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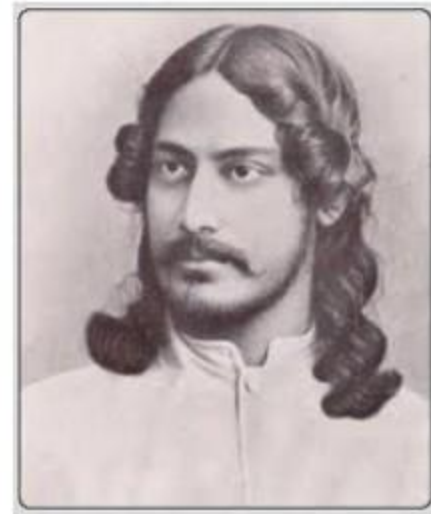
- Old age is not a disease , but biological process.
- Inevitable , Irreversible , progressive phenomenon.
- Accumulation of chronic disease
- Nutrition can alter , retard the process

রসনায় তৃপ্ত বাঙালী



আমসত্ত্ব দুধে ফেলি, তাহাতে কদলি দলি,
সন্দেশ মাখিয়া দিয়া তাতে।
হাপুস ছপুস শব্দ, চারিদিক নিঃশব্দ,
পিপিড়া কান্দিয়া যায় পাতে।

—রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর





NUTRITION IN ELDERLY

Introduction

- Nutrition is important determinant of health in elderly patients.
- **Malnutrition is defined as a state in which deficiency , excess or imbalance of energy ,protein and other nutrients causes adverse effects on body formation, function and clinical outcome.**

Malnutrition: Scope of The Problem

Prevalent across all healthcare settings

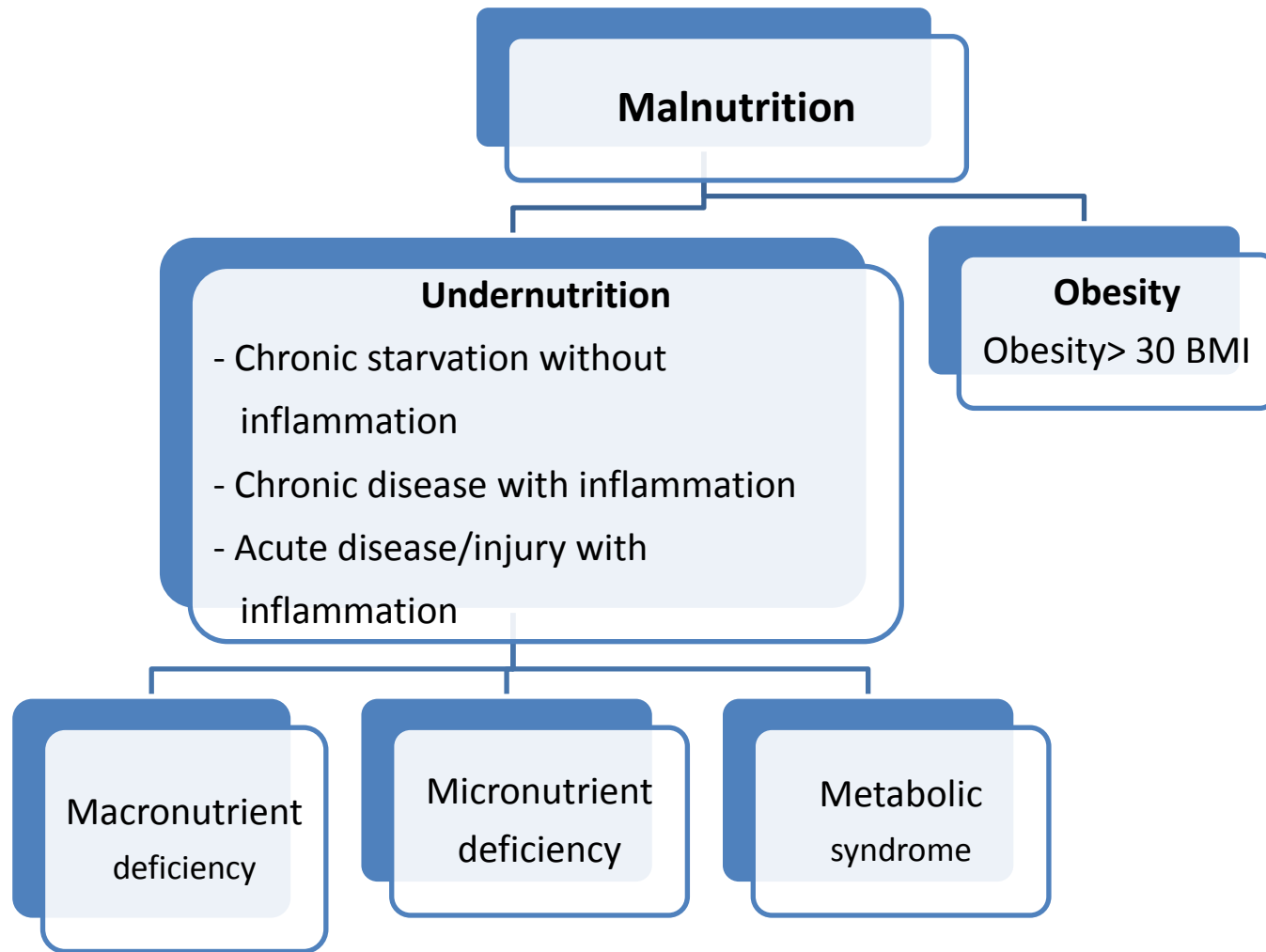
Healthcare Setting	Prevalence
Hospital	30-50% ¹⁻⁴
Long-term care	21%-51% ⁵
Outpatient & Homecare	13-30% ⁵

