

# Nutrition in Paediatrics



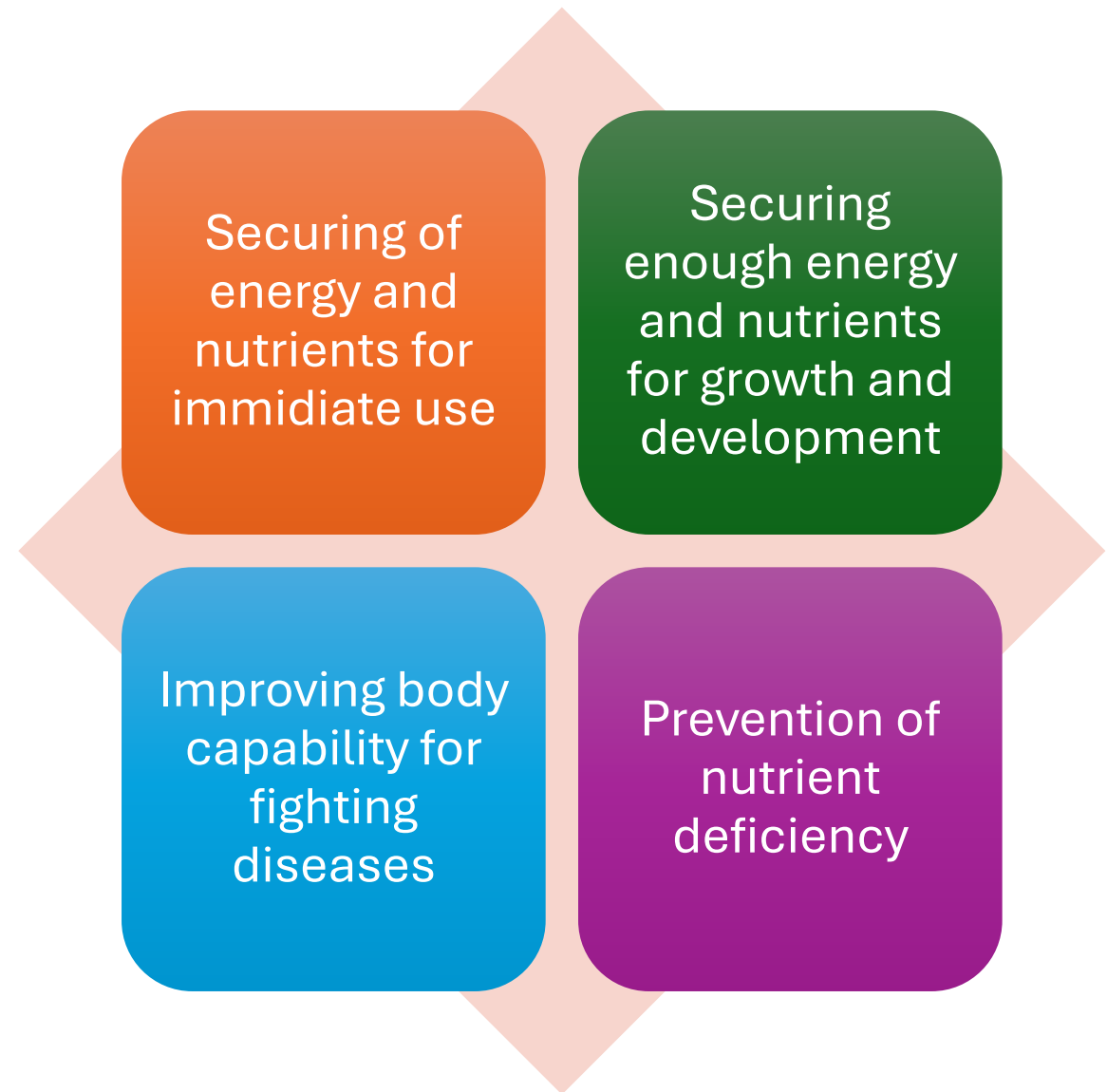
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# Importance of nutrition



Basic  
components  
of nutrition

Water

Macronutrients

Micronutrients

# Water

Makes up to 75-80 % of an infant's weight → higher daily water requirements → higher risk of dehydration development.

Daily water requirements in infants makes up to 10-15 % of their weight.

In comparison, water makes „only“ 55-60 % of an adult's weight.

Daily water requirements in adults are 2-4 % of their weight.

# Water

Age	Weight	Basal water requirements
Newborn 1.-3. days	Approx. 2,5-4 kg	30-70 ml/kg/den
Newborn 4.-28. days	Approx. 2,6-4,5 kg	90-150 ml/kg/den
Infants 1.-6. months	4,6-6 kg	150-130 ml/kg/den
Infants 7.-12. months	7-10 kg	130-100 ml/kg/den
Children up to 5 years	11-20 kg	1000 ml+ 50 ml/kg above 10 kg
Children older than 6 years	>21 kg	1500 ml+20 ml/kg above 20 kg*

Maximum recommended daily water requirements are 2500 ml/den.

# Energy

Daily energy requirements varies based on age and physical activity.

Highest energy requirements are during the first year of life, moving between 80-120 Kcal/kg/day.

Energy requirements decrease by 10 Kcal/kg/day every 3 years until adult requirements of 30-40 Kcal/kg/day are reached.

# Energy

- Energy consumption differs based on age.
- In newborns and infants:
  - 85-90 % is used for growth.
  - 5-10 % is used for thermoregulation and physical activity.
- In schoolchildren:
  - 50 % is used for basal metabolism.
  - 25 % for physical activity.
  - 12 % for growth.
  - 8 % is lost with sweat and stools.

# Macronutrients

Proteins

Saccharides

Fats



# Ideal macronutrients composition

Proteins: 9-15 %

Saccharides: 45-55 %

Fats: 35-45 %

# Macronutrients

<b>Nutrient</b>	<b>Energy content in kcal/g</b>
<b>Proteins</b>	4
<b>Saccharides</b>	4
<b>Fats</b>	9

Atwater's macronutrients' energetic contents.

## Recommended fats component of energy

Age	% of entire energy intake coming from fats
0-3 months	45-50
4-11 months	35-45
1-3 years	30-40
4-14 years	30-35
15-18 years	30 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> individuals with physical activity factor (PAL) >1,7 may require higher energy intake from fats

# Nutrition of newborns and infants

Dairy nutrition  
in newborns  
and infants

Natural

Artificial

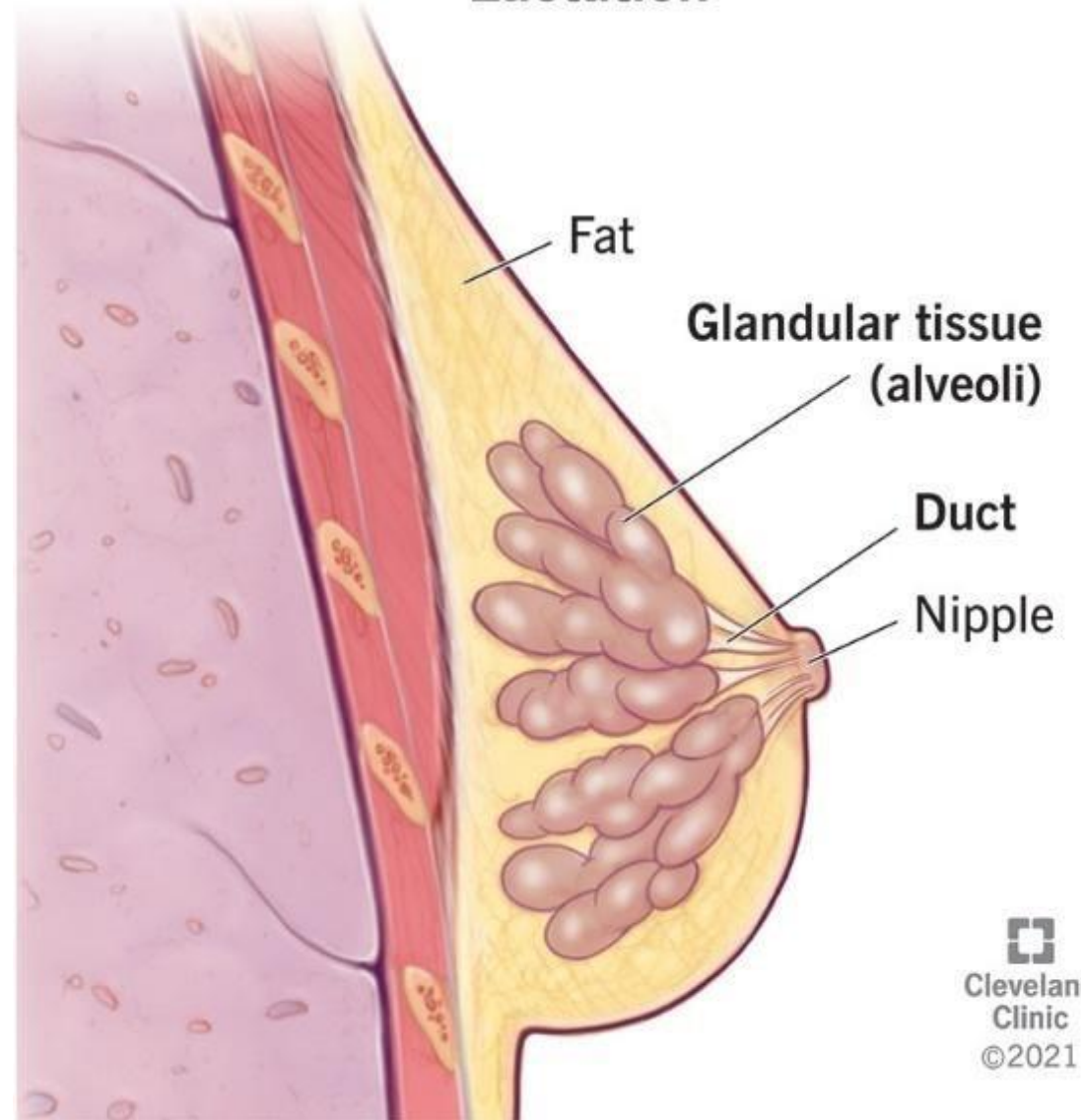
Mixed

Natural  
nutrition in  
newborns and  
infants

Maternal milk → breastfeeding.

# Lactation

## Lactation



# Lactogenesis 1

Breast gland prepares for lactation during pregnancy.

Creation of breast milk is influenced by oestrogens and prolactin.

Ejection of milk is controlled by oxytocin.

Starting the second trimester, a small amount of colostrum is being formed.



# Lactogenesis 2

After delivery, progesterone levels decrease, along with oestrogen and HPL, but prolactin increases.

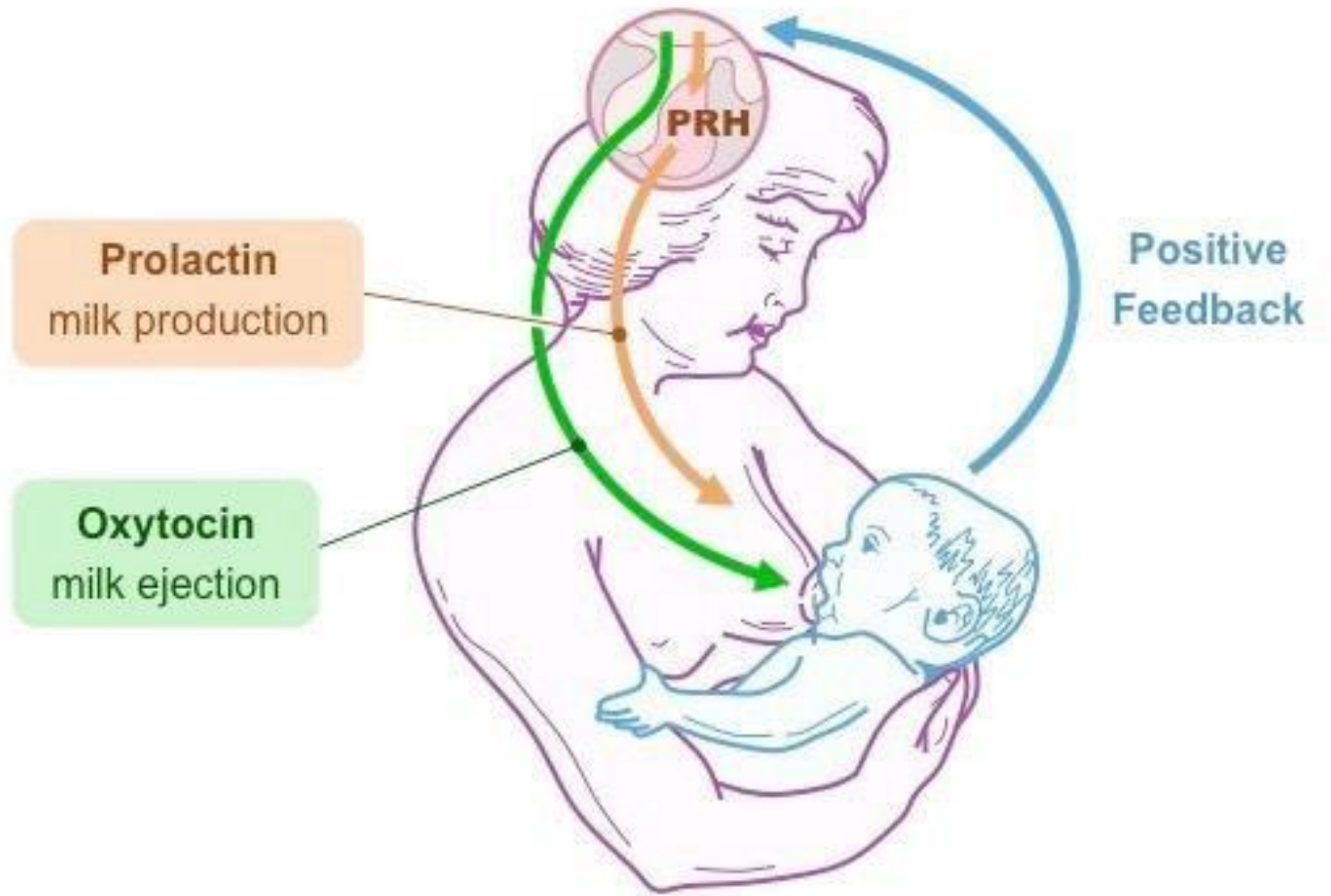
Prolactin levels increase after the first stimulation (maximum 45th minute).

Lactation reflex is started by suckling of the infant, also by his presence (crying).

Second phase of lactogenesis starts 30-40 hours after giving birth.

The feeling of full breast appears during the second of third day after delivery.

