Practical Approaches to Safe and Appropriate Use of Parenteral Nutrition Therapy

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11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
Welcome and Introduction
Phil Ayers, Pharm.D., BCNSP, FASHP

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.
When Is PN Appropriate?
Angela L. Bingham, Pharm.D., BCCCP, BCNSP, BCPS

11:55 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Clinical Case Scenarios: Applying Best Practices to Ensure Safe and Appropriate Use of Parenteral Nutrition Therapy
Phil Ayers, Pharm.D., BCNSP, FASHP, and Angela L. Bingham, Pharm.D., BCCCP, BCNSP, BCPS

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Faculty Discussion and Audience Questions
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Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to

• Review basic concepts in parenteral nutrition (PN), including identifying patients at high risk for malnutrition, assessing nutritional status, and interpreting clinical and laboratory data.

• Explain best practices for pharmacists with regard to PN order review, compounding, labeling, and dispensing.

• Using clinical cases, illustrate best practices related to PN management in a variety of clinical situations.

When is Parenteral Nutrition Appropriate?

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Parenteral nutrition (PN) represents one of the most notable achievements of modern medicine. PN can serve as a therapeutic modality for all age groups across the healthcare continuum. PN offers a life-sustaining option when intestinal failure prevents adequate oral or enteral nutrition (EN). However, providing nutrients intravenously (IV) is an expensive form of nutrition support, and serious adverse events can occur.

Challenges: Identifying Evidence-Based Indications for PN Therapy

- Well-designed, randomized controlled trials are scarce
- Much of the available data are older
- Results may reflect outdated clinical practices (glycemic control, overfeeding, care of central line)
- Little data with newer products
- Data insufficient regarding competency and outcomes

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ASPEN Consensus Recommendations

- Developed in the absence of high-quality, grade level evidence
- Designed to provide guidance in clinical decisions to
  - Identify best practices
  - Reduce variations in practice
  - Enhance patient safety
  - Provide day-to-day guidance for clinical decisions; minimize risks


Appropriate PN Use

Identifying Candidates for PN
- Question of PN use based on diagnostic categories
- Clinical indications for PN administration
- Evaluating GI function: continuum of intestinal failure
- Timing of PN initiation

PN Use in a Variety Clinical Situations
- Selecting vascular access device
- Peripheral PN, intradialytic PN, perioperative PN
- PN in palliative care
- Home PN

Promoting Optimal PN Outcomes
- Strategies to reduce complications
- Assessing progress toward therapeutic goals
- Managing transitions, weaning PN
- Tracking and monitoring PN

Research
- Questions requiring further study

Identifying Candidates for PN

- Evaluate clinical factors from history, physical examination, and diagnostic evaluations in determining if EN is contraindicated
- Do not use based solely on medical diagnosis or disease state
- Consider baseline nutritional and metabolic status, anticipated duration of PN therapy, and goals of care
- PN and EN may become necessary together or sequentially along the continuum of care

Clinical Factors Assessed for EN vs. PN Eligibility

- Functional status of GI tract
  - Evidence from history, physical, and diagnostic studies
- Failed EN trial
- Hemodynamic instability
- Failure to achieve/maintain enteral access
- Contraindications to enteral access
  - Active GI bleeding
  - Uncontrolled peritonitis
  - Ischemic bowel
- Intolerance of EN (e.g., intractable vomiting or diarrhea)
Indications for PN: Impacted by Clinical Factors

- Non-functional GI tract (failed or inadequate EN)
  - Impaired absorption of nutrients
    - Short bowel syndrome, fistula, reduced absorptive capacity
  - Mechanical bowel obstruction
    - Peritoneal carcinomatosis, severe adhesive disease
  - Motility disorders
    - Pseudo-obstruction, prolonged ileus
  - Need for “bowel rest”
    - Ischemic bowel, neutropenic colitis, severe pancreatitis
  - Inability to achieve enteral access

