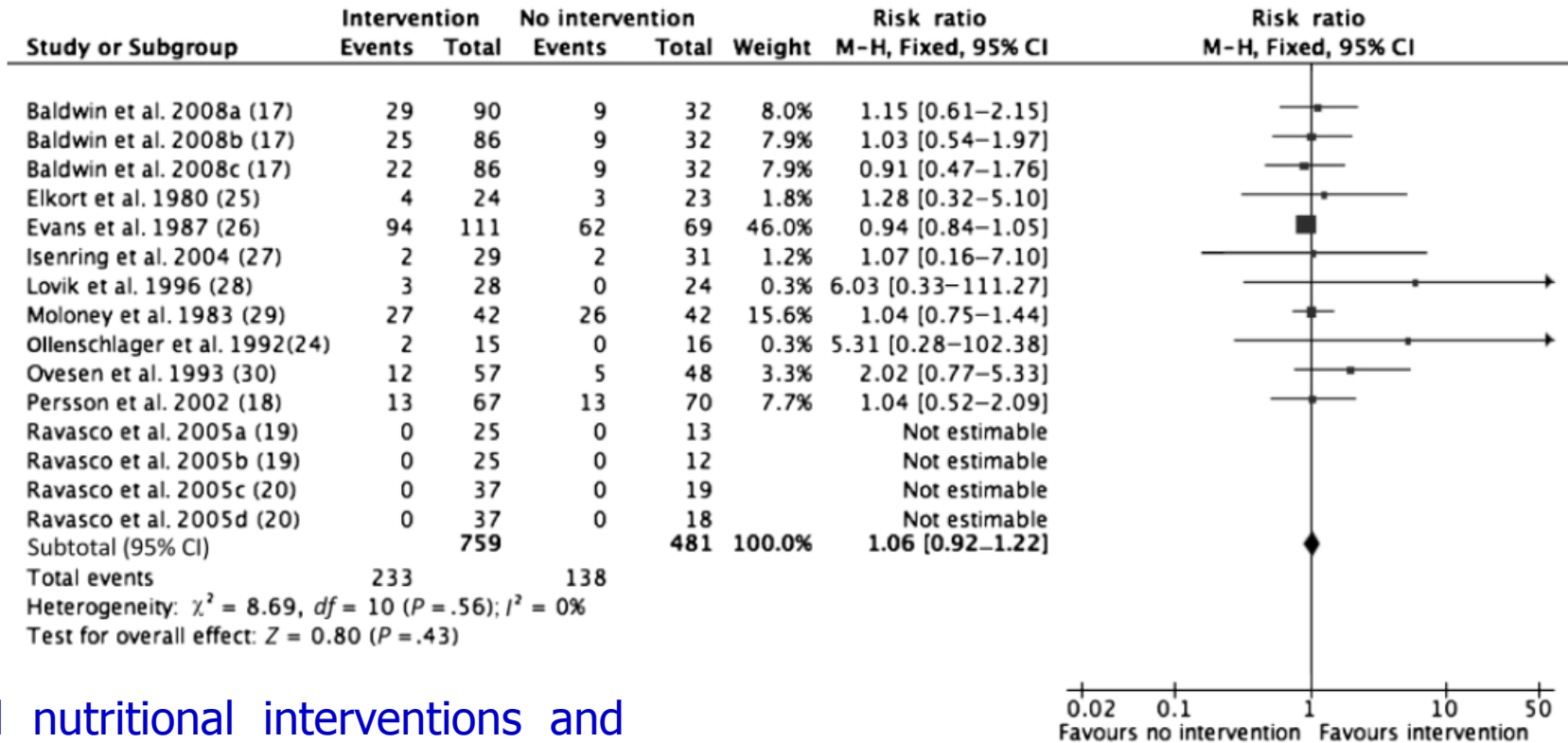
**Figure 1.** Physical activity (daily PAM score) over time for the I and C groups. Values are mean  $\pm$  s.d., baseline:  $n = 12$  (I),  $n = 16$  (C); week 3:  $n = 13$  (I) and  $n = 17$  (C); week 5:  $n = 8$  (I),  $n = 13$  (C). \* $P < 0.05$ , difference between the I and C group (analysed by generalised estimating equations, with baseline value and sex as covariate).



