

# Nutrition Therapy in the ICU: Examining New Data for Calorie and Protein Targets

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  - a. the inability of the gut to digest and absorb dietary protein during critical illness and catabolism.
  - b. the ability to use parenteral amino acids, but not enteral protein sources, to effectively build muscle.
  - c. the inability of the body to build muscle regardless of amount of protein intake due to ongoing catabolism.
  - d. the ability to digest and absorb dietary protein, coupled with a blunted capacity to effectively use amino acids to build muscle.
3. When would a critically ill patient be more likely to demonstrate energy (metabolic) or anabolic resistance?
  - a. Early in the acute phase
  - b. During the post-acute ICU phase
  - c. After discharge from the ICU
  - d. After hospital discharge
4. During which phase of critical illness would a nutrition prescription of calories set at 125% of indirect calorimetry needs and protein intake at 1.5-2.0 grams/kg/day be most appropriate?
  - a. Acute phase Day 1-4
  - b. Post Acute ICU Phase >Day 5
  - c. Post ICU Phase
  - d. Post Hospital Discharge
5. Which factor does the RE-EFFORT study recommend be taken into consideration when initiating and advancing protein delivery in critically ill patients?
  - a. Nitrogen balance
  - b. Blood lactate levels
  - c. Serum urea trajectory
  - d. Weight loss since admission
6. What is a key finding of the most recent evidence on macronutrient dosing and timing in critically ill patients?
  - a. Early isocaloric enteral nutrition reduces mortality and the risk of secondary infections.
  - b. Some patients may be harmed by early aggressive feeding of either calories or protein.
  - c. Early aggressive feeding is beneficial and should be implemented in all critically ill patients.
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