PN Timing Considerations

- Well nourished stable adult patients
  - After 7 days of inadequate oral intake or EN
- Nutritionally-at-risk and unlikely to achieve nutrition goals
  - Within 3-5 days
- Baseline moderate or severe malnutrition when oral intake not feasible or sufficient
  - As soon as feasible
- Severe metabolic instability
  - Delay until condition has improved

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### Clinical Conditions Warranting Cautious Initiation of PN in Adults

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### Monitoring PN

- Provide interprofessional monitoring of clinical status and response to PN therapy
- Modify the PN prescription as indicated based on ongoing evaluation of GI function and nutrition status


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### Monitoring Parameters: Baseline

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BUN = blood urea nitrogen, CBC = complete blood count, INR = international normalized ratio, LFTs = liver function tests, PT = prothrombin time, PTT = partial thromboplastin time


### Monitoring Parameters: Daily Until Stable

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Monitoring Parameters: Ongoing Therapy and Stable Inpatients

1-2 Times per week
- Glucose
- Serum creatinine, BUN
- Electrolytes
- CBC with differential

Weekly
- LFTs
- PT, PTT, INR
- Triglycerides


Monitoring Parameters: As Clinically Indicated

- Iron indices
- Trace elements
- Vitamins
- Thyroid function tests

Which of the following parameters is least useful to monitor a critically ill adult patient’s response to PN therapy?

a. Functional status  
b. Post-surgical healing  
c. Prealbumin  
d. Stamina

Monitoring General Response to PN Therapy

- Optimal parameters
  - Functional status
  - Post-surgical healing
  - Stamina
- Visceral protein concentrations, such as prealbumin, are unreliable markers of nutrition status, especially in patients with inflammation

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Weaning PN

• Wean PN when oral intake and/or EN achieves 50-75% of daily requirements for energy, protein, and micronutrients, unless impaired GI function precludes 100% absorption of nutrient needs
• Consider using a weaning protocol during the transition from PN to EN


Clinical Case Study:
End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

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Case Study: TT

TT is 61-year-old African American male with ESRD on PD admitted with peritonitis. TT has failed enteral feedings and NSS consulted to initiate PN. HD will be initiated 3 times a week.

PMH: HTN, ESRD

Height 71”, weight 82 kg

PD = peritoneal dialysis, NSS = nutritional support service, HD = hemodialysis, HTN = hypertension

Protein Requirements in Adults with Kidney Disease

• Nondialysis CKD
  – 0.6-0.8 g/kg/day, 1 g/kg/day in acute illness
• Peritoneal dialysis
  – 1.2 g/kg/day
• Hemodialysis
  – 1.2-1.3 g/kg/day
• Continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT)
  – 2-2.5 g/kg/day

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Energy Requirements

- Requirements
  - Predictive equations
  - Weight-based
  - Measured
- Empiric values will vary depending on the patient
  - 30-35 kcal/kg/day


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AST = aspartate amino transferase, ALT = alanine amino transferase, ALP = alkaline phosphatase

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Preparing the PN

• Compounding PN
  – Automated compounding device
    • Use vendor-validatd initial set-up
    • Use barcode technology to verify products
    • Trace tubing from each source container
  • Activating multichambered PN product
    – Identify correct product and volume
      • Inspect for damage
      • Completely activate
      • Make necessary additions
  • Manual additions
    – Provide independent verification

Products

• Multichambered PN product
  – Two chambers
  – Three chambers

• Macronutrients
  – Amino acids (AA) – ingredients are product-specific
  – IV lipid emulsions (ILE) – ingredients are product-specific
ILE Products

- First-generation
  - Cottonseed oil-based (e.g., Lipomul)†
- Second-generation
  - Soybean oil-based (e.g., Intralipid, Nutrillipid)

- Third-generation
  - Mixed oils
    - Medium chain-long chain triglycerides (MCT-LCT)
    - Soybean oil-olive oil (e.g., Clinolipid)
    - Soybean oil-MCTs-olive oil-fish oil (e.g., Smoflipid)
  - Modular oils
    - Fish oil (e.g., Omegaven)

†Removed from market.

