



# L'approccio nutrizionale al paziente con neoplasia delle vie digestive superiori

## In chirurgia

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**Cure simultanee e di supporto:**  
l'integrazione fra ospedale e territorio nella gestione delle patologie oncologiche rese croniche dai trattamenti.



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# Nutritional status in patients with esophageal cancer

## Patients undergoing esophagectomy

median BMI at diagnosis 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

57% of patients obese or overweight at clinical presentation

74% losing weight

34% weight loss exceeded 10% in 6 months or 5% in 1 month

median weight loss as percentage of pre-illness weight 5.3%.

*AM Ryan - Clin Nutr 2005*

**Dysphagia** deficiencies in macronutrients (protein, fat, carbohydrate and total calories) micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) adequate fluid intake

**Increased resting metabolic expenditure** (23% of patients)

Increased glucose turnover and alanine-to-glucose cycle - increased peripheral glucose uptake and lactate release.

**Disease stage**

**Genetics** IL10 host genotype

**Oncologic** (e.g. cisplatin, 5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, irinotecan) and **radiation therapy** associated relevant gastrointestinal side effects



## Nutritional intervention

### At diagnosis/ staging

- Indication to laparoscopic staging
- Perioperative or neoadjuvant therapy

### Perioperatively

- Preoperative nutrition
- Postoperativ morbidity

### Postoperatively

- At discharge



## Malnutrition in surgical patient

### Clinically pertinent malnutrition (postoperative complications and medico-economic consequences)

a BMI less or equal to 18.5 or a BMI less than 21 in a patient older than 70

recent weight loss of more than 10%

a serum albumin level less than 3.0 mg/dL independent of C-reactive protein (CRP).

The presence of even one of these clinical or laboratory criteria is sufficient to define malnutrition.

*French clinical guidelines on perioperative nutrition - J Visc Surg 2012*

Impaired nutritional status		Severity of disease (>= increase in requirements)	
Absent Score 0	Normal nutritional status	Absent Score 0	Normal nutritional requirements
Mild Score 1	Wt loss > 5% in 3 mths or Food intake below 50-75% of normal requirement in preceding week	Mild Score 1	Hip fracture* Chronic patients, in particular with acute complications: cirrhosis*, COPD*. Chronic hemodialysis, diabetes, oncology
Moderate Score 2	Wt loss > 5% in 2 mths or BMI 18.5 – 20.5 + impaired general condition or Food intake 25-60% of normal requirement in preceding week	Moderate Score 2	Major abdominal surgery* Stroke* Severe pneumonia, hematologic malignancy
Severe Score 3	Wt loss > 5% in 1 mth (>15% in 3 mths) or BMI <18.5 + impaired general condition or Food intake 0-25% of normal requirement in preceding week in preceding week.	Severe Score 3	Head injury* Bone marrow transplantation* Intensive care patients (APACHE>10).
Score:	+	Score	= Total score
Age	if ≥ 70 years: add 1 to total score above		= age-adjusted total score
Score ≥ 3: the patient is nutritionally at-risk and a nutritional care plan is initiated			
Score < 3: weekly rescreening of the patient. If the patient e.g. is scheduled for a major operation, a preventive nutritional care plan is considered to avoid the associated risk status.			

*Kondrup - Clin Nutr 2003*



## Access for nutritional support during multimodal therapy in esophageal cancer patients

### **Self-expanding esophageal stents**

Stent-related complications

Added difficulties during esophagectomy

Restaging?

Impact that shearing forces on the tumor may have on oncological outcomes,

Malnutrition related to depression associated anorexia and disorders of absorption and digestion secondary to cytologic toxicity

### **Surgical jejunostomy**

Subjecting malnourished patients to an invasive procedure

#### **Laparotomic**

may preclude future laparoscopic gastric mobilization

#### **Laparoscopic**

allows a complete exploration of the abdominal cavity in the same time (valuable in locally advanced esogastric junctional tumors, especially signet ring cell carcinomas)

### **Percutaneous radiologic gastrostomy (PRG)**

minimally invasive and cost-effective not requiring an operating room or general anesthesia

*W Tessier - Surg Endosc 2013*



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### Percutaneous radiological gastrostomy