Risk of malnutrition is increased in⁶:

- Older adults
- Critically ill patients
- Patients with comorbid chronic diseases, e.g., cancer, COPD, chronic kidney disease



The Malnutrition Syndrome



Issues

- Physiological changes
- Effect of malnutrition
- Different Types of Malnutrition
- Causes of Malnutrition
- Assessment of nutrition
- Intervention

Physiological Changes

Anorexia common in elderly

Physiological changes with ageing

GI system
Renal
Hormonal
Cytokines

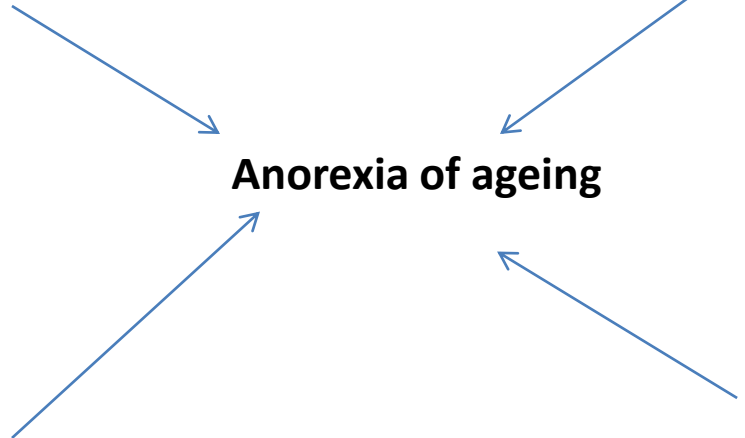
Decreased Energy expenditure

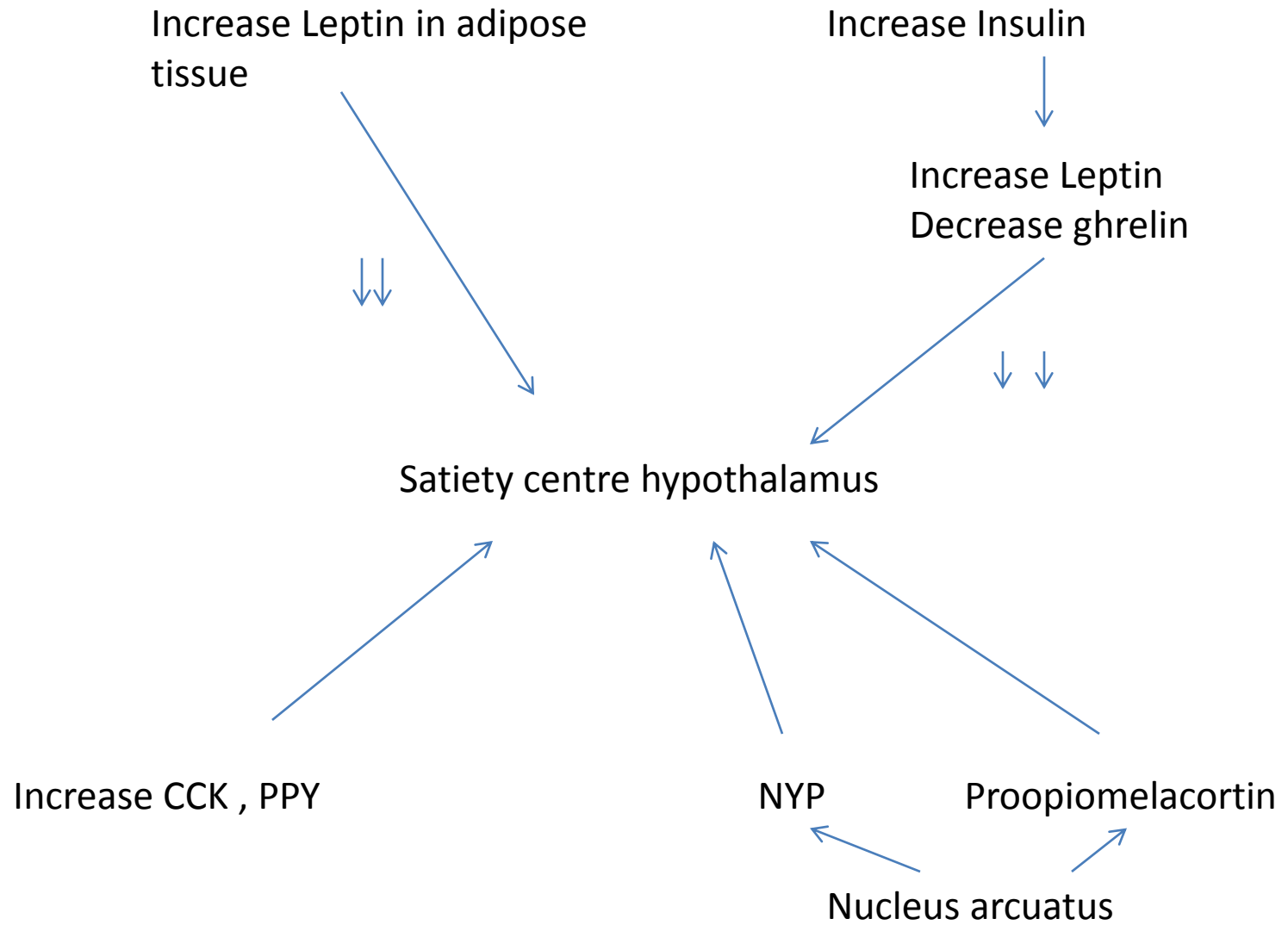
Anorexia of ageing

Decreased exercise

Pathological changes in ageing

Medical illness
Drugs
Psychological
Social



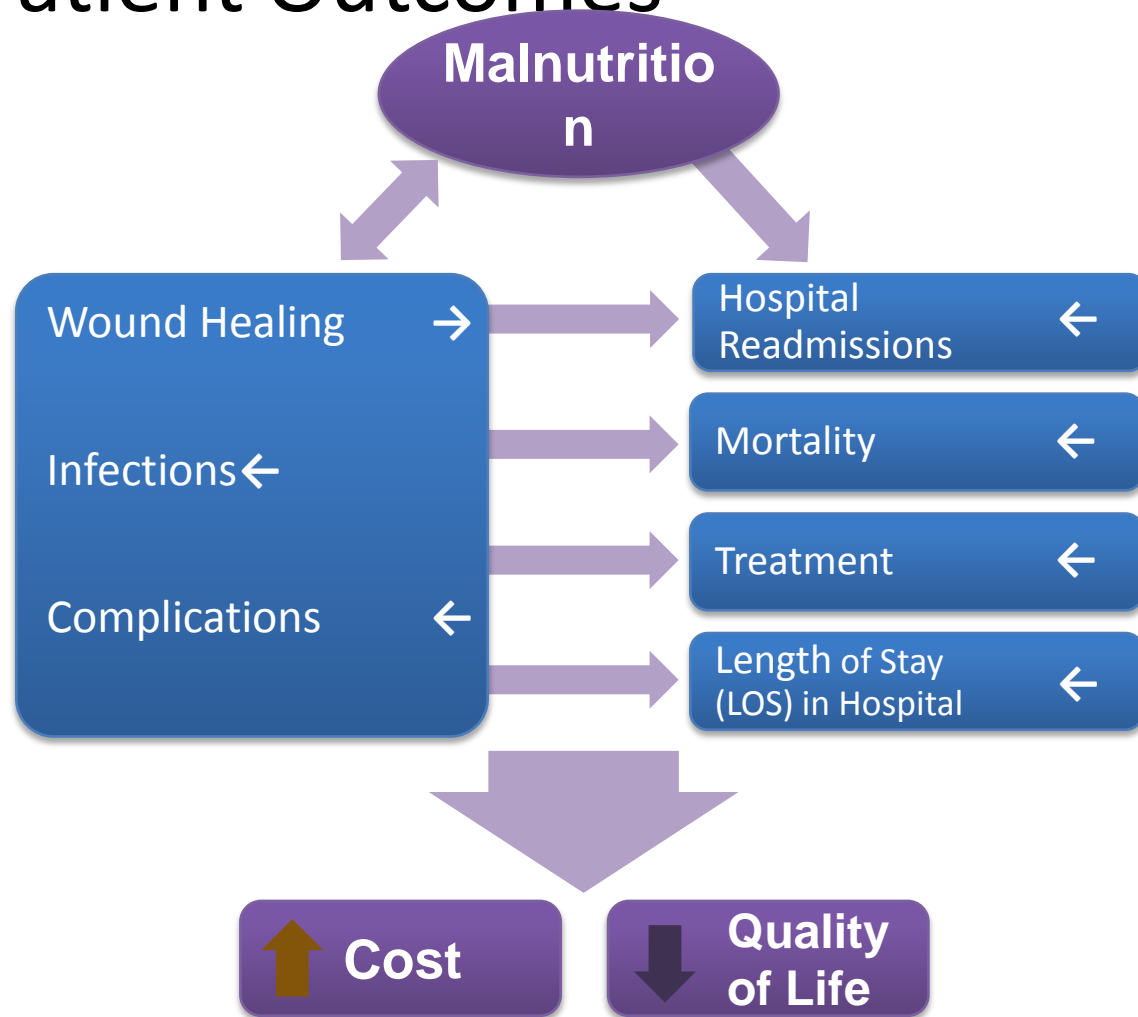


Causes of obesity

- Sedentary lifestyle
- Alcohol intake
- Decrease in lean body mass .
- Increase in fat in proportion
- Fat mostly deposit in Liver , abdomen.