Electrolytes: Adults

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- Magnesium sulfate and calcium gluconate are the preferred salts in PN
- 3 mmol of sodium phosphate = 4 mEq sodium
- 3 mmol of potassium phosphate = 4.4 mEq potassium

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### Standardized PN Order Form

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## PN Order Verification

- Patient name and other identifiers
- Birth date and/or age
- Allergies and associated manifestations
- Height and dosing weight (metric units)
- Diagnoses
- PN Indication(s)
- Administration route and vascular access device
- Date/time of submission and administration
- Volume and rate of infusion
- Transcription of PN data should require an independent double check

## TT’s PN Formulation

**Amounts per day**

- 71”, 82 kg (BMI 25.1 kg/m²)
- Amino acid 98 g
- Dextrose 147 g
- ILE 36 g
- Micronutrients
  - Sodium chloride 40 mEq
  - Sodium acetate 40 mEq
  - Sodium phosphate 5 mM
  - Magnesium sulfate 8 mEq
  - MVI 10 mL
  - Trace elements 1 mL
    - Cu, Cr, Mn, Se, Zn
  - Folic acid 1 mg
TT’s Case: Day 3

TT becomes hypotensive and is transferred to ICU where a vasopressor is initiated
Meds: Norepinephrine
TT is unable to tolerate HD secondary to hypotension, CRRT will be initiated

What is PN protein goal for patients receiving CRRT?

a. 0.8 g/kg/day
b. 1.0 g/kg/day
c. 1.2 g/kg/day
d. 2 g/kg/day

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What is the most common acid-base disorder seen in patients with renal insufficiency?

a. Respiratory acidosis
b. Metabolic acidosis
c. Respiratory alkalosis
d. Metabolic alkalosis

What electrolyte is commonly depleted in patients receiving CRRT?

a. Magnesium  
b. Phosphorus  
c. Potassium  
d. Sodium


TT’s PN Formulation
Amount per day

- 71”, 82 kg (BMI 25.1 kg/m²)  
- Amino acid  164 g  
- Dextrose  227 g  
- ILE  62 g  
- Micronutrients  
  - Sodium chloride  80 mEq  
  - Sodium acetate  80 mEq  
  - Sodium phosphate  25 mM  
  - Potassium acetate  20 mEq  
  - Magnesium sulfate  12 mEq  
  - MVI  10 mL  
  - Trace elements  1 mL  
    - Cu,Cr,Mn,Se,Zn  
    - Folic acid  1 mg
Clinical Case Study: Critical Care

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Case Study: Jane

• 45-year-old Caucasian female
  o Admitted to the medical intensive care for septic shock with high nasogastric output and abdominal distension
  o Subsequent work-up reveals small bowel obstruction
  o Diet: NPO
Jane’s Case

• **Past medical history:** Malnutrition
• **NKDA**
• **Current medications**
  o Cefepime 2 g IV every 8 hr
  o Vancomycin 750 mg IV every 12 hr
  o Norepinephrine 30 mcg/min IV continuous infusion
  o Hydrocortisone 50 mg IV every 6 hr
  o Pantoprazole 40 mg IV every 24 hr
  o Heparin 5000 units subcutaneously every 8 hr

Jane’s Case

• **Vitals:**
  o RR: 18/min
  o Pulse: 98-104 bpm, sinus tachycardia
  o BP: 70/60 mm Hg
  o Temp: 101.5°F
• **Weight:** 50 kg
• **Height:** 5’7” (170.2 cm)
• **Body mass index:** 17.2 kg/m²
• **Triglycerides:** 123 mg/dL
Jane’s Case

- Laboratory data
  - WBC: 19.1 x 10^3 cells/mm^3
  - Arterial blood gas (ABG)
    - pH 7.35
    - pCO₂ 40 mm Hg
    - pO₂ 90 mm Hg
    - HCO₃ 24 mEq/L
  - Phosphorus: 3.8 mg/dL
  - Magnesium: 2 mg/dL

The team will initiate PN. What is your recommendation for ILE in the first week of PN therapy?

