Maintenance of Nutrition in Disease

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- **Short-term goals** involve support of growth and development while avoiding nutritional deficiencies in both energy and specific nutrients.
- Long-term goals must take into account the avoidance of nutritional risk factors for chronic adult diseases such as hypertension, cancer, and coronary artery disease.



• A trained dietician should be consulted in order to plan such an individualized diet for the child.

The aim of this lecture is to point out some of the needs and challenges regarding the maintenance of nutrition in a number of conditions in children.

Conditions

Kidney disease Diabetes Mellitus Cancer Liver disease Cystic fibrosis Gut disease Heart disease



Chronic renal disease (CRD) in children

Chronic renal disease involves a progressive decline in the number of functioning nephrons that may ultimately result in kidney failure.

Functions of the kidney

Excretory organ that filters, reabsorbs and excretes:

Water

Electrolytes

Glucose

Amino acids

Protein by-products

Toxic substances











Challenges

- The goals in feeding a child with renal disease are to promote normal growth and protect his/her health as much as possible by slowing down the deterioration of renal function.
- Children are in an active anabolic state, with dietary protein being used both for production of new and maintenance of existing body protein.

Children with CKD typically have shorter stature and lower BMI than non-CKD children
Growth and nutrition status are negatively correlated with abnormal acid-base status in children.
Growth hormone secretion is interrupted, changed, and/or suppressed in multiple metabolic pathways in CKD.
Glucocorticoid treatment is the main inhibiting factor for longitudinal growth after kidney transplantation.

Dietary management

- The major challenge in children is maintaining sufficient oral intake to promote normal growth.
- Nocturnal nutritional supplementation by an appropriate individualised chronic feeding tube route could also be used.
- Although a sufficient energy intake is recommended for children with CRF, excessive kJ intake may induce hyperlipidemia, hyperinsulism and arteriosclerosis in the long run.

Dietary management of chronic renal failure Table 2 Nutrition and diet High energy (carbohydrates, fats) Moderate protein restriction depending on blood urea Energy Intake Protein intake Use high biological value proteins 2.5 g/kg/d Vitamins/tonics Water soluble vitamins routinely, fat-soluble vitamins not necessary, Iron and zinc for maintenance Water and electrolyte management Water Balance Intake and output. Sodium Restrict in the presence of severe hypertension Potassium In face of hyperkalaemia, restrict intake, Kayexalate® 1 g/kg/dose, oral bicarbonate Acidosis Serum bicarbonate <20 mmol/£ Oral citrate solution or bicarbonate Coovadia HM, Wittenberg DF. Paediatrics & child health. 5th ed. p547 18



Recommended dietary protein and energy for children on initiation of maintenance dialysis

Age (y)	Dietary Allowances for Protein (g/kg/day)	Intake for Hemodialysis (g/kg/day)	Protein Intake for Peritoneal Dialysis (g/kg/day)	Energy Intake (keal/kg/day)
0-0.5	22	2.6	2.9-3.0	108
0.6-1.0	1.6	2.0	23-24	98
1-3	1.2	1.6	1.9-2.0	102
4-6	1.2	1.6	1.9-2.0	90
7-10	1.2	1.4	1.7-1.8	70
11-14	1.0	1.4	1.7 1.8	55
15-18	0.9	1.3	1.4-1.5	45
19-21	0.8	12	1.3	40
11-14	1.0	1,4	1.7-1.8	47
15-18	0.8	1.2	1.4-1.5	40
19-21	0.8	1.2	13	38
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Vitamins and Minerals

- Normal intakes for pyridoxine, vitamin B₁₂, folic acid, zinc, vitamins A, C, E, and K are recommended.
- Calcium supplementation, limited phosphate intake and low dose calcitriol supplementation should be considered to prevent the onset of secondary hyperparathyroidism.
- Anaemia is relatively common in stages 1-4 of renal failure. Recombinant EPO is often required.
- Oral iron supplementation needs to be individually assessed and is often given intravenously in conjunction with dialysis therapy.



Diabetes Mellitus

Is a group of metabolic diseases characterized by hyperglycaemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both.

Apart from hyperglycaemia, lack of diabetes control could be associated with a variety of serious complications, including retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy, and cardiovascular disease.