Variables		Overall <i>N</i> = 269 (%)	NS group <i>N</i> = 130 (%)	S group <i>N</i> = 139 (%)	<i>P</i>
Success	No	10 (3.7)	7 (5.4)	3 (2.2)	0.158
	Yes	259 (96.3)	123 (94.6)	136 (97.8)	
Complication grade <sup>a</sup>	IIIA	1 (0.4)	0	1 (0.7)	0.009
	IIIB	8 (3.0)	8 (6.2)	0	
	IV	0	0	0	
	V	0	0	0	

*NS group* patients in whom no surgical treatment was considered, *S group* patients in whom surgery was considered as a part of the multimodal treatment

<sup>a</sup> Dindo-Clavien classification

#### Personal experience 2014-2016

14 PRG

100% success

1 pt (7,1%) fever and peritonism

64,3% used during Nadj Treat

5% weight increase

Removal 1 week before surgery

No complication related to PRG

(1 conversion from MIS to open surgery)

In locally advanced EC, PRG is feasible and safe in non-selected patients and should be the procedure of choice for feeding tube placement, especially in malnourished patients with obstructive tumors

**PRG does not compromise the suitability of the stomach as an esophageal substitute in patients deemed to be resectable**

*W Tessier - Surg Endosc 2013*



## ESPEN Guidelines on Enteral Nutrition: Surgery

Preoperative	Encourage patients who do not meet their energy needs from normal food to take oral nutritional supplements during the preoperative period.	C	4.1
	Administer preoperative enteral nutrition (EN) preferably before admission to the hospital.	C	4.1
	Patients undergoing surgery who are considered to have no specific risk for aspiration, may drink clear fluids until 2 h before anaesthesia. Solids are allowed until 6 h before anaesthesia.	A	1
Type of formula	Use preoperative carbohydrate loading (the night before and 2 h before surgery) in most patients undergoing major surgery.	B	2
	In most patients a standard whole protein formula is appropriate.	C	4.2.3
	Use EN preferably with immuno-modulating substrates (arginine, ω-3 fatty acids and nucleotides) perioperatively independent of the nutritional risk for those patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• undergoing major neck surgery for cancer (laryngectomy, pharyngectomy)</li> <li>• undergoing major abdominal cancer surgery (oesophagectomy, gastrectomy, and pancreatoduodenectomy)</li> <li>• after severe trauma.</li> </ul>	A	4.2.3
	Whenever possible start these formulae 5–7 days before surgery and continue postoperatively for 5 to 7 days after uncomplicated surgery.	C	4.2.3
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In colorectal surg, hypo-osmolar 12.5% carbohydrate rich drink:  
 reduces postop insulin resistance  
 preserves skeletal muscle mass

Immune modulating formulae (arginine, ω-3-fatty acids and ribonucleotides, with or without glutamine)  
 decrease rate of postoperative complication  
 decrease length of hospital stay  
 in undernourished and well nourished gastrointestinal cancer patients

In patients undergoing gastrectomy for gastric cancer, early EN with immune modulating formula  
 less wound-healing problems  
 suture failure  
 infectious as well as global complications

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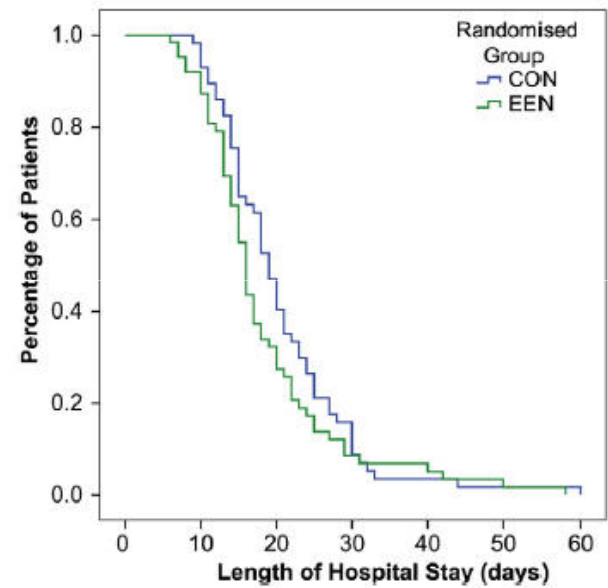
# Early enteral nutrition in patients undergoing major upper gastrointestinal surgical resection

Group A: fasting; 10 ml/h saline jejunostomy until oral diet (POD 7-10)

Group B: EEN jejunostomy (start within 12 h postop 20 ml/h; increase 10 ml/h every 12 h, until 80 ml/h).

