

# Nutrition of patients during the process of continuous support of renal function

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# The critically ill should be fed!



Special Communication | CARING FOR THE CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT

## The Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3)

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## SOFA: Sequential [Sepsis-related] Organ Failure Assessment

Table 1. Sequential [Sepsis-Related] Organ Failure Assessment Score<sup>a</sup>

| System                                           | Score | 0             | 1                 | 2                                                 | 3                                                                       | 4                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Respiration                                      |       |               |                   |                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                      |
| Pao <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> , mm Hg (kPa) |       | ≥400 (53.3)   | <400 (53.3)       | <300 (40)                                         | <200 (26.7) with respiratory support                                    | <100 (13.3) with respiratory support                                 |
| Coagulation                                      |       |               |                   |                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                      |
| Platelets, ×10 <sup>3</sup> /μL                  |       | ≥150          | <150              | <100                                              | <50                                                                     | <20                                                                  |
| Liver                                            |       |               |                   |                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                      |
| Bilirubin, mg/dL (μmol/L)                        |       | <1.2 (20)     | 1.2-1.9 (20-32)   | 2.0-5.9 (33-101)                                  | 6.0-11.9 (102-204)                                                      | >12.0 (204)                                                          |
| Cardiovascular                                   |       |               |                   |                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                      |
| MAP ≥70 mm Hg                                    |       | MAP ≥70 mm Hg | MAP <70 mm Hg     | Dopamine <5 or dobutamine (any dose) <sup>b</sup> | Dopamine 5.1-15 or epinephrine ≤0.1 or norepinephrine ≤0.1 <sup>b</sup> | Dopamine >15 or epinephrine >0.1 or norepinephrine >0.1 <sup>b</sup> |
| Central nervous system                           |       |               |                   |                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                      |
| Glasgow Coma Scale score <sup>c</sup>            |       | 15            | 13-14             | 10-12                                             | 6-9                                                                     | <6                                                                   |
| Renal                                            |       |               |                   |                                                   |                                                                         |                                                                      |
| Creatinine, mg/dL (μmol/L)                       |       | <1.2 (110)    | 1.2-1.9 (110-170) | 2.0-3.4 (171-299)                                 | 3.5-4.9 (300-440)                                                       | >5.0 (440)                                                           |
| Urine output, mL/d                               |       |               |                   |                                                   | <500                                                                    | <200                                                                 |

Abbreviations: Fio<sub>2</sub>, fraction of inspired oxygen; MAP, mean arterial pressure; Pao<sub>2</sub>, partial pressure of oxygen.

<sup>a</sup> Adapted from Vincent et al.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>b</sup> Catecholamine doses are given as μg/kg/min for at least 1 hour.

<sup>c</sup> Glasgow Coma Scale scores range from 3-15; higher score indicates better neurological function.

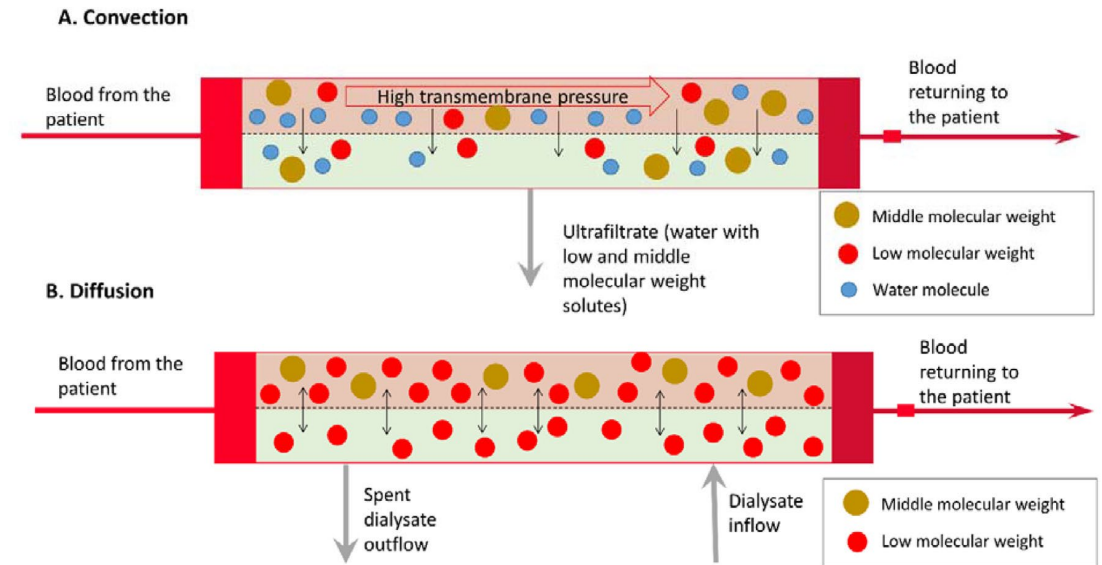
# Metabolic changes during acute impairment of renal function

