

## Feeding Infants with Lung Function Impairment

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- Identify challenges when feeding infants with lung function impairment
- Review infant critical care nutrition management guidelines
- Describe evidence on energy- and nutrient-dense formula in infants with acute exacerbation of lung condition
- Review case study of energy- and nutrient-dense formula use in an infant with Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia



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Review of Normal Lung  
Function and Development

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Stages of lung development

3-6 weeks

6-16 weeks

16-26 weeks

26-36 weeks

36 weeks - adolescence

Embryonic

Pseudoglandular

Canalicular

Saccular

Alveolar

Tracheal bud

Terminal bronchioles  
Pulm artery veins

Respiratory bronchiole  
Alveolar ducts  
Primitive alveoli  
Alveolar capillary barrier

Gas exchange  
Alveoli

Septation  
Multiplication of alveoli

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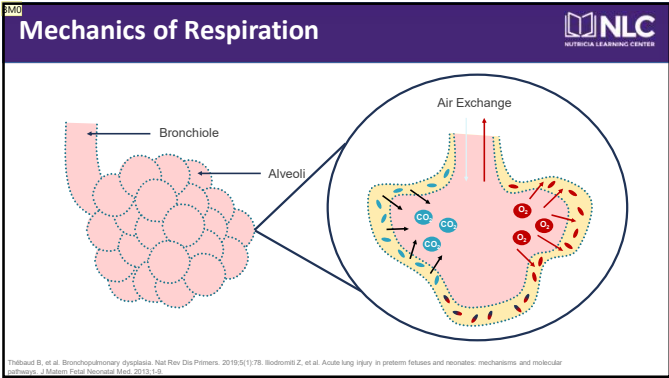
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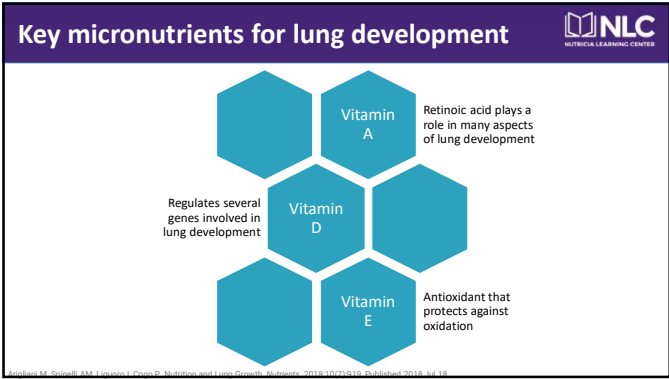
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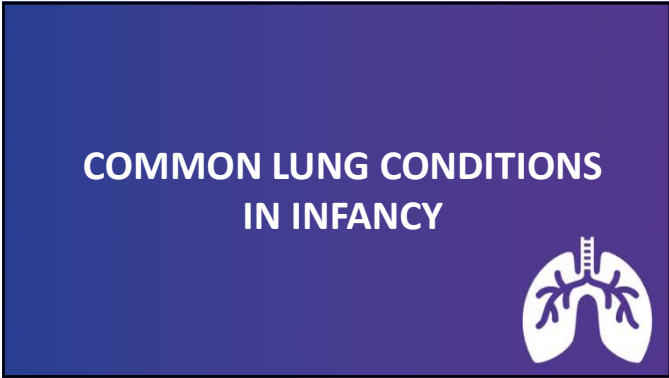
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Common lung conditions in infancy






Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia



Pulmonary Hypertension



Respiratory Syncytial Virus

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POLL #1



What pediatric lung conditions do you currently see in your practice?

A

Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD)

B

Pulmonary Hypertension (PH)

C

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

D

I do not currently see patients with these conditions

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Bronchopulmonary dysplasia

What is bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD)?



Airways (bronchi) are damaged

In the tiny air sacs of the lung (alveoli)

Causing tissue destruction (dysplasia)

Editor: ANS, et al. A review and guide to nutritional care of the infant with established bronchopulmonary dysplasia. J Perinatol. 2023;43:402-410. QJHsu M, et al. Diagnosis and management of bronchopulmonary dysplasia. BMJ. 2023;376:e07074.