	Type 1	Type 2
Prevelence in diabetic population	5-10% of cases	90-95% of cases
Age of onset	<30 years	>40 years*
Associated conditions	Autoimmune diseases, viral infections, infented factors	Obesity, aging, inherited factors
Major defect	Destruction of pancreatic beta cells; insulin deficiency	Insulin resistance; insulin deliciency (relative to need
insulin-secretion	Little or none	Varies: may be normal, increased, or decreased
Requirement for insulin Dierapy	Always	Sometimes
Older names	luvenile-onset diabetes Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM)	Adult-onset diabetes Noninsulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM)





Dietary recommendations for Diabetes Mellitus

- The diet should provide a fairly consistent carbohydrate intake from day to day and at each meal and snack to minimize fluctuations in blood glucose.
- Carbohydrate counting (interchanging foods of equal carbohydrate content) is advised as a means of matching injected insulin with carbohydrate intake and improving glycaemic control in T1DM.
- This approach is more flexible than the traditional method of prescribing 'carbohydrate portions' since it permits altering insulin dose on the basis of the quantity of carbohydrate consumed.



Physical Activity

- Children and adolescents with T1DM should take part in a minimum of 30-60 minutes of moderate physical activity daily.
- To avoid hypoglycaemia, blood glucose should be monitored before and after activity to determine when changes in insulin or food intake are needed.
- Carbohydrate-rich foods should be readily available during and after activity.

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Key aspects of the current recommendations for diabetic nutrition and lifestyle

Table 5Dietary energy and body weight

Achieve and/or maintain BMI of 18.5–25 Diet and exercise important

Dietary fat

Saturated plus *trans*-unsaturated fatty acids: < 10% total energy, < 8% if low-density lipoprotein raised Polyunsaturated fatty acids: < 10% total energy Monounsaturated fatty acids: 10–20% total energy Total fat: < 35% total energy (if overweight < 30%) Oily fish, soybean and rapeseed oil, nuts and green leafy vegetables to provide ω-3 fatty acids Cholesterol: < 300 mg/day

Carbohydrate

Total carbohydrate: 45-60% total energy, influenced by metabolic characteristics

Vegetables, fruits, legumes and cereal-derived foods preferred

Dietary fiber and glycemic index

Naturally occurring foods rich in dietary fibre are encouraged Ideally dietary fibre intake should be more than 40 g/day (or

20 g/1000 kcal/day), half soluble (lesser amounts also beneficial) Five servings/day of fibre-rich vegetables and fruit and four or more servings of legumes/week help to provide minimum requirements Cereal-based foods should be wholegrain and high in fibre

Carbohydrate-rich low-glycaemic-index foods are suitable choices, provided other attributes are appropriate

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Protein and renal disease

Total protein intake at lower end of normal range (0.8 g/kg/day) for type 1 patients with established nephropathy For all others, protein should provide 10–20% total energy

Vitamins, antioxidants, minerals and trace elements

Increase foods rich in tocopherols, carotenoids, vitamin C and flavonoids, trace elements and other vitamins

Fruits, vegetables, wholegrains rather than supplements recommended Restrict sodium to less than 6 g/day

Families

Most recommendations suitable for whole family

Source: Derived from the 2004 recommendations of the Nutrition Study Group of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes. Mann et al. (2004)

Essentials of human nutrition. $3^{\rm rd}$ ed. Man J, Truswell AS, ed. 2007. p336









Advantages of good nutrition

Children who get good nutrition while they are being treated for cancer:

- Tolerate treatment and treatment side effect better
- · Are able to stay on schedule for treatment
- Heal and recover faster
- Have less risk of infection during treatment
- Are better able to keep up normal growth and development
- Feel better and have a better quality of life



Methods for nutritional support

Oral feeding/supplements

- If at all possible, the child should get the required nutrients from eating and drinking nutrient-rich foods and fluids that are part of a healthy, well-balanced diet.
- After a child has had surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation treatments, he may need extra protein to heal tissues and to help prevent infection.
- Extra nutrients should be added in the form of highenergy, high-protein meals supplemented with snacks, and homemade drinks and shakes.

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Enteral feeds

- If a child cannot eat or drink or it gets too hard for the child to maintain or gain weight by normal intake, or if his kJ and nutrients needs have greatly increased, a feeding tube may be indicated.
- Most of the time, these liquid feedings can supply the child with all of the calories, protein, vitamins, and minerals needed.
- Children who have feeding tubes usually can still eat by mouth. The child may be tube fed at night while sleeping to allow him to eat during the day.