- a. Withhold ILE
- b. Limit soybean oil-based ILE to 100 g/week
- c. Provide soybean oil-based ILE as daily macronutrient
- d. Provide four oil alternative ILE as daily macronutrient
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**Current Guideline Recommendations for Adults**

- Withhold or limit soybean oil-based ILE during the first week following initiation of PN in the critically ill patient to a maximum of 100 g/week if concern for essential fatty acid deficiency [Quality of Evidence: Very Low]
- Alternative ILEs (SMOF [soybean oil, MCT, olive oil (OO), and fish oil (FO) emulsion], MCT, OO, and FO) use may be considered in the critically ill patient who is an appropriate candidate for PN [Expert opinion]


**ILE Survey with Gap Analysis: Critically Ill vs. Non-critically Ill Adults**

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<th>Non-critically Ill Adults</th>
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<td>Always or most of the time</td>
<td>53.3%</td>
<td>80.7%</td>
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<td>Rarely or never</td>
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- Significant variation in practice identified by this 2016 survey conducted by the ASPEN PN Safety Committee


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Jane’s PN Formulation
Amounts per Day

- Amino acids 90 g
- Dextrose 370 g
- ILE 50 g
- Micronutrients
  - Sodium chloride 80 mEq
  - Sodium phosphate 25 mmol
  - Potassium acetate 40 mEq
  - Magnesium sulfate 12 mEq
  - MVI 10 mL
  - Trace elements 1 mL
    - Cu, Cr, Mn, Se, Zn

Jane’s Case Continues

- Current ABG
  - pH 7.30
  - pCO₂ 55 mm Hg
  - pO₂ 99 mm Hg
  - HCO₃ 31 mEq/L

- Blood glucose concentrations in past 24 hr
  208 mg/dL, 232 mg/dL, 240 mg/dL, 253 mg/dL
Which of the following is the most appropriate recommendation for Jane’s PN order at this time?

a. Add 50 units of regular human insulin  
b. Decrease amino acids to 45 g per day  
c. Increase acetate to 120 mEq per day  
d. Decrease dextrose to 130 g per day

**Overfeeding**

- Overfeeding  
  - 90 g amino acids x 4 kcal/g = 360 kcal  
  - 370 g dextrose x 3.4 kcal/g = 1258 kcal  
  - 50 g ILE x 10 kcal/g = 500 kcal  
  - Total kcal: 2118 kcal = 42 kcal/kg (Jane: 50 kg)

- Acid-base manifestation  
  - Respiratory acidosis  
    - Treat by addressing the underlying problem: Adjust PN formulation to provide appropriate calories
Exceeding Glucose Utilization Rate

• Dextrose infusion rate (mg carbohydrate/kg/min)
  o Dextrose g/kg body weight/1440 x 1000

• Jane’s case
  o 370 g dextrose/50 kg/1440 x 1000 = 5.14 mg/kg/min
  o Exceeded the maximum rate of glucose utilization for a stressed patient

Hyperglycemia in PN Patients: Prevention

• Dextrose initiation and limits
  o Initiation for first 24 hours
    • General patients: 150 – 200 g/day
    • Patients who are critically ill or who have diabetes mellitus: 100 – 150 g/day or 2 mg/kg/min
  o Increase dextrose to goal when blood glucose <180 mg/dL
  o Avoid exceeding maximum rate of glucose utilization
    • Non-stressed: 6 mg/kg/min
    • Stressed: 3-5 mg/kg/min

Hyperglycemia in PN Patients: Impact of Dextrose Infusion Rate in Adult Patients Without Diabetes

Note: Hyperglycemia defined as >200 mg/dL in this study

- >5 mg/kg/min (n=37)
- 4.1-5 mg/kg/min (n=46)
- ≤4 mg/kg/min (n=19)