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**Bronchopulmonary dysplasia**  
National Institute of Health Diagnostic Criteria



At least 28 days of <21% O<sub>2</sub>, or  
Need for continued supplemental O<sub>2</sub> at ≥36 weeks postmenstrual  
age

Mild	No oxygen requirement
Moderate	< 30% supplement oxygen
Severe	≥30% supplemental oxygen and/or the need for positive pressure ventilation

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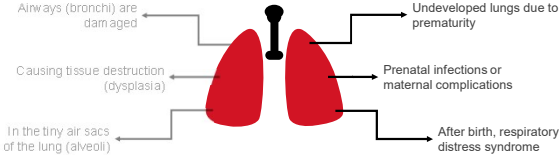
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**Bronchopulmonary dysplasia**  
Etiology of disease





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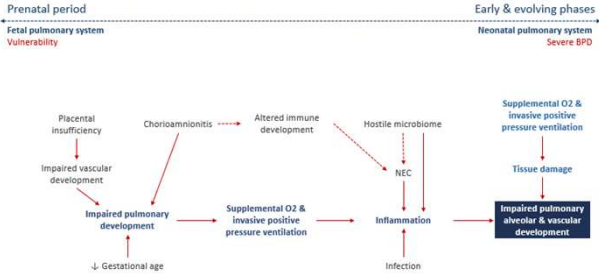
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NEC = necrotizing enterocolitis.  
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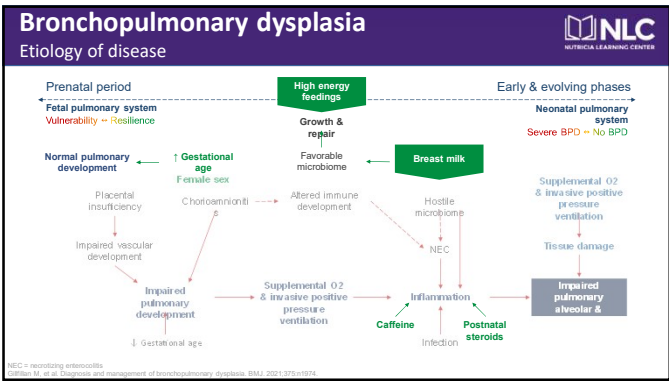
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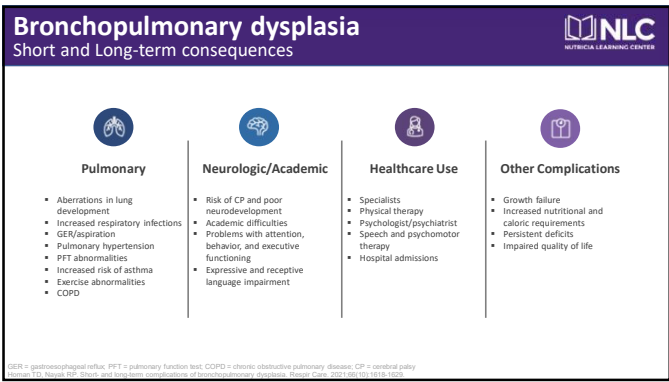
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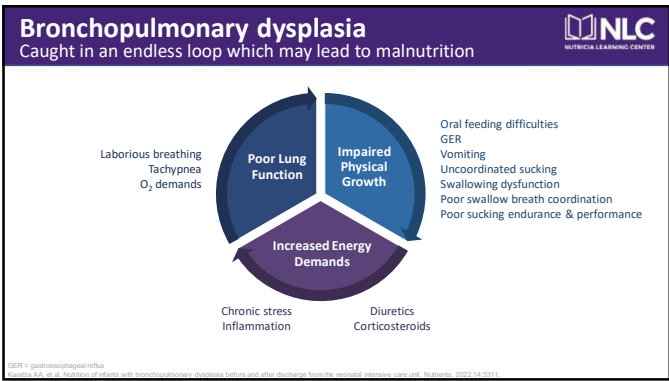
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### Bronchopulmonary dysplasia