Parenteral nutrition (PN)

- Sometimes tube feedings are not able to give all the fluids and nutrients a child needs. In these cases, nutrient solutions can be given right into a vein. PN solutions can usually supply all of a child's nutritional needs.
- PN is most often used when the stomach and intestines are not working properly. For example, in children who have:
 - Had surgery involving the digestive system
 - Complete blockage of the intestines
 - Uncontrolled nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
 - An infection that requires the digestive system to rest so that it can heal









- The liver is susceptible to a wide variety of diseases in childhood.
- Jaundice and hepatomegaly are most commonly due to a viral infection of the liver.
- Pediatric chronic liver disease could eventually lead to liver insufficiency, liver cirrhosis, and may be associated with profound cholestasis.

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- Metabolic alkalosis is regularly observed in cholestatic children
- Urea synthesis is a highly bicarbonate consuming system
- Impairment of urea synthesis may lead to excessive bicarbonate levels and alkalosis.
- Zinc deficiency is common in cholestasis. Zinc is a common cofactor of various enzymatic systems, and deficiency may affect liver metabolism such as for example ammonium metabolism and the urea cycle.

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Vitamin and mineral support for cholestatic infants

Table 6

Vitamin A	25,000 to 50,000 IU, IM, every other month			
Vitamin D	30,000 to 60,000 IU, IM, every other month			
Vitamin E	10 mg/kg, intra-muscular, every two weeks			
Vitamin K	1 mg/kg, maximum 10 mg, intra-muscular, once weekly to 2 weeks			
Calcium	50 mg/kg/day, orally			
Zinc	1 mg/kg/day, zinc sulfate, orally			
Sokal E. Nutrition in pediatric chronic liver diseases.				

http://www.nutrition.be/NUTCHOL.htm











Recommendations for vitamin supplementation

Table 7

In addition to a standard age-appropriate dose of non-fat-soluble multivitamins, the following should be given:

	Individual Vitamin Daily Supplimentation				
	Vitamin A (IU)	Vitamin E (IU)	Vitamin D (IU)	Vitamin K (mg)	
0-12 months	1500	40-50	400		
1-3 years	5000	80-150	400-800	0.3-0.5	
4-8 years	5000-10,000	100-200	400-800		
>8 years	10,000	200-400	400-800		

Pediatric Nutrition in Chronic Diseases and Developmental Disorders. 2nd ed. Edited by Ekvall SW., et al. Oxford University Press 2005. p365

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Dietary treatment

- Patients are at risk for iron deficiency due to chronic bleeding. Iron and folic acid supplementation could be required.
- Fish oil could help in the treatment of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease as the increased ω -3 fatty acids decrease the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines.
- Lactose should not be restricted unless there is evidence of intolerance. If restricted, adequate calcium and vitamin D should be provided.





A **congenital heart defect (CHD)** is a defect in the structure of the heart and great vessels which is present at birth. Many types of heart defects exist, most of which either obstruct blood flow in the heart or vessels near it, or cause blood to flow through the heart in an abnormal pattern.

Congestive heart failure (CHF) is generally defined as the inability of the heart to supply sufficient blood flow to meet the needs of the body.

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Congestive heart failure may restrict growth through a variety of mechanisms:

- Nutritional intake may be reduced by tachypnea, dyspnea, and increased fatigability.
- Reduced systemic perfusion, particularly to the GIT may limit gastric emptying, intestinal mobility and nutrient uptake.

Nutritional management

- Higher calorie and moderate protein supplementation, compared to normal age-matched children, is needed for postoperative wound healing and long-term catchup growth (20-30%> than normal).
- Partial or total parenteral nutrition should be used in acute settings where patients are not able to receive sufficient enteral nutrition.
- Breast-feeding should be encouraged whenever it is medically feasible. Breast-feeding provides highly absorbable nutrients and abundant amounts of immunoglobulin.

- Supplemental higher-calorie formulas may be used in combination with breast-feeding to achieve desired growth.
- Fluid status is one of the major factors affecting the medical and nutritional condition of CHD patients. Insensible fluid loss can be as high as 10-15% above normal due to tachypnea or fever.
- Conversely, fluids may be restricted in patients with CHF to as little as 60-80 ml/kg and diuretics administered to prevent fluid overload.
- Strict fluid limits make adequate nutritional support extremely challenging.



American Heart Association 2006 Diet and Lifestyle Goals for Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction

- Consume an overall healthy diet
- Aim for a healthy body weight
- Aim for recommended levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, and triglycerides
- Aim for a normal blood pressure
- Aim for a normal blood glucose level
- Be physically active





- The American Academy of Pediatrics has cautioned against the introduction of an extremely low-fat diet (<20% of calories) in children. Such diets may result in deficiencies in essential fatty acids, fat-soluble vitamins and other nutrients.
- See table 5

