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# Management of severe acute pancreatitis

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- The patient
- Bioclinical scores (Ranson, Imrie , Apache,...)
- Organ failure scores (SOFA, ODIN,...)
- Independent biological markers (CRP, IL6, TAP,...)
- CTscan

# How to define the severity of acute pancreatitis ?

- The patient
  - age > 80 y, BMI >30, chronic respiratory failure, other organ deficiencies
- Bioclinical scores
  - Ranson, Imrie
  - Specific and easy to calculate
  - 48th h, well-known severity criteria
  - Low individual value except NPV
- APACHE, SAPS
  - non specific, good NPV

# How to define the severity of acute pancreatitis ?

- Organ failure scores (SOFA, ODIN, KNAUSS...)
  - hemodynamic, respiratory, neurological and renal criteria
  - Allow continuous evaluation
  - non specific
- Independent biological markers
  - CRP < 150 mg/l, NPV 94%
  - Elastase, TAP, IL8 ???

# How to define the severity of acute pancreatitis ?

- **Morphological criteria (Balthazar)**

Pancreatic and peri-pancreatic inflammation

- Grade A : normal pancreas (0pt)
- Grade B : focal or diffuse pancreatic enlargement (1pt)
- Grade C : heterogeneous pancreas and peripancreatic fat densification (2 pts)
- Grade D : one peripancreatic fluid collections (3 pts)
- Grade E : Multiple fluid collections or gas in one collection (4 pts)