EFFECT OF MALNUTRITION

Malnutrition Negatively Impacts Patient Outcomes



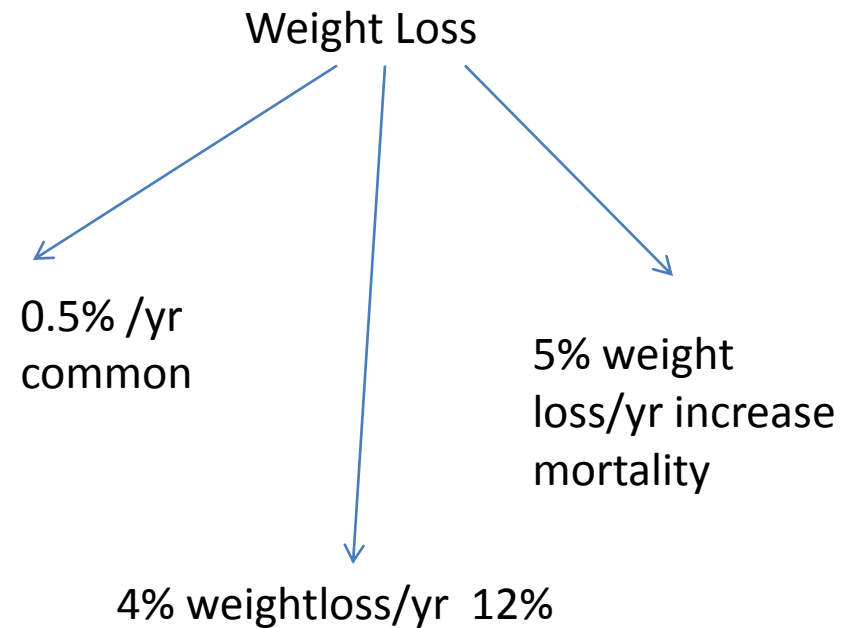
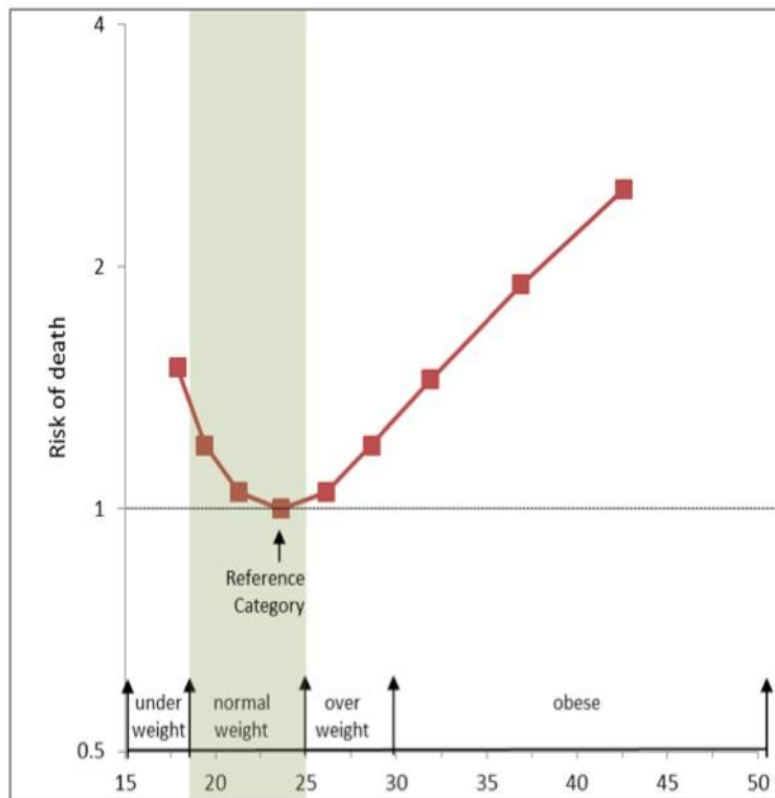
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Which Patient is Malnourished?