121 p submitted to UGI surg with curative resection (pancreas stomach esophagus) – jejunostomy

Primary Endpoint: LOHS  
 Secondary Endpoint: morbidity and mortality



Details of operative morbidity.

Complication	CON	EEN	Chi <sup>2</sup> (p-value)
<i>Infective complications</i>			
Wound infection	16 (28.1)	7 (10.9)	5.7 (0.017)
Chest infection	12 (21.1)	5 (7.8)	4.4 (0.036)
Anastomotic leak	7 (12.2)	2 (3.1)	3.67 (0.055)
Urinary tract infection	3 (5.3)	1 (1.6)	
Bacteremia	3 (5.3)	2 (3.1)	
<i>Non-infective complications</i>			
Pleural effusion	10 (17.5)	10 (15.6)	
Delayed gastric emptying	4 (7.0)	0	4.6 (0.031)
Myocardial infarction	1 (1.8)	0	
Major haemorrhage	2 (3.5)	0	
Chylothorax	0	1 (1.6)	
Rec. laryngeal nerve palsy	0	1 (1.6)	

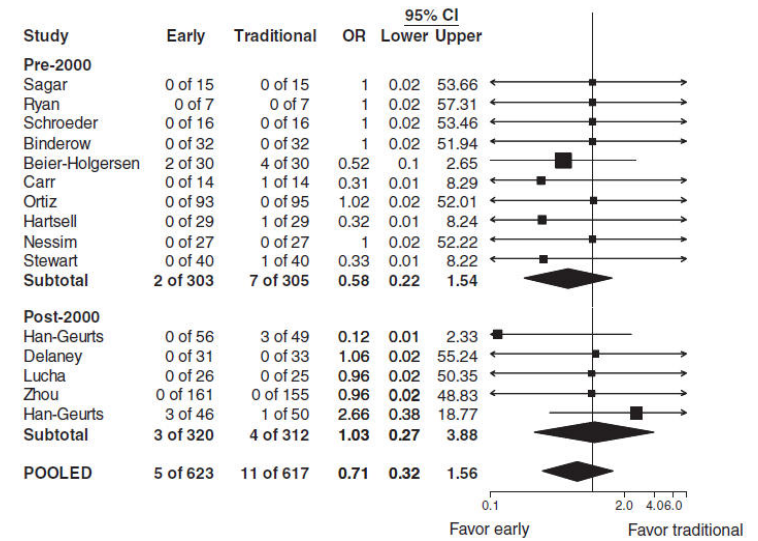
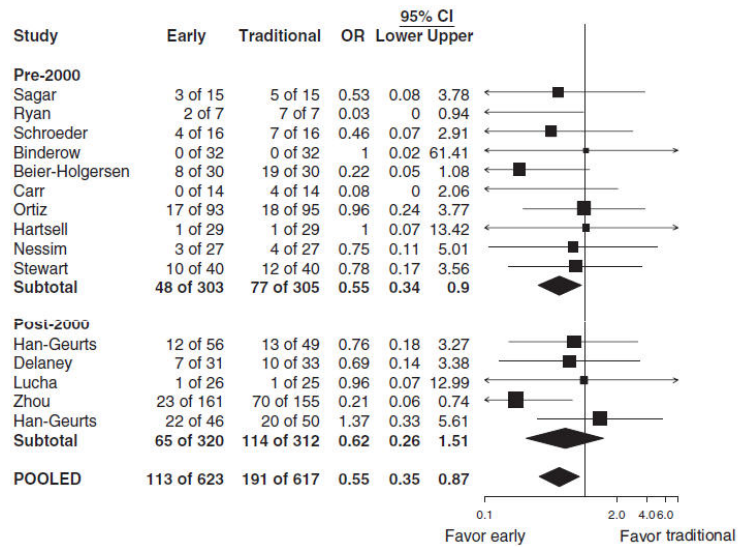
Figures are numbers of patients, percentages in parentheses.