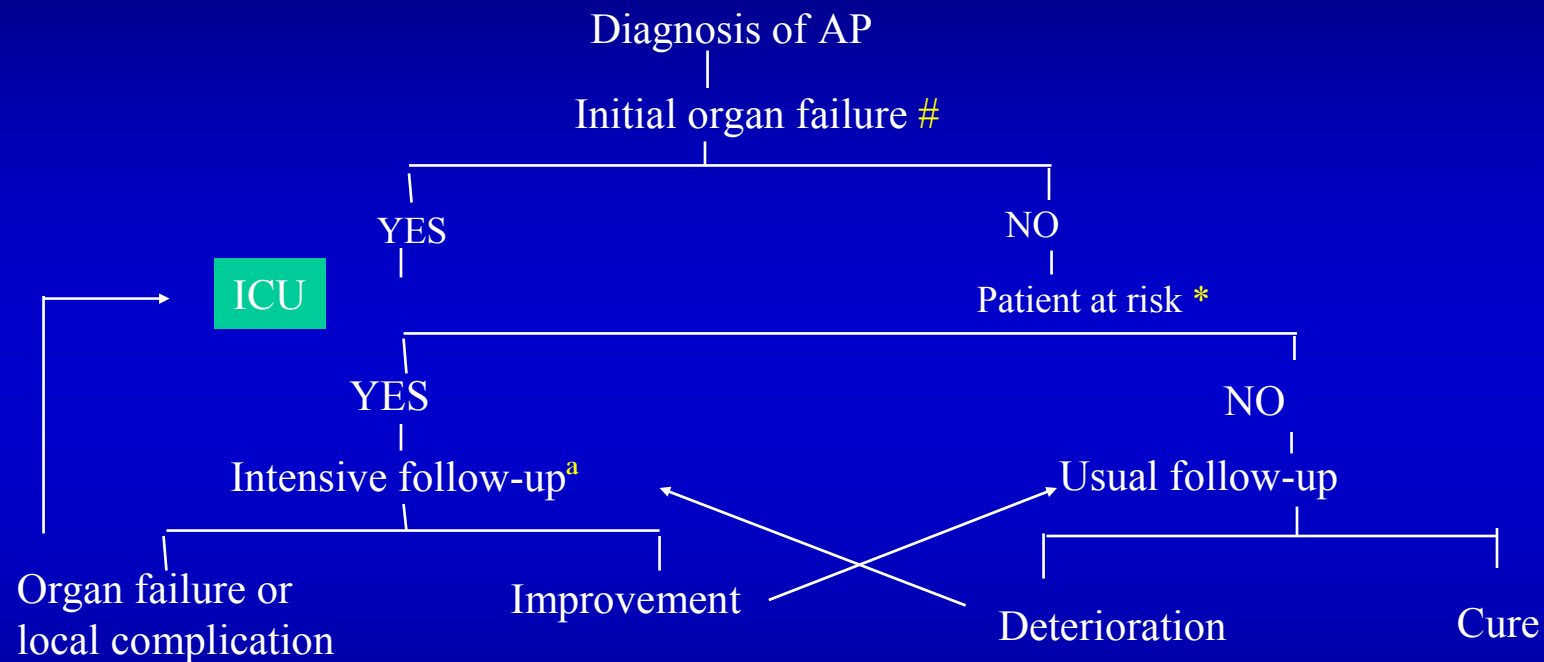
Pancreatic necrosis

- No necrosis (0pt)
- Necrosis < 30 % (2pts)
- Necrosis 30-50 % (4pts)
- Necrosis > 50 % (6pts)

**TOTAL**

Severity index	Morbidity %	Mortality %
» $\leq 3$	8	3
» 4 - 6	35	6
» 7 - 10	92	17

# How to define the severity of acute pancreatitis ?



# Defined as creatinin >170, SBP < 90  
PaO<sub>2</sub> < 60mmHg, Glasgow <13, Plat < 80G/l

\* Patient associated conditions , CRP >150mg/l  
Ranson or Imrie > 3, Balthazar score ≥ 4

<sup>a</sup> clinical parameters several times per day ; biological : creatinin, SpO<sub>2</sub>, blood count daily  
CRP twice a week ; CTscan: every 10- 15 days

## Specific resuscitation measures

Artificial nutrition : for whom, when and how ?

Which antibiotics in curative situation ?

Should prophylactic antibiotherapy be given ?

- Analgesia

acetaminophen

morphin and agonists if necessary

Aspirin and NSAIDs contra-indicated

side effects (kidney, hemostasis,...)

IV Lidocain not recommended

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# Pathophysiological treatments

No convincing evidence for :

- Gastric antisecretory drugs
- Pancreatic enzymes
- Atropin, acetazolamide
- Isoproterenol
- Glucagon
- Somatostatin or octreotide
- Aprotinin
- Gabexate
- Anti-cytokines or PAF antagonists
- ....

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Double blind, randomised, placebo controlled study of a platelet activating factor antagonist, lexipafant, in the treatment and prevention of organ failure in predicted severe acute pancreatitis

C D Johnson, A N Kingsnorth, C W Imrie, M J McMahon, J P Neoptolemos, C McKay, S K C Toh, P Skaife, P C Leeder, P Wilson, M Larvin, L D Curtis, for the UK Acute Pancreatitis Study Group

*Hypothesis : Anti PAF administered within 72 first hours reduces the frequency of systemic (organ failure) or local complications*

*Gut 2001;48:62*

<i>Complications</i>	<i>Placebo group</i>	<i>Lexipafant group</i>
Organ failure		
On admission	59 (43%)	67 (45%)
Day 3	46 (33%)	40 (27%)
Day 7	36 (26%)	29 (20%)
Overall	80/138 (58%)	85/148 (57%)
Local complications		
Pseudocyst	19 (14%)	8 (5%) <sup>a</sup>
Necrosis	29 (21%)	23 (16%)
Abscess	6 (4%)	5 (3%)
Overall	41/138 (30%)	30/148 (20%) <sup>b</sup>
Systemic sepsis	13/138 (9%)	4/148 (3%) <sup>c</sup>
Deaths		
All attributable deaths	21/136 (15%)	14/147 (10%)
Attributable deaths in patients treated ≤48 h	17/95 (18%)	8/104 (8%) <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Fisher's exact test, p=0.025.

<sup>b</sup> $\chi^2_1=3.41$ , p=0.065.

<sup>c</sup>Fisher's exact test, p=0.023.