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## Not reduce risk of death



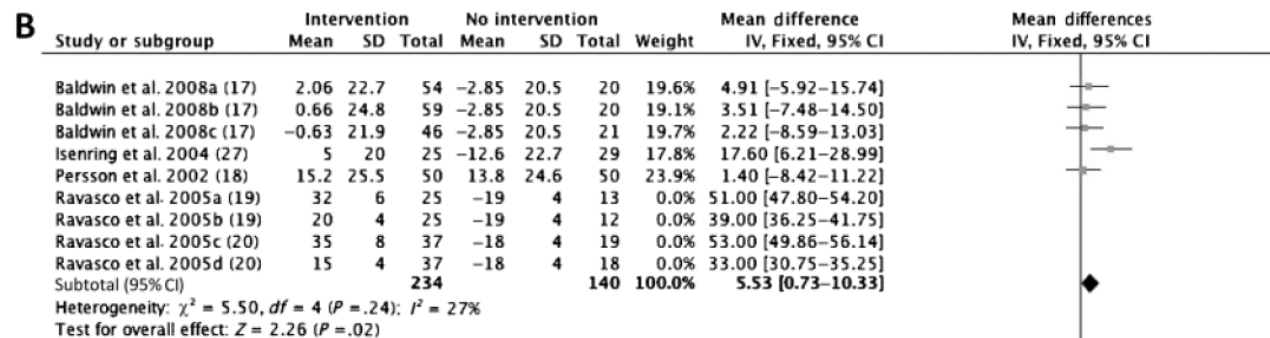
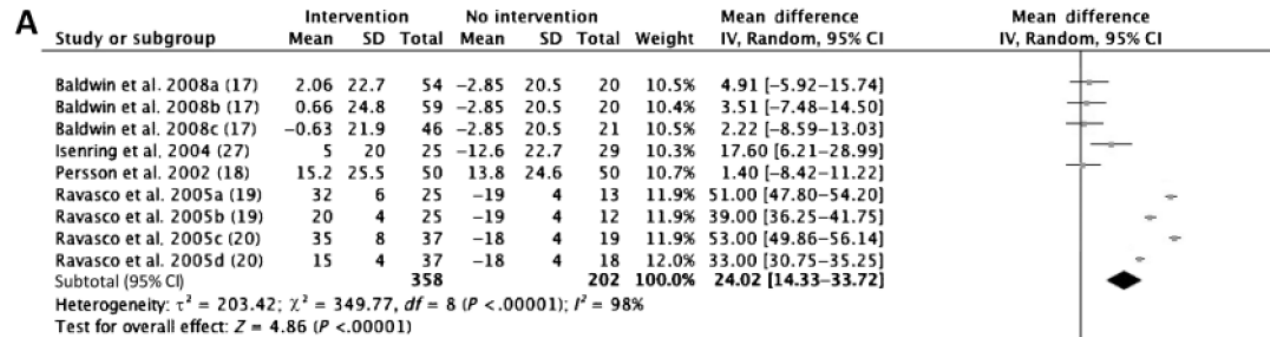
Oral nutritional interventions and mortality meta-analysis.

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Improve  
the quality  
of life

