



# Nutrition Care of Severe Acute Pancreatitis (SAP)

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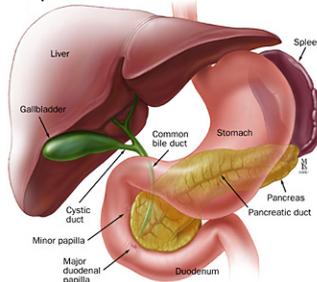
## Background

Pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas

### Causes of Acute Pancreatitis

1. Alcohol
2. Gallstones
3. Hypertriglyceridemia (HTG)

**Symptoms:** Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting



### HTG caused Acute Pancreatitis

- Progressive risk with TG >500 mg/dL
- Risk increases further with TG >1000 mg/dL
- Etiology
  - **Primary:** Genetic disorders of lipid metabolism
  - **Secondary:**
    - Poorly controlled diabetes
    - Most common underlying cause in a case series of 70 patients
    - Lactescent serum in 45% of patients
    - Mean serum TG of 4587 +/- 3616 mg/dL
- Alcohol
- Pregnancy, estrogen supplementation

### Acute pancreatitis is considered **severe** when...

More than one of the following occur...

- High Ranson (>3) or APACHE II (>8) score
- Local complications: necrosis, abscess, or pseudocyst
- Organ failure

Obesity and Pancreatitis	OR	95 % CI
SAP	2.9	1.8-4.6
Systemic complications	2.3	1.4-3.8
Local complications	3.8	2.4-6.6
Mortality	2.1	1.0-4.8

## Assessment

63 year old intubated male transferred from OSH with SAP

### Anthropometric

- Height: 185 cm
- Admit weight: 140 kg
- BMI: 40.9
- Ideal BW (IBW): 80kg

### Medical History

- Type 2 Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Asthma

**Biochemical:** Triglycerides: 5,000 mg/dL (normal: <150mg/dL)

**Medications:** insulin, norepinephrine, vasopressin, dobutamine

Oral-gastric tube (OGT) output > 1L per 12 hrs

**Nutrition Requirements in SAP:** Similar to sepsis

• 25-35 kcal/kg

• 1.2-1.5 g protein/kg

• Begin early enteral support

• Feeding tube (FT) placement past the ligament of Treitz eliminates pancreatic stimulation

**Estimated needs:** 2691-3105kcal(1.3-1.5 x Harris Benedict BEE)\*  
165 g protein (1.5 g/kg)\*

\*Adjusting body weight for obesity (ABW=110 kg)

Diagnosis:  
Inadequate PO intake related to intubation, as evidenced by NPO for 2 days (since admit to OSH)

## Intervention

Once stable, advance FT past ligament of Treitz

**Hospital Day 5:** FT in 2<sup>nd</sup> portion of duodenum

- Begin Vivonex @ 10mL/hr  
advancing to goal of 115 mL/hr
- 2760 kcal (25 kcal/kg ABW)
  - 138 g protein (1.3 g/kg ABW))



## Monitoring/Evaluation

**Hospital Day 6:** Develops Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)- Begin daily hemodialysis (HD)

Nutrition Requirements for HD:

- 30-35 kcal/kg IBW for adults >60 years old
- 1.2-1.3 g protein/kg IBW-may be higher for...
  - Acutely ill patients
  - Patients receiving HD > 3 times per week

Nutrition Prescription: Nepro per nephrology @ 60mL/hr + 60mL prostat q 12 hrs

- 2832 kcal (35kcal/kg IBW)
- 177 g protein (2.2 g/kg IBW or 1.6 g/kg ABW)

**Hospital Day 14:** Now on continuous HD (CRRT)

• >1L pale, greasy stool per day

% Calories	Nepro	Promote with Fiber
Fat	48%	25%
Carbohydrate	34%	50%
Protein	18%	25%

Nutrition Prescription: Promote with Fiber @ 115mL/hr + 30mL prostat q 12 hrs

- 2882 kcal (36 kcal/kg IBW)
- 203 g protein (2.5 g/kg IBW or 1.8 g/kg ABW)

**Hospital Day 21:** Stool more formed

- Metabolic cart shows AMEE= 2656 kcal/kg

Nutrition Prescription: Promote with Fiber @ 100mL/hr + 30mL prostat q 6 hrs

- 2640 kcal (36 kcal/kg IBW)
- 210 g protein (2.6 g/kg IBW or 1.9 g/kg ABW)

**Hospital Day 28:** Tracheotomy performed

- Repeat metabolic cart shows AMEE= 2673 kcal/kg