# Lactogenesis 2



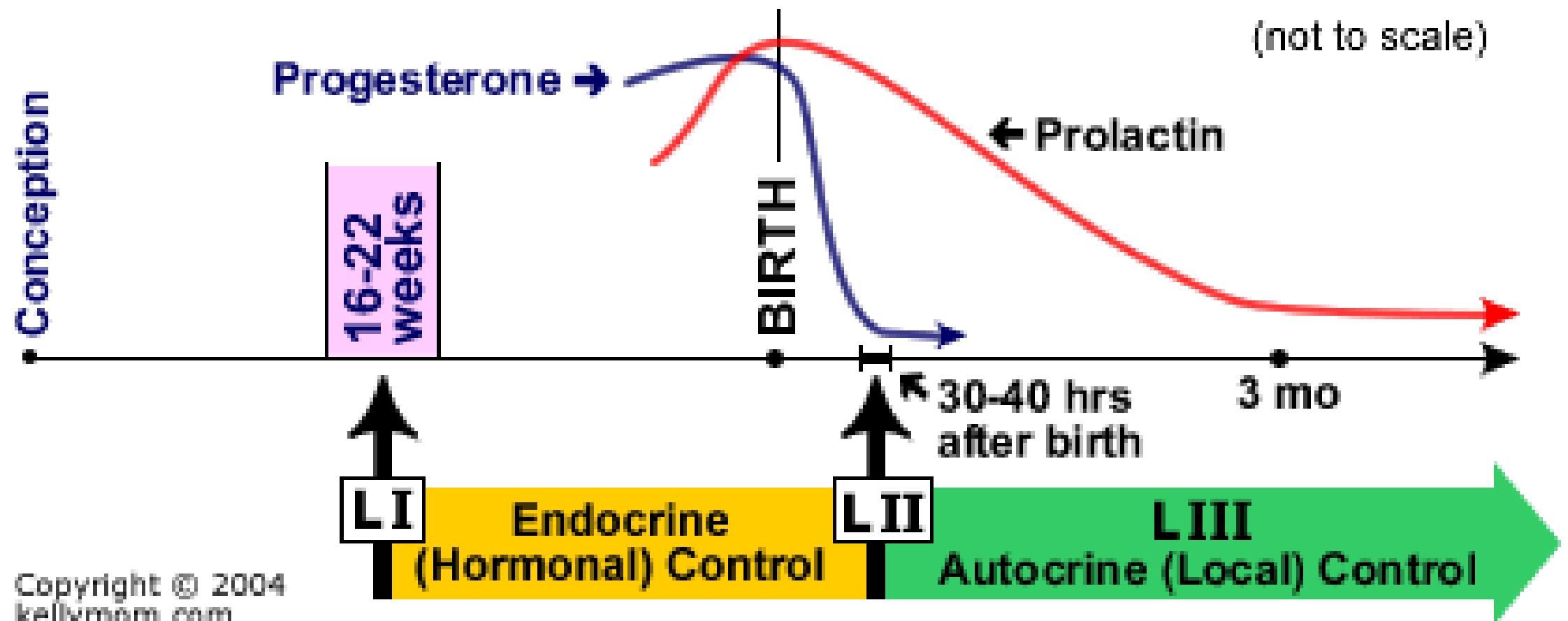
## Lactogenesis 3

Creation of breast milk during pregnancy and the first days after birth is endocrine.

Afterwards, it changes into autocrine

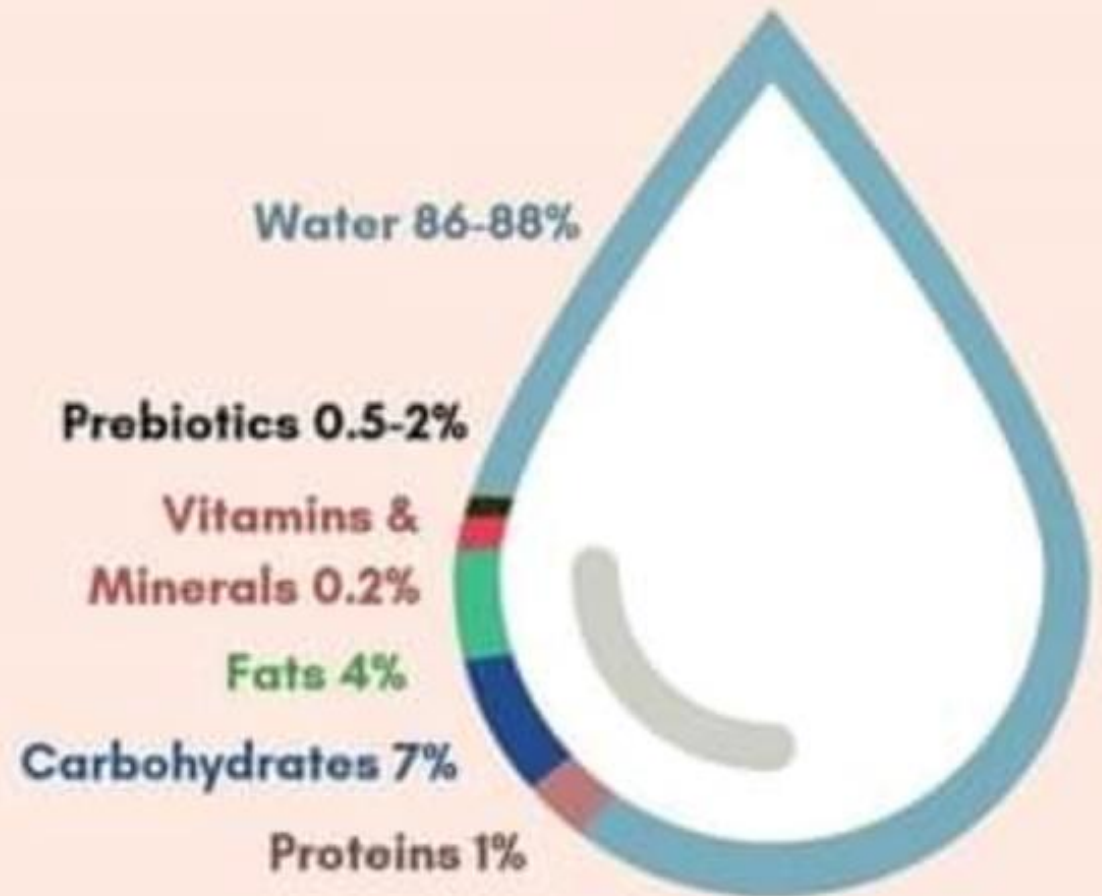
Volume of breast milk after 1-2 weeks is 700-800 ml daily (450-1200 ml).

# Lactogenesis phases



# Composition of maternal milk

## Composition of Breast Milk



# Composition of maternal milk

## HUMAN MILK: AN ORCHESTRA OF BENEFITS



	Oligosaccharides	Bacteria & Metabolites	Fat / LCPUFA	Lactose	Proteins	Hormones	Vitamins	Living Cells	Nucleotides	Minerals
Immunity	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	
Growth	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●
Gut Health	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Other	Microbiota	Microbiota Digestion	Brain Energy	Energy	Signaling	Mood			Brain	Bone & Teeth Blood



# Composition of maternal milk - saccharides

Main saccharide is lactose

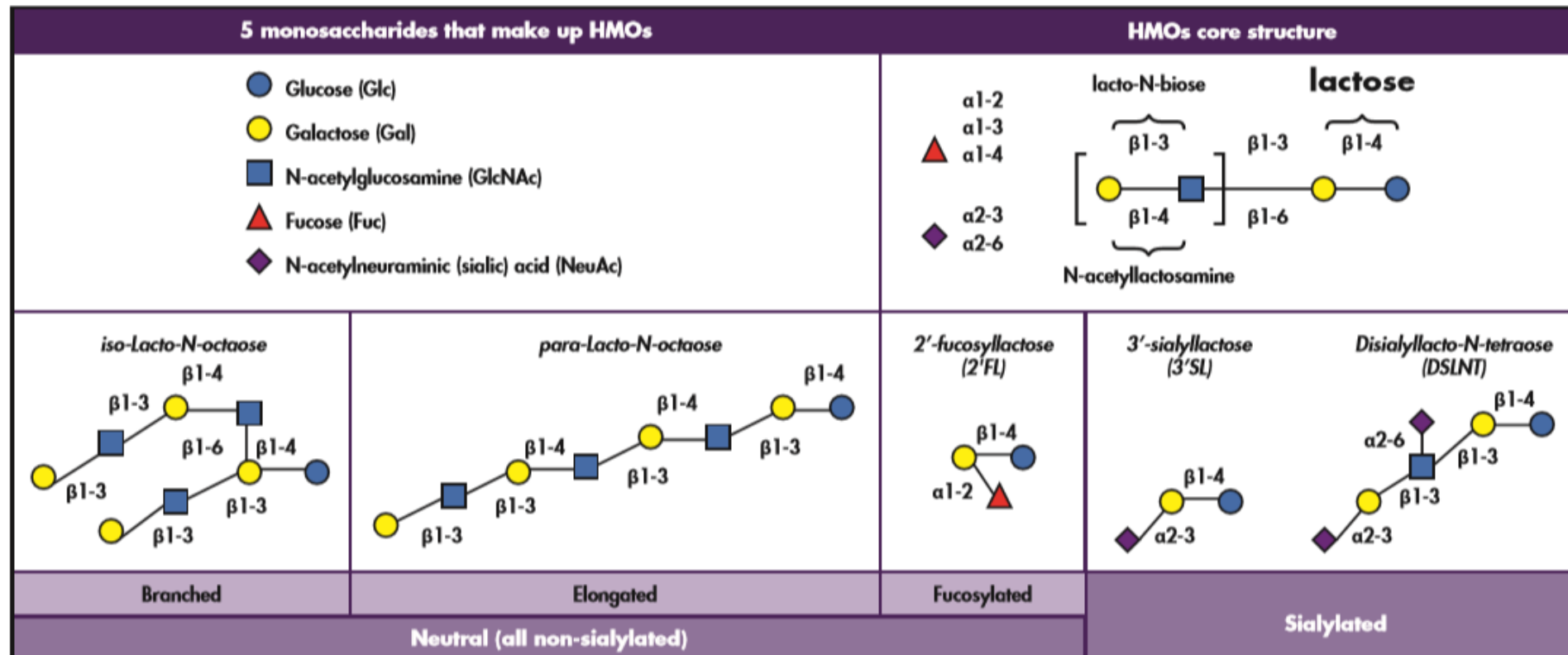
Lactose amount is 6,7-7,8 g/100 ml.

Other than nutrition, lactose plays a role in maintaining a physiological GIT and composition of gut microbiota.

Glucose levels and its metabolised are very low in breast milk and their role in nutrition is negligible.

# Composition of maternal milk- saccharides

- The second most important saccharides are Human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs).



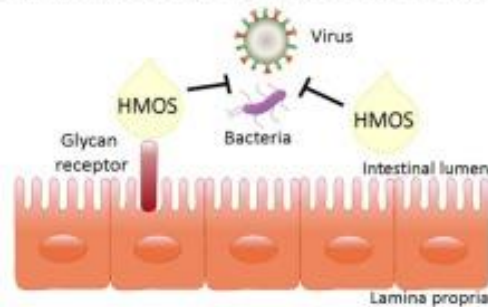
Human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) are a key constituent of human milk. They are a structurally and biologically diverse group of complex indigestible sugars (7, 8). To date, more than 200 different oligosaccharides have been identified, varying in size from 3 to 22 monosaccharide units (9).



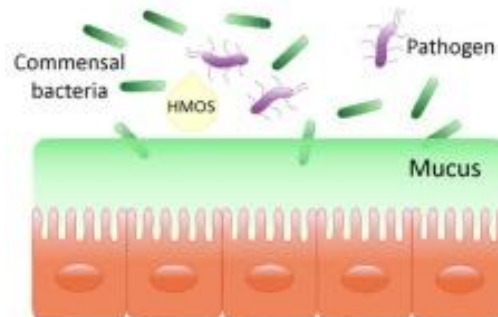
# Roles of HMOs

## Diversity in structures and function of HMOS

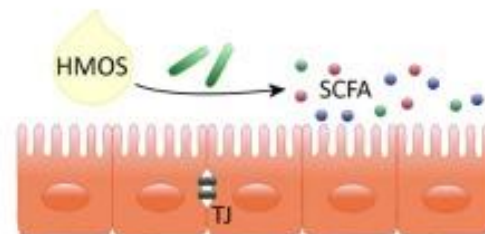
### 1. Antimicrobial and antiviral activity



