New Types of Evidence and Product Innovation:
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• Panelists:
  • Dr. Peggy Guenter, ASPEN – A Brief Overview of ASPEN’s Research Value Proposition Project
  • Dr. Satya Jonnalagadda, Abbott Nutrition – Product Design Considerations
  • Dr. Krys Araujo, Nestle Health Science – Research and Evidence Development

• Q&A with Panelists
Product Design Considerations

Topics:
• Medical Nutrition Therapy
  • Nutrition Care Process
  • Patient Nutrition Considerations
• Product Design Considerations
Ignorance of Nutrition Is No Longer Defensible
Neal D. Barnard, MD, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

• Nutrition should be a required part of CME for physicians everywhere
• Physicians should work with RDNs. Physicians .....must recognize the role nutrition plays in disease, communicate it clearly to the patient, and refer the patient appropriately
• Electronic medical record services should include customizable nutrition questions and handouts, facilitating both education and research on the effect of nutrition interventions
• Physicians are role models and should embrace that fact. As physicians learn to talk with patients about nutrition, they must also practice what they preach
• Rather than allowing nutritional ignorance to fester like a gangrenous sore, the medical community can take advantage of current knowledge for patient benefit, as well as their own

https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2737323?guestAccessKey=800f6f0e-b771-43a0-886d-e1e9cc7b7d00&utm_content=weekly_highlights&utm_term=071319&utm_source=silverchair&utm_campaign=jama_network&cmp=1&utm_medium=email
Medical Nutrition Therapy

• MNT is a specific application of the Nutrition Care Process in clinical settings that is focused on the management of diseases/clinical condition

• "Nutritional diagnostic, therapy, and counseling services for the purpose of disease management which are furnished by a registered dietitian or nutrition professional..." (Medicare MNT legislation, 2000)

• MNT involves in-depth individualized nutrition assessment, duration and frequency of care using the Nutrition Care Process to manage disease

• Nutrition Professional determines the nutrition diagnosis after analyzing assessment data and interaction with the patient(s) and initiate the nutrition intervention

• Nutrition Professional provides nutrition intervention/information for [xxx] health condition to the patient

Patient Nutrition Care at the Core

- Assessment
- Diagnosis
- Intervention
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Patient Nutrition Care
Patient Nutritional Needs Determines Products Design

- Scientific Evidence
- Clinical Guidelines
- Regulatory Framework
- Formulation
- Safety
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Health and Nutrition Benefits & Outcomes
Where Do We Start?

- Goal is to support the patient’s nutritional needs based on health condition and specific nutritional requirements
- Impairment in normal nutrient intake/digestion/absorption/tolerance
- Clinical Guidelines
- Existing/Emerging Body of Evidence
Patients Represent a Heterogeneous Population

Variable Patient Populations Makes Predicting Nutritional Needs Challenging
Need to Take Into Account Many Factors to Determine Nutritional Needs
Providing Adequate Nutrition in the ICU is Often Challenging

59% of Prescribed Calories

• Frequent, inappropriate cessation of feeding is often due to:
  • Gastrointestinal complications
  • Routine nursing care activities
  • Procedures or diagnostic tests
  • Technical issues with feeding access

60% of Prescribed Protein

• Inadequate calorie and protein intake is associated with increased:
  • Risk for infectious complications
  • Length of hospital stay
  • Mechanical ventilation
  • Risk of complications
  • Mortality

Selecting the Right Medical Nutrition Therapy for the Patient Is Critical To Ensure Appropriate Recovery

Patient

Intact GI Tract? Expected to tolerate enteral feeding?

Yes

Begin enteral feeding within 24-48 h

Identify specialized formulation needs, if any

NO

Stabilize patient; IV fluid as needed; consider enteral trophic feed (consider with parenteral feeding if malnourished and/or BMI <25 or >35)
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**Patient**

- **ARDS**
  - Inflammation-modulating (omega-3 FA, antioxidants) enteral formula
- **Major surgery, trauma, burns, TBI**
  - Immune-modulating (omega-3 FA, arginine, antioxidants) enteral formula
- **Severe GI intolerance or malabsorption, obesity**
  - Tolerance-promoting, peptide based enteral formula
- **No specialized needs**
  - Standard enteral formula

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## Example: There Are Many Impacts Of Surgery On The Human Body and Proper Medical Nutrition Therapy Is Essential For Recovery

### Physiological Response¹
- Rise in counter regulatory hormones
- Hyperglycemia and catabolism
- Proteolysis and lipolysis

### Immunological Response²
- Shift to Th2 phenotype results in IL-4,10,13 production
- Breakdown of Arginine
- Increased risk of complications due to infections

### Arginine Deficiency³,⁴,⁵,⁶
- Associated with T-lymphocyte dysfunction
- Deficiency can impair
  - Cell growth & proliferation
  - Immune function
  - Wound healing

### Insulin Sensitivity⁷
- More complex the surgery, the more insulin resistant the patient can become
- Surgical techniques – open vs. laparoscopic results in 50% fall in sensitivity

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<td><strong>In patients with burns &gt; 20% body surface area</strong></td>
<td>• Additional enteral doses of GLN (0.3-0.5 g/kg/d) should be administered for 10-15 days as soon as EN is commenced</td>
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<td><strong>In polymorbid medical inpatients with pressure ulcers</strong></td>
<td>• Specific amino-acids (arginine and glutamine) and b-hydroxy b-methylbutyrate (ßHMB) can be added to oral/enteral feeds to accelerate the healing of pressure ulcer</td>
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<td><strong>In polymorbid medical older inpatients requiring enteral nutrition</strong></td>
<td>• Formulas enriched in a mixture of soluble and insoluble fibers can be used to improve bowel function</td>
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<td><strong>Perioperative immunonutrition in malnourished patients is beneficial in colorectal cancer surgery</strong></td>
<td>• Supplementation of enteral feeds with immunomodulators such as L-arginine, L-glutamine, n-3 fatty acids and nucleotides (immunonutrition) is thought to modify immune and inflammatory responses favourably and result in reduced postoperative infective complications and shorter LOS</td>
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| **Guidelines for Perioperative Care in Cardiac Surgery Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Society Recommendations** | • A carbohydrate drink (a 12-ounce clear beverage or a 24-g complex carbohydrate beverage) 2 hours preoperatively reduces insulin resistance and tissue glycosylation, improves postoperative glucose control, and enhances return of gut function  
• Preoperative oral carbohydrate loading may be considered before surgery | https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/27325117guestAccessKey=04f7090d-122c-4e94-a46f-22e49dab7c51 |
## Condition Specific Therapeutic Areas and Specific Nutrition Requirements

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| **Dietary Supplements Containing Fish Oil for the Adult Oncology Patient** | • If sub-optimal symptom control or inadequate dietary intake has been addressed and the adult oncology patient is still experiencing loss of weight and lean body mass (LBM), the registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) may consider use of dietary supplements containing eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) as a component of nutrition intervention  
• Research indicates that dietary supplements containing fish oil (actual consumption, 0.77g to 6.0g of EPA per day), resulted in weight gain or weight stabilization and improvement or preservation of LBM in adult oncology patients with weight loss | [https://www.andeal.org/template.cfm?template=guide_summary&key=4162](https://www.andeal.org/template.cfm?template=guide_summary&key=4162) |
| **Diabetes-specific enteral nutrition formula in hyperglycemic, mechanically ventilated, critically ill patients** | • In high-risk ICU patients, both diabetes-specific formulas lowered insulin requirements, improved glycemic control and reduced the risk of acquired infections relative to the standard formula. Compared with the control-specific formula, the new-generation formula also improved capillary glycemia | [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26549276](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26549276) |
Product Development Requires Effective Multi-Disciplinary Teams

• It takes >35 different functions to bring products to market
• We are interdependent on each other and all have a critical role to play!
• Keeping functional teams aligned is vital to the success
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### Product Formulation Design Initial Key Considerations

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#### Additional Evidence
- Existing/Emerging Evidence
- Totality of Evidence Requirements
Product Formulation Nutritional Benefit Substantiation Research Options

Adapted: Compher et al. Research Agenda 2018: The American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. JPEN. 2018
Primary Goals of the Product Development Process

- Meet nutritional, performance needs of the targeted population
- Ingredient selection
- Robust, stable, high quality formulation
- Manufacturing process
- Clinical substantiation
- Meet needs of consumer
- Packaging
Process of Bringing Products To Market

Rapid Prototyping
Lab Concept”

Process Research
Lab “Optimization”

Pilot Plant
“Reproducibility”

Commercial
Plant

Proof of Principle
• Fundamental R&D
• Deliver POP of product, process, & package
• Not scalable

Optimization
• Fast Formulation, Package, and Process Optimization
• Design of Experiments
• Potentially scalable

GMP Product, Scale up
• Clinical and Consumer Research Studies
• Scale up: “Right First Time”

Manufacturing, Launch
• Quality Testing
• Monitoring

USER EXPERIENCE CONSIDERS ALL ASPECTS OF HOW PEOPLE USE AND INTERACT WITH THE PRODUCT
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