**EEN feasible, safe, better clinical outcome (morbidity rate, anastomotic and septic complications, reduced LOS)**

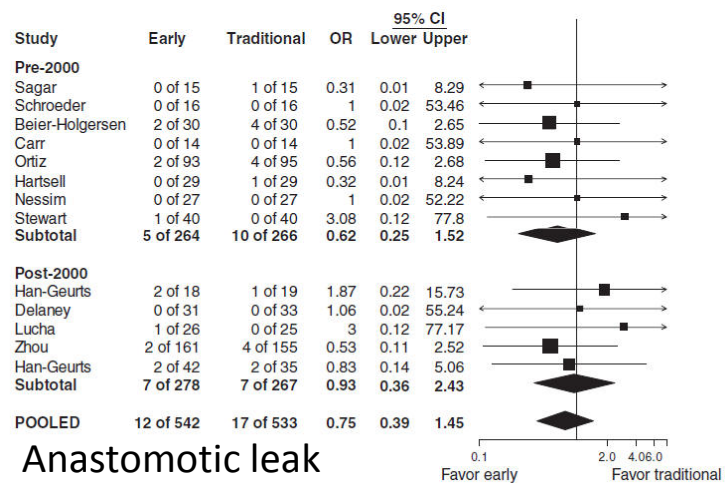
R Barlow – Clin Nutr 2011



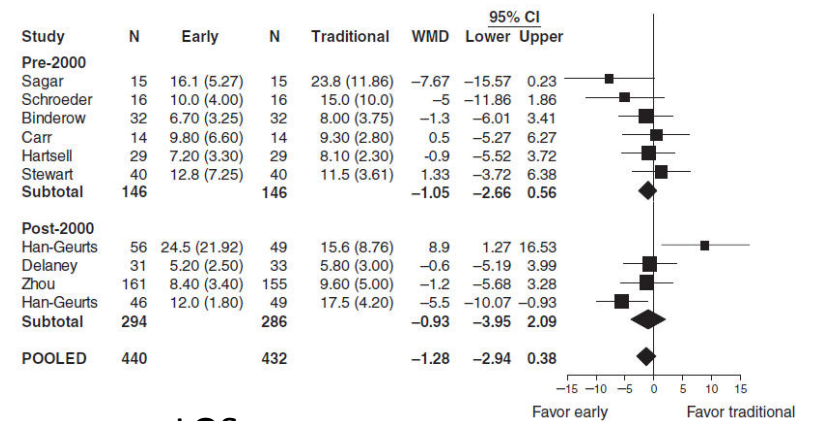
# Early feeding after resectional gastrointestinal surgery: a meta-analysis