- Hyperglycemia
- Hypertriglyceridemia
- Negative balance of protein metabolism
- Electrolyte imbalance
- Decreased concentrations of water-soluble vitamins
- Reduced concentration of microelements
- Increased circulatory volume, organ edema
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Resistance to erythropoietin
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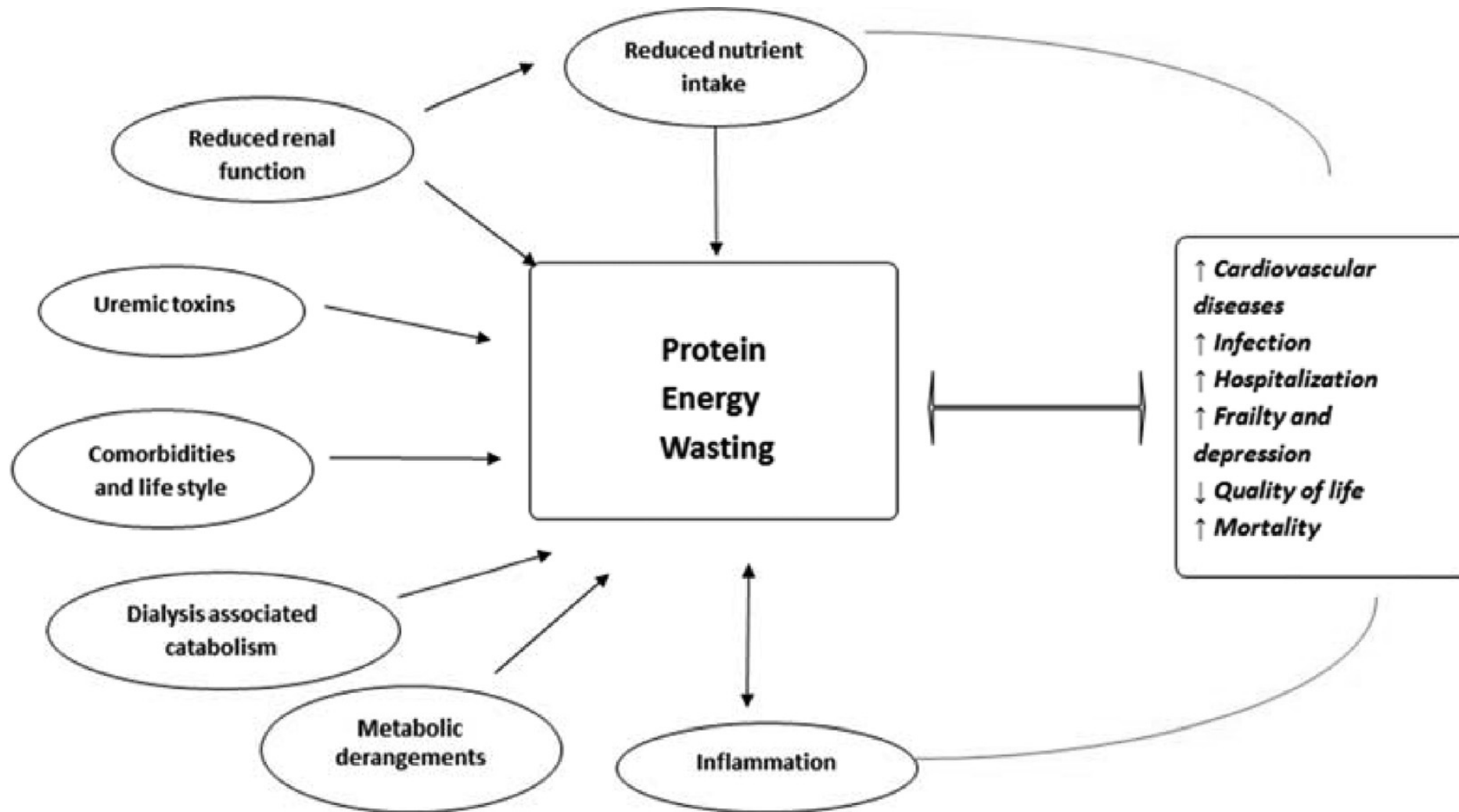
- The International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism (ISRNM), introduced the term "**protein-energy wasting**" which indicates "a state of reduced protein and energy reserves (for example, body muscle mass and fat reserves), which occurs both during acute and during chronic renal failure, regardless of cause and may be associated with reduced functional capacity associated with metabolic stress".