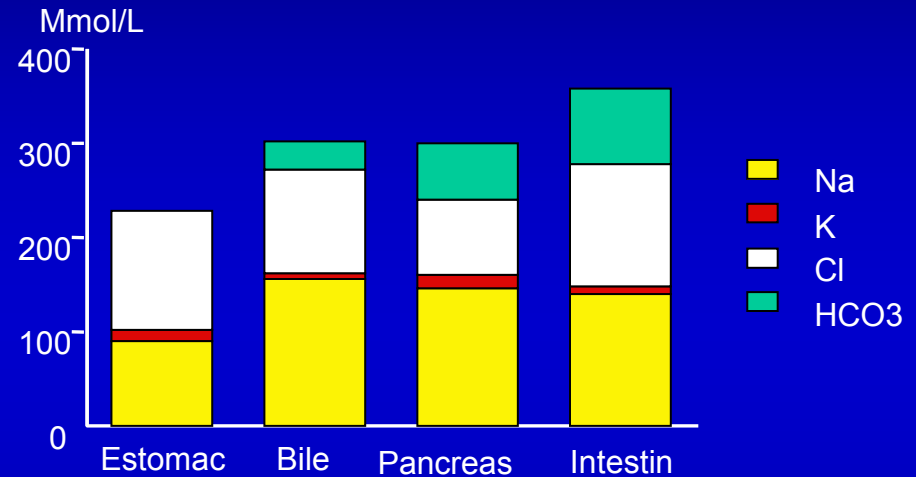
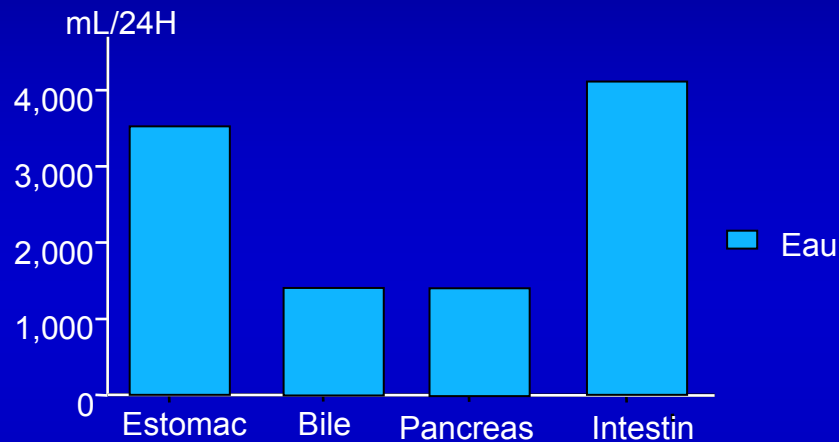
<sup>d</sup>Fisher's exact test, p=0.034.

*Gut 2001;48:62*

# Management principles

- Volemia
- Renal failure
- Sepsis and septic shock
- Acute respiratory failure
- Coagulation failure
- Neurological deficiency

# Hypovolemia and extracellular dehydration fluids and electrolytes



High volume requirements : 10,000 mL within 48 hours  
Functional renal failure and hypovolemic shock

