1. A 42yo, 148 lb, 5’ 6.5” female is admitted with nausea, vomiting, dehydration, and inability to eat secondary to chemotherapy for breast cancer. She is to be placed on TPN. Labs are:

- Sodium: 133 mEq/L (normal range 135 – 150 mEq/L)
- Potassium: 3.8 mEq/L (normal range 3.5 – 5.0 mEq/L)
- Chloride: 99 mEq/L (normal range 100 – 106 mEq/L)
- Bicarbonate: 32 mEq/L (normal range 24 – 30 mEq/L)
- BUN: 4 mg/dL (normal range 8 – 20 mg/dL)
- Creatinine: 0.5 mg/dL (normal range 0.6 – 1.2 mg/dL)
- Glucose: 113 mg/dL (normal range 70 – 110 mg/dL, fasting)
- Calcium: 7.9 mEq/L (normal range 8.5 – 10 mEq/L)
- Phosphorus: 2.5 mg/dL (normal range 2.6 – 4.5 mg/dL)
- Magnesium: 2.0 mEq/L (normal range 1.8 – 2.5 mEq/L)
- Prealbumin: < 7.0 mg/dL (normal range 16 – 40 mg/dL, acute nutritional status)
- Albumin: 2.3 g/dL (normal range 3.5 – 5 g/dL, long-term nutritional status)
- Triglycerides: 111 mg/dL (desired range < 200 mg/dL, if these are high need to limit fat calories)

Calculate her nutritional needs using both the pre-set volume and the pump methods.

**Analysis of patient situation:**

- **She is hospitalized, weak, and dehydrated, but otherwise unstressed, so probably needs no or low (1.1) stress adjustment.**
- **Her ABW = 67 kg and IBW = 60 kg, so a feed weight could be anything from 60 – 67 kg. Many pharmacists would probably go for something in between, but anything within this range is quite acceptable.**
- **Her calculated creatinine clearance is anywhere from 69 – 138 ml/min/ depending upon whether you correct the serum creatinine to 1.0 \([(140-42)(60)/(85)(1.0) = 69 ml/min]\) or you leave it as it is \([(140-42)(60)/(85)(0.5) = 138 ml/min]\). Either method has adherents but in this case it doesn’t matter because you know that her kidneys are probably in good shape and so you don’t need to fluid restrict because of kidney disease.**
- **Her albumin is low so her calcium needs to be corrected to reflect this and determine whether she needs extra calcium or is probably fine to receive the recommended daily amount. Her corrected calcium is \((4.0 – 2.3)(0.8) + 7.9 = 9.2 \text{ mEq/L},\) which is in the normal range. You will thus not need to give her extra (in the future you will learn to evaluate other disease states and risk for low bone mass but at this point it is fine to stay simple).**
- **Her phosphate is a bit low so may choose a phosphate amount in the higher end of the recommended range.**
- **Her chloride is low and her bicarb is high, so she is somewhat alkalotic (not uncommon in someone who has been vomiting and thus losing H⁺ and Cl⁻ ions from the stomach). You will therefore want to give sodium as the chloride salt, rather than the acetate salt.**
- **Her triglycerides are OK, so don’t need to restrict fat amount at this time. Sodium, potassium, and magnesium are all reasonable as well (she will probably be rehydrated with NS upon admission before they put the central line in for her TPN so the sodium level will rise) so target the middle of the recommended range for amounts of these cations.
TPN Worksheet using pre-set volumes  
age: 42  
sex: F  
height: 169 cm  
ABW: 67 kg  
IBW: 60 kg  
feed weight: 63 kg  
*anything 60-67 would be fine here*

**Targets:**

1. **Daily fluid needs.**
   
   >20 kg: 1500ml + (20 ml)(W - 20 kg) \[2360\]  
   30 - 35 ml/kg/day \[1890 - 2205\]

   calculated target: 1900 – 2300 ml/day

2. **Protein requirements.**
   
   normal, unstressed individual: 0.8g/kg/day  
   calculated target: 63 – 75 g protein/day

   hospitalized patient: 1-1.2g/kg/day

   stressed patient: 1.5-2g/kg/day

3. **Non-protein calories**
   
   BEE\textsubscript{men} = 66.67 + 13.75(W) + 5.0(H) - 6.76(A)  
   calculated target: 1800 kcals/day

   BEE\textsubscript{women} = 665.1 + 9.56(W) + 1.86(H) - 4.68(A)  
   \[1385\]

   activity factors:  
   confined to bed: 1.2  
   out of bed: 1.3

   stress factors: surgery: 1.2; infection: 1.4; trauma: 1.5; burns: 1.7 1.0 – 1.1

   TDE = (BEE) (activity factor) (stress factor)  
   \[1385(1.2)(1.0 – 1.1) = 1660 – 1830 kcals/day\]

**Amounts:**

4. **Total TPN volume**  
   \[2000\] ml/day;  
   volume for each TPN: \[1000\] ml/bag;  
   # bags/day: 2

5. **Protein Volume** choose one:
   
   27.5g in 500ml 5.5% AA  
   \[42.5\] g in 500ml 8.5% AA  
   50g in 500ml 10% AA  
   or

   55 g/day  
   85 g/day  
   either outside recommendations – will go high  
   10% AA calculated volume: \[\text{ml}\]

   could consider alternating 5.5% with 8.5%

6. **Dextrose volume** (3.4 kcals/g) choose one  
   3.5 mg/kg/min = \[317\] g/day = 159 g/bag

   \[100\] g in D20W 500ml  
   \[250\] g in D50W 500ml  
   350g in D70W 500ml  
   or

   have to do 20% since 50% would be too high.  
   (100 g/bag)/(2 bags/day) (3.4 kcals/g) = 680 kcals CHO