## Complications



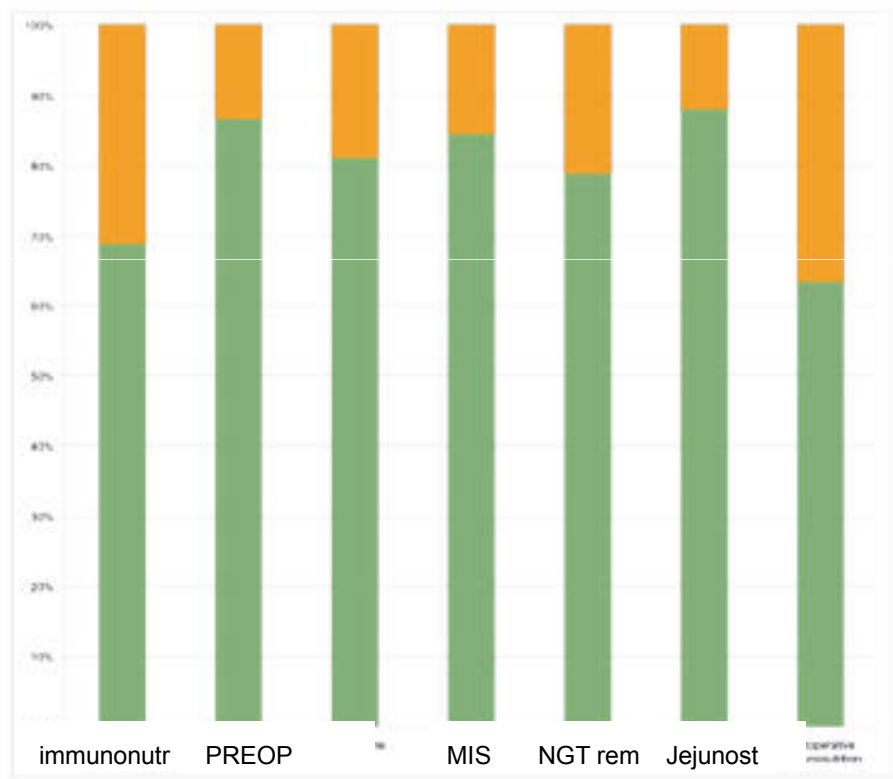
## Mortality



## LOS

E Osland – J Parent Ent Nutr 2012

# Enhanced recovery program for esophagectomy



	ERAS-pro Group	OLD-pro Group
<b>Operative time *</b>	289 (171 – 529)	275 (119 – 538)
<b>Complicated patients (major c.)</b>	22 (24,4%)	33 (36,7%)
<b>Hospital stay</b>		
<i>All patients *</i>	10 (6 – 70)	12 (7 – 101)
<i>Pts without complications *</i>	8 (6 – 12)	10 (7 – 21)
<b>Post-operative death</b>	2 (2,2%)	6 (6,7%)

**Tab. 2: Results of study.** \* median (range) p = n.s.

**Graph. 1: Compliance to protocol in ERAS-pro Group.**  
 Green areas represent the share of good compliance reached for each item.  
 \* High Carbohydrate Drinks (PREOP)  
 \*\* Minimally Invasive Surgery: Hybrid or Total MI Esophagectomy  
 \*\*\* Jejunostomies placement conforming to preoperative nutritional status (NRS)

F Puccetti, 12° ESDE Congress 2015

## Postoperative setting

### **Patients submitted to gastrointestinal surgery**

- 10% loss of their preoperative weight
- loss of gastric reservoir function
- lack of appetite
- altered intestinal motility
- gastro-oesophageal reflux

### **Feeding jejunostomies**

Timing of discontinuation of jejunal feeding is variable

No studies showing clinical benefit or improvement in QOL from nutritional supplementation following hospital discharge after surgery

Under nutrition post hospital discharge after UGS may exacerbate the reduced QOL and fatigue

The process of enteral feeding itself may also contribute to a reduced quality of life for these patients. .

## Postoperative enteral feeding after upper GI surgery

**Material** 41 pat. UGS (17 esoph.; 24 total (18) or subtotal (6) gastr.)

**Methods** Daily enteral and oral intake related to estimated energy requirements (ER).

Enteral feeding POD1. Oral feeding POD3 if uncomplicated. Oral and/or enteral energy intake of at least 60% of ER one of the discharge criterias. Weight variation and alimentary anamnesis at POD 30.

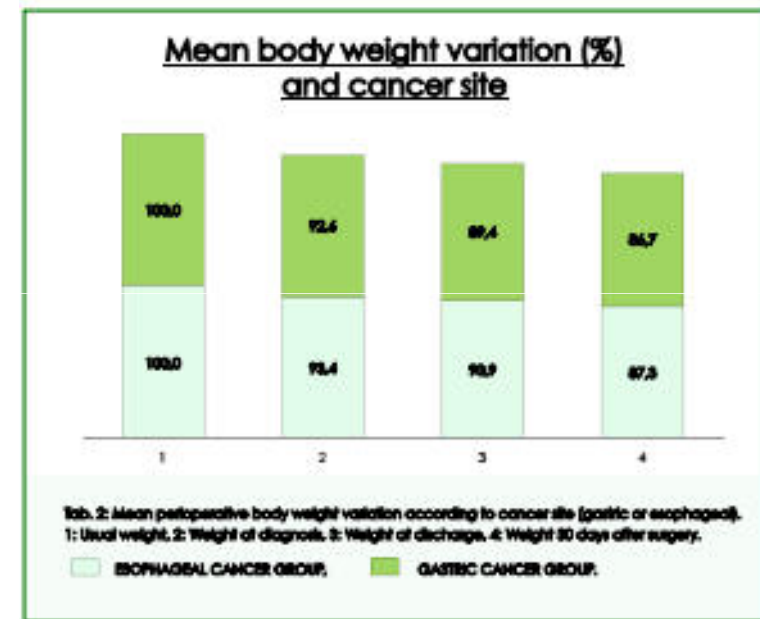
**Results 1** Most patients reached their nutritional discharge criteria (NDC) on POD 6. (Oral feeding protocol not followed in 17 complicated cases (group A))