# Metabolic changes caused by:

- Comorbidities of the patient
- The underlying disease
- Critically ill
- By applying continuous processes



Principles of solution removal



A cycle of constant worsening of the patient's condition



The result of all this:

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The patient is malnourished!

# Optimal intake of nutrients in patients with AKI depends on:

- Nature, causes, diseases leading to AKI
- Sizes of catabolism in patients
- By type and frequency of CRRT

# Different methods of supporting kidney function - different impact on metabolism

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The new term "dialytrauma" – exposing the patient to extracorporeal circulation, filter membranes leads to immune activation AND heat loss - this increases metabolism and increases REE.

- There are no clear guidelines for nutritional therapy in these patients
- It is based on the individual application of nutritional support
- Patients with malnutrition and at risk of malnutrition
- The best overestimates are obtained based on the measurement of consumption at rest (REE - Resting energy expenditure).
- Indirect calorimetry!



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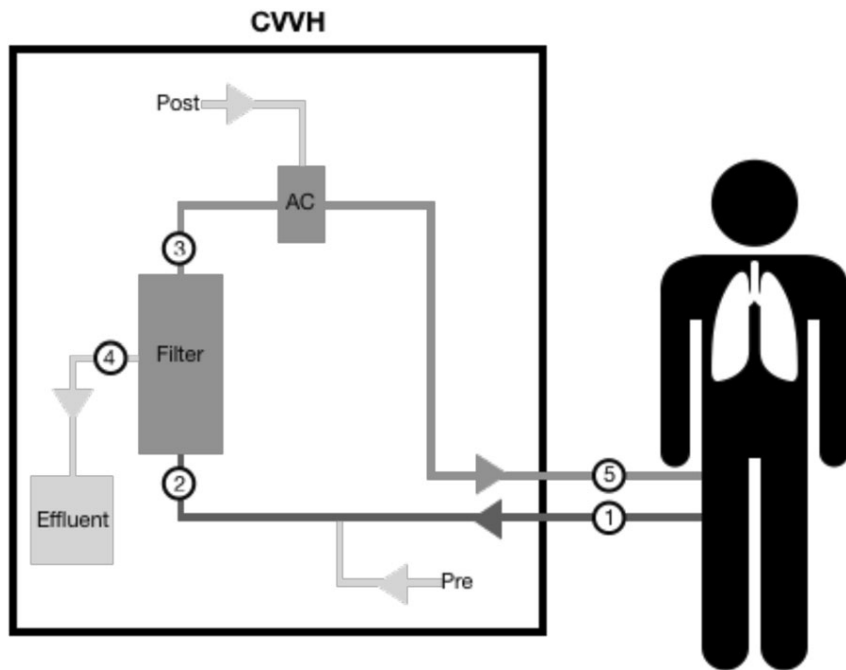
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|                   | Mean Value | Pred |
|-------------------|------------|------|
| Time(min)         | 30:01      |      |
| FIO2(%)           | 44.44      |      |
| REE(Kcal/day)     | 884        | 1730 |
| RO                | 1.16       |      |
| REE/Pred(%)       | 51         |      |
| RR(br/min)        | 16.00      |      |
| Vt BTPS(mL)       | 270        |      |
| VE BTPS(L/min)    | 4.32       |      |
| VCO2(mL/min)      | 136        |      |
| VO2(mL/min)       | 117        |      |
| Urinary N2(g/day) | 151        |      |
| CHO/REE(%)        | -50        |      |
| Fat/REE(%)        |            |      |
| Prot/REE(%)       |            |      |
| REE_Covar(%)      | 5          |      |

## INDIRECT CALORIMETRY

- Patient on continuous support of renal function
  - tt = 90 kg
- Standard needs 20 kcal/kg/day