Early and evolving BPD management





#### Medical Management

- Supplemental O<sub>2</sub> → Respiratory Support + Surfactant Administration → Invasive Mechanical Ventilation
- Caffeine
- Postnatal steroids
- Diuretic therapy
- Inhaled bronchodilators



#### Nutrition Recommendations

- Fluid Restriction
- Early Enteral Feedings: Maternal Human Milk > Donor Milk > Formula
- Calorie Goals: 120-150 kcal/kg/d
- Protein (by body weight):
  - 1500-2000g: 3-4 g/kg/d
  - 2000-2500g: 2.5-3.5 g/kg/d
- Optimization of Parenteral Nutrition

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### Bronchopulmonary dysplasia

Established BPD nutrition management



Fluids

Calories

Protein

Modulars

- No existing recommendations
- Studies suggest restrictive fluid intake may decrease BPD

- 120-150 kcal/kg/d

- No existing recommendations
- Studies suggest infants with BPD fed a nutrient-enriched formula with added protein experience
  - Improved nitrogen & mineral retention than those fed with a standard formula
  - Improved weight gain, linear growth, lean mass, and greater bone mass

- Recommended (if necessary): MCT oil and protein
- Not recommended: carbohydrate (i.e. glucose polymers)

Miller AN, et al. A review and guide to nutritional care of the infants with established bronchopulmonary dysplasia. J Perinatol. 2023;43:402-410. Schwendemann C, et al. Effect of a low-carbohydrate diet on respiratory quotient of infants with chronic lung disease. J Pediatr. 2016;174:101-107. Bhatia A, et al. Breast and/or human milk compared to formula with bronchopulmonary dysplasia in 21 American neonatal intensive care units: a multicenter, retrospective, descriptive study. Pediatrics. 2006;118:1233-1240.

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### Common lung conditions in infancy






Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia



Pulmonary Hypertension



Respiratory Syncytial Virus

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### Pulmonary Hypertension

What is pulmonary hypertension (PH)?

The diagram illustrates the pathophysiology of pulmonary hypertension. It shows a normal vessel on the left and a narrowed vessel on the right. The narrowed vessel leads to an enlargement of the right ventricle. A box on the left indicates a 'Failure in the normal circulatory transition that is inborn in babies', which leads to 'Hypoxemia' and 'Right-to-left intracardiac shunting of blood'.

Mulherjee D, Konduri GG. Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension: Definitions, Mechanisms, Diagnosis, and Treatment. *Curr Opin Physiol*. 2021;11:109-135-2146. Published 2021 Jun 30. doi:10.1002/cphy.c200023

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### Pulmonary hypertension

Main pediatric etiologies

- Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN)
- Congenital heart diseases
- Developmental lung diseases
- Idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension

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### Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn

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graph TD; A[Increased pulmonary vascular resistance] --> B[Decreased pulmonary blood flow]; B --> C[Decreased oxygenated blood returning to left side of heart]; C --> D[Hypoxia, decreased end organ perfusion, acidosis, cyanosis]
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### Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn






#### Frequency

- 30.1 million cases per year
- Majority term or near-term infants
- Most common cause of transient PAH



#### Risk Factors

- Maternal NSAID/SSRI use
- Prematurity
- Male
- Maternal diabetes
- Asthma
- Obesity



#### Outcomes

- <10% mortality
- Cerebral palsy
- Deafness
- Blindness

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### Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn



#### Acquired

- Meconium Aspiration Syndrome
- Asphyxia
- Sepsis
- Transient tachypnea of newborn
- Effusions/air leak
- Respiratory distress syndrome

#### Congenital

- Diaphragmatic Hernia
- Respiratory anomalies
- Alveolar capillary dysplasia
- Surfactant protein defects
- Trisomy 21
- Inborn errors of metabolism
- Cardiac defects