Hyperglycemia in PN Patients: Management

- Reassess caloric goals to ensure not overfeeding
- Perform indirect calorimetry to ensure not overfeeding
- Modify macronutrients in PN
  - Decrease carbohydrate
  - Consider increasing ILE (no more than 60% of kcal/day)

Jane’s Case Continues

- Despite adjusting the PN formulation, Jane’s hyperglycemia persists with blood glucose concentrations in the last 24 hours:
  
  204 mg/dL, 225 mg/dL, 230 mg/dL, 238 mg/dL

Hyperglycemia in PN Patients: Causes

- Patient-specific factors predisposing to hyperglycemia
  
  - Diseases that alter insulin’s effects (e.g., diabetes mellitus)
  - Elderly
  - Receipt of medications that alter glucose metabolism (e.g., corticosteroids, vasopressors) or contain dextrose
  - Stress (e.g., critical illness, sepsis)

Hyperglycemia in PN Patients: Insulin Management

- Subcutaneous injection: Sliding scale insulin if needed
- PN solution (regular human insulin)
  - Initially: 0.05 - 0.1 units insulin per g of dextrose (e.g., 0.1 units insulin/g dextrose = 15 units/150 g dextrose)
  - Increase or decrease based on patient blood glucose, sliding scale insulin requirements in previous 24 hr, and dextrose concentration
- IV continuous infusion: Consider if patient unstable with high or changing insulin requirement


Jane’s triglyceride concentration was normal at the time of PN initiation. While stable on PN, how often should Jane’s triglyceride concentration be reevaluated?

a. Daily
b. Every 3 days
c. Every 7 days
d. Every 2 weeks
Triglyceride Monitoring with PN

- Optimal monitoring
  - Baseline prior to administration of ILE in PN
  - Weekly
- Frequency of monitoring adjusted per the acuity of illness and clinical stability of the patient
- Acceptable triglyceride concentrations: <400 mg/dL


Clinical Case Study: Home PN

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Jackson, Mississippi
Case Study: DA

- DA is 67-year-old white male, 65”, 62 kg, DX bowel dysmotility
  - Initiated PN in hospital Feb 2
  - For discharge on home PN Feb 16: amino acid/dextrose with electrolytes (E) 5/15 at 50 mL/hr
- PMH: AF, gout, BPH, Graves disease, Ogilvie syndrome, post-op ileus, ischemic bowel, GI bleed
- PSH: Cholecystectomy, bilateral hip replacement, sigmoidectomy with ileal anastamosis, subtotal colectomy, thyroidectomy

DA’s Case

- DA is discharged on home PN 2/16: amino acid/dextrose E 5/15 at 50 mL/hr
- PN providing
  - 60 g/day protein (~1 g/kg/day)
  - 852 kcal/day (13.7 kcal/kg/day)
Practical Approaches to Safe and Appropriate Use of Parenteral Nutrition Therapy

**Concerns**

- Does the patient qualify for home PN (indications, length of time on therapy)
- Lack of ILE provision as part of the prescription
- Baseline laboratory values not measured?
- Whether the home setting adequate for safe provision
- Need for patient and caregiver education

**CMS Reimbursement for Home PN**

- Calorie levels
  - 20-35 kcal/kg/day
- Protein
  - 0.8-1.5 g/kg/day

# Indications for Home PN

- Intestinal failure or dysfunction
- Short bowel syndrome
- Malabsorptive disorders
- Chronic bowel obstruction
- Crohn’s disease
- Radiation enteritis
- Intestinal and pancreatic fistulae
- Pancreatitis
- Severe life-threatening malnutrition


# Conditions Warranting Caution When Initiating PN at Home

- Medical condition
  - Diabetes
  - Heart failure
  - Pulmonary disorder
  - Severe malnutrition
  - Hyperemesis gravidarum
- Electrolyte disorder
  - Hyponatremia
  - Hypokalemia
  - Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis
  - Hypophosphatemia
  - Hypochloremic metabolic alkalosis