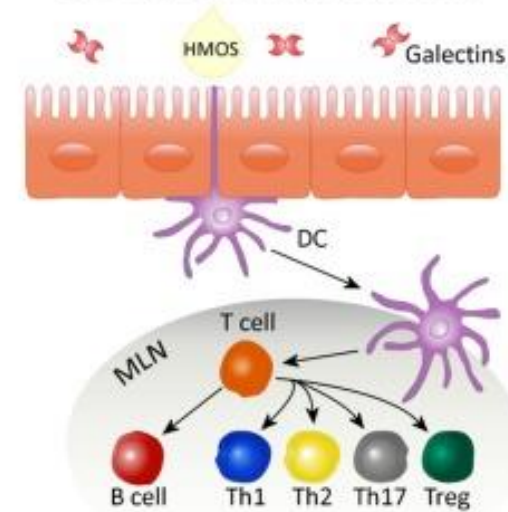
### 2. Prebiotic effect



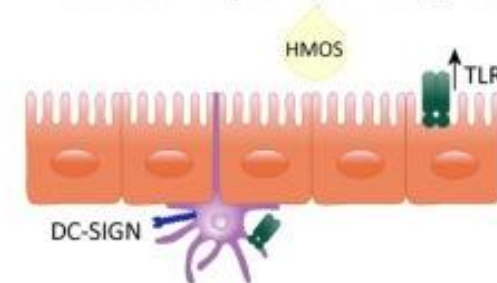
### 3. Mucosal barrier maturation



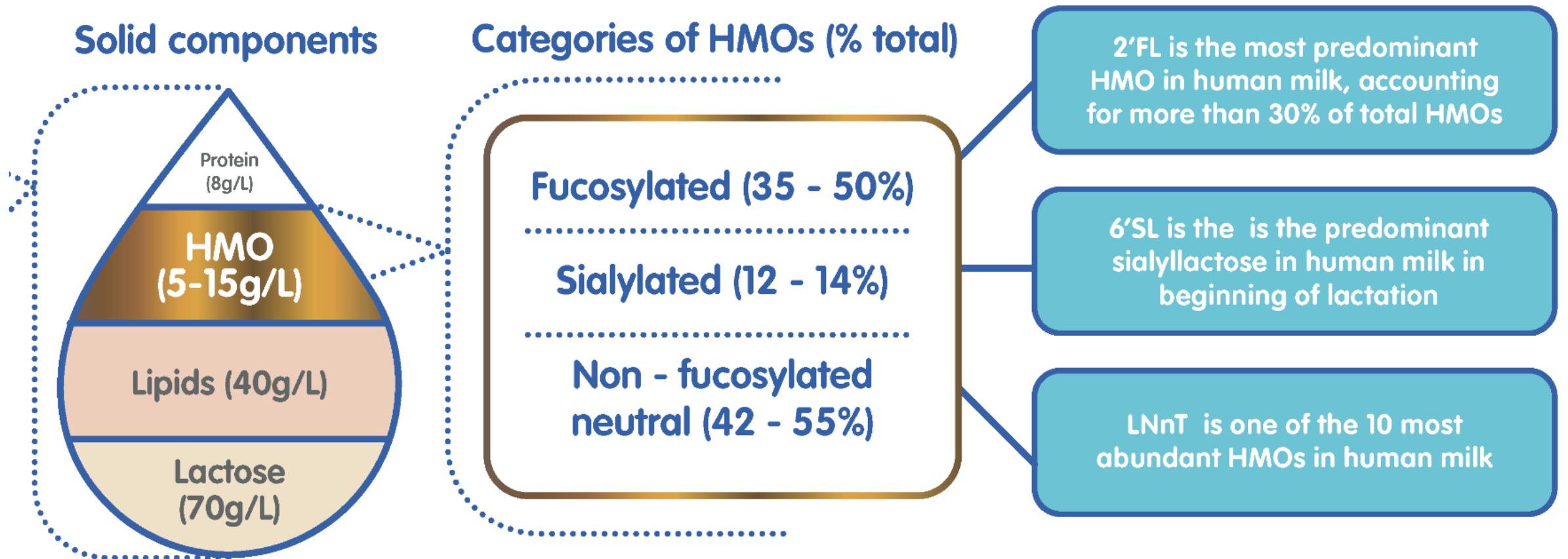
### 5. Effects on immune function

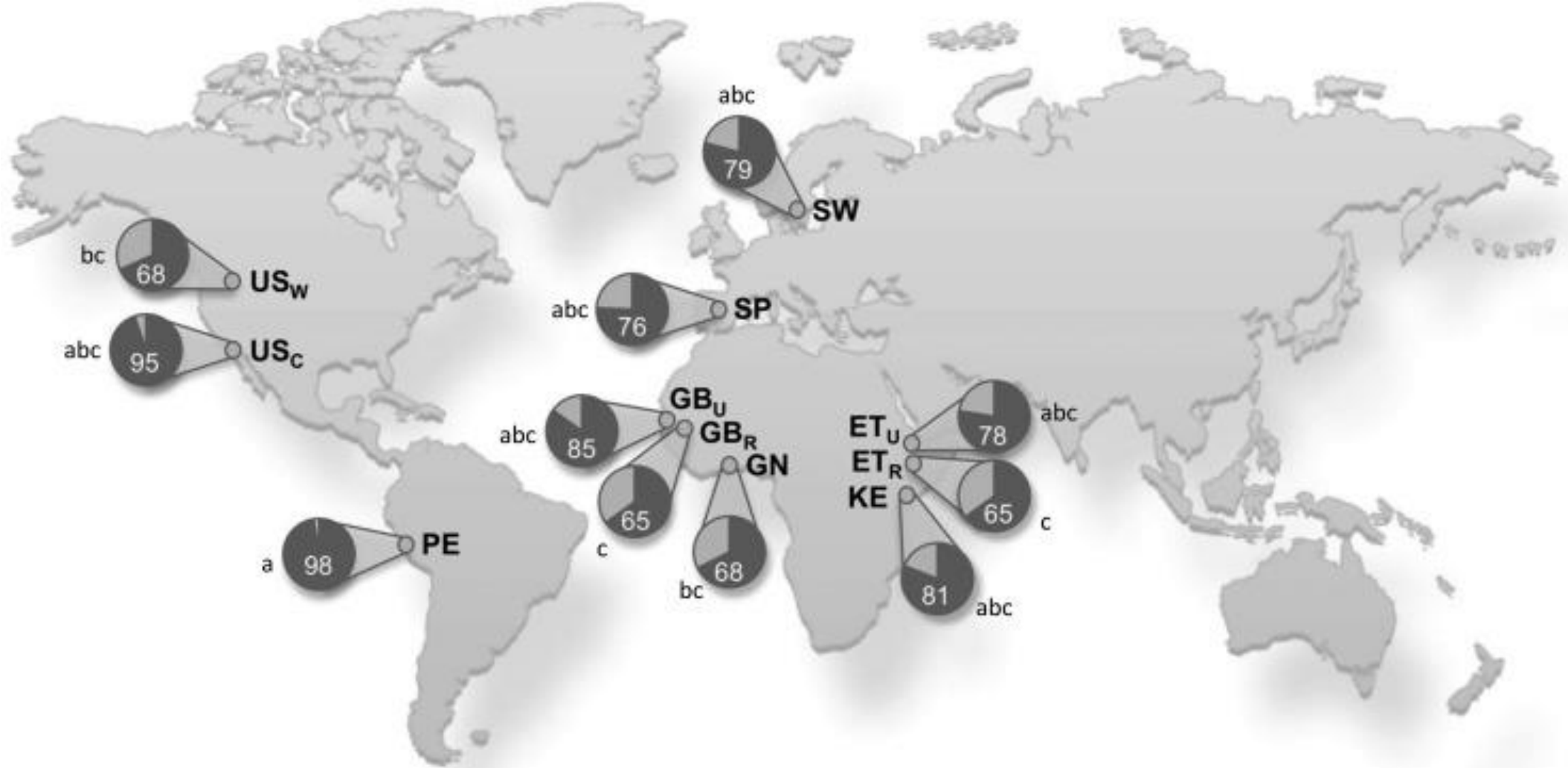


### 4. Modulation of pathogen recognition



# HMOs in maternal milk





# HMOS in breastmilk

# Composition of maternal milk - proteins

They are important in the growth and development of a child.

The main maternal milk proteins are whey and casein.

Whey: casein ratio changes, in colostrum 90:10 and in mature milk 60:40.

The most important whey proteins:  
 $\alpha$ -lactalbumin, lactoferrin and secretory IgA.

# Composition of maternal milk - fats

Are the second largest macronutrient in maternal milk and make up to 50 % of energy intake.

Colostrum contains 2 g/100 ml and mature milk 4g /100 ml.

Maternal milk contains essential fatty acids linolic and  $\alpha$ -linolenic acids.

Fats in maternal milk are better digested than in baby milk formula due to lipase content.

# Composition of maternal milk – minerals and vitamins

Vitamins levels depend on the maternal diet.

Under normal circumstances, maternal milk includes enough of both vitamins and minerals.

Vitamins D and K are the only exceptions.

Maternal milk includes only 40 IU/l of vitamin D → supplementation with 400 IU daily is required.

Vitamin K has very limited placenta transportation → 0,5-1 mg i.m. after birth, or 1-2 mg p.o. 1x per week, for 12 weeks.



## Maternal milk composition – hormones and growth factors

Maternal milk contains both hormones and growth factors.

E.g. IGF-I protects enterocytes against oxidation stress, stimulates erythropoiesis and increase haematocrit.

Vascular endothelial growth factor and its antagonists helps in regulating angiogenesis and decreases damage to the retina.

Erythropoietin increases erythrocytes numbers and helps in avoiding anaemia in premature infants and decreases the risk of NEC.

# Maternal milk composition - Microbiota

Maternal milk includes bacteria, which are suitable for the infantile gut.

*Bifidobacterium breve*, *B. adolescentis*, *B. longum* and *B. dentium* are among maternal milk bacteria.

The aetiology of microbiota is unclear. Endogenous aetiology or from the maternal skin or infant mouth are considered.



## Types of maternal milk

Colostrum

Mature milk

## Colostrum

Is formed in small amounts a few weeks prior to delivery.

Has low fat and high protein content. Is also rich in immune contents.

## Mature milk

In comparison with colostrum is more liquidy and bluish.

Quality of maternal milk changes during the day and even during one breast-feeding session.

„Front“ milk is rich in water and has lower fat content.

„Back“ milk is highly caloric and has a higher fat content.

## Mature milk

Energy: 65-70 Kcal/100 ml

50 % fats

40 % saccharides

10 % proteins

# Advantages of breastfeeding

Nutritional

Immunological

Psychological

Economical

Ecological

Maternal  
morbidity

Social effects

# Support of breastfeeding

Bonding.

First attempt of breastfeeding within the first 60 minutes of life.

Rooming in.

Breast-feeding as often as the newborn requires.

Correct technique of breastfeeding.

Exprimated breast milk when Mom cannot breastfed.

# Disorders of maternal milk production

From the infant's side: ineffective suckling.

From the maternal side:

- Endocrinopathies
- Insufficient development of breasts
- Surgical procedures on the breasts
- Caesarean section delivery
- Medications
- Maternal dehydration
- Insufficient support from the surroundings
- Obesity
- Stress

# Contraindications of breastfeeding

Absolute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Galactosemia.</li><li>– HIV/AIDS (Human immunodeficiency virus/Acquired immune deficiency syndrome).</li><li>– HTcLV (human T-cell lymphotropic virus I and II).</li><li>– Drugs abuse (except for Methadone controlled administration in an HIV negative mother).</li><li>– virus Ebola.</li><li>– Medications: cytostatic, immunosuppressants, oestrogens, addictive substances (heroin, cocaine, amphetamine), alkaloids, lithium, radioactive isotopes therapy, gold salts.</li></ul>
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# Contraindications of breastfeeding

Relative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Phenylketonuria.</li><li>– Active tuberculosis.</li><li>– Herpes simplex infection of the breast.</li><li>– Herpes Zoster infection of the breast.</li><li>– Varicella (possible after drying of the maternal blisters, the infant should be administered immunoglobulin (VZIG)).</li><li>– Cytomegalovirus in premature babies born prior to 32 weeks of gestation/weighing less than 1500 g.</li><li>– Hepatitis B (positive HbsAg and HbeAg and anti-HBe negative), the child could be breastfed after both passive and active immunization.</li><li>– Influenza H<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>.</li><li>– Radioactive isotopes.</li><li>– Medications: antidepressants, antipsychotics, Carbamazepine, Phenobarbital, Sulphonamide antibiotics, Chloramphenicol, Tetracycline, Metronidazole, Ebrantil.</li></ul>
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# Breastfeeding length

WHO recommends exclusive breastfeeding up to 6 months of age, with complimentary breastfeeding up to 2 years.

ESPGHAN regards breastfeeding up to 6 months as a preferred target.

AAP recommends breastfeeding till at least the age of one year.

# Baby-milk formulas

- The majority is produced from cow's milk.
- Adaptation of cow's milk is necessary.

	Cow's milk	Maternal milk
Proteins	2,3-3,3 g/100 ml	0,9-1,2 g/100 ml
Casein	80 % of proteins	20 % of proteins
Whey	20 % of proteins	80 % of proteins
α – lactalbumin	25 % of whey	100 % of whey
β – lactalbumin	50 % of whey	5-800 μl/1 ml

# Cow's milk adaptation

Reduction of protein content.

Correction of casein-to-whey ratio.

Partial replacement of animal fat with polyunsaturated plant fat.

Increment of lactose content.

Reduction of salt.

Increment of both vitamins and iron.

# Comparison of maternal milk and baby-milk formula

	<b>Colostrum</b>	<b>Mature milk</b>	<b>Baby-milk formula</b>
<b>Energy kcal/100 ml</b>	50–60	65–70	60–70
<b>Saccharides (g/100 ml)</b>	5,2 - 6,2	6,7 - 7,2	6,3 – 9,8
<b>Proteins (g/100 ml)</b>	1,4 - 1,6	0,8 - 1,2	1,26 - 2,1
<b>Fats (g/100 ml)</b>	1,5 - 2,0	3,5 - 4,2	3,0 – 4,2

# Classification of baby-milk formulas

## Starter „1“:

- Fully adapted.
- Up till 6 months of age, or introduction of complimentary feeds.
- Can be given till one year of age.

## Continuing „2“:

- Incomplete adaptation.
- From 6 months, or since complimentary feeds introduction.

## Toddler formula:

- „3“: 12-24 months.
- „4“: 24-35 months.

# Additives to baby-milk formulas

Prebiotics

Probiotics

Synbiotics

Postbiotics

HMOs



# Prebiotics

Selectively fermented components, which cause specific changes in the composition and/or activity of gut microbiota with positive effect/s on the host organism.

They are resistant to acidic pH, are unhydrolyzable by mammal enzymes and are not absorbed in the GIT.

They are fermentable by gut microbiota.