Singh Y, Lakshminrusimha S. Pathophysiology and Management of Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn. *Clin Perinatol*. 2021;48(2):595-618. doi:10.1016/j.cle.2021.05.009

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### Pulmonary hypertension in left heart disease



CHD Repair

Left Ventricular Dysfunction

Increased back pressure in pulmonary venous circulation

Potential for BPD-PH

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### Pulmonary hypertension - developmental lung diseases



Significant cardiac complication



Increased pulmonary vascular resistance



Increased morbidity/mortality

**In infants with BPD-PH vs BPD non-PH:**

- Lower body weight + FOC at 18-24 months
- Lower cognitive, motor and developmental scores at 18-24 months
- Poorer weight gain after discharge
- Increased caloric expenditure
- Fluid restriction
- Diuretic therapy

Cheol EK, Shin SH, Kim EK, Kim HG. Developmental outcomes of preterm infants with bronchopulmonary dysplasia associated pulmonary hypertension at 18-24 months of corrected age. BMC Pediatr. 2019;19(1):26. Published 2019 Jan 17. doi:10.1186/s12887-019-1400-9. Hunsman S, Salomon H, Roehr CC, et al. Pulmonary hypertension in bronchopulmonary dysplasia. Eur Respir J. 2017;49(5):1600019. doi:10.1183/13993003.000000001600019.

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### Common lung conditions in infancy



Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia



Pulmonary Hypertension



Respiratory Syncytial Virus

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### Respiratory syncytial virus

What is respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)?

Highly contagious seasonal respiratory virus

Most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children younger than 1 year of age.

2-3 out of 100 infants may require hospitalization

Shi T, McAllister DA, O'Brien KL, et al. Global, regional, and national disease burden estimates of acute lower respiratory infections due to respiratory syncytial virus in young children in 2015: a systematic review and modelling study. Lancet. 2019;393(10137):3102-3132. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(19)30996-3.

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Respiratory syncytial virus



Symptoms:

Those at Increased Risk:

Management May Include:

- Runny nose
- Cough
- Eating or drinking less
- Irritability
- Apnea
- Decreased activity

- Preterm infants
- Infants less than 12 months of age, especially under 6 months of age
- CLD or CHD
- Weakened immune systems
- Neuromuscular disorders

- Oxygen
- IV fluids
- Tube feeding
- Mechanical ventilation
- Neuromuscular disorders

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Respiratory Syncytial Virus: Symptoms and Care of RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) | CDC September 6 2023. Accessed January 4 2023.

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CRITICAL CARE NUTRITION  
MANAGEMENT  
CONSIDERATIONS

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Malnutrition in the PICU



"14% to 32% of critically ill infants already suffer from acute or chronic malnourishment upon admission to the PICU"



Length of stay

Mortality

Length of mechanical ventilation

Estroff, et al. J Hum Nutr Diet. 2019;32:3-10

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Feeding challenges in presence of respiratory conditions



Fluid restriction

Higher protein/energy needs

Feeding intolerance

Decreased oral ability

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POLL #2



What feeding challenges do you currently experience with your patients who have respiratory conditions? (Select all that apply)

A

Fluid restriction

B

Higher protein/energy needs

C

Feeding intolerance

D

Decreased oral ability

E

I don't currently work with this population

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WHAT IS AN ENERGY- AND NUTRIENT-DENSE FORMULA?

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Energy and nutrient  
dense formula

30kcal/oz term infant formula

High protein/nutrient content

2.6 grams protein/100 kcal


Lower osmolality (<400 mOsm/kg)

Ready to feed/sterile

Nutritionally complete

Well tolerated and supports growth

Can be used to supplement infants consuming breast milk



A.S.P.E.N. Nutrition Management of Term Infants with Growth Failure. www.nutritioncare.org. Published 2022. Accessed January 16, 2024.  
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POLL #3



Have you utilized an ENDF? If so, in which populations?

A

I have utilized an ENDF for patients with respiratory conditions.