24 patients (group B) at discharge reached their feeding goal with an oral and/or enteral nutrition: oral nutrition was the only feeding route in 19,5% (87,5% of the subgroup of patients submitted to gastrectomy).

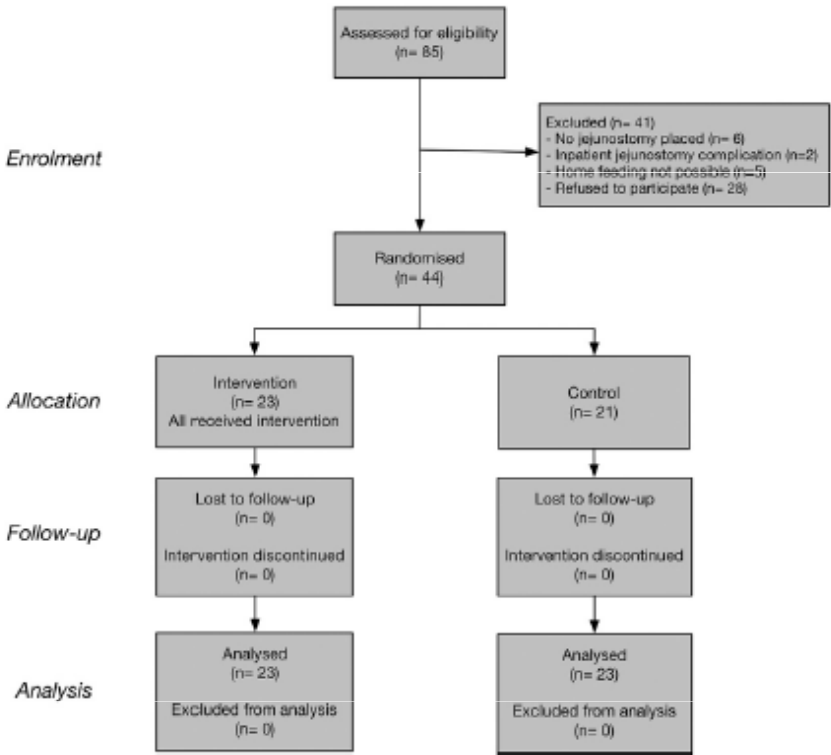
At POD 30 mean body weight variation was -7%. (-8,8% group A 6.1% group B).

Weight loss of patients in group B submitted to gastrectomy was higher than for patients submitted to esophagectomy.

**Conclusions** Patients submitted to esophagectomy need an enteral feeding in order to reach early the NDC. Patients submitted to gastrectomy have a increased oral feeding but a lower total energy intake, persisting at POD 30.

