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# Consider This Case... 53-year-old woman with a past medical history of asthma presents with 2 days of progressively worsening shortness of breath, fever, and malaise. In the emergency department, she is found tachypnic and hypoxemic with oxygen saturation 80% despite 6 liters high-flow nasal cannula. She is intubated and short afterwards, is hypotensive. She receives 2 liters crystalloid and is started on a norepinephrine infusion. CT chest shows dense bilateral lower lobe opacities. She is transferred to the medical ICU under strict isolation, remains febrile to 101°F and remains on norepinephrine at 0.04 mcg/kg/min. Testing for COVID-19 returns positive

## Guidance and Recommendations for Nutritional Support for Critically III Patients with COVID-19

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Worldwide Cases: Thursday 4-9-20 12:00 pm					
Location	Confirmed	Recovered	Deaths		
Worldwide	1,576,496	348,188	93,575		
United States	454,615	24,562	16,074		
🕕 Italy	143,626	28,470	18,279		
Spain	152,446	52,165	15,238		
China China	81,865	77,370	3,335		

# What Is It About This Virus That Is Different from the Hundreds of Other Viruses Our Bodies Deal With Daily?

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, including those that cause the common cold.
  - Coronaviruses are found throughout the world and account for up to 30 percent of upper respiratory tract infections in adults
  - Virus family is found in many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, and bats.
     COVID-19 is single stranded positive-sense RNA
  - The virus rarely jumps species.
  - Several recent out breaks SARS-CoV 2002, MERS-CoV 2012
- · Longer latency (incubation) period, up to two weeks
  - Shedding virus without symptoms
- · COVID-19 is good at taking over host cells metabolic machinery
  - Binds human cells tighter than other SARS
  - Virus has 29 proteins encoded on its gene
     only 30,000 bases vs human genome with over 3 billion
- · Encouraging news
  - Promising target protein found by NIH funded teams
  - Spike protein good target for vaccine development
     Spike protein allows entry into host cells

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### Characteristics of and Important Lessons from the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak in China

Summary of a Report of 72,314 Cases from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

### Age distribution (N = 44,672)

- ≥80 years: 3% (1408 cases)
- 30-79 years: 87% (38,680 cases)
- 20-29 years: 8% (3619 cases)
- 10-19 years: 1% (549 cases)
- <10 years: 1% (416 cases)

### Spectrum of disease (N = 44,415)

- Mild: 81% (36,160 cases)
- Severe: 14% (6168 cases)
- Critical: 5% (2087 cases)

### **Case-fatality rate**

- 2.3% (1023 of 44 672 confirmed cases)
- 14.8% in patients aged ≥80 years (208 of 1408)
- 8.0% in patients aged 70-79 years (312 of 3918)
- 49.0% in critical cases (1023 of 2087)

### Health care personnel infected

- 3.8% (1716 of 44,672)
- 63% in Wuhan (1080 of 1716)
- 14.8% cases classified as severe or critical (247 of 1668)
- 5 deaths



Wu Z. JAMA. 2020;323(13):1239-1242 GLBL/MG17/20-0013 04/2020 ©2020 Baxter Healthcare Corporation











# Basic Principles to Consider with COVID-19 in the ICU

- Infection control
- Duration of disease
- Support and resources required
  - Space
  - Staff
  - Supplies



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# What Inferences Can We Draw About Critically III Patients with COVID-19?

Attribute	Potential Implications For Nutrition
Older patients	Pre-existing malnutrition, sarcopenia
More comorbidities	Pre-existing malnutrition, refeeding
Severe acute respiratory distress syndrome	Safety of feeding in prone positioning and ECMO
Circulatory failure	Safety and tolerance of feeding
Multiple organ failure	Role of EN in mitigating gut-derived inflammation
Cytokine release syndrome	Monitoring triglycerides in PN and propofol

Young BE, et al. JAMA published online March 3, 2020; Bhatraju PK, et al. NEJM published March 30, 2020; GLBL/MG17/20-0013 04/2020 ©2020 Baxter Healthcare Corporation Zhou F, et al. *Lancet* published online March 9 2020; Grasselli G, et al. *JAMA* published online April 6, 2020

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# Recommendation #1

### **Estimated Needs:**

- 15-20 kcal/kg actual body weight (ABW)/day (70-80% of needs)
- 1.2-2.0 gm protein/kg ABW/day

### **Rationale:**

• The above guidelines should be followed for patients receiving either enteral nutrition (EN) or parenteral nutrition (PN). Critically ill patients with severe COVID-19 disease tend to be older with multiple co-morbidities.