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# Acute Pulmonary edema

Pulmonary embolism

Pulmonary infection

Acute respiratory failure

Septic shock

ARDS

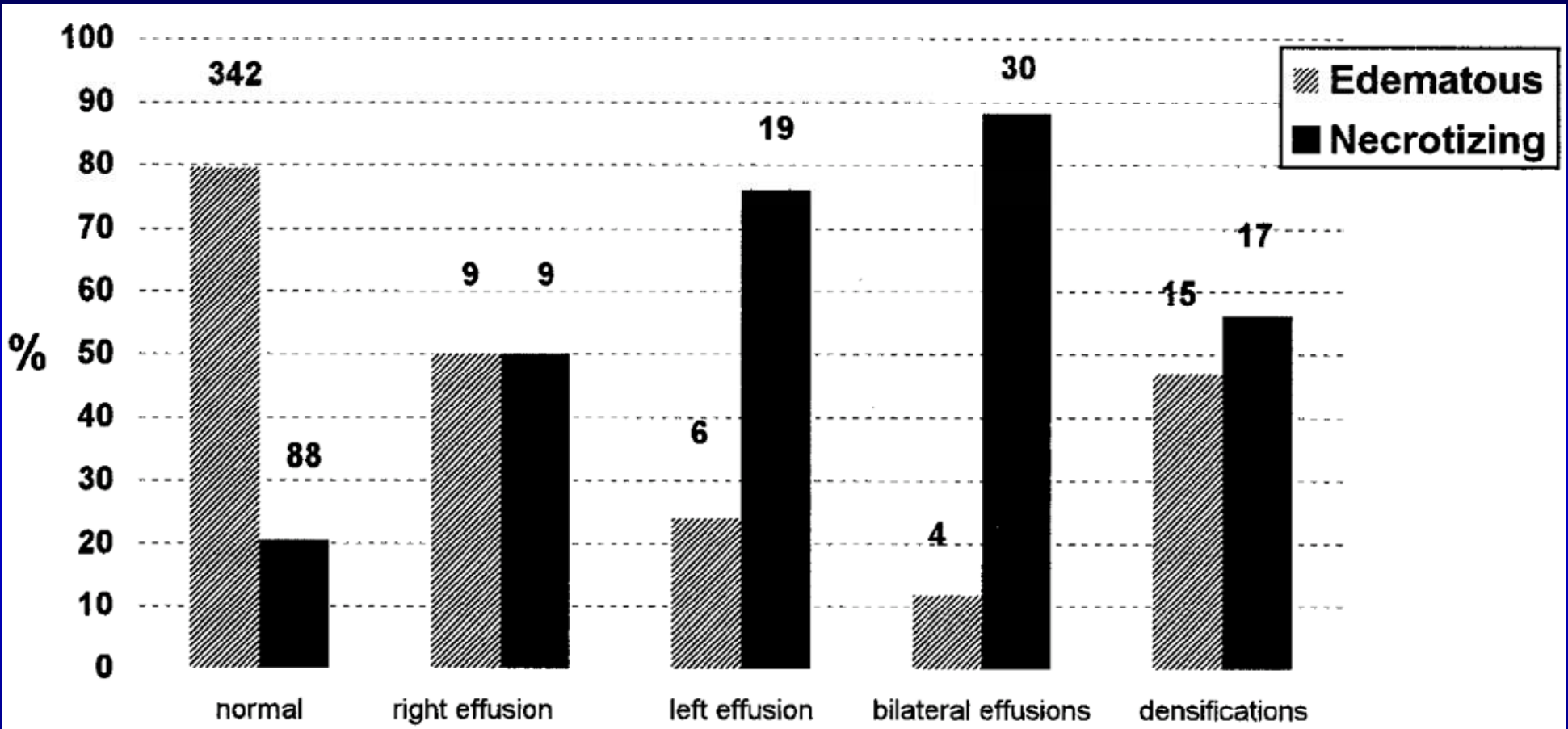
Atelectasia

Surgical complication

Bronchospasm

Inhalation

# Pleural effusion



58 (36 %) pleural effusion  
75 (46 %) abnormal lungs

*Talamini, Am J Surg, 1999*

# ARDS

Incidence poorly known

Hypoxia not correlated with severity of AP

Alterations of capillary membrane even if normal  $\text{PaO}_2$

Most frequent within the first week

Symptomatic treatment

Octreotide ?

*Paran H. Dig Dis Sci 2000;45:2247-51*



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# Nutrition ?

Digestive rest = no oral intake

Total parenteral nutrition

Early enteral feeding

# Initial management

- Nasogastric tube for aspiration (vomiting)
- No oral intake (pain and digestive intolerance)
- Mild forms : gradual refeeding after 48 hours without pain (lipase < 3 N)

# Initial management

- Severe AP : early enteral nutrition with a nasojejunal or nasogastric (++) tube (from the 48th hour)
- Jejunostomy only if surgery for another reason
- Enteral route >> parenteral route (tolerance, cost, lower morbidity and at least equivalent efficacy)
- TPN if enteral nutrition not tolerated

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EN vs TPN in severe AP

*Al-Omran M et al. The Cochrane Library, Issue 3, 2004*

Meta-analysis

104 studies

5 randomized

2 analyzed (exclusive enteral or parenteral feeding, endoscopic tube placement)

Kalfarentzos BJS 1997

McClave JPEN 1997

Although less complications are observed with EN, data are insufficient to conclude.

Further studies.....