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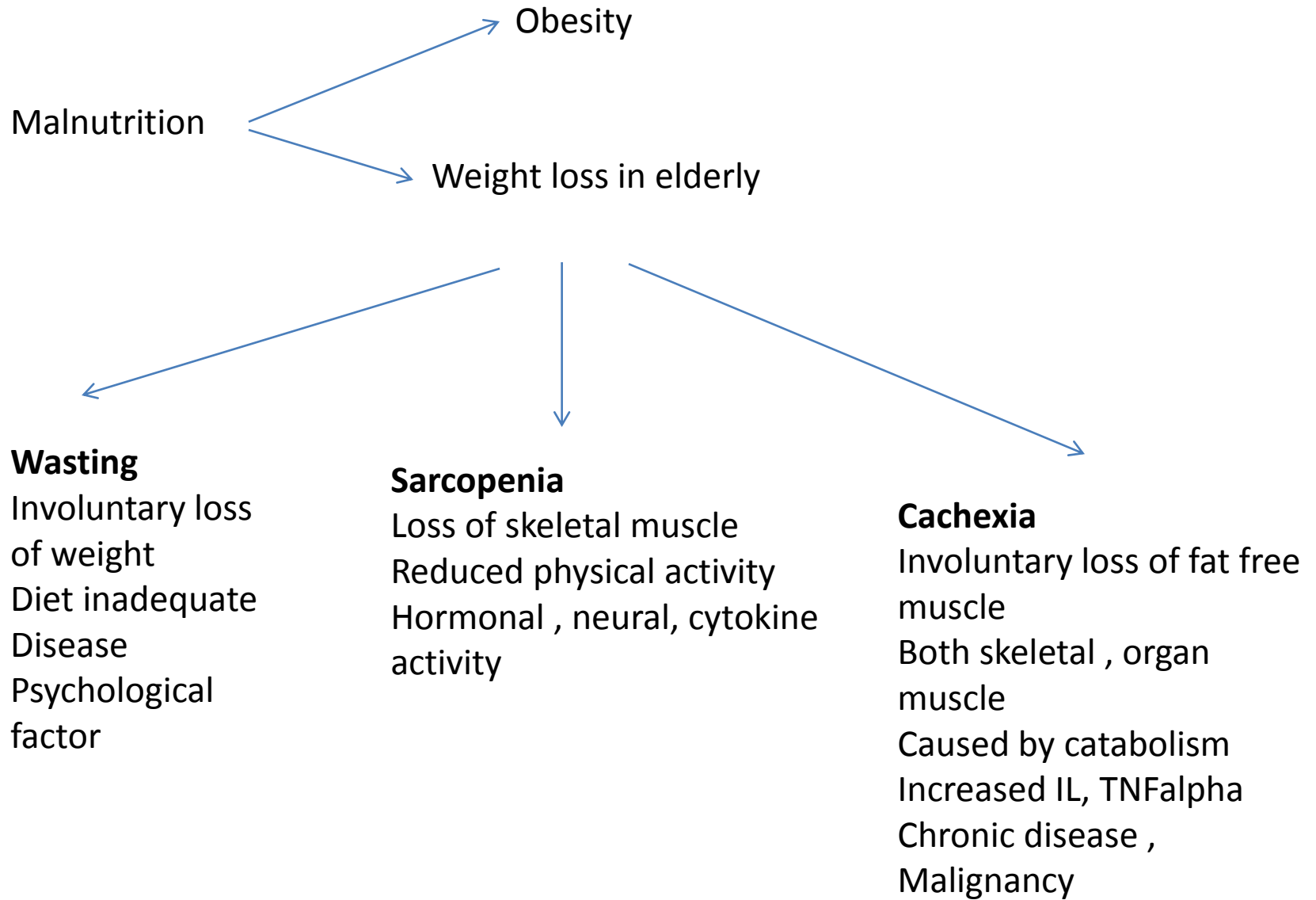
BMI and Mortality



Different types of Malnutrition

Macronutrients

- **Protein** – 0.9-1.5gm/kg/day
 - Prevent sarcopenia
 - Improve muscle strength
 - Immune status
 - wound healing
- **Fat** - , 30% of total calorie
- **Carbohydrate** – 55-60%



Micronutrients

- **Vit D** – reduced consumption, Formation and metabolism

Osteomalacia , myopathy, osteoporosis

- **Vit B 12** - 12-25% population

Vegetarian diet , atrophic gastritis

Anaemia, Subacute combine
degeneration of spinal cord , ataxia , myopathy ,
glossitis.

- **Folate** – 50 % elderly suffer from deficiency
Nutrition, drug , alcohol
Anaemia , increased incidence of
cancer , cardiovascular disease .
- **Iron** – Diet , blood loss , infection e.t.c.
anaemia , glossitis
- **Other minerals** – zinc, selenium, copper ,
chromium.

Causes of Malnutrition

Causes of nutritional problem

Physiological Cause

- Diminished taste and smell
- Dental Problem
- Hearing and vision problem
- Cognitive impairment
- Increased cytokine activity
- GI problem
- Hormonal

Pathological Cause

- Medical
- Psychological
- Polypharmacy
- Social
- Less exposure to sun
- Smoking , alcohol

Nutritional assessment

Dietary assessment

- Best done by dietitian
- 24 hour recall commonly used tool.