B

I have utilized an ENDF, but not in patients with respiratory conditions.

C

I have heard of an ENDF, but have not utilized it.

D

This is my first time learning about an ENDF?

ENDF = energy- and nutrient-dense formula

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Nutrient comparison on fluid restriction



Nutrients provided at 130 ml/kg/day

Nutrient	20 kcal/oz SIF	24 kcal/oz SIF	30 kcal/oz ENDF
Energy (kcal/kg/day)	87	104	130
Protein (g/kg/day)	1.8 (1.4 g/dL)	2.2 (1.7 g/dL)	3.4 (2.6 g/dL)

mL = milliliter; kg = kilogram; SIF = standard infant formula; kcal = kilocalories; g = grams; ENDF = energy- and nutrient-dense formula; dL = deciliter

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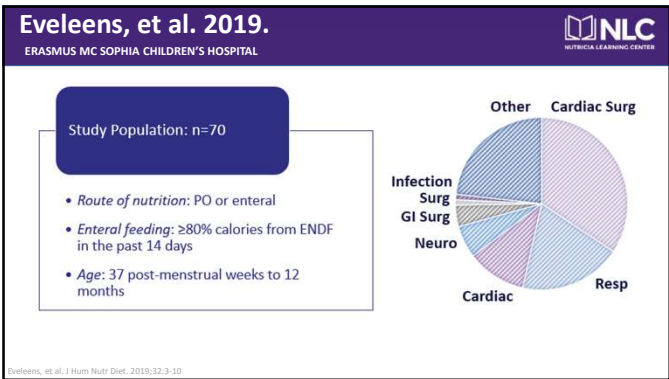
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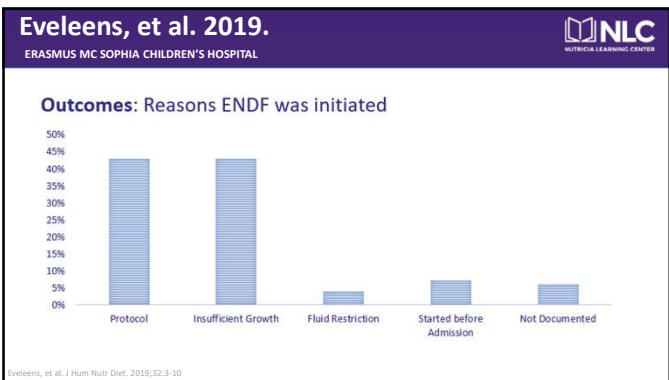
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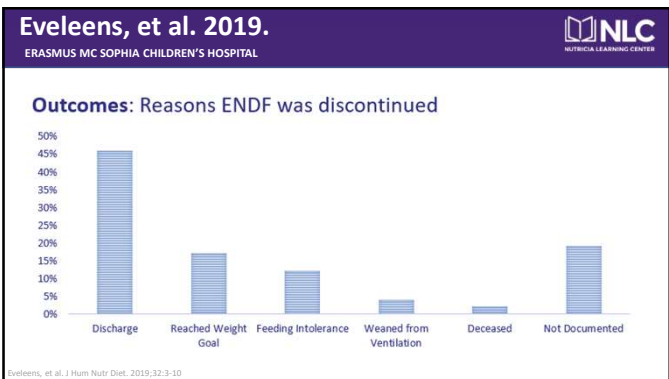
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**Outcomes: Nutritional Intake**

**Route of Nutrition:**

- Post-pyloric: 45 (64%)
- Feeding strategy
  - Continuous: 27 (39%)
  - Bolus: 10 (14%)
  - Both: 33 (47%)

**Nutrient Intake:**

- Energy: 104.6±19.4 kcal/kg/d
- Protein: 2.72±0.50g/kg/d

Eveleens, et al. J Hum Nutr Diet. 2019;32:3-10

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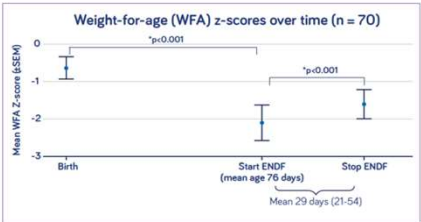
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**Outcomes: Growth**