EN vs TPN in severe AP

*Marik PE et Zaloga GP. BMJ 2004; 328:1407*

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117 studies

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*Kalfarentzos BJS 1997*

*McClave JPEN 1997*

*Windsor Gut 1998 (not considered by Al-Omran)*

*Abou-Assi Am J Gastroenterol 2002*

*Olah Nutrition 2002*

*Gupta Pancreatology 2003*

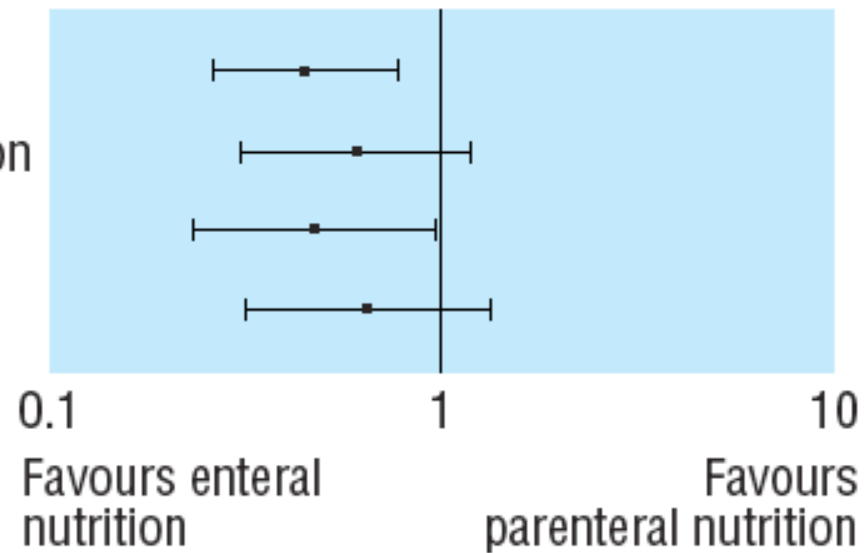
Lower incidence of infections, surgical interventions and LoS with enteral nutrition