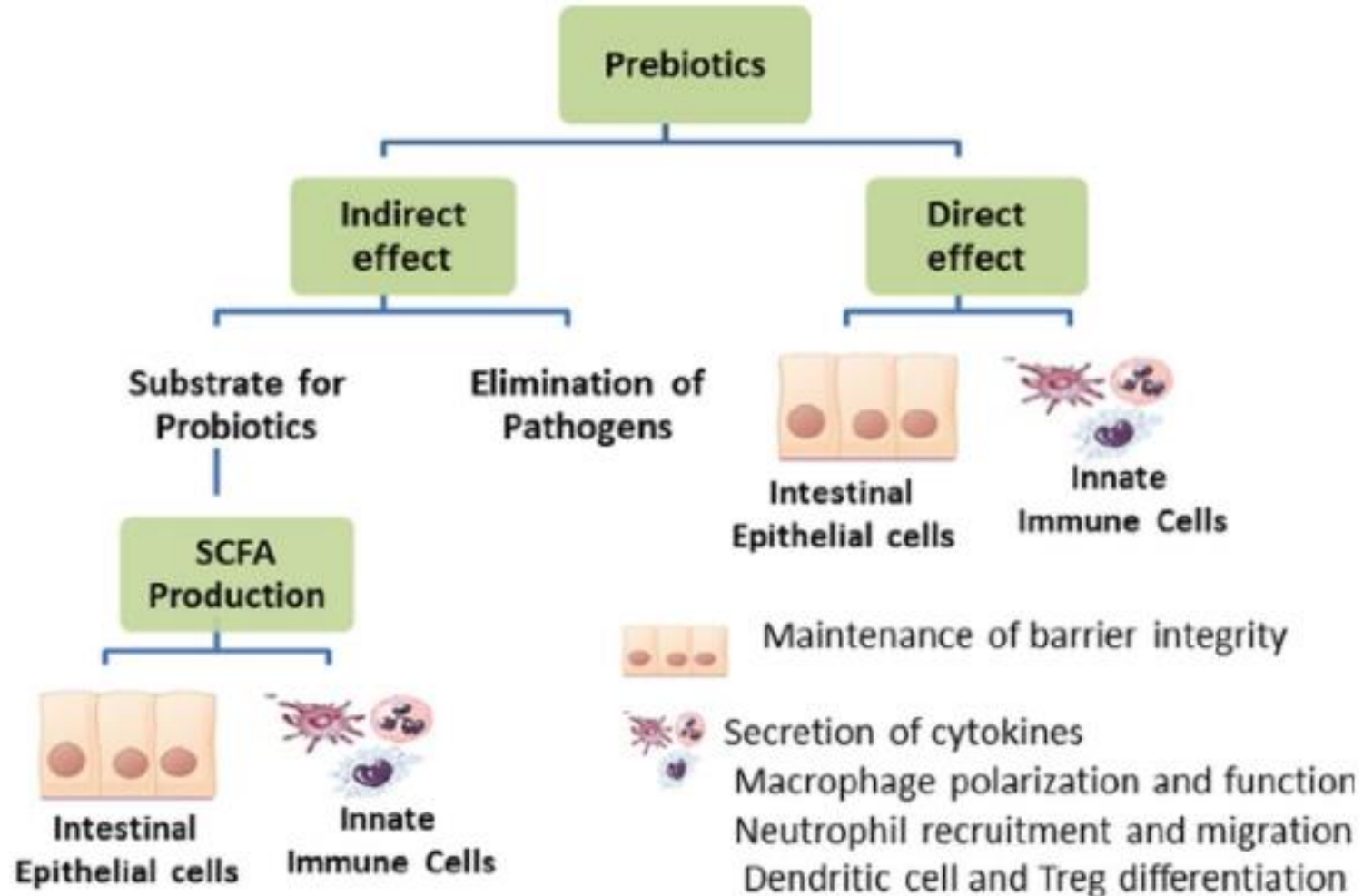
Growth and/or activity of select gut microbiota is stimulated harnessing a positive effect on the host organism.

# Prebiotics

**Table 1.** Prebiotics, their source<sup>8-10</sup> and health benefits

Prebiotics	Source	Health benefit
1 Inulin	Chicory, asparagus, onion, garlic, artichoke	Treating symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease, immunomodulation <sup>11,12</sup>
2 Fructooligosaccharide	Sugar cane, asparagus, sugar beet, garlic, chicory, onion, Jerusalem artichoke, wheat, honey, banana, barley, tomato and rye	Bifidogenic, immunomodulatory, anti-inflammatory, effective in reducing Crohn's disease activity <sup>13</sup>
3 Galactooligosaccharide	Human milk and cow milk	Bifidogenic, increases calcium absorption, improves immunity <sup>14,15</sup>
4 $\beta$ -Glucan	Cereal grains, mushrooms, algae and yeast cell wall, other marine plants	Decreases body weight, maintains body mass index <sup>16</sup> ; acts as an immunoadjuvant in vaccines <sup>17</sup> ; reduces the severity of upper respiratory tract infections, controls blood pressure <sup>18</sup>
5 Xylooligosaccharides	Bamboo shoots, fruits, vegetables, milk, honey and wheat bran	Improves blood sugar and lipid levels in diabetes patients <sup>19,20</sup>
6 Arabinoxyloligosaccharides	Wheat bran	Improves digestive health, management of blood sugars and lipids, modification of immune markers <sup>20</sup>
7 Isomaltooligosaccharides	Starch	Controls blood glucose levels by stimulating insulin as well as the incretins <sup>21</sup>

# Prebiotics



# Probiotics

Are live organisms, which when given in adequate quantities, have a positive effect on the body<sup>1</sup>.

Microbes must be viable enough when given<sup>2</sup>.

- Minimum of  $10^6$  CFU/ml at expiration<sup>3</sup>.
- Minimum effective dose  $10^8$ - $10^9$  CFU<sup>3</sup>.

The used genus must be clearly defined<sup>2</sup>.

Supported by sufficient, high-quality studies<sup>2</sup>.

Probiotics have specific effects<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Reid G, et al. *Front Microbiol* 2019

<sup>2</sup>Colin H, et al. *Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2014

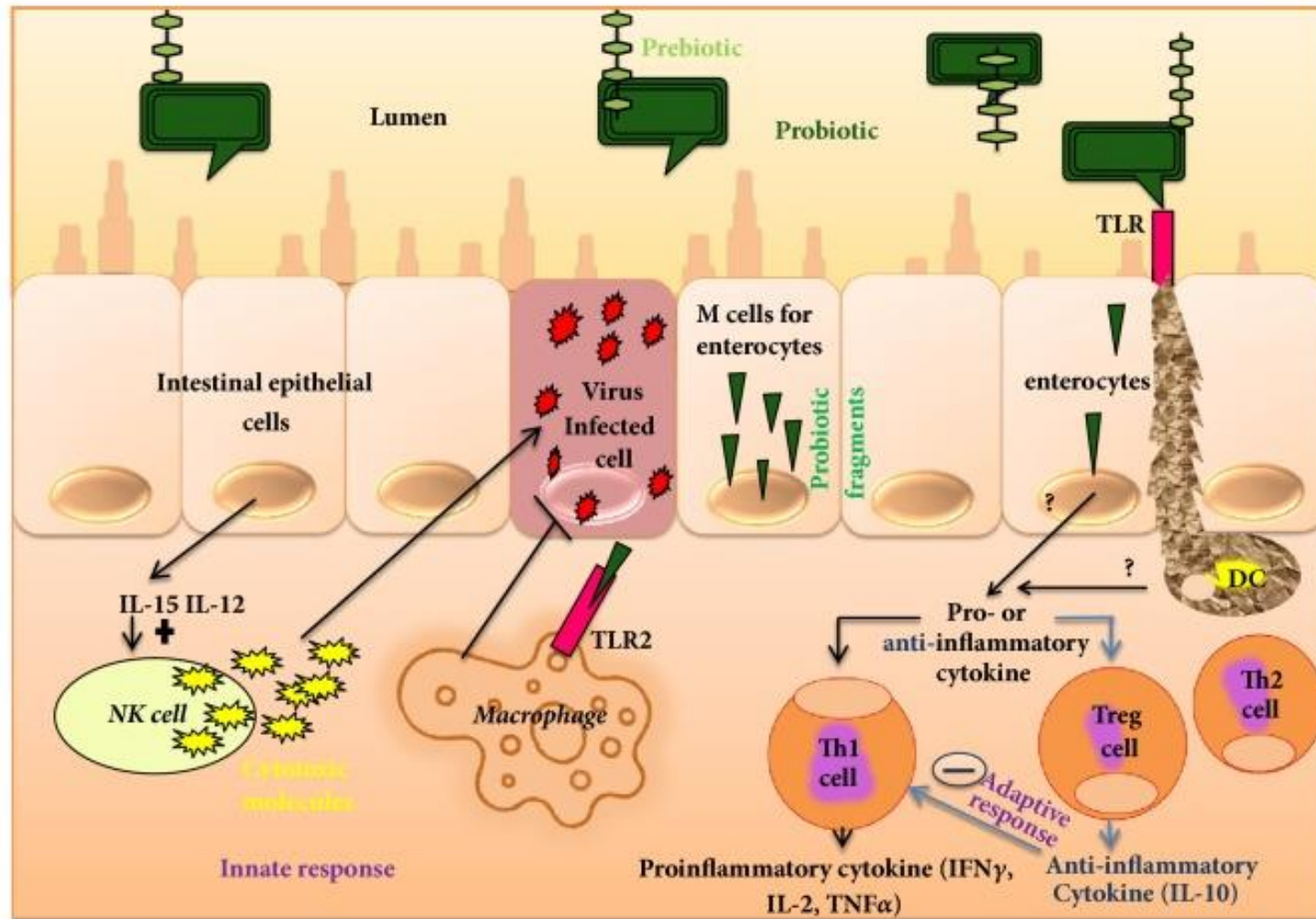
<sup>3</sup>Shi LY, et al. *Trop Life Sci Res* 2016

# Probiotics

Probiotic genera	Probiotic strains	References
Lactobacillus	<i>L. acidophilus</i> , <i>L. amylovorus</i> , <i>L. bulgaricus</i> , <i>L. crispatus</i> , <i>L. casei</i> , <i>L. gasseri</i> , <i>L. helveticus</i> , <i>L. johnsonii</i> , <i>L. pentosus</i> , <i>L. reuteri</i> , <i>L. paracasei</i> , <i>L. plantarum</i> , <i>L. rhamnosus</i>	[17, 18, 30]
Bifidobacterium	<i>B. animalis</i> , <i>B. breve</i> , <i>B. infantis</i> , <i>B. bifidum</i> , <i>B. lactis</i> , <i>B. catemulatum</i> , <i>B. longum</i> , <i>B. adolescentis</i>	[31–34]
Enterococcus	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	[35]
Streptococcus	<i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i>	[36]
Lactococcus	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> , <i>L. lactis</i> , <i>L. reuteri</i> , <i>L. rhamnosus</i> , <i>L. casei</i> , <i>L. acidophilus</i> , <i>L. curvatus</i> , <i>L. plantarum</i>	[37]
Bacillus	<i>Bacillus clausii</i> , <i>B. coagulans</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>B. laterosporus</i>	[38, 39]
Pediococcus	<i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> , <i>P. pentosaceus</i>	[40]
Propionibacterium	<i>P. jensenii</i> , <i>P. freudenreichii</i>	[30]
Streptococcus	<i>Streptococcus sanguis</i> , <i>S. oralis</i> , <i>S. mitis</i> , <i>S. thermophiles</i> , <i>S. salivarius</i>	[36]
Bacteroides	<i>Bacteroides uniformis</i>	[41]
Enterococcus	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	[35]
Peptostreptococcus	<i>Peptostreptococcus productus</i>	[39]
Escherichia	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Nissle 1917	[38]
Faecalibacterium	<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i>	[42]
Akkermansia	<i>A. muciniphila</i>	[41]
Saccharomyces	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , <i>S. boulardi</i>	[43]



# Probiotics



# Synbiotics

A combination of a prebiotic and probiotic acting in synergy with a positive effect on the host organism<sup>1</sup>.

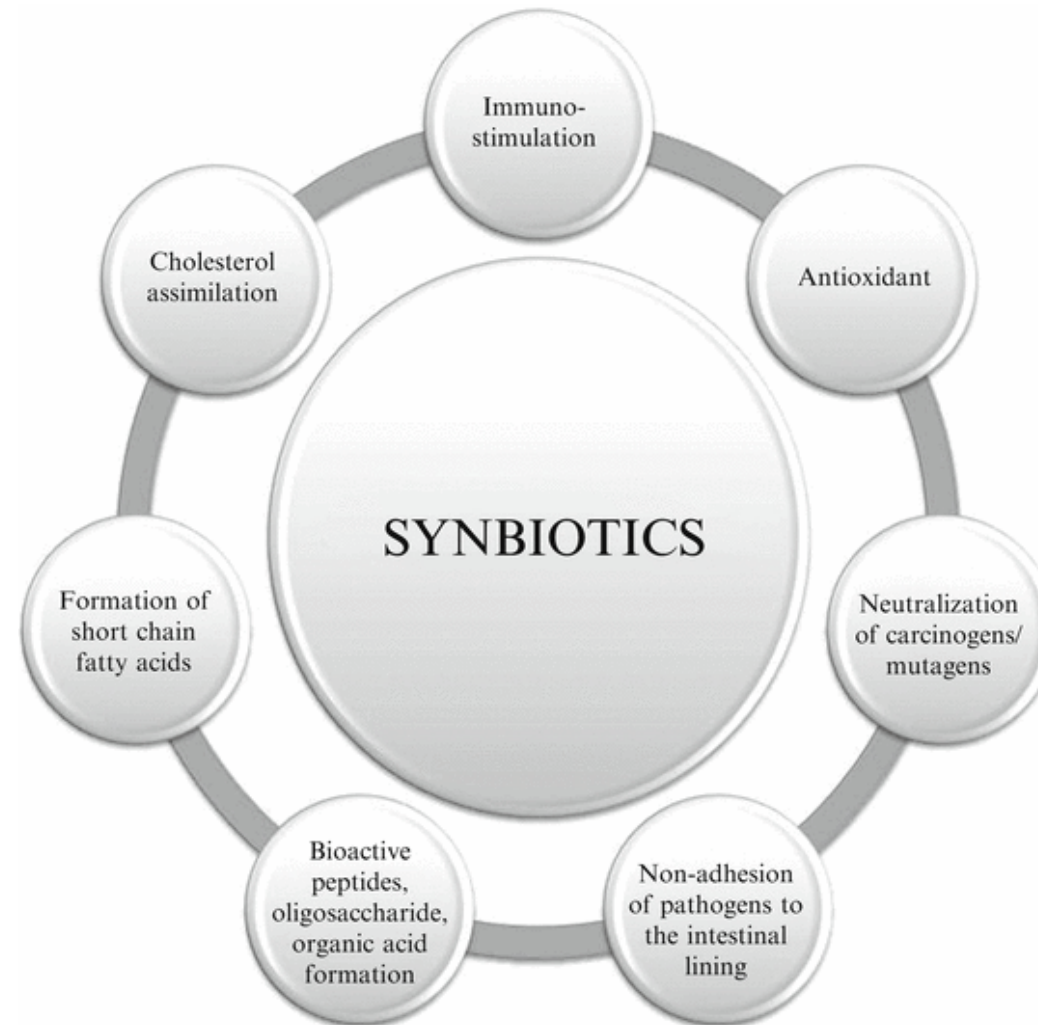
They improve the survivability and implementation of microbial nutritional additives causing stimulation of their growth or activation of metabolism of select genus or narrowly defined microbes' groups with positive effects on host organism<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Gurry T. *Microb Biotechnol* 2017