1. Taylor B, McClave S, et al. CCM 2016:44;390; Arabi YM, et al. NEJM 2015;372:2398-2408

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# **Recommendation #2**

### Initiate enteral nutrition (EN) early

- Within 24-36 h of ICU admission
- Within 12 h of intubation

### **Rationale:**

 Provision of early EN in ICU pts has shown improved mortality and reduced infections when compared to delayed EN or withholding EN.<sup>1,2</sup> Meta-analysis from 2000—2013 still demonstrated less infectious risk with EN when compared to PN use in ICU patients.<sup>1</sup> EN can be safely provided in patients with sepsis and shock in the absence of escalating vasopressors and symptoms of gastric ileus.<sup>3</sup>

1. Taylor B, McClave S, et al. CCM 2016:44;390; 2. Singer P, et al. Clin Nutr 2019:38;48; 3. Patel J, et al. JPEN Feb 2020.

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Recommendation #4	
Start a standard EN isotonic (1.5 kcal/ml) high protein formula	
<ul> <li>Start slowly 10-20 ml/h advancing to 80% of goal by the end of the first week with medical stability.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Maintain trophic rate with questionable hemodynamics<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>If unable to progress by 5 to 7 days with EN consider supplemental PN</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>If patient was malnourished pre-ICU admission and unsuccessful at EN start PN earlier</li> </ul>	
Rationale:	
<ul> <li>Escalating vasopressors with a MAP &lt;65 mmHg, rising lactate levels or when high pressure respiratory support is required (NIV, CPAP or PEEP). Many centers are not using NIPPV on COVID patients because of aerosolization risk. Placing NG or FT increases risk and breaks seal.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>If patient is at increase risk of ischemic bowel and potential for aspiration.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	
1. McClave S, et al. JPEN. 2016;40:159-211;       2. Arabi YM, et al. CCM 2020;40:119-121.         GLBL/MG17/20-0013 04/2020 ©2020 Baxter Healthcare Corporation	22
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What Do Guidelines Say About Exclusive PN?			
Guideline	Year	Recommendation for Exclusive PN	
SCCM/ASPEN	2016	(1) We suggest that, in the patient at <u>low nutrition risk</u> (e.g., NRS 2002 $\leq$ 3 or NUTRIC score $\leq$ 5), exclusive PN be withheld over the first 7 days following ICU admission if the patient cannot maintain volitional intake and if early EN is not feasible.	
		(2) Based on expert consensus, in the patient determined to be at <u>high nutrition risk (e.g., NRS 2002 <math>\geq</math>5 or NUTRIC score <math>\geq</math>5) or severely malnourished, when EN is not feasible, we suggest initiating exclusive PN as soon as possible following ICU admission.</u>	
ESPEN	2018	In patients who do not tolerate EN during the first week of critical illness, the safety and benefits of initiating PN should be weighted on a case-by-case basis	





### Enteral versus parenteral early nutrition in ventilated adults with shock: a randomised, controlled, multicentre, open-label, parallel-group study (NUTRIREA-2) The Lancet 2018;391:133-143

Jean Reignier, MD; Julie Boisramé-Helms, MD; Laurent Brisard, MD; Jean-Baptiste Lascarrou, MD; Ali Ait Hssain, MD; Nadia Anguel, MD; Prof Laurent Argaud, MD; Prof Karim Asehnoune, MD; Prof Pierre Asfar, MD; Frédéric Bellec, MD; Vlad Botoc, MD; Anne Bretagnol, MD; Hoang-Nam Bui, MD; Emmanuel Canet, MD; Daniel Da Silva, MD; Prof Michael Darmon, MD; Vincent Das, MD; Jeárôm Devaquet, MD; Michel Djibre, MD; Frédérique Ganster, MD; Maito Garrouste-Orgeas, MD; Stéphane Gaudry, MD; Olivier Gontier, MD; Prof Claude Guérin, MD; Prof Bertrand Guidet, MD; Christophe Guitton, MD; Jean-Etienne Hebrecht, MD; Jean-Claude Lacherade, MD; Philippe Letocart, MD; Frédéric Martino, MD; Virginie Maxime, MD; Emmanuelle Mercier, MD; Prof Jean-Paul Mira, MD; Prof Sad Nseir, MD; Gaale Piton, MD; Prof Jean-Pierre Quenot, MD; Jack Richecoeur, MD; Jean-Philippe Rigaud, MD; Vir Prof Recher, MD; Nathalie Rolin, MD; Prof Carole Schwebel, MD; Michel Sirodot, MD; François Tinturier, MD; Didier Thévenin, MD; Bruno Giraudeau, PhD; Amélie Le Gouge, MSc for the NUTRIREA-2 Trial Investigators and the Clinical Research in Intensive Care and Sepsis (CRICS) group.