Infection

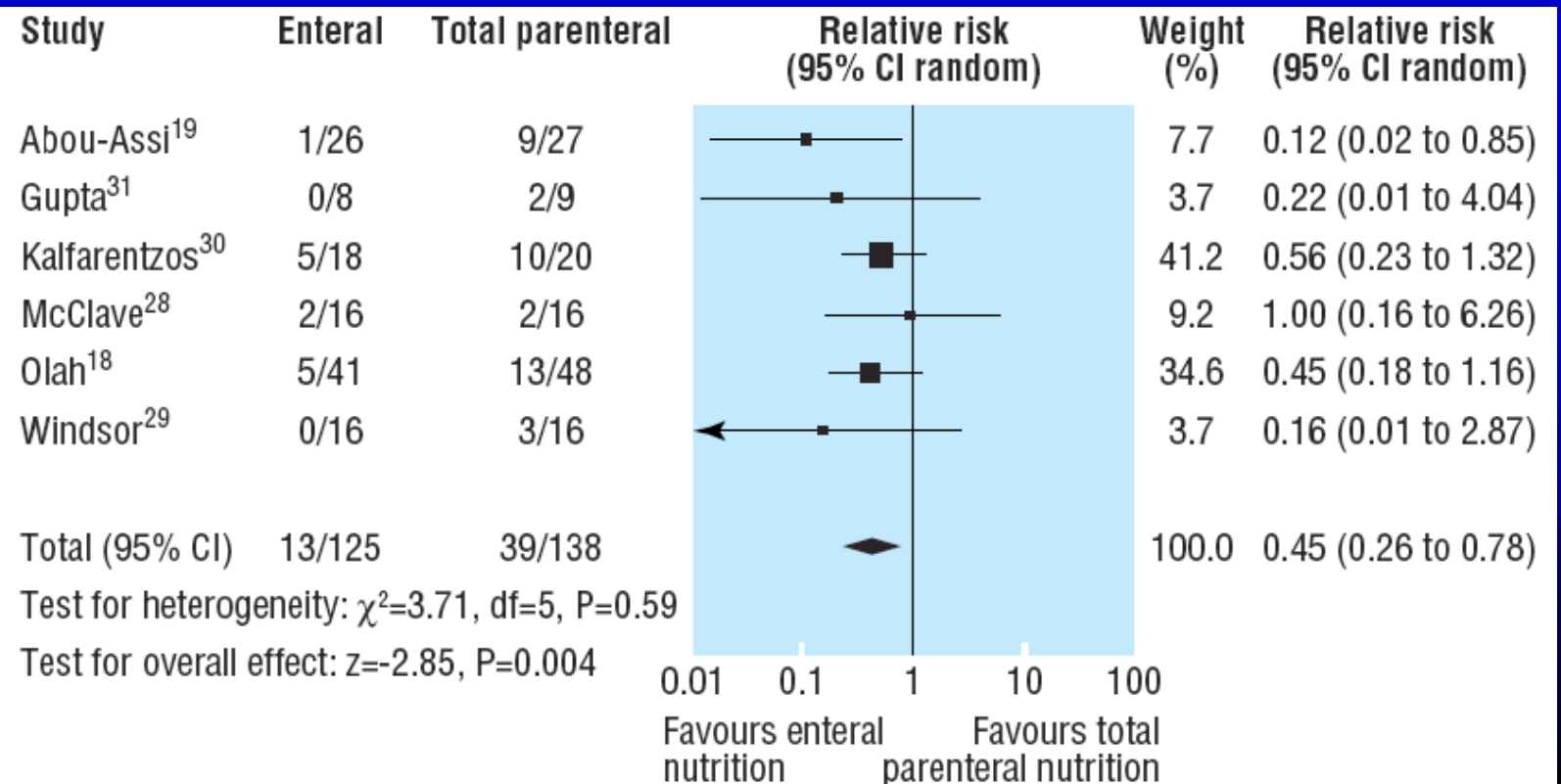
Complications other than infection

Surgical interventions

Mortality



Risk of infection



...Although information is limited in terms of study numbers and methodological quality, available evidence does not support the use of TPN in patients with severe AP. This conclusion is based on the wide spectrum of clinical and experimental arguments, as well as on pathophysiology of acute pancreatitis.

**Enteral nutrition should be preferred route of nutritional support**



*Recommendation 9.* We recommend that enteral nutrition be used in preference to parenteral nutrition in patients with SAP. Enteral nutrition should be initiated after initial resuscitation. The jejunal route should be used if possible (level 1a evidence, grade A recommendation).

*Critical Care Medicine 2004,32;2524*

*Recommendation 10.* We recommend parenteral nutrition only be used when attempts at enteral nutrition have failed after a 5- to 7-day trial (level 5 evidence, grade D recommendation).

*Critical Care Medicine 2004,32;2524*

## EN in current practice...

- 500 mL (25 -30 mL/H) reaching 2000/2500 mL in 48 hours (100 mL/H)
- 2,000 Kcal/j (1 Kcal/mL)
- semi-elementary with low lipid concentration
- 40 g proteins /L (5.9 g nitrogen/L)
- 75% glucid energetic supply
- 9 % lipid energetic supply

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## Infection of necrosis in 40-70 % of the cases

*Renner et al. Dig Dis Sci. 1985;30:1005-18*

## Infection site

pancreatic parenchyma  
peri-pancreatic  
fluid collection

*Gerzof et al. Gastroenterology. 1987;93:1315*

## Digestive pathogens (gram negative bacteria)

*Beger et al. World J Surg. 1985;9:972*

*Gastroenterology. 1986;91:433*

## Route of contamination

- systemic
- lymphatic
- biliary
- translocation

*Runkel et al. Curr Surg. 1990;47:460*

*J Surg Res. 1991;51:18*

*Medich et al. Am J Surg. 1993;165:46*

*Deitch et al. Am J Surg. 1990;159:79*

*Widdison et al. Gut. 1994;35:1306*

Infected necrosis = surgery

Radiological or  
endoscopic drainage could be considered  
as alternatives

# Antibiotics and pancreas

Clinical and experimental data



3 groups of AB according to penetration in necrosis

Group A : low concentration  $<$  MIC

Aminosides, aminopenicillins, CG1

Group B : variable individual concentration

Mezlocillin, piperacillin, CG 3 (cefotaxime)