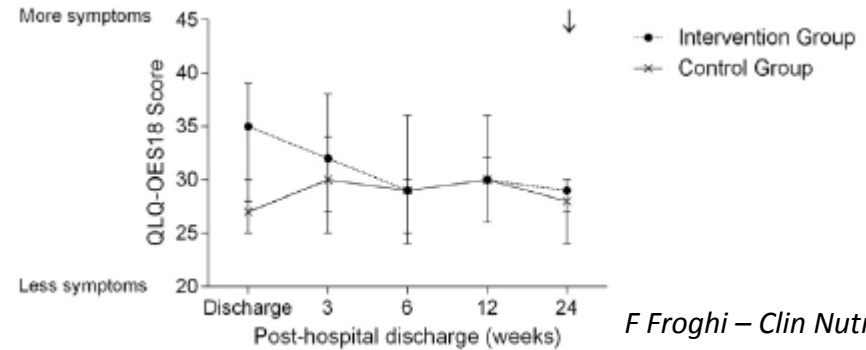
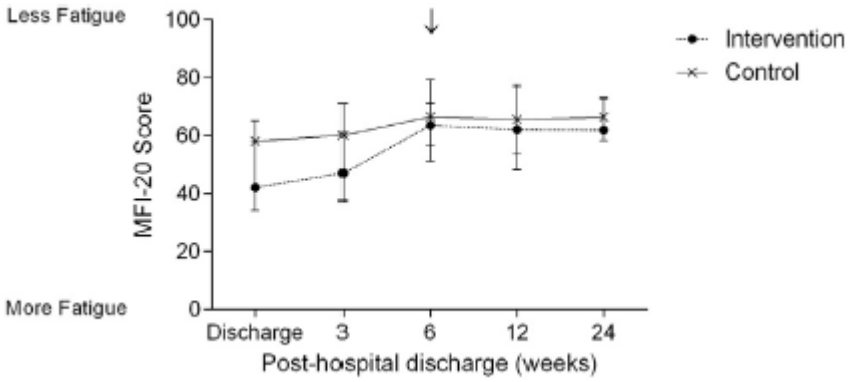
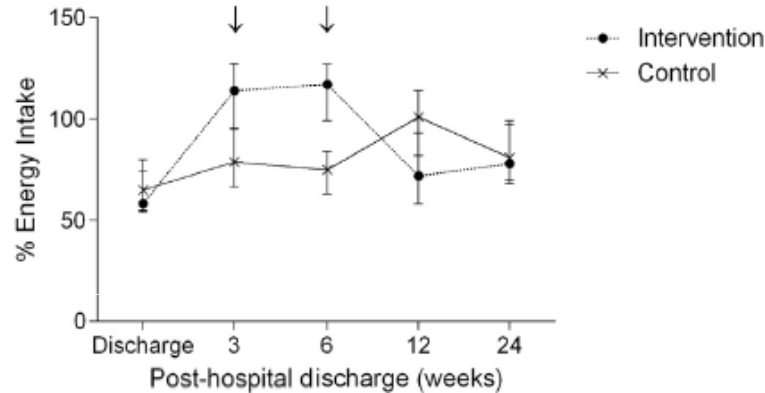


# Post-discharge enteral feeding following surgical resection of an upper GI malignancy



**Jejunal feeds** 600 kcal/day of enteral feed via jejunostomy for 6 weeks post hospital discharge

**Control group** no jejunal feed post hospital discharge



F Froghi – Clin Nutr 2016

## Conclusions

Perioperative nutritional support in a malnourished patients undergoing resective surgery for Upper GI cancer is effective in reducing morbidity rate (infection) and LOS

Early postoperative enteral (oral) feeding should aimed at

No data of a clear benefit of routine post discharge enteral nutritional support in patients submitted to resective upper GI cancer surgery



## IMPACT Study

- ✓ Esophageal and gastric cancer patients are frequently malnourished
- ✓ Most oesophageal and gastric cancer patients will receive neoadjuvant chemo(radio)therapy that may compromise both nutritional and immune status
- ✓ Immunonutrition is efficient in the perioperative period in digestive cancer patients (ESPEN Guidelines)

2013-2015 a multicenter European randomised controlled trial was run to demonstrate that support of patients' immune function with specific nutritional intervention – immunonutrition – during the neoadjuvant treatment and prior to surgery will **improve the patients' quality of life, reduce post-surgical morbidity, and reduce haematological and mucosal toxicities.**

Design:

358 patients, 179 in each group, with oesophageal or gastric carcinoma considered suitable for curative resection at the time of staging who will receive neoadjuvant chemotherapy or chemotherapy plus irradiation neoadjuvant treatment.

Patients randomized in two groups and will receive the test product or an isocaloric control from at least one week prior to the beginning of the neoadjuvant treatment, by the oral route or via a tube until the 7<sup>th</sup> postop day

Results waited for by end 2017