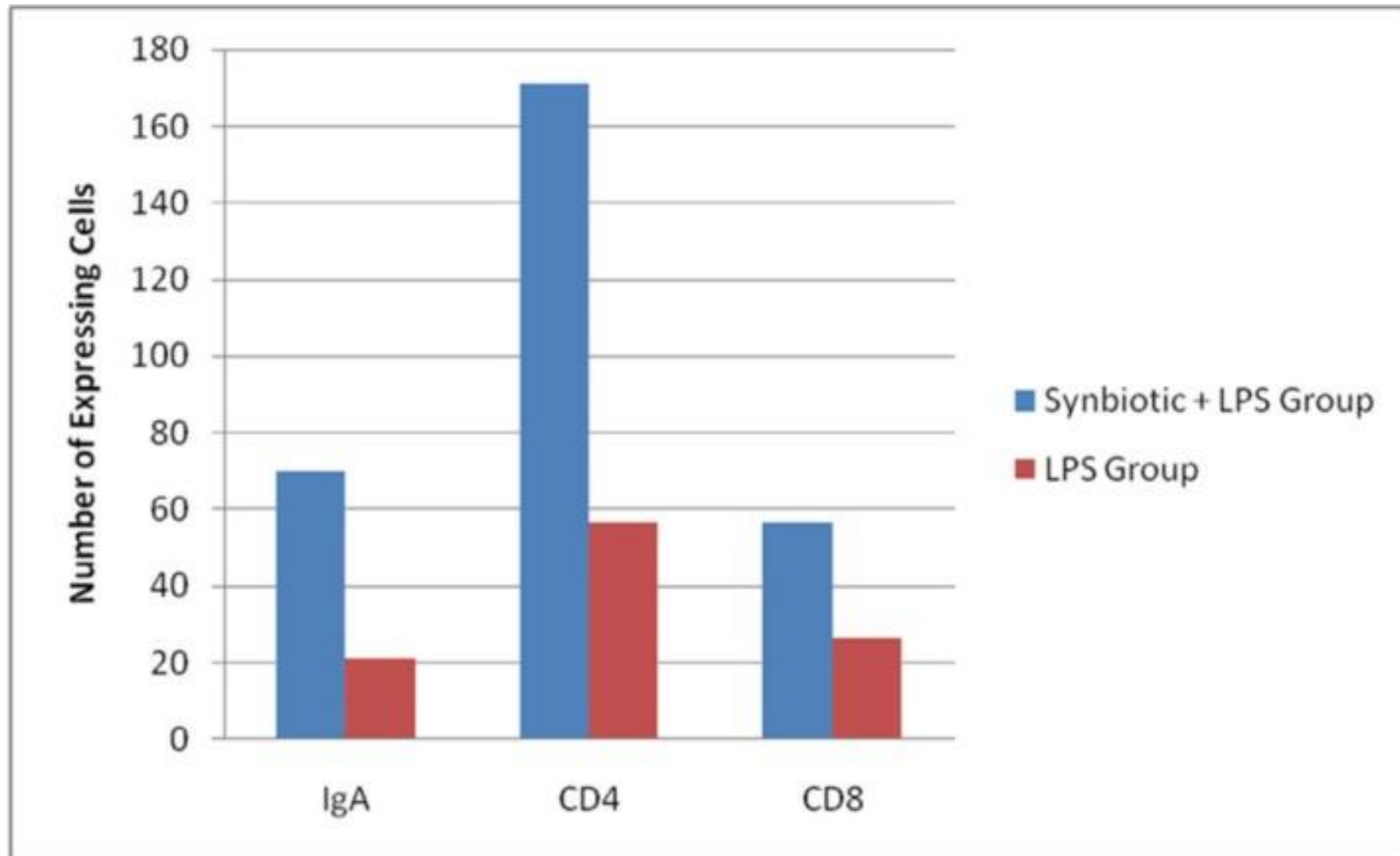
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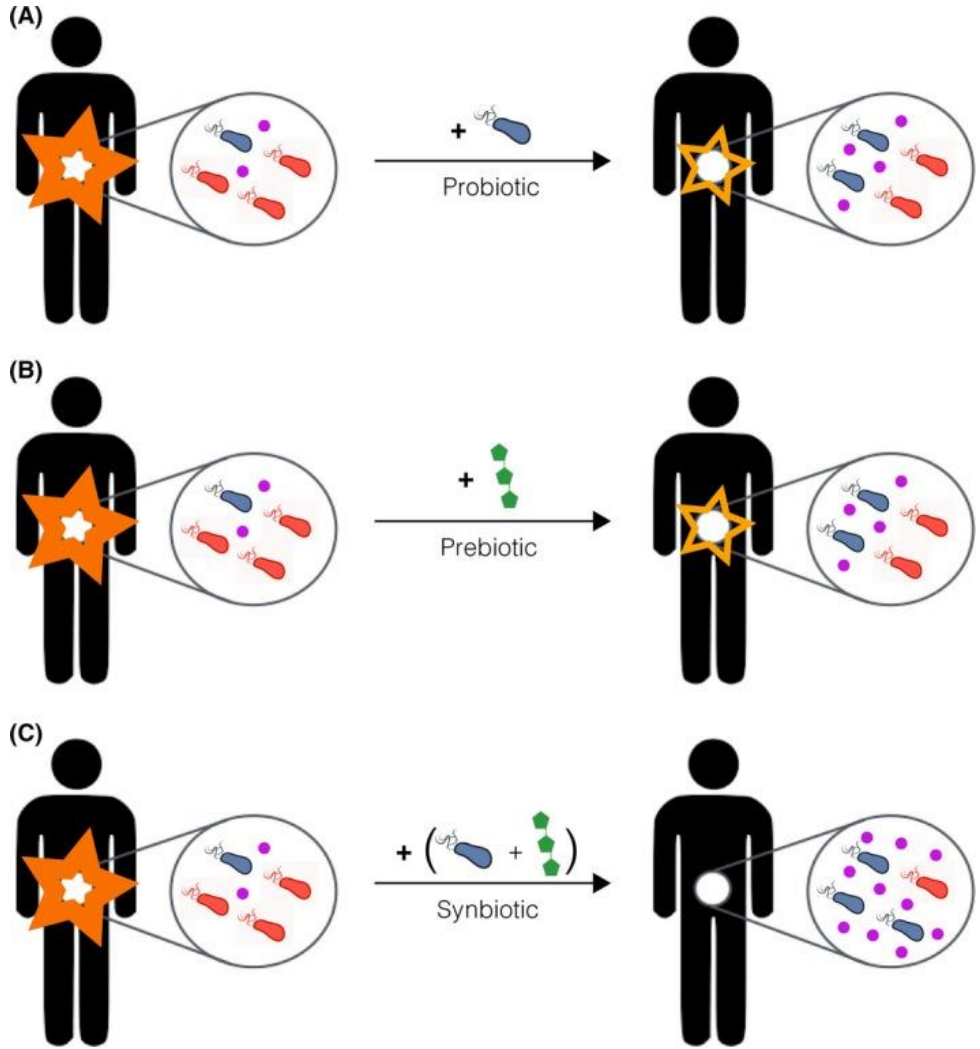
# Synbiotics



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# Effects of probiotics, prebiotics and synbiotics



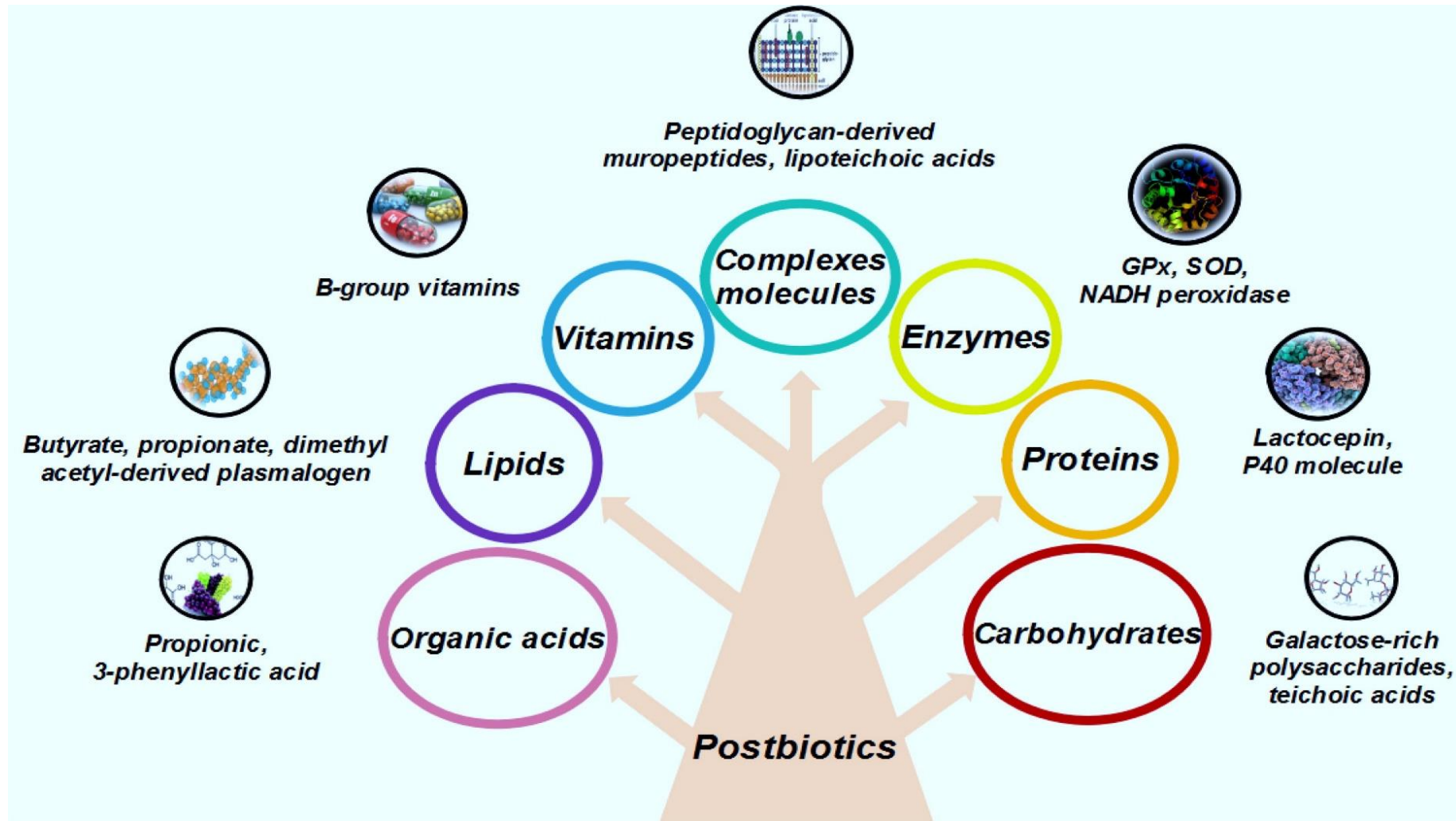
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Are functional bioactive components produced during fermentation.

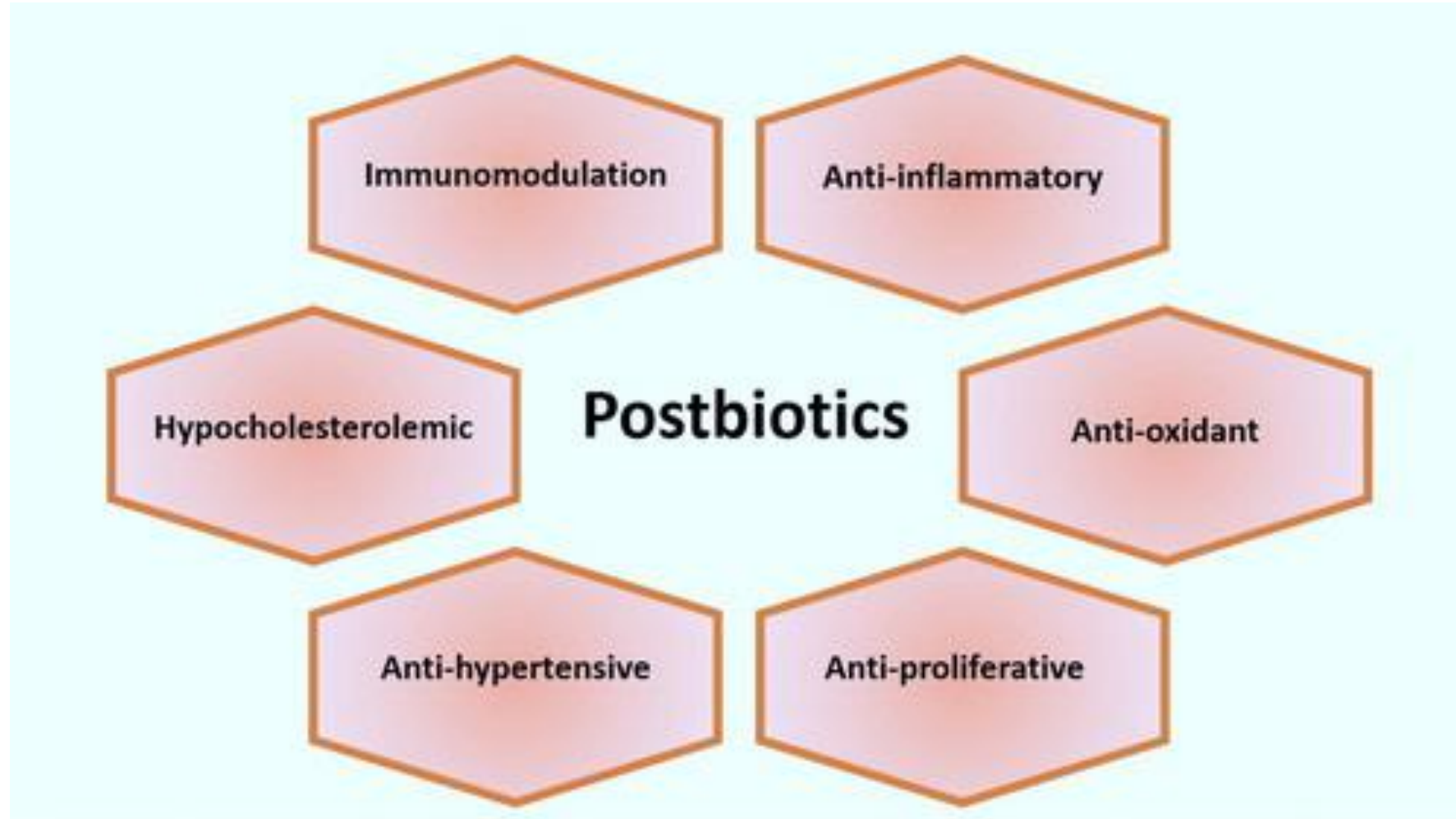
They can positively affect the organism.

Is a term including all microbial fermentation products.

# Postbiotics



# Postbiotics





Baby-milk  
formula  
based on  
goat's milk

Similarly to cow's milk-based formulas, they require modification.

They secure adequate growth, are well tolerated and safe.