Group C : high concentration  $>$  MIC

Imipenem, fluoroquinolones, cefoperazone,  
imidazoles, fluconazole

Antibiotics are justified if :

- Infection proven
  - Septic shock
  - Cholangitis
  - Nosocomial infection
- 
- Antibioprophylaxia if invasive procedures



## SFAR expert conference on probabilist antibiotics

### Patients not treated with antibiotics

- Imipenem (1g X 3/j)

or

- Ciprofloxacin (400mgX3/j) or Ofloxacin (400 mgX2/j)

or Cefotaxime (2 g X 3/j)

+ Imidazole (metronidazole 500 mg X 3/j)

Aminosides not useful

Treatment thereafter adapted to antibiogram

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Patients previously treated with antibiotics

Imipenem (1 g x 3 / j)

+ Vancomycin (15 mg/kg initial dose)

(then IV for concentration 20 mg/l)

+ Fluconazole 400 mg X 3 / j

**Treatment thereafter adapted to antibiogram**

*Montravers P. Antibiothérapie probabiliste des états septiques graves. Conférence d'experts SFAR. Paris: Elsevier; 2004:195-200.*

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Prophylactic antibiotics recommended  
in case of invasive procedures

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Can infected necrosis be prevented by prophylactic antibiotics ?

# Prophylactic Antibiotic Treatment in Patients With Predicted Severe Acute Pancreatitis: A Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind Trial

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HANS G. BEGER,§§ and THE GERMAN ANTIBIOTICS IN SEVERE ACUTE PANCREATITIS  
(ASAP) STUDY GROUP

**Inclusion :** abdominal pain + Amylase or lipase X3

**Severity :** CRP>150 mg/L

or

visible necrosis on CTscan

**Inclusion within 72 h after initiation of symptoms**

**Randomized double-blind vs placebo**

**Ciprofloxacin 400mgX2 + Metronidazole 500mg X2**

**Main outcome : reduction in infected necrosis**

	Ciprofloxacin +Metronidazole (n=41)	Placebo (n=35)
Pancreatic infection	17%	14%
Extrapancreatic infection	29%	34%
Mortality	7%	11%

# Early Antibiotic Treatment for Severe Acute Necrotizing Pancreatitis

*A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study*

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≥30% necrosis on CTscan

or Baltazar E and CRP > 120 mg/L or MOD score >2

Inclusion within 5 days (120 h) after symptom onset

Meropenem 1gX3/j vs placebo

7-21 days recommendation 14 days

Follow-up at least 35 days

Main objective: reduction of infected necrosis



**TABLE 2.** Development and Time to Onset of Pancreatic or Peripancreatic Infection From Symptom Onset

	Treatment Group			
	Meropenem (n = 50)		Placebo (n = 50)	
	n	%	n	%
Patients with pancreatic or peripancreatic infection	9	18	6	12
Patients with resistant pancreatic or peripancreatic infection	4	8	3	6
Mean (range) no. of days to diagnosis of infection	21.3 (5–35)		20.8 (11–25)	

**Mortality**

**10 (20 %)**

**9 (18 %)**

We recommend against the routine use of prophylactic systemic antibacterial or antifungal agents in patients with necrotizing pancreatitis in light of inconclusive evidence and divided expert opinion

Subsets of patients who benefit from antibiotics may be identified by further investigation.

Level of evidence 2b, Grade B recommendation

*Critical Care Medicine 2004,32;2524*

We do not recommend the routine use of selective digestive decontamination of the digestive tract in the management of necrotizing pancreatitis.

Further investigation of this promising strategy in severe acute pancreatitis is warranted.

Level of evidence 2b, Grade B recommendation

*Critical Care Medicine 2004,32;2524*

# Conclusions

- Symptomatic treatment according to current ICU recommendations
- No « magic bullet » for pathophysiological treatment
- Early enteral nutrition
- Avoid prophylaxy with antibiotics
- In case of documented infection, wide spectrum antibiotics, then adapted to antibiogram
- Beware of etiological treatment (biliary AP+++)