Problem :

Day to day variation

Cognitive impairment

- Better approach is 7 days food recall (dairy)

Time consuming

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT



EYES

Dark circles or bags under the eyes:

Allergies, food tolerances, dehydration

Poor night vision: Vitamin A

Ruptured blood vessels in the eyes: Vitamin C

Nearsightedness: Vitamin D

Pale lower eyelid: Iron



TEETH & GUMS

Bleeding gums: Vitamin C, folic acid

Crowded teeth: Calcium, Vitamin K



HAIR

Hair loss: B2, B5, Biotin, D, Zinc

Dry hair: Vitamin A, E, Omega 3, Protein, Iodine, Selenium, Biotin

Dandruff: Selenium, Omega 3, Vitamin A



NAILS

Spoon shaped nails: B12, Iron

White marks: Calcium or Zinc

Pale nails: Iron, Biotin

Brittle nails: Calcium, Magnesium, Iodine

Cuticles tear easily: Protein



MUSCLES & JOINTS

Muscle cramping: Magnesium, B1, B2, B6

Twitching: B1, B2, B3, B6, B9, Vitamin D, Magnesium, Calcium

Edema/Swelling: B1, B6, Potassium

Numbness or tingling: B12, B5

Clicking Joints: Manganese



MOUTH

Canker sores: B3, B12, Folic acid, Calcium

Cracks in the corner of the mouth: B2

Weak tooth enamel: Vitamin A, D, K, Calcium

Painful tongue: B2, B3, Folic Acid

Loss of smell or taste: Zinc



SKIN

Bumps on the back of the arms: Vitamin A

Dry or rough skin: Vitamin A, E

Unusual nosebleeds: Vitamin C

Easy bruising: Vitamin C

Acne during menstruation: B6

Dermatitis: B2, B3, Biotin

Red stretch marks: Zinc



EMOTIONAL/MENTAL

Depression: B1, B5, Biotin, PABA

Dementia: B1, B3, B12, folic acid

Nervousness/Irritability: B1, B6, B5

Insomnia: B3, B5, B6, D3

Dizziness: Iron, B2, B12

Nutritional screening and assessment tools

SCREENING	MUST ¹	Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool	Widely used in UK, Europe
	NRS-2002 ²	Nutritional Risk Screening-2002	Widely used in European hospital settings
	MST ³	Malnutrition Screening Tool	Developed & used in Australian hospitals
	SNAQ ⁴	Short Nutritional Assessment Questionnaire	Developed & used in the Netherlands for hospitals
ASSESSMENT	SGA ⁵	Subjective Global Assessment	Gold standard for assessment, often preferred for Asian populations
	MNA ⁶	Mini-Nutrition Assessment	Assesses older people in multiple settings; MNA-SF is a short form for screening
	NUTRIC ⁷	Nutrition Risk in the Critically Ill	Developed to determine which ICU patients will benefit from aggressive support

1. MUST, 2008 2. Kondrup 2003 3. Ferguson 1999 4. Kruisenga 2005 5. Detsky 1987 6. Guigoz 2002; Kaiser, 2010; Loser 2010 7. Heyland 2011

MUST

- Can be used in hospital and community
- Three components – BMI, weight loss , acute illness
- Detect Low , medium , high risk older
- Need 3-5 minutes
- High predictive value in hospital outcome
- Accepted by NICE , BDA

MNA

- Have 18 items
- Take approx 15 minutes
- Predict outcome of elderly in both community and in hospital
- **Miniature Form** - 6 items , more useful
 - Food intake in last three months
 - Weight loss in last three months
 - BMI
 - Mobility
 - Neuro -Psychological problem
 - psychological stress

SCALES

- Sadness
- Cholesterol < 160 mg /dl
- Albumin < 4 gm /dl
- Loss of weight
- Eating problem
- Shopping problem or inability to prepare food.

Any two – high nutritional risk

Antropometric assessment

- **BMI – (WHO guideline)**

< 18.5 , 18.5- 24.9 , 25-29.9 , 30-39.9, > 40

limitation :

loss of height in elderly

kyphosis – scoliosis

loss of muscle tone

confounding factor – ascites, edema

- **Mid upper arm circumference**
- **Triceps skin fold measurement**

Limitation :

Loose skin

- **Abdominal girth**

Biochemical markers

- **Serum albumin**

affected by infection, inflammation

Long half life – can not predict short term effect

- **Transferin** – sensitive and early marker.