# Baby-milk formula based on soy protein

Are not recommended for infants, mainly with congenital hypothyroidism.

Digestibility and biological value of soy protein is lower in comparison with cow's milk protein.

Can be recommended to vegetarians and vegans, when refusing cow's protein-based baby-milk formula.

Should not be confused with „soy milk“.



## Volume of required milk

First 7 days of life: Finkelstein formula, required amount of milk in ml =  $(n-1) * 70-80$ . n = age in newborn in days.

Followed by 150-180 ml/kg/den.

## Baby-milk formulas for specific situations

Formulas for gastroesophageal reflux (GER).

Formulas for lactose intolerance.

Formulas for cow's milk protein allergy.

## GER

GER: is involuntary return of gastric content in the oesophagus with/out the presence of regurgitation and/or vomiting.

„Physiological“ GER is regurgitation with spitting in newborns and infants due to immaturity of antireflux mechanisms.

Gastroesophageal reflux disease(GERD): is GER associated with clinical discomfort, damage of tissue or both.

## Physiological GER

Caused by immaturity of anti-reflux mechanisms.

Starts subsiding by 6 months of age.

Disappears between 12 and 18 months of age.

Treatment is with milk thickeners with an extract of Midsummer bread:

- In breastfed infants is added into exprimated maternal milk.
- In bottle-fed infants anti-reflux formulas, „AR“.

AR formulas do not educe the absolute number of reflux episodes but decreases the number of visible ones.

# Lactose intolerance

- Primary lactose intolerance:
  - Extremely rare.
  - Autosomal recessive (AR) inheritance.
  - Manifests with severe diarrhoea after first feeding.
  - When continuing feeds, rapid dehydration and severe metabolic acidosis occur.
  - Can be confirmed genetically.

# Lactose intolerance

- Secondary lactose intolerance:
  - In diarrhoea.
  - In food allergies and intolerances.
  - In immunodeficiencies.
  - In chronic intestinal inflammation.
  - In primary malabsorption syndromes.
  - In eosinophilic gastroenteritis.

# Lactose intolerance

- Treatment:
  - Low-/lactose-free formula.

# Cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA)

CMPA is a reproducible immunologically mediated reaction, caused by contact with cow's milk.

CMPA is the most common food allergy in newborns, infants and toddlers.

Prevalence of 0,4-0,5 % of fully breastfed infants.

In 1,9-4,9 % of bottle-fed infants.



# CMPA

Main allergens:  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin,  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin and casein.

Sensibilization occurs by the GIT.

Goat and sheep milk are highly homologous, and a cross-reaction is very likely (up to 90 %).

# CMPA

- CMPA mechanisms:
  - IgE-mediated.
  - Non-IgE-mediated.
  - Mixed.

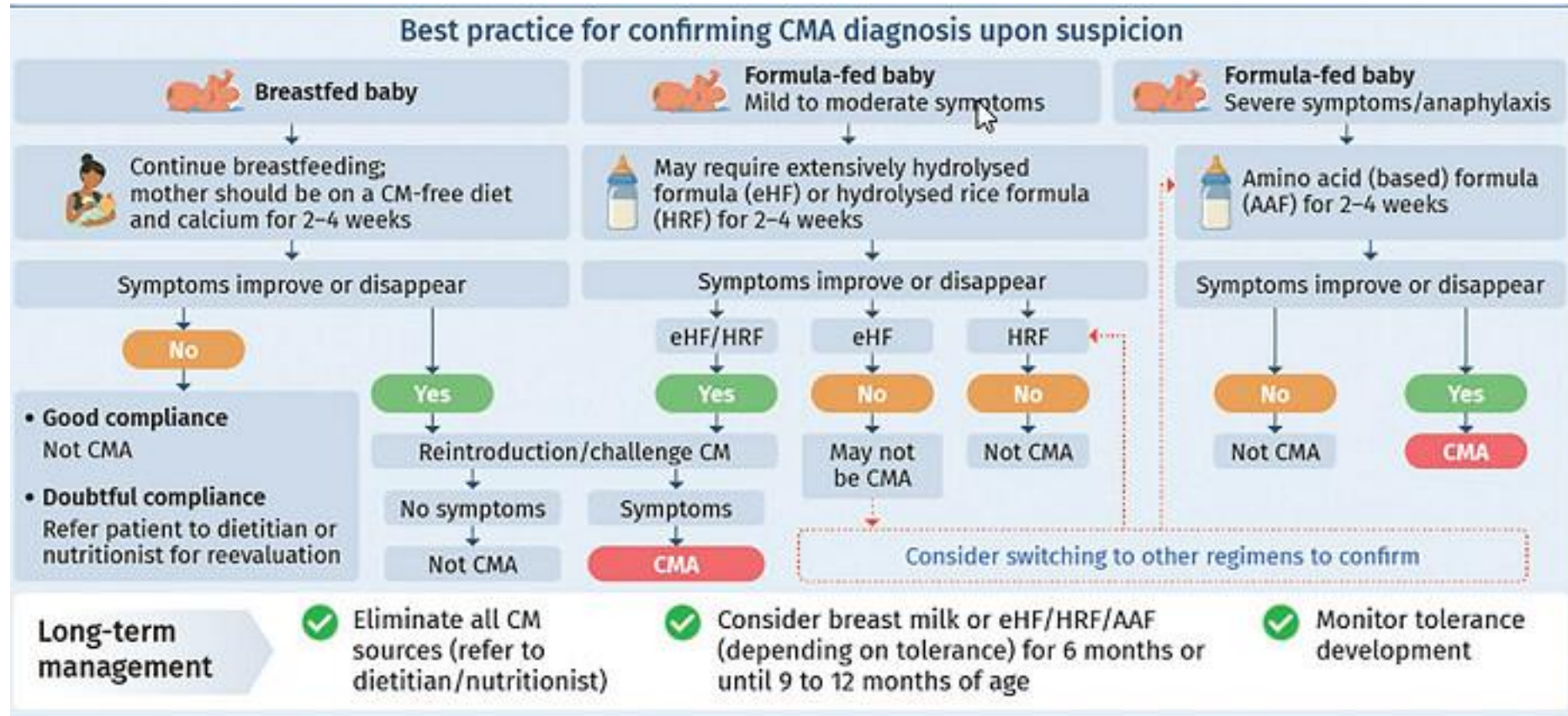
# CMPA

	Infants and toddlers	Rapid reactions within 2 hours since cow's milk consumption
GI symptoms	<p>Dysphagia</p> <p>Regurgitations</p> <p>Colic, abdominal pain</p> <p>Vomiting</p> <p>Loss of appetite, feeds refusal</p> <p>Diarrhoea±loss of protein and/or blood with stools</p> <p>Constipation±perianal exanthema</p> <p>Faltering growth</p> <p>Positive occult bleeding</p> <p>Sideropenic anaemia</p>	<p>Vomiting</p>

# CMPS

<p>Respiratory symptoms</p>	<p>Runny nose Wheezing Chronic cough, not associated with infections</p>		<p>Wheezing or stridor Breathing difficulties</p>
<p>Skin symptoms</p>	<p>Urtica not associated with infections, medications or other causes Atopic eczema Angioedema</p>		<p>Hives Angioedema</p>
<p>General symptoms</p>	<p>Anaphylaxis FPIES</p>	<p>Anaphylaxis</p>	<p>Anaphylaxis FPIES</p>

# CMPA



**To confirm the diagnosis of CMA and avoid overdiagnosis, an oral food challenge test is recommended after a short diagnostic elimination diet**

# Fully breastfed infant

## Maternal elimination diet:

- Milk-free, dairy-free diet is sufficient in 90 % of breastfed infants.
- Supplementation by calcium, at least 1000 mg daily, is mandatory.
- Some infants require elimination of eggs.
- Soy elimination is less frequently required.
- Rarely wheat elimination.

Extensively  
hydrolysed baby-  
milk formula

AAP defines them as formulas with oligopeptides with molecular weight <3000 Da, BSACI <1000 Da.

They lead to CMPA symptom cessation in at least 90 % of newborns and infants.



## Hydrolysed formulas based on rice protein

Their advantage is total absence of cow's milk protein.

L-lysine, L-threonine and L-tryptophan need to be added in production.

Concerns regarding arsenic content were not proven.

Seems to be a safe alternative to extensively hydrolysed formulas based on cow's milk.



## Amino acid formulas (AAF)

The formulas only  
contain single amino  
acids.

Required by 10 % of  
CMPA infants.

# CMPS

Baby-milk formula type	Primary indication	Secondary indication	Rare indication
AAF	Severe CMPA	CMPA with eHF intolerance	CMPA in a breastfed infant, who can't be breastfed anymore.
eHF	CMPA (in none breastfed infants)		
eHF with MCT	CMPA with malabsorption		
eHF with reduced lactose	CMPA with diarrhoea due to lactose intolerance		
pHF	Not indicated		
HRF		CMPA with eHF intolerance	

# Exposition to cow's milk protein

In IgE-mediated CMPA after antibody cessation.

In fully breastfed infants via maternal diet.

In infants fed with eHF by formulas with intact cow's milk protein.

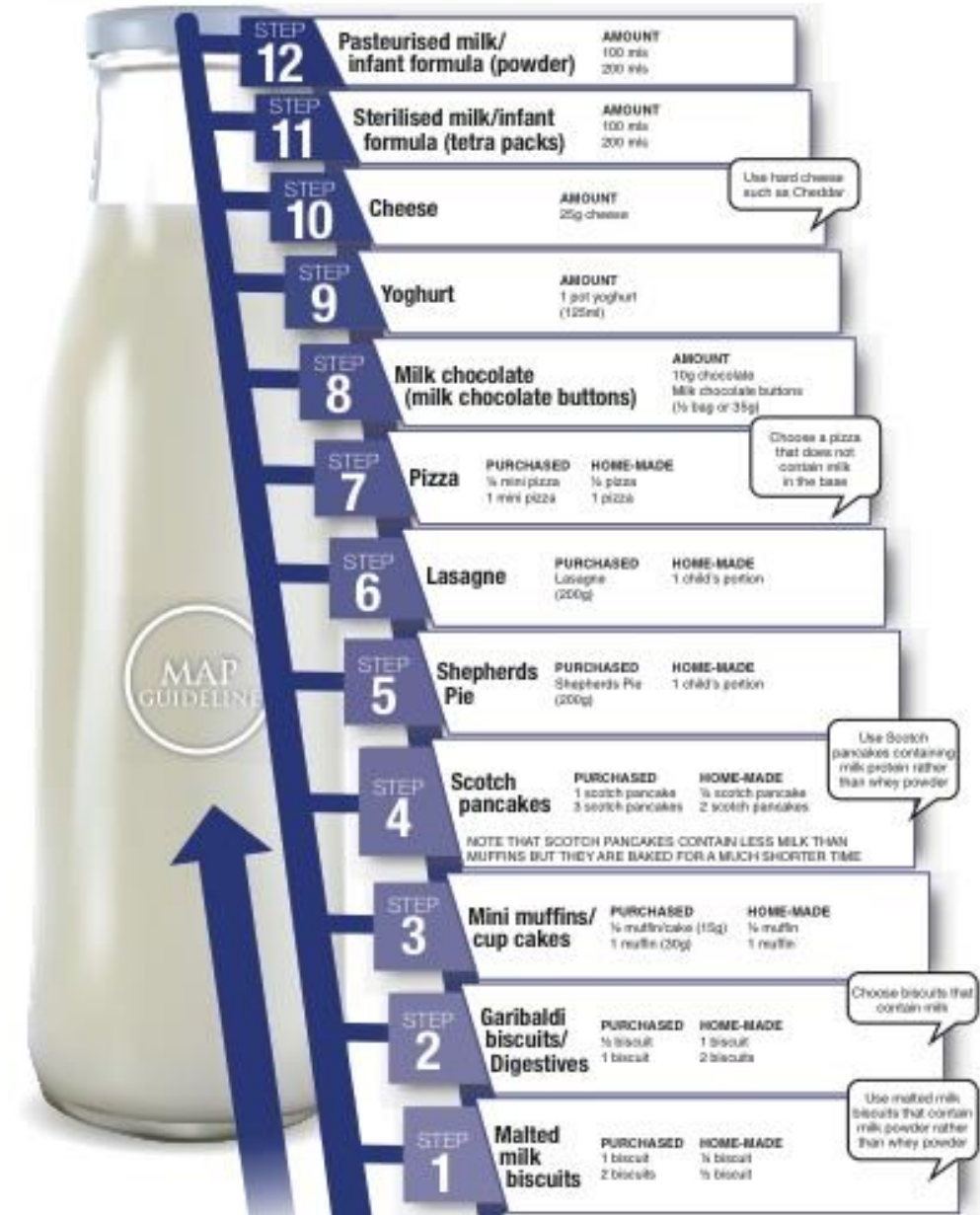
In infants on AAF, start with eHF, followed by formulas with intact cow's milk protein.

# Exposition to cow's milk protein

- The milk ladder can be used in mild to moderate non-IgE mediated CMPA under the supervision of a medical professional or nutrition therapist.

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# CMPA

- Prognosis:
  - Favourable.
  - Up to 50 % disappear by 1 year of age.
  - 80-90 % by 5 years.

# Complimentary feeds

Complimentary feeds are food given to infants as a complement to their dairy diet.

ESPGHAN recommends complimentary feeds introduction between the completed 17th week of life (completed 4th months and the 26th week (completed 6th month).

WHO a WHA:

- In fully breastfed by 6 months.
- In bottle-fed infants after completion of the 4th month of life.

# Conditions for complimentary feeds commencement

Milk is insufficient for the infant.

Psychomotor development permits spoon-feeding introduction:

- Upright head and neck position.
- Active interest in feeds.
- Start of eye-hand-mouth synchronization.

The 4th month is usually the milestone, when expelling reflex diminishes and the GIT and kidneys have matured.

# Consistency of feeds

Pureed food to start with.

Followed by well squashed food.

Pieces, which can be held by the infant can be introduced after the 8th month.

Late solid food's introduction (after 9.-10. months) increase the risk of solids tolerance.



# Order of complimentary feeds introduction

Monocomponent introduction.

Starting with vegetables, followed by vegetable-meat mixtures and ending with fruits.

Gluten should be introduced between the end of the 4th month of life and before the end of the first year.

All foods should be introduced by 12 months of age.

„Box“ milk after the 12th month of life.

# Feeding of toddlers and preschool children

## Feeding of toddlers and preschool children

Solid foods should form the majority of their dietary intake.

Milk volume of 250-500 ml or milk products equivalents should be given daily.

Food should be varied and rich in fibres.

Most common  
mistakes in  
feeding toddlers  
and preschool  
children

Monotone diet.