Oral nutritional  
intervention and global  
quality of life  
metaanalysis



Test for subgroup differences: Not applicable

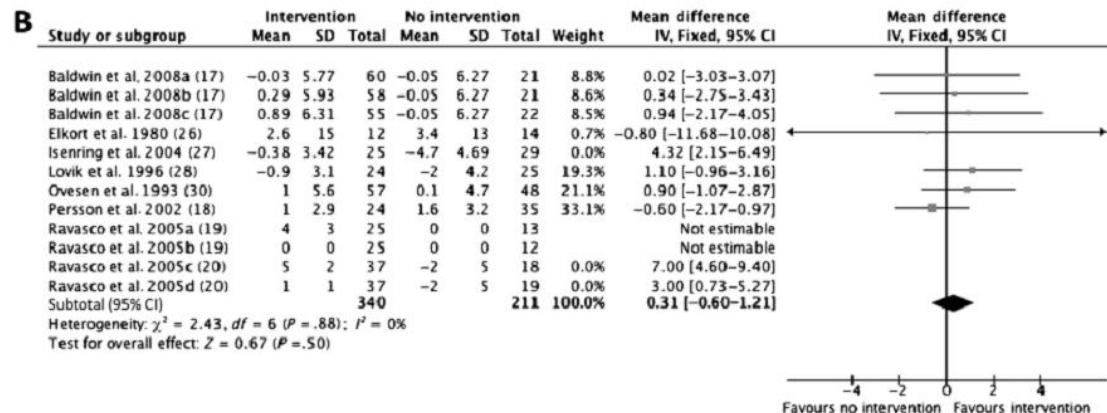
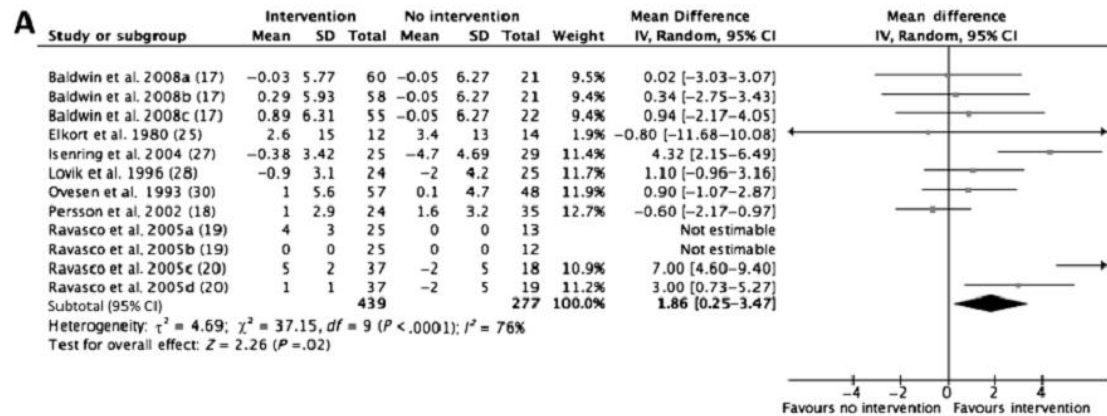
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# Development of Forticare: Adapted Medical Nutrition for cancer patients

**FortiCare is nutritionally complete**

**Provides high protein and is EPA/DHA enriched**

- **EPA to attenuate cachexia, reduce inflammation and support immune function**
- **Energy and protein to meet increased needs of cancer patients**
- **Adapted taste, small volume (for improved compliance)**



NUTRICIA

**Forticare**

**Clinical trial in Vietnam**



**Clinical trial: Randomized controlled trial (RTC)  
on 60 patients**

**CILW : 3,3 kg per month.**

**Colorectal cancer patients with malnutrition or  
cachexia.**

**Hospitals:**

**Department of Surgery C – K Hospital.**

**Clinical Nutrition Center of Bach Mai Hospital**

**Oncology and Palliative Care Unit, Hanoi Medical  
University Hospital**

**Date: 12/2012 → 6/2015**

**Nutrition intervention with EPA (2g / day):  
average weight gain of 3 kg/patient after 8 weeks  
of treatment.**

**Nutrition interventions EPA contributes to improve  
the quality of life for patients:**

**100% appetite (Delicious and good taste)**

**Weight gain: 3kg (8weeks)**

**Increase the size arm circumference**

**Improves albumin/blood**

## **EPA treatment for colorectal cancer patients:**

Nutrition support should be continuous treatment.

Protein: 1,5 - 1,7g / kg / day

Energy: 35 kcal / kg / day

EPA 2g/day

Recommendation: The EPA should be included in the treatment for cancer patients to prevent weight loss and cachexia.