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*"In the present study, PE-formula was well tolerated because signs of intolerance only occurred in few of the infants."*

ENDF was discontinued in eight patients due to intolerance:

- Vomiting n=4
- Gastric Retention n=2
- Signs of discomfort n=2

Eveleens, et al. J Hum Nutr Diet. 2019;32:3-10; ENDF = energy- and nutrient-dense formula

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Growth

Supports catch-up growth



Tolerance

Well-tolerated by infants in the PICU



Safety

Safe and well tolerated in critically ill infants



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Protein metabolism using energy and nutrient dense formula.

van Waardenburg DA, de Betue CT, van Goudoever, et al. Clin Nutr. 2009;28:249-255.

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Protein Metabolism

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Study design: Randomized controlled trial, double-blinded

Duration: 5-days

Intervention (n=8)

Control (n=10)

• Energy and nutrient dense formula (ENDF)

• 1kcal/mL

• 10.4% protein-energy ratio

• Standard infant formula (SIF)

• 0.67kcal/mL

• 8.0% protein-energy ratio

Initiation: 25% target volume | Advance: 25% target volume Q12H | Target Volume: 130mL/kg/24h

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Protein Metabolism

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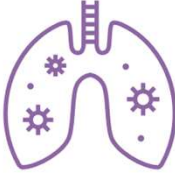
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Study Population: n=18

- Route of nutrition: enteral
- Age: 4 weeks to 12 months
- Gestation: term or preterm, but >40 weeks postmenstrual age
- Diagnosis: respiratory syncytial virus



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Protein Metabolism

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Outcomes: Nutrient Intake and Tolerance

Intake	ENDF	SIF	Tolerance	ENDF	SIF
Volume	No difference		Stooling	No difference	
Energy (kcal/kg/d)*	112±19	82±4	Emesis	No difference	
Protein (g/kg/d)*	2.8±0.3	1.5±0.1			

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Protein Metabolism

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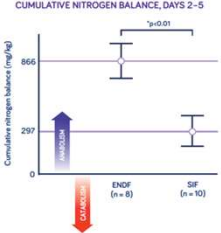
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Outcomes: Protein Anabolism

Nitrogen balance	ENDF	SIF
Day 5 (mg/kg/d)*	297±41	123±23
All in positive nitrogen balance	by Day 2	by Day 4

CUMULATIVE NITROGEN BALANCE, DAYS 2-5



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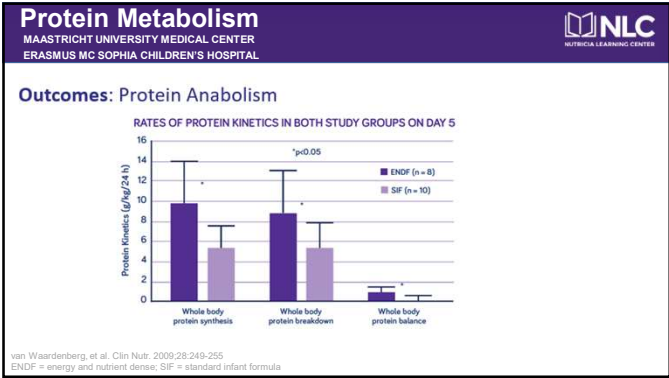
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**Case Study**

Energy- and Nutrient-Dense Formula Use in Infant with Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia

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**HISTORY**  
**BIRTH HISTORY**

- 4-month old, female with hx of NICU stay.

**ADMISSION**

- Admitted to PICU: BPD, PDA/ASD with concern for over-circulation

**FEED HISTORY**

- Transitional formula 22 kcal/oz at 150 ml/kg/day (110 kcal/kg/day)

Hx = history; NICU = neonatal intensive care unit; PICU = pediatric intensive care unit; BPD = bronchopulmonary dysplasia; PDA = patent ductus arteriosus; ASD = atrial septal defect; kcal = kilocalorie; oz = ounce; ml = milliliter; kg = kilogram.