High intake of sweets, fried foods  
and sauces.

Insufficient intake of milk,  
vegetables and fruits

Bad food hygiene and habits.

# Nutrition in puberty

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Puberty has the highest energy requirements.

Teenagers influence their eating more.

Experimentation with food might occur.

Monotonous diet is possible.

They regulate their food.

They can develop feeding disorders.

# Alternative diets



# Alternative diets

- Most commonly:
  - Vegetarian
  - Vegan
  - Macrobiotic

# Vegetarian

Excludes all types of meat, meat products, fish and crustaceans

## Classification:

- Lacto-ovo-vegetarian, lacto-vegetarian, ovo-vegetarian.
- Flexitarian: sometimes consumes meat, fish or dairy products.
- Pescatarians: consume fish and animal products.

## Vegans

Consumption of any meat, dairy products, seafood, eggs and honey is prohibited.

Fruitarianism: consume only pulpy and dry fruits.

## Macrobiotics

Is vegan diet with exclusion of some fruits and vegetables.

50-60 % of intake is from whole-grain cereals, vegetables, legumes, seaweed and fermented soy products.

# Alternative diets

	<b>Flexitarian/ Pescetarian</b>	<b>Lacto-ovo- vegetarian</b>	<b>Lacto- vegetarian</b>	<b>Ovo- vegetarian</b>	<b>Vegan</b>
<b>Mean</b>	Sometimes/no	No	No	No	No
<b>Fish and seafood</b>	Yes/yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Milk and dairy products</b>	Yes/yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Eggs</b>	Yes/yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Honey</b>	Yes/yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

# Possible deficiencies when switching to a vegetable diet

## Energy:

- Most at risk ages: toddlers and teenagers.
- Follow-up of growth charts is mandatory.

## Proteins:

- Digestibility of vegetable proteins is mostly lower than of animal proteins:
  - Soy and gluten: similar digestibility (> 95 %).
  - Whole grain cereals and legumes: 80-90 %.
  - The rest: 50-80 %.
- Vegans should consume more proteins than RDI.

# Possible deficiencies when switching to a vegetable diet

- N-3 long-chained fatty acids:
  - In adequate quantities only  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid (ALA)  $\rightarrow$  eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) a docosahexaenoic acid (DHA).
  - Process is elongated and enzyme activity is variable.
  - Production of EPA a DHA is suppressed by high intake of n-6 linolenic acid.
  - ALA intake increment is recommended.
  - Reduction of linolenic acid intake is advised (sunflower oil).

# Possible deficiencies when switching to a vegetable diet

- Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>:
  - Inadequate intake is the largest issue in vegan diets.
  - Insufficiency manifests after:
    - 4-6 months in infants.
    - 1-2 years in teenagers.
  - In sufficient amounts is only available in animal products.
  - In plants can be present in some seaweed (nori) and shiitake.
  - Adequate intake in vegans can be achieved only by food supplements.



## Possible deficiencies when switching to a vegetable diet

### Vitamine D:

- Similar recommendations like in non-vegan children.

### Iron:

- Plant non-hem iron has lower availability than hem iron.
- Iron absorption is increased with ascorbic acid.
- Is lower by phytates, polyphenols, tannins, calcium, zinc and copper.
- Fully breastfed infants of vegan mothers should have iron supplementation started by 4 months of age.
- Older children should receive more iron than the RDI and with increased vitamin C intake.

# Possible deficiencies when switching to a vegetable diet

## Calcium:

- Lower intake in vegans is caused by exclusion of milk and dairy products and by low biologic availability due to oxalates and phytates.
- Not only calcium quantity, but also availability should be evaluated (from spinach 5-9 %, from cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage 40-48 %).

## Zinc:

- Absorption from plant diet is lower.
- Vegans should consume higher amounts than RDI.

# Possible deficiencies when switching to a vegetable diet

- Iodine:
  - Plant food has low iodine amounts and depends on the type of soil, used fertilizers and food supplements.
  - Iodine salt can be a source.
  - Lower biologic availability due to strumigens (cabbage, soy, sweat potatoes).

## Macrobiotic diet

Absolutely not suitable for children and can lead to both physical and psychomotor development disruptions.

In infants and toddlers, deficiency of energy, proteins, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, calcium and magnesium is documented.

# Enteral nutrition

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Enteral nutrition (EN) is administration of pharmaceutically produced therapeutic products into the GIT.

Is the method of choice in patients at risk of or with developer malnutrition.

Requires a functional GIT.

Can be given orally, by a tube, or via PEG/PEG-J.

# Indications:

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TABLE 1. Suggested criteria for nutritional support (4,11)

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## Insufficient oral intake

Inability to meet  $\geq 60\%$  to  $80\%$  of individual requirements for  $>10$  days

In children older than 1 y, nutrition support should be initiated within 5 days, and in a child younger than 1 y within 3 days of the anticipated lack of oral intake

Total feeding time in a disabled child  $>4$  to 6 h/day

## Wasting and stunting

Inadequate growth or weight gain for  $>1$  mo in a child younger than 2 years of age

Weight loss or no weight gain for a period of  $>3$  mo in a child older than 2 years of age

Change in weight for age over 2 growth channels on the growth charts

Triceps skinfolds consistently  $<5$ th percentile for age

Fall in height velocity  $>0.3$  SD/y

Decrease in height velocity  $>2$  cm/y from the preceding year during early/mid-puberty

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## Specific indications

Neurologically disabled child

Cystic fibrosis

Preterm newborns and infants.

Crohn's disease: Exclusive enteral nutrition (EEN).

Period surrounding surgery.



# Contraindications

## Absolute:

- Paralytic or mechanical ileus.
- GIT perforation.
- NEC.

## Relative:

- GIT bleeding.
- Toxic megacolon.
- Peritonitis.
- Intestinal dysmotility.
- Intestinal fistulas with large secretions.
- Severe vomiting.
- Intractable diarrhoea.

# Complications

Are rare.

Refeeding syndrome.

Nausea and vomiting, regurgitations and aspiration.

Frequent stools.

Pancreas irritation.

EN  
classification

Based on  
caloric intake.

Based on age.

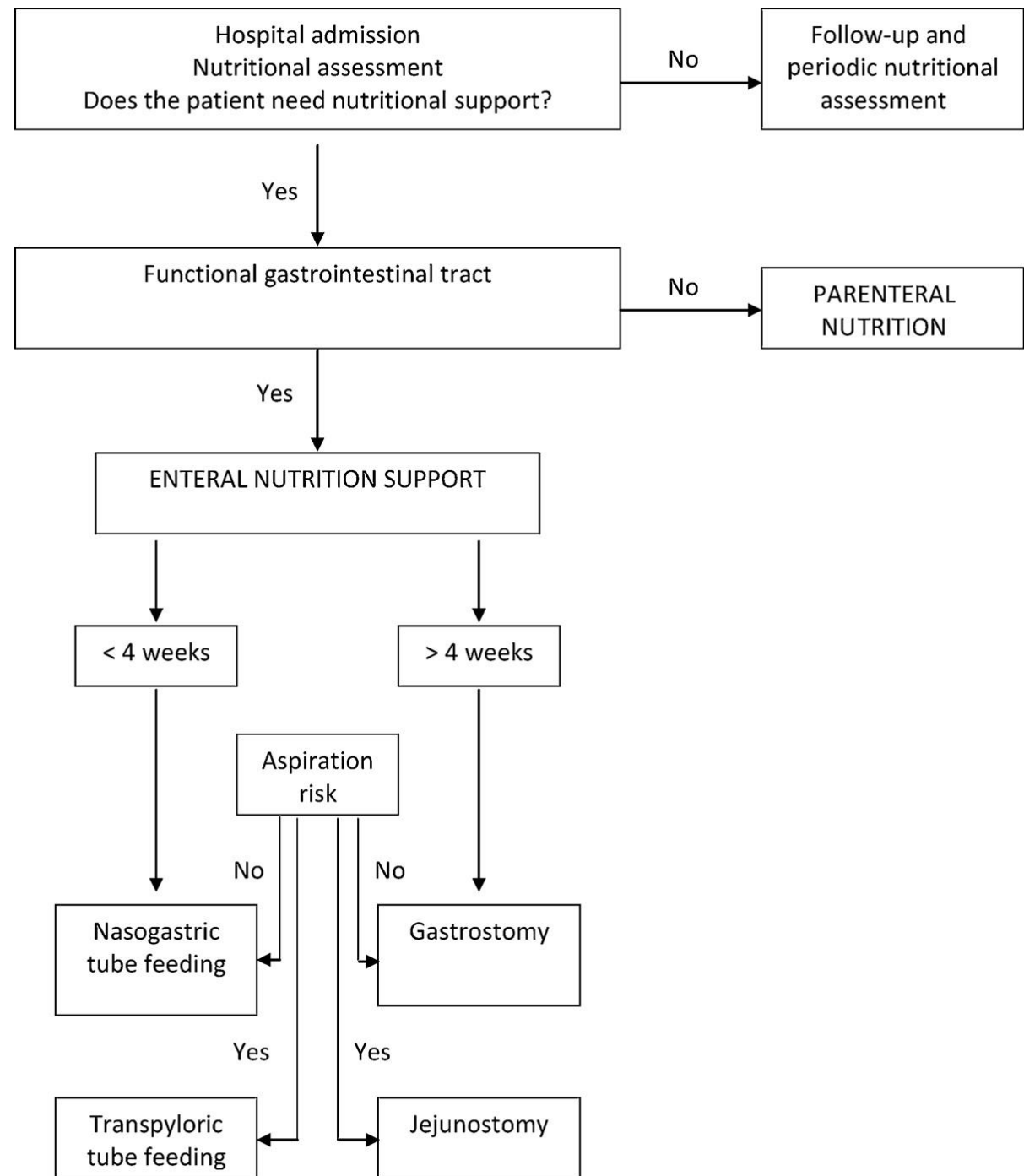
## Methods of administration

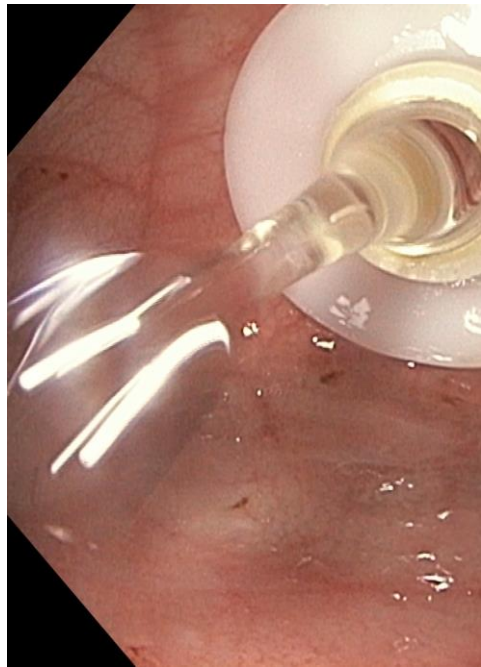
Orally, sipping.

NG/NJ tube.

Per PEG or PEG/J.

# Method of administration





# Peg and PEG/J

Feeds  
administration  
into tubes or  
stomas

Bolus or continual  
feeds.

Jejunal feeds are  
always continual!!!



Based on  
caloric  
content

Isocaloric: 1 ml = 1 Kcal.

Hypercaloric: 1 ml = 1,5-  
3,2 Kcal.

Hypocaloric: 1 ml = < 1  
Kcal.



Based on age

For newborns and infants.

For children between 1  
and 6 years of age.

For children older than 6  
years.

## For newborns and infants

Up to 8 kg or 12 months of age.

Isocaloric with intact protein.

Isocaloric with partially hydrolysed protein.

Isocaloric with extensively hydrolysed protein.

For children  
aged 1-6  
years

In liquid or „yoghurt“ form.

Isocaloric with intact, partially or extensively hydrolysed protein, with/out fibre.

Hypercaloric with intact or partially hydrolysed protein.

For children  
older than 6  
years

Isocaloric with/out fibre.

Hypercaloric with/out fibre.

High protein content.

Without fat.

# Parenteral nutrition

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Parenteral nutrition (PN) is administration of nutrients (proteins, fats, saccharides, vitamins and trace elements) intravenously.

Indications:

Insufficient enteral intake (partial PN).

In afunctional GIT, e.g. SBS or intestinal failure (total PN).

# Classification

Based on route of administration:  
peripheral or central.

Based on administration schedule:  
continuous or cyclic.

Based on composition individually  
made or commercially produced.