   D70W calculated volume: \[\text{ml}\]

   1800 kcals – 680 kcals CHO = 1120 kcals to give as fat

7. **Fat volume** (9 kcals/g) choose one:
   
   \[550\] kcals/500ml 10% lipid  
   \[900\] kcals/ 500ml of 20% lipid  
   or

   \[x 2\] bottles/day \[= 1100\] kcals.  
   I would only do this if she were not at risk for volume overload

   20% lipid calculated volume: \[\text{ml}\]

   plus sterile water volume: \[\text{ml}\]

**Electrolytes:**

8. **Daily electrolyte needs** total amt of kcals/day from fat and dextrose: \[680 + 1100 = 1780\] kcals (62% fat)

   \[\text{amt}/1000\] calories  
   \[\text{(amt)/(dailys cals)/1000}\]  
   \[\text{amount/bag}\]

   sodium 40-50 mEq  
   \[71 – 89\] divide  
   \[40\] mEq

   potassium 40mEq  
   \[71\]  
   \[35\] mEq

   magnesium 8-12mEq  
   \[14 - 21\] by 2  
   \[8\] mEq

   calcium 2-5 mEq  
   \[3 – 8\] to get  
   \[2.3\] mEq

   phosphate 15-25mMol  
   \[26 - 44\] amt/bag  
   \[18\] mMol

   chalk test: \[(18)(2) + 2.3 = 38.3\] so OK

9. **Calculate the volume of each electrolyte solution that you will add**

   volume to add

   sodium chloride 23.4% (4mEq/ml)  
   \[10.0\] ml

   sodium acetate 16.4% (2mEq/ml)  
   \[0.0\] ml

   potassium phosphate: 3mMol phosphate/ml, 4.4 mEq potassium/ml  
   \[6.0\] ml

   potassium chloride 2mEq/ml  
   \[4.3\] ml

   magnesium sulfate 4mEq/ml  
   \[2.0\] ml

   calcium gluconate 10% (0.465mEq/ml)  
   \[5.0\] ml

**infusion rate:** \[83\] ml/hr  
\[2000\] ml ÷ 24 hrs = \[83\] ml/hr
TPN Worksheet using pump

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Targets:

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30 - 35 ml/kg/day 1890 - 2205

calculated target: 1900 – 2300 ml/day

2. Protein requirements.

normal, unstressed individual: 0.8g/kg/day
hospitalized patient: 1-1.2g/kg/day
stressed patient: 1.5-2g/kg/day

will specifically choose 70

3. Non-protein calories

BEE<sub>men</sub> = 66.67 + 13.75(W) + 5.0(H) - 6.76(A)
calculated target: 1800, kcals/day
BEE<sub>women</sub> = 665.1 + 9.56(W) + 1.86(H) - 4.68(A) 1385

activity factors: confined to bed: 1.2  out of bed: 1.3
stress factors: surgery: 1.2; infection: 1.4; trauma: 1.5; burns: 1.7 1.0 – 1.1

TDE = (BEE) (activity factor) (stress factor) (1385)(1.2)(1.0 – 1.1) = 1660 – 1830 kcals/day

Amounts:

4. Total TPN volume 2000 ml/day; volume for each TPN: 2000 ml/bag; # bags/day: 1

5. Protein Volume choose one:

27.5g in 500ml 5.5% AA 42.5g in 500ml 8.5% AA 50g in 500ml 10% AA or

10% AA calculated volume: 700 ml  (70 g/day)(100 ml/10 g) = 700 ml

6. Dextrose volume (3.4 kcals/g) choose one 3.5 mg/kg/min = 317 g/day

100g in D20W 500ml 250g in D50W 500ml

D70W calculated volume: 450 ml  (317 g/day)(100 ml/70 g) = 453 = 450 ml

7. Fat volume (9 kcals/g) choose one: 1800 kcals – 1071 CHO kcals = 729 kcals to give as fat

550kcals/500ml 10% lipid 900kcals/500ml of 20% lipid or

(729 kcals fat)(1 g fat/9 kcals)(100 ml/20 g fat) = 405 ml 20% fat

20% lipid calculated volume: 405 ml plus sterile water volume: 379 ml

2000ml – 700ml AA – 450 ml CHO – 405 ml fat = 445 ml remaining

Electrolytes: 66 ml given as e’lytes so 379 given as water

8. Daily electrolyte needs total amt of kcals/day from fat and dextrose: 1071 + 729 = 1800 kcals (40% fat)

amt/1000 calories (amt)(# daily cals)/1000 amount/bag

sodium 40-50 mEq 72 – 90 80 mEq
potassium 40mEq 72 72 mEq
magnesium 8-12mEq 14 – 21 16 mEq
calcium 2-5 mEq 3 – 9 4.65 mEq
phosphate 15-25mMol 27 – 45 36 mMol

chalk test: (36)(2) + 5 = 77 + 2 = 39/L so OK

9. Calculate the volume of each electrolyte solution that you will add volume to add

sodium chloride 23.4% (4mEq/ml) 20.0 ml
sodium acetate 16.4% (2mEq/ml) 0.0 ml
potassium phosphate: 3mMol phosphate/ml, 4.4 mEq potassium/ml 12.0 ml
potassium chloride 2mEq/ml 9.6 ml
magnesium sulfate 4mEq/ml 4.0 ml
calcium gluconate 10% (0.465mEq/ml) 10.0 ml
vitamins 10.0 ml

total: 66 ml

infusion rate: 83 ml/hr