Table 2. Medicare Criteria for HPN.7

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<th>HPN therapy needed</th>
<th>B. Short bowel syndrome</th>
<th>C. Bowel rest for at least 3 mo</th>
<th>D. Complete mechanical small bowel obstruction</th>
<th>E. Malabsorption and malnutrition</th>
<th>F. Severe motility disorder (of small intestine and/or stomach) and malnutrition</th>
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G/H: Above condition with malnutrition and failed enteral tube feeding trial

10% weight loss within 3 mo + serum albumin ≤3.4 g/dL + failed tube feeding trial + > 90 d HPN + 1 condition below:

- Moderate fat malabsorption (fecal fat >25% of enteral intake on a diet of 50 g/d of fat measured with a 72-h fecal fat test)
- Malabsorption as confirmed by Sudan stain or d-xylene stool test
- Gastroparesis as described in scenario F where isotope or pellets fail to reach the jejunum in 3–6 h, manometric motility studies with results consistent with abnormal gastric emptying, unresponsive to prokinetic medication
- Small bowel dysmotility with gastric to right colon transit between 3 and 6 h, unresponsive to prokinetic medication
- Small bowel resection leaving >5 ft of small bowel beyond the ligament of Treitz
- Short bowel syndrome not as severe as scenario B
- Mild to moderate exacerbation of regional enteritis or enterocutaneous fistula
- Partial mechanical small bowel obstruction and surgery is not an option

HPN, home parenteral nutrition.


Laboratory Monitoring for Home PN Patient

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<th>Week 1,2,3</th>
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<td>Glucose, BUN, SCR, electrolytes, Ca, Mg, Phos</td>
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<td>CBC with differential and reticulocyte count</td>
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<td>Total and direct bilirubin, AST, ALT, LDH, Alk Phos, TG</td>
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<td>Serum proteins</td>
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<td>Vitamin B12, RBC folate, iron indices, trace elements, 25-OH vitamin D</td>
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### Trace Element Deficiencies

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<td>Neutropenia, hypochromic anemia, paresthesias in extremities</td>
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<td>Manganese</td>
<td>Congenital abnormalities in offspring, growth retardation, defects in lipid/CHO metabolism</td>
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<td>Zinc</td>
<td>Diarrhea, acrodermatitis, dementia, alopecia, alteration in taste and smell, impaired wound healing</td>
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<td>Selenium</td>
<td>Myopathy, cardiomyopathy</td>
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<td>Iodide</td>
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<td>Molybdenum</td>
<td>Tachycardia, altered mental status, visual changes, nausea, vomiting</td>
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### Facilitating Discharge for Home PN

- Perform diagnostic testing and procedures, verify insurance
- Establish long-term vascular access
- Establish tolerated PN formula
- Assess patient
  - Activities of daily living, caregiver, home setting, determine patient buy-in
  - Begin patient education
- Identify outpatient management

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Evaluation of Suitability for Home PN

• Is home accessible to home health provider?
• Is environment clean with reliable utilities?
• Can patient move around home safely?
• Is the patient willing to learn proper operation of equipment?
• Is a caregiver available and willing to provide additional assistance?
• Are the patient and caregiver willing to learn to identify problems and contact appropriate services?
• Is laboratory monitoring available as needed to prevent complications?

Key Takeaways

• Facilities should develop polices and procedures to ensure appropriate use of PN
• PN requirements are determined by the patient’s condition and treatment modalities
• Communication with care providers is important at transitions of care

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Which of these practice changes will you consider making?

- Assess nutrition status before recommending PN therapy
- Review current practice and policies in light of guidelines and clinical consensus recommendations available through ASPEN
- Review and adjust macronutrients and micronutrients within parenteral nutrition
- Communicate at transitions of care across the healthcare continuum
- Serve as a champion to ensure that appropriate patients receive PN therapy

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