Pregnancy, hypoxia , hepatic disease , chronic infection alter values

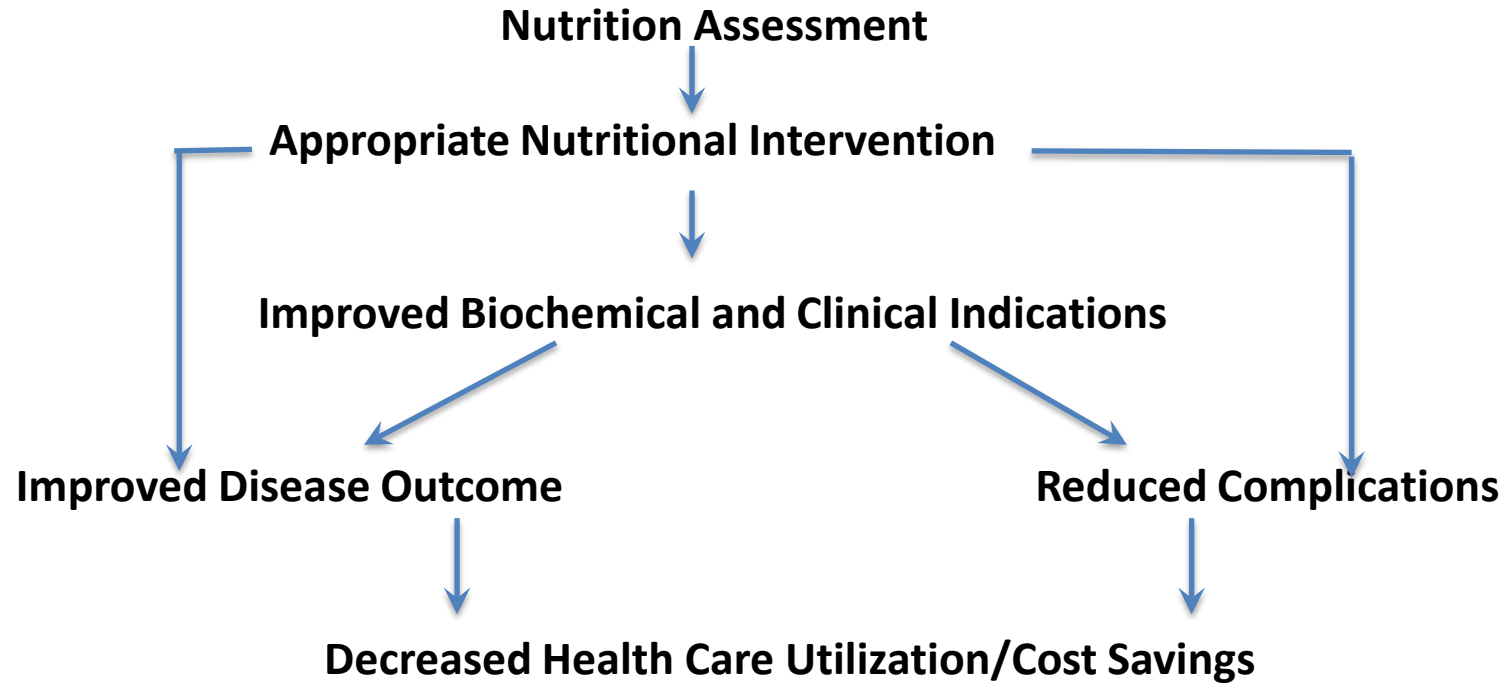
- **Low serum cholesterol**

- **Thyroxine binding prealbumin**

- Assessment of Vitamines and trace elements

Intervention

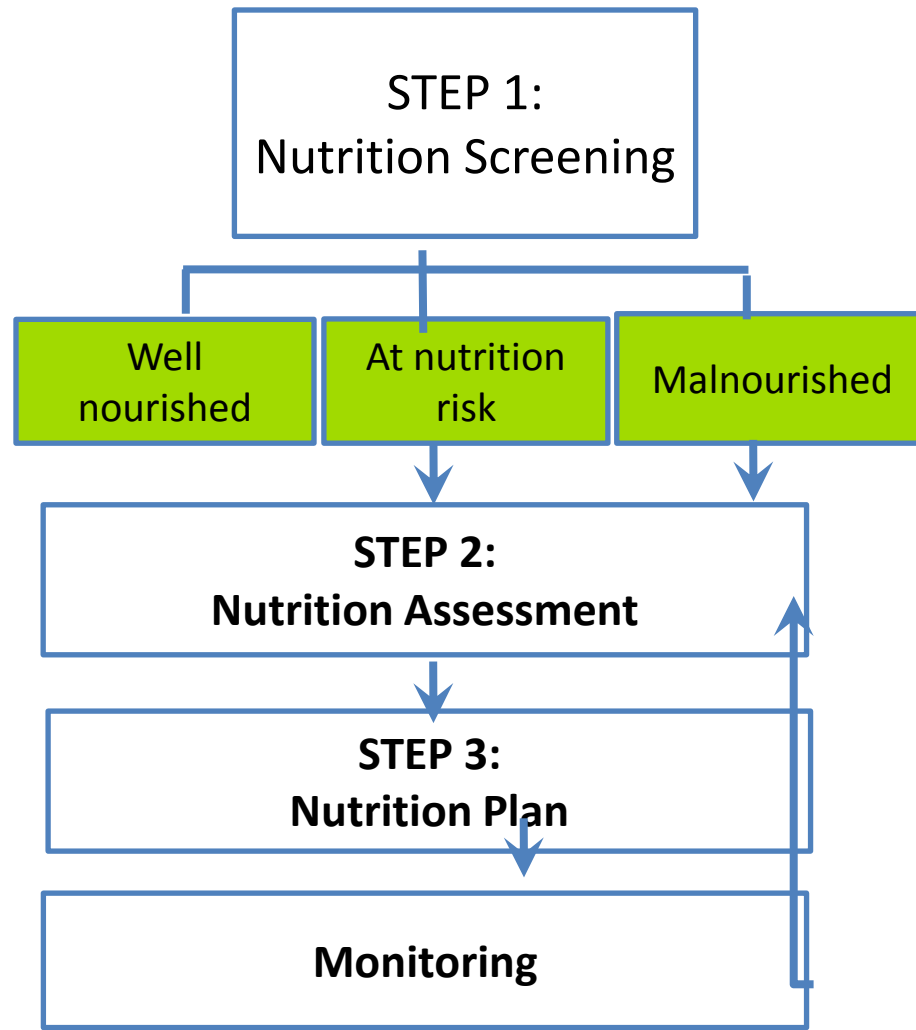
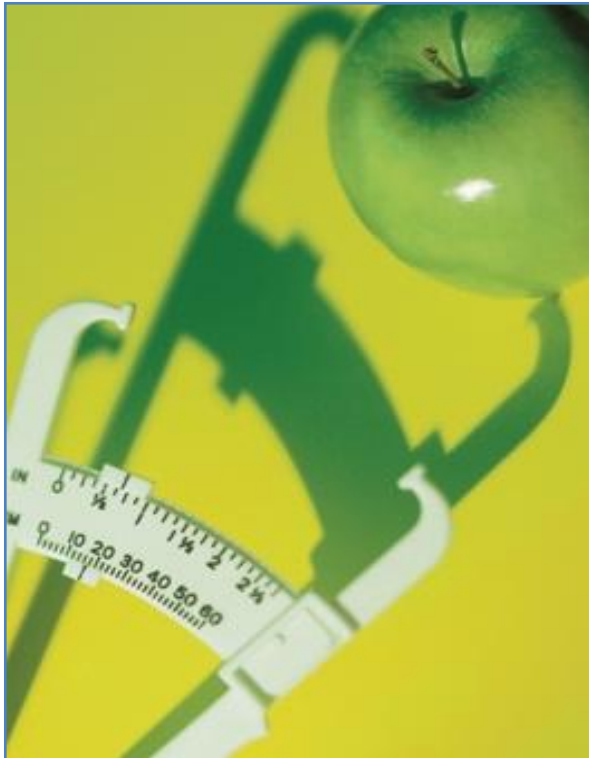
Importance of Dietician Intervention