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**NUTRITION THERAPY TIMELINE**  
10/31: Admitted to PICU  
  
11/1: Initial assessment: Goal to increase feeds to 145 ml/kg/day  
  
11/2: Feeds initiated 24 hours later  
  
11/3: Volume restricted to 75 ml/kg/day; goal to increase to 30 kcal/oz. Feeds increased to 24 kcal/oz at 75 ml/kg/day (60 kcal/kg/day) prior to hospital transfer

PICU = pediatric intensive care unit; ml = milliliter; kg = kilogram; kcal = kilocalorie; oz = ounce

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**NUTRITION THERAPY TIMELINE**  
11/6: New assessment: meeting 40% of needs x 5 days; feeds advanced to 27 kcal/oz at 95 ml/kg/day  
  
11/7: Fluid restriction of 95 ml/kg/day remains – feeds switched to ENDF  
  
11/8: ENDF advanced to 110 ml/kg/day via continuous feeds (110 kcal/kg/day)  
  
11/9: Feeds held for procedure; resumed at 110 ml/kg/day

kcal = kilocalorie; oz = ounce; ml = milliliter; kg = kilogram; ENDF = energy- and nutrient-dense formula

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Formula	Volume (ml/kg/day)	Energy kcal/kg/day	Protein (grams/kg/day)
Transitional Formula 24 kcal/oz	75	60	1.6
Transitional Formula 27 kcal/oz	95	85	2.4
ENDF 30 kcal/oz	95	95	2.5
ENDF 30 kcal/oz	110	110	2.9

ENDF = energy- and nutrient-dense formula; mL = milliliter; kg = kilogram; kcal = kilocalorie

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**NUTRITION THERAPY TIMELINE**

11/10: Reassessment – caloric intake improving and tolerating feeds. Supplemental Vitamin D initiated at 200 IU/day. Meeting DRI for other vitamins/minerals

11/14: Patient tolerating goal feeds until extubation. Fluid status improved; advanced back to standard fluid provision.

IU = international units; DRI = dietary reference intake

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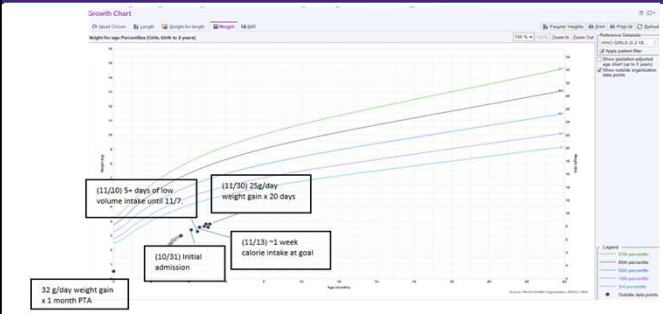
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**Growth Chart**

Weight for age Percentiles (GIRI, birth to 2 years)

Annotations:

- 32 g/day weight gain x 1 month PFA
- (10/21) Initial admission
- (11/07) 5+ days of 0mg volume intake until 11/7
- (11/30) 25g/day weight gain x 20 days
- (11/13) ~1 week caloric intake at goal

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CLINICAL OUTCOMES:

- Following 5 days of limited intake, ENDF bridged patient and improved caloric intake through fluid restriction until goal volume achieved again.
- Goal concentration provided at goal volume during and after ICU stay
- Feeds well tolerated in critically ill infant

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Summary



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Common lung conditions in infancy may have a significant impact on nutrition status and consequently, short and long-term patient outcomes.

2

Provision of appropriate calories, protein, micronutrients and fluid is crucial for this patient population.

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ENDF provides optimal energy, protein, and micronutrients to support lean tissue gain for catch-up growth and support increased protein needs during critical illness.

ENDF = energy- and nutrient-dense formula

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