# ESPEN Guidelines on Enteral Nutrition: Non-surgical oncology<sup>☆</sup>

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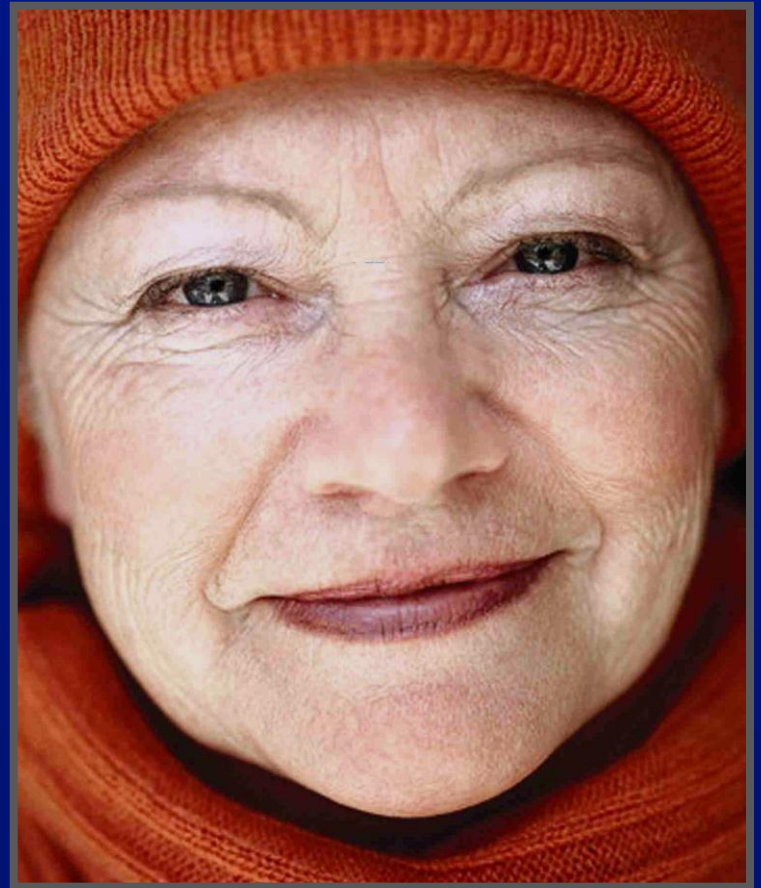
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The efficacy of treatment with EPA/ONS appears to be critically dependent on the patients' compliance. In addition to anorexia, patients' compliance with prescribed high-energy and high-protein EPA/ONS is limited by the frequently complained unpleasant aftertaste. Therefore, it will be necessary to improve the palatability of EPA/ONS in order to improve patients' compliance with treatment and hopefully its effectiveness.



**Any food that is  
not consumed is  
never nutritious!**

*Prof Jeya Henri*



## WAYS TO PROVIDE > 2 GRAMS OF EPA / DAY

### Eat large amounts of fatty fish

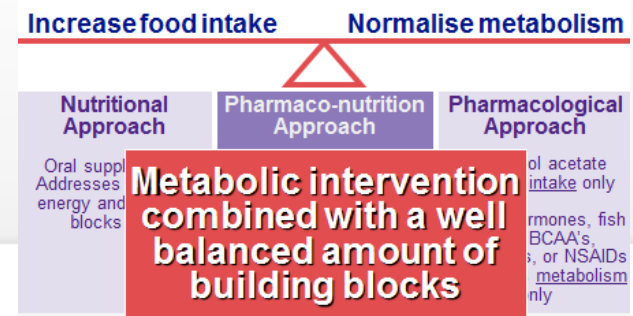
- Herring, Salmon, Tuna, Mackerel, Sardines....