Model of the effect of nutrition intervention on outcomes and cost savings. Adapted from Mason M.ed. Cost and Benefits of Nutritional Care. Phase I. Chicago, III: American Dietetic Association; 1979

Dieticians doing an early nutrition assessment & appropriate nutrition intervention are considered essential for the delivery of quality health care.

Use a nutrition care pathway



How do we calculate the nutritional requirements of patients?

Calculation of BMR/calorie (mifflin-St jeor formulae)

- Calculation of BMR
- **Men** - $10 \times \text{weight(kg)} + 6.25 \times \text{height (cm)} - 5 \times \text{age (yr)} + 5$
- **Women** - $10 \times \text{weight(kg)} + 6.25 \times \text{height (cm)} - 5 \times \text{age (yr)} - 161$
- Calorie calculation
- Sedentary – BMR + 20%
- Moderate worker - BMR + 30%
- Heavy worker – BMR + 40%

Guidelines for the Provision and Nutrition Support Therapy in the Adult Critically Ill Patient: Society of Critical Care Medicine(SCCM) and American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N)

- Indirect Calorie-metry be used for Kcal calculations
- In absence of IC, 25-30kcal/kg/d be used
- For BMI in range of 30-50,
 - use 11-14kcal/kg/day as per actual body weight
- For BMI>50
 - use 22-25kcal/kg/day as per ideal body weight

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- Weight-based equations (eg, 1.2–2.0 g/kg/d) may be used to monitor adequacy of protein provision
- If BMI 30-40, protein recommendation is upto 2.0gm/kg/day as per ideal body weight
- If BMI> 40, protein recommendation is upto 2.5gm/kg/day as per ideal body weight

In case patient's weight is not known

To measure using the Broca formula, you just need to know your height. No other factors play a role.

Height in centimetres - 100 = Normal weight

Normal weight - 10% = ideal weight

Based on this weight the calorie and protein is calculated for the patient

Nutritional recommendation (WHO)

- Energy
- Protein – 0.9 g/kg /day
- Fat - < 30% of total calorie
- Calcium – 800 – 1200 mg/day
- Iron – 10 mg /day (if no excess iron loss)
- Selenium – 5070 microgm /day
- Zinc - male 7 mg/day , women 4.9 mg/day
- Riboflavin - 1.3 mg
- Folate – 400 microgm/day
- Vit B12 – 2.5 microgm/day
- Vit C – 60000 mg/day
- Vit A – 600700 micromg retinol
- Vit D – 1015 micromg/day
- Vit E – 100400 IU/day

Different Foods

- Cereals - Foundation of meal
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Pulses
- Milk and products
- Fish, meat, egg
- Oil, Ghee
- Salt
- Sugar

Nutritional advice

- Enjoy variety of nutritious foods
- Select nutrient dense foods
- Healthy traditional vegetables
- Eat 3-4 meals /day
- Overcome chewing problem
- Take easily digestible food
- Prevent constipation
- Limit alcohol
- Food safety
- Physically active
- Food according to co-morbidity

Take Home Message

- Older adults prone to develop malnutrition
- Malnutrition increase morbidity and mortality
- Assessment of nutritional status must in elderly
- Investigate properly if weight loss $>4\%$.
- Nutritional supplementation in high risk elderly .
- Multivitamin supplementation better if daily calorie intake < 1500 kcal /day.
- More care in hospitalized and high risk population.