# Energy requirements

<b>Age</b>	<b>Acute phase</b>	<b>Stabilization phase</b>	<b>Recovery phase</b>
<b>0-1 years</b>	45-50	60-65	75-85
<b>1-7 years</b>	40-45	55-60	65-75
<b>7-12 years</b>	30-40	40-55	55-65
<b>12-18 years</b>	20-30	25-40	30-55



# Composition of nutrients

<b>Substrate</b>	<b>Percentage of energy intake</b>
<b>Proteins</b>	10-20 %
<b>Fats</b>	20-50 %
<b>Saccharides</b>	40-60 %

# Requirements of proteins and fats

Age	Proteins
1 month-3 years	1-2,5
3-12 years	1-2
Puberty	1-2

Goudoever JB, et al. *Clin Nutr.* 2018

Age	Fats
0-1 years	2,5-3 (max. 15 g/kg/hour)
1-10 years	2-2,5
Puberty	1-2

<http://nutritotal.com.br/pro/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/PN-DosingASPEN.pdf>

# Glucose requirements

Age (weight)	Acute phase	Stabilization phase	Recovery phase
<b>28 days - 10 kg</b>	2-4 (2,9-5,8)	4-6 (5,8-8,6)	6-10 (8,6-14)
<b>11-30 kg</b>	1,5-2,5 (2,2-3,6)	2-4 (2,8-5,8)	3-6 (4,3-8,6)
<b>31-45 kg</b>	1-1,5 (1,4-2.2)	1,5-3 (2,2-4,3)	3-4 (4,3-5,8)
<b>above 45 kg</b>	0,5-1 (0,7-1,4)	1-2 (1,4-2,9)	2-3 (2,9-4,3)

# Liquids and ions requirements

	1 month -1 year	1-2 years	3-5 years	6-12 years	13-18 years
Liquids (ml/kg/day)	120-150	80-120	80-100	60-80	50-70
Sodium (mmol/kg/day)	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3
Potassium (mmol/kg/day)	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3
Chlorides (mmol/kg/day)	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-4

# Vitamins requirements

	Infants	1-18 years
<b>Vitamin A</b>	150-300 µg/kg/day or 2300 IU/day (697 µg/d)	150 µg/day
<b>Vitamin D</b>	400 IU/day or 40-150 IU/kg/day	400-600 IU/day
<b>Vitamin E</b>	2,8-3,5 mg/kg/day or 2,8-3,5 IU/kg/day	11 mg/day or 11 IU/day
<b>Vitamin K</b>	10 µg/kg/day	200 µg/day
<b>Vitamin C</b>	15-25 mg/kg/day	80 mg/day
<b>Thiamine</b>	0,35 -0,50 mg/kg/day	1,2 mg/day
<b>Riboflavin</b>	0,15-0,2 mg/kg/day	1,4 mg/day
<b>Pyridoxin</b>	0,15-0,2 mg/kg/day	1 mg/day
<b>Niacin</b>	4-6,8 mg/kg/day	17 mg/day
<b>Vitamin B12</b>	0,3 µg/kg/day	1 µg/day
<b>Pantothenic acid</b>	2,5 mg/kg/day	5 mg/day
<b>Biotin</b>	5-8 µg/kg/day	20 µg/day
<b>Folic acid</b>	56 µg/kg/day	140 µg/day

# Trace elements requirements

	0-3 months	3-12 months	1-18 years	Maximum dose
<b>Zinc</b>	250	100	50	5 mg/day
<b>Copper</b>	20	20	20	0,5 mg/day
<b>Iodine</b>	1	1	1	
<b>Selenium</b>	2-3	2-3	2-3	100 µg/day
<b>Mangan</b>	≤1	≤1	≤1	50 µg/day
<b>Molybden</b>	0,25	0,25	0,25	5 µg/day
<b>Chrom</b>	-	-	-	5 µg/day

# Complications

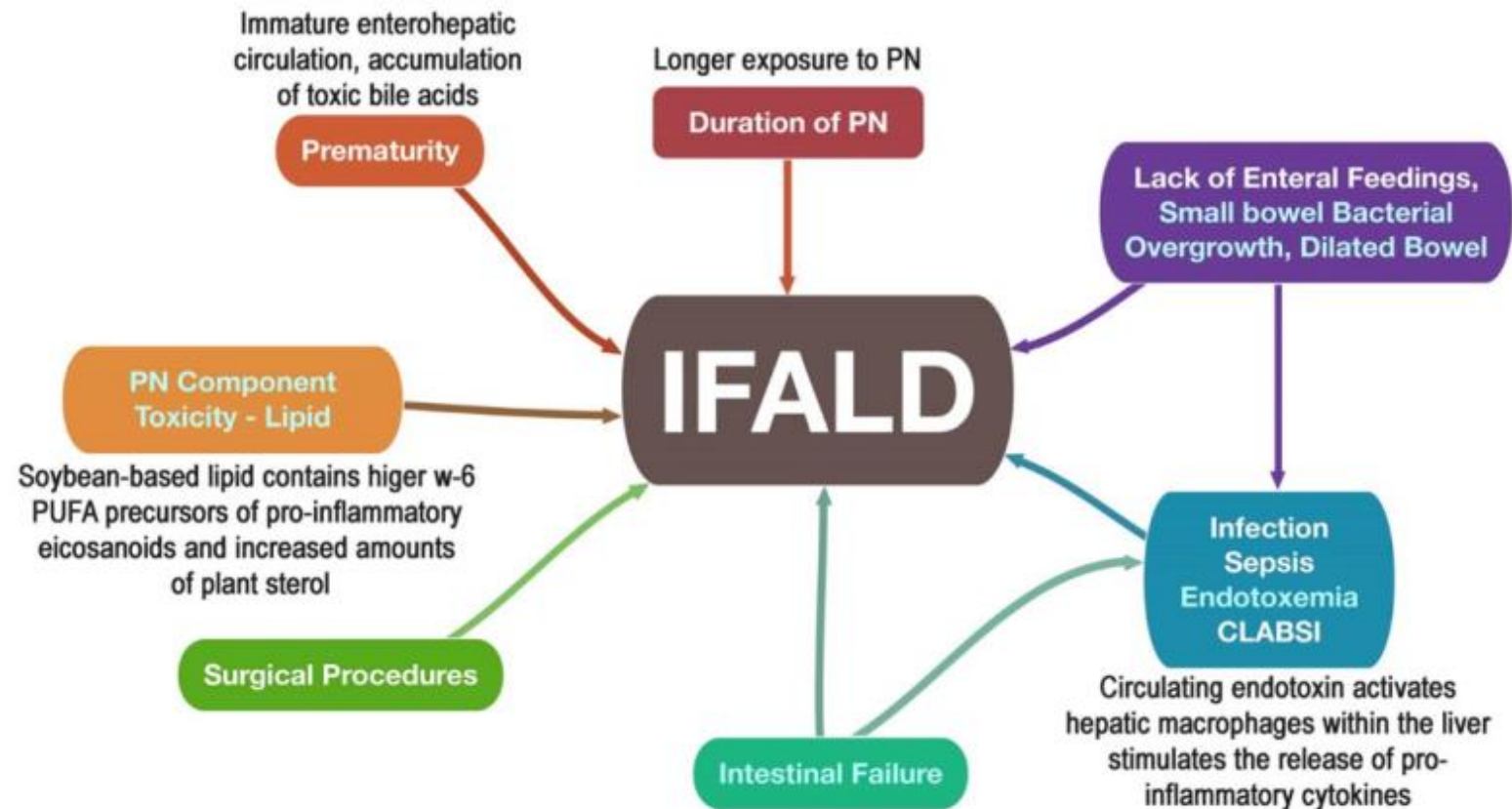
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Metabolic:

- Overfeeding.
- Refeeding syndrome.
- Micronutrients deficiency.
- Incompatibility of some components.
- IFALD.

# Rizikové faktory IFALD

**Fig. 1** Risk factors for developing intestinal failure-associated liver disease. *CLABSI* central line-associated blood stream infection, *IFALD* intestinal failure-associated liver disease, *PN* parenteral nutrition, *PUFA* polyunsaturated fatty acid





# Complications

- Metabolic:
  - Kidney disease.
  - Metabolic bone disease.
  - Growth failure.
  - SIBO.
  - D-lactic acid acidosis.

# Refeeding syndrome

Refeeding syndrome (RS) is the sum of metabolic and electrolyte changes in malnourished patients, in whom nutrition intake was renewed or significantly increased.

Hypophosphatemia is a landmark, hypokalaemia and hypomagnesaemia may be also present.

# Risk groups

Food intake disorders, mainly mental anorexia.

Malabsorption (SBS, coeliac disease, Crohn's disease, cystic fibrosis).

Dysphagia (EoE, achalasia).

Neurological disease (CP, mental retardation).

Psychiatric disorders.

Postoperative conditions (complications, insufficient perioperational nutrition).

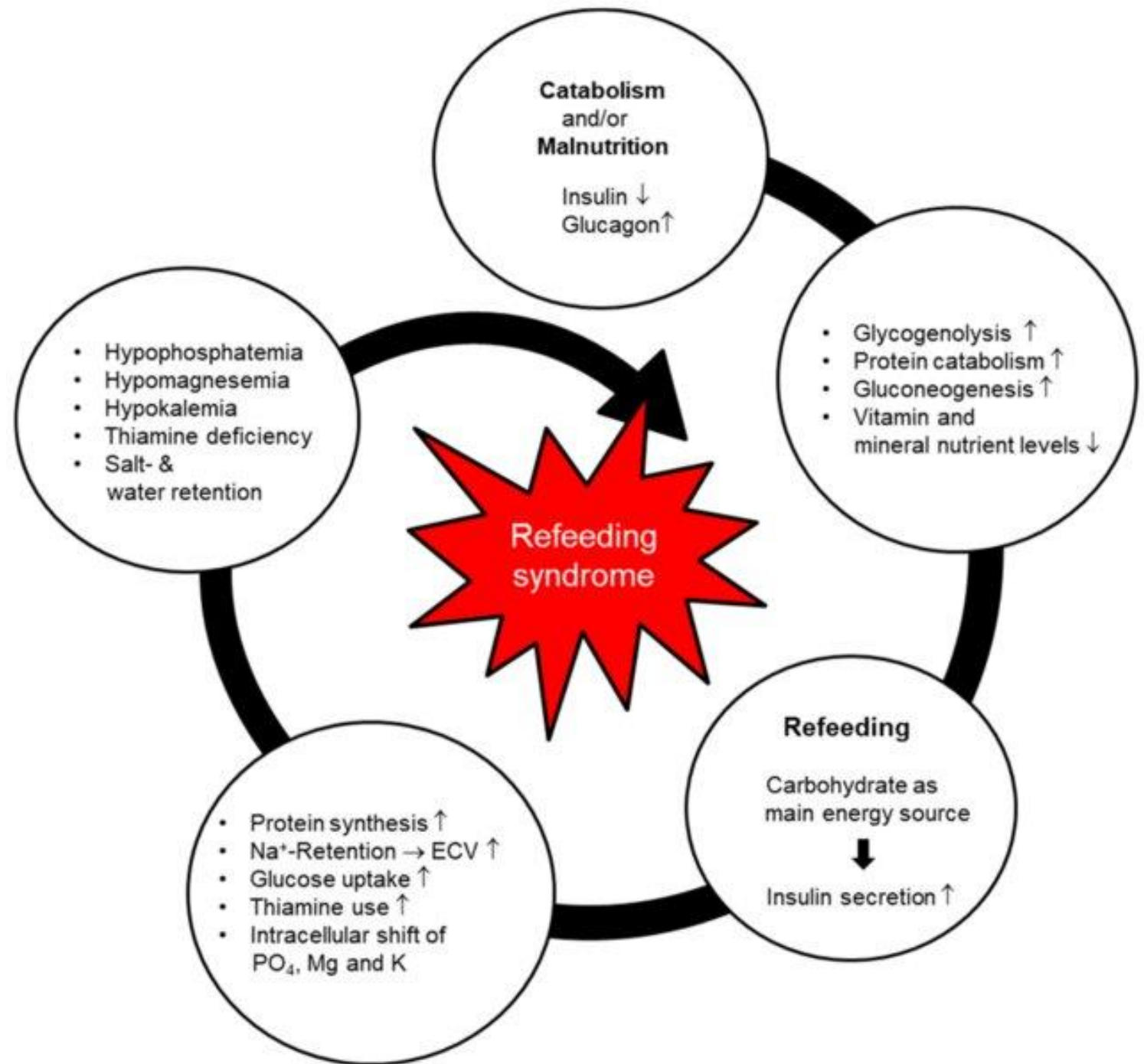
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Drug addiction, ethylism.

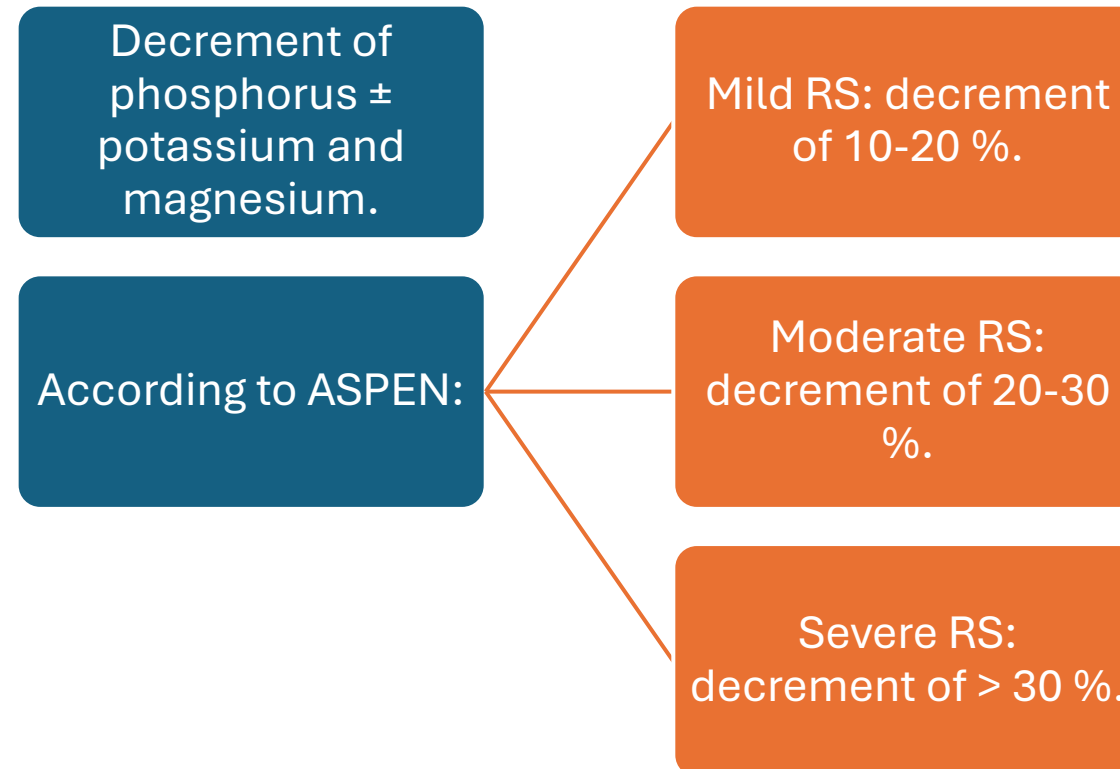
Oncological disease.

Chronic organ dysfunction (kidney, heart failure, liver cirrhosis)

# Pathogenesis of RS



# Diagnostics



# Risk factors

	<b>Moderate RS risk</b> <b>(presence of at least 2</b> <b>criteria)</b>	<b>High RS risk</b> <b>(presence of at least one</b> <b>criteria)</b>
<b>BMI (z-score)</b>	z – score -2 up to - 2,9	z-score $\geq$ -3
<b>Weight loss</b>	< 50 % of expected weight gain	< 25 % of expected weight gain
<b>Energy intake</b>	5-7 days, energy intake < 75 %	>7 days, energy intake < 75 %
<b>Ions levels (K, P, Mg)</b>	Low levels	Low levels
<b>Loss of subcutaneous fat and muscle mass</b>	Arm circumference: z-score -2 up to -2,9	Arm circumference: z-score $\geq$ -3
<b>At risk diagnoses</b>	Moderate disease	Severe disease

# Clinical approach to RS

Evaluation of energy intake and ion levels.

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# Monitoring a patient with RS

- Body weight, liquid balance.
- Vital functions (blood pressure, heart rate, saturation), oedemas
- Laboratory parameters (P, K, Mg, Na, Ca, glucose, urea, creatinine)

**1-3 days**

daily

**4-6 days**

Every other day

**7-10 days**

1x – 2x weeks



**Thank you for your  
attention!**