- PRCT EN vs PN in ventilated patients with shock (n=2410)
  - Mixed etiology of shock: 20% cardiac, 60% septic, 20% other
  - Pts met strict criteria for shock, feeding 10kcal/kg/d w/in 15 h of intubation
- Data collected:
  - Similar calories to both groups
  - Protein gm/kg/d 0.7 EN vs 0.8 PN
- · No difference in major outcomes
  - Enteral group:
    - Ischemia 19 EN v 5 PN (p<0.007)
    - EN had increase in vomiting, diarrhea, colonic pseudo-obstruction (all significant)

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# Recommendation **#12**

### Feeding patients in circulatory shock

- · Manage as any other shock patient
- If EN unsuccessful (e.g., EN intolerance), transition to PN early
  - Caution with both EN or PN in hemodynamically unstable pts

### **Rationale:**

- No reason to alter standard guideline recommendation for therapy with the exception of minimizing exposure of health care workers.<sup>1-3</sup>
- Overall, risk for NOBN is rare. 0.3% across observational and RCT level data.<sup>4</sup>

1. McClave S, et al. JPEN. 2016;40:159-211; 2. Singer P, et al. Clin Nutr. 2019:38;48; 3. Puthucheary ZA. Thorax 2018;73:926-935; 4. Patel JJ, et al. JPEN 2020.

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# Potential Nutritional Approaches: Theory, Extrapolations, Anecdotes – NO COVID Specific Data Yet

- Inflammation control
- Fish oil
  - SPM and viral clearance
- Probiotics
  - Data from other Coronavirus family studies
- Vitamin supplements
- Mineral supplements



















## **Probiotics for Preventing Acute Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (Review)**



- To assess the effectiveness and safety of probiotics (any specified strain or dose), compared with placebo, in the prevention of acute URTIs in people of all ages
- 12 Studies included in the analysis (71 studies available)
  - 3720 Participants (Children + Adults)
  - Placebo versus Probiotics

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- Probiotics were better than placebo in number of acute URI
   OR 0.53 95% CI 0.36-0.76 p<0.001</li>
- Probiotics were better than placebo in reducing the mean duration of URI

   OR -1.89 days 95% CI -2.03 to -1.75 p<0.001</li>

Hao Q; Dong BR, et al. Cochrane Feb 3, 2015.



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# Vitamins (NO COVID-19 specific data)

### Vitamin A

 Animal model (chickens) on low vitamin A diets show increased risk of coronavirus<sup>1</sup>

### Vitamin C

- SARS Coronavirus (increased resistance to avian coronavirus in broiler chickens) J Antimicrobial Chemotherapy 2003<sup>2</sup>
- Vit C reported to decrease mechanical ventilation<sup>3</sup>
- Vit C study in sepsis and ARDS. 96h infusion vit C vs placebo: NO Benefit<sup>4</sup>

### Vitamin E

- Data in animals (murine, bovine)
- Coxsackie virus B<sub>3</sub> a RNA virus

1. Zhang L, et al. J Med Virology. 2020.; 2. Hemila H, et al. J Antimicrob Chemother. 2003; 3. Hemila H, et al. J Int Care Med. 2020. 4. Fowler AA et al JAMA 2020 GLBL/MG17/20-0013 04/2020 ©2020 Baxter Healthcare Corporation

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Case Resolution	
<ul> <li>53-year-old woman with breast cancer undergoing chemotherapy presents w 2 days of progressively worsening shortness of breath found to have COVID-1 pneumonia with acute respiratory failure → prone.</li> </ul>	vith 19
<ul> <li>Does the patient have pre-existing malnutrition or risk of refeeding?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Taking guiding principles into consideration</li> <li>Start trophic dose EN but preserve protein dose at 1.2 g/kg/day</li> <li>Feed into the stomach</li> <li>Monitor for enteral feeding intolerance and refeeding</li> <li>If intolerant despite prokinetic → low threshold to start PN</li> <li>Slow ramp-up over the first week of critical illness</li> <li>Special considerations (e.g., dialysis, triglyceride levels)</li> </ul>	
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### PART 2: RESTRUCTURING NUTRITION SUPPORT SERVICES TO FACILITATE CARE FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS

Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 PST/13:00 EST/18:00 BST/19:00 CEST OBJECTIVES

- To discuss the practical challenges of delivering nutrition support in the COVID-19 pandemic
- To understand the nutritional requirements and contribution of IV medications and renal replacement therapy
- To discuss the role of supplemental parenteral nutrition when enteral is not possible

PART 3: EARLY NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTATION IN NON-ICU **HOSPITALIZED COVID-19 PATIENTS** 

### Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 08:00 PST/11:00 EST/16:00 BST/17:00 CEST

### OBJECTIVES

- Address the nutritional requirements of COVID-19 patients
- Discuss the role of delivery and monitoring of nutrition support in the COVID-19 ICU patient
- · Review of best practices experienced in treating COVID-19 patients



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