

