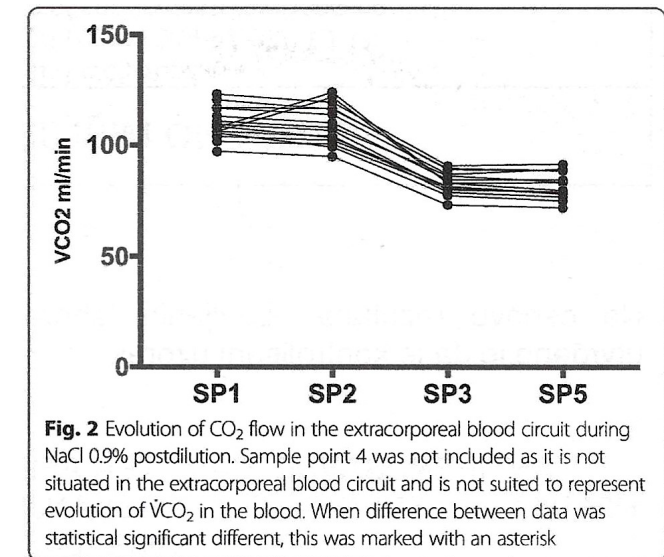
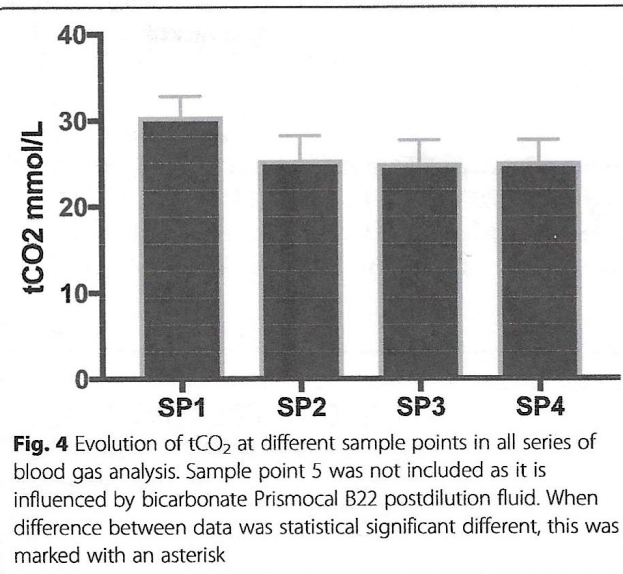




# Indirect calorimetry is not exactly accurate with CVVH either

-26 ml/min of CO<sub>2</sub> is lost in effluent (14% of expiratory VCO<sub>2</sub>)

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# Enteral or parenteral

- Enteral always has an advantage!

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- Among other benefits: enteral nutrition promotes blood flow through the kidneys and their function

ESPEN guideline on clinical nutrition in hospitalized patients with acute or chronic kidney disease. Clinical Nutrition 2021;

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- In case of contraindications for oral and EN, PN should be started within three to seven days of admission.

# How much energy does a patient with AKI have?

- The latest guidelines that talk about the critically ill patient in the ICU, with AKI recommend:
- 20-30 kcal/kg/d of non-protein calories, or 20 to 30 kcal/kg/d of total calories
- After the third day, caloric intake should increase by 80 to 100% of measured energy needs

# How much energy does a patient with AKI have?

- Hypercaloric intake was not shown to be better than hypocaloric intake (40 kcal/kg/day versus 30 kcal/kg/day). There was more complication.
- Do not reach full energy intake before the third day.
- Substances used during continuous processes have a certain energy value (take it into account):
  - Citrate (3 kcal/g)
  - ACD-A (2.2% citrate), TSC (4% trisodium citrate), or newer citrate solutions (citrate 12 or 18 mmol/l)
  - Glucose (3.4 kcal/g) from ACD-A (2.45% dextrose) and replacement fluid and dialysis fluid (0 - 110 mg/dl)
  - Lactate (3.62 kcal/g), used as a buffer

# How much protein?

- A patient who is on continuous processes is always in a negative nitrogen balance.
- It loses 15 to 20 grams of amino acids per day (depending on the mode of support, the length of the process and the membrane).

# How much protein?

- Hospitalized patient with AKI, AKI with CKI without acute/critical illness: 0.8-1.0 g/kg BW/d
- Hospitalized patient with AKI, AKI with CKI, CKI with acute/critical illness, not on HRT: start with 1 g/kg BW/d, and gradually increase to 1.3 g/kg BW/d, if tolerated.
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# How much protein?

- The goal is to achieve a positive nitrogen balance!

# How many lipids and carbohydrates

- The latest evidence shows that patients with AKI use (oxidation) carbohydrates much less (56.7%) and much more lipids (150.7%) than expected.
- Unfortunately, we do not have such preparations.

# Electrolytes

- In real clinical situations, the most common electrolyte disturbances (before starting continuous processes) are:
  - hyponatremia
  - hyperkalemia
  - hyperphosphatemia
  - hypocalcemia
- (Most normalize as the ongoing process begins.)
- With long-term intensive continuous processes we see:
  - hypophosphatemia
  - hypokalemia
  - hypomagnesemia

# Microelements and vitamins

- Due to increased needs during renal failure, critical illness, large effluent losses during continuous processes, trace elements (Se, Zn and Cu) should:
  - monitor
  - keep adding
- Due to the increased needs during renal failure, critical illness, large effluent losses during continuous processes, water-soluble vitamins (with special attention to vitamin C, folates and thiamin) should:
  - monitor
  - keep adding
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Summary of different recommendations for nutritional support in CRRT.

| Reference                           | Energy                                                                              | Fats                       | Protein/amino acids  | Micronutrients                                                                                                                                                                                    | Water-soluble vitamins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fat-soluble vitamins                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| McClave et al. <sup>[33]</sup>      | Consider non-nutritional calories<br>Beware of overfeeding                          | Monitor triglyceride level | 2.0–2.5 g/kg/IBW/day | Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No recommendations                                                                                                                     |
| Singer et al. <sup>[32]</sup>       | IC<br>Consider non-nutritional calories<br>Beware of overfeeding                    | Monitor triglyceride level | 1.5–1.7 g/kg/day     | Monitored and supplemented, especially selenium, zinc, and copper                                                                                                                                 | Monitored and supplemented especially vitamin C, folate, and thiamine                                                                                                                                                                                  | E: 10 IU<br>K: 4 mg/week<br>A: Decrease the amount                                                                                     |
| Onichimowski et al. <sup>[24]</sup> | Catabolic phase:<br>20–25 kal/kg/IBW/day<br>Anabolic phase:<br>25–35 kal/kg/IBW/day | 0.7–1.5 kal/kg/IBW         | 1.7–2.0 g/kg/IBW/day | A doubled dose of commercial preparations for PN, additional intravenous substitution for EN                                                                                                      | B1: 100 mg/day<br>B2: 2 mg/day<br>B3: 20 mg/day<br>B5: 10 mg/day<br>B6: 100 mg/day<br>B7: 200 µg/day<br>B9: 1 mg/day<br>B12: 4 µg/day<br>C: 250 mg/day<br>A doubled dose of commercial preparations for PN, additional intravenous substitution for EN | E: 10 IU<br>K: 4 mg/week<br>A: Without supplementation<br>In practice, the dose of commercial multivitamin preparations may be doubled |
| Honoré et al. <sup>[16]</sup>       | IC<br>25–35 kal/kg/IBW/day<br>Carbohydrates 60–70%<br>Lipids 30–40%                 | Monitor triglyceride level | 1.5–1.8 g/kg/IBW/day | Selenium: + 100 µg/day<br>Zinc: 50 mg/day<br>Copper: 5 mg/day<br>A triple dose of intravenous trace elements-containing solutions                                                                 | B1: 100 mg/day<br>B2: 2 mg/day<br>B3: 20 mg/day<br>B5: 10 mg/day<br>B6: 100 mg/day<br>B7: 200 mg/day<br>B9: 1 mg/day<br>B12: 4 µg/day<br>C: 250 mg/day                                                                                                 | E: 10 IU<br>K: 4 mg/week<br>A: Reduce supplementation                                                                                  |
| Ostermann et al. <sup>[71]</sup>    | IC<br>25–30 kal/kg/day                                                              | No recommendations         | >1.5 g/kg/day        | Selenium: 50–70 µg/day<br>Zinc: 5–10 mg/day<br>Chromium: 0.01 mg/day<br>Manganese: 0.5 mg/day<br>Copper: 1–2 mg/day<br>A double or triple dose of intravenous trace elements-containing solutions | B1: 100–200 mg/day<br>B2: 2 mg/day<br>B3: 20 mg/day<br>B5: 10 mg/day<br>B6: 50–100 mg/day<br>B7: 200 mg/day<br>B9: 1 mg/day<br>B12: 4 µg/day<br>C: 0.5–6.0 g/day                                                                                       | No recommendations                                                                                                                     |

CRRT: Continuous renal replacement therapy; EN: Enteral nutrition; IBW: Ideal body weight; IC: Indirect calorimetry; PN: Parenteral nutrition.

# Conclusion

- A state of increased loss of amino acids
- Constant electrolyte monitoring
- Supplementation of microelements and vitamins
- Indirect calorimetry
- Individual evaluation, individual formula creation
- Pay attention to the content of dialysis solutions
- Nutritional therapy in patients with AKI must be monitored much more than in some other diseases

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