### Fish oil capsules



### Emulsified oils combined with macro- and micro- nutrients



# FORTICARE: A CONVENIENT WAY TO PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL NUTRITION FOR CANCER PATIENTS

## Oncology Adapted Medical Nutrition:

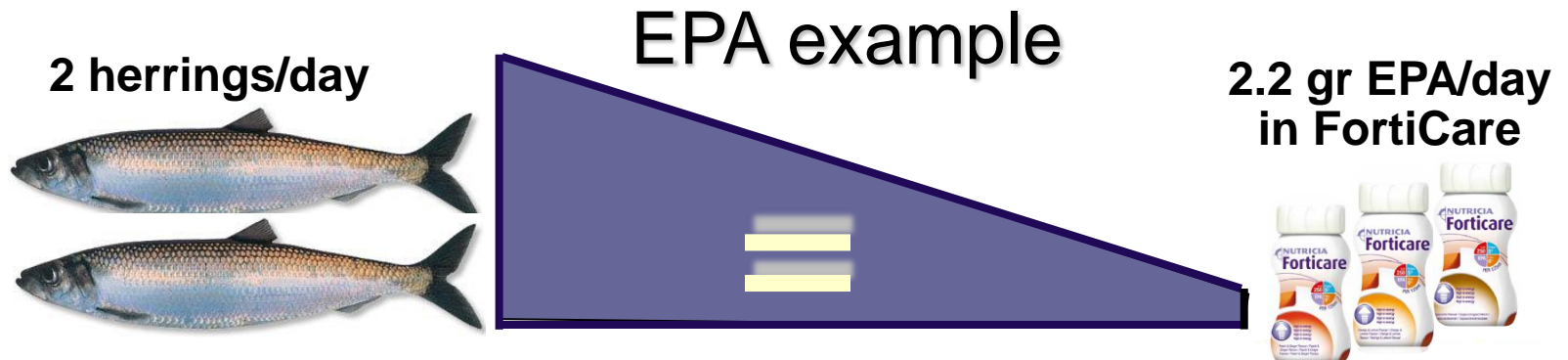
- ✓ Energy dense
- ✓ High in protein
- ✓ Nutritionally complete
- ✓ Low GI
- ✓ Small volume
- ✓ Low viscosity
- ✓ Enriched with EPA
- ✓ Excellent taste



# FULFILL PATIENTS NEEDS IN A CONVENIENT WAY

Specific patient needs
High energy
High amount of protein
High quality of protein
All other macro-nutrients
Dietary fibers
Balanced micro-nutrients
EPA (6 ounce of fat fish)

Convenience
Small volume
Complete
Balanced
Low viscosity
Tasty



# Oncology Adapted Medical Nutrition



# Oncology adapted nutritional support with EPA for cancer patients

## WHY:

- To improve the outcome of your cancer treatment and QOL for the patient.

## WHEN:

- **Implement screening for nutritional status of every newly diagnosed cancer patient and consider intervention options in every stage of the disease.**

## HOW:

- **Intensive nutritional support with nutrients and metabolic modulators in a convenient and palatable way.**

# Comparison

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Bệnh viện Ung bướu TP HCM)



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# Overview



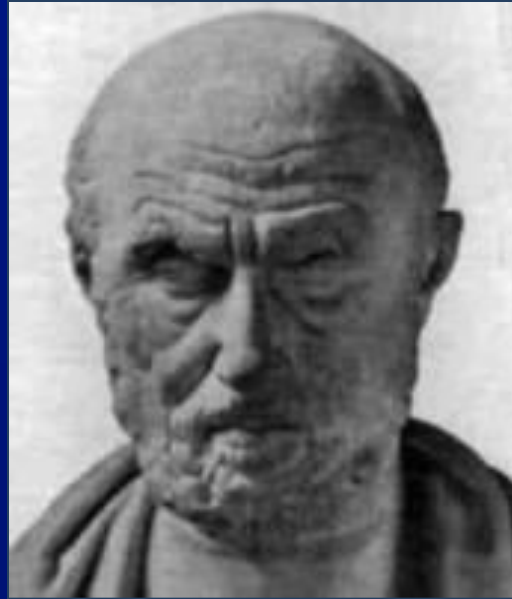
- Weight loss to cancer-induced cachexia
- Specific nutrition for cancer patients -  
Nutrition in Cancer Care
- **Summary**

# Summary



- **Early detection and signs of cancer-induced weight loss in every stage of the disease.**
- **Cancer cachexia affects clinical outcome, increased dose-limiting toxicities, receive less treatment (dosage), and treatment interruption.**
- **Conventional nutritional interventions *do not* address the underlying mechanism of cancer-induced weight loss and cancer cachexia**
- **High energy, High protein and high EPA (2g/day) are recommended for cancer patients.**
- **Considered taste alterations, flavor and the patients' compliance with treatment.**
- **Hyperglycemia is common in cancer patients and low Glycemic index is suitable for cancer patients.**

***"Let medicine be thy food,  
and food be thy medicine."***



Hippocrates of Cos, Greece  
460-377 B.C.

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at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



**CẢM ƠN SỰ CHÚ Ý LẮNG  
NGHE CỦA QUÝ VỊ!**

*Thank You  
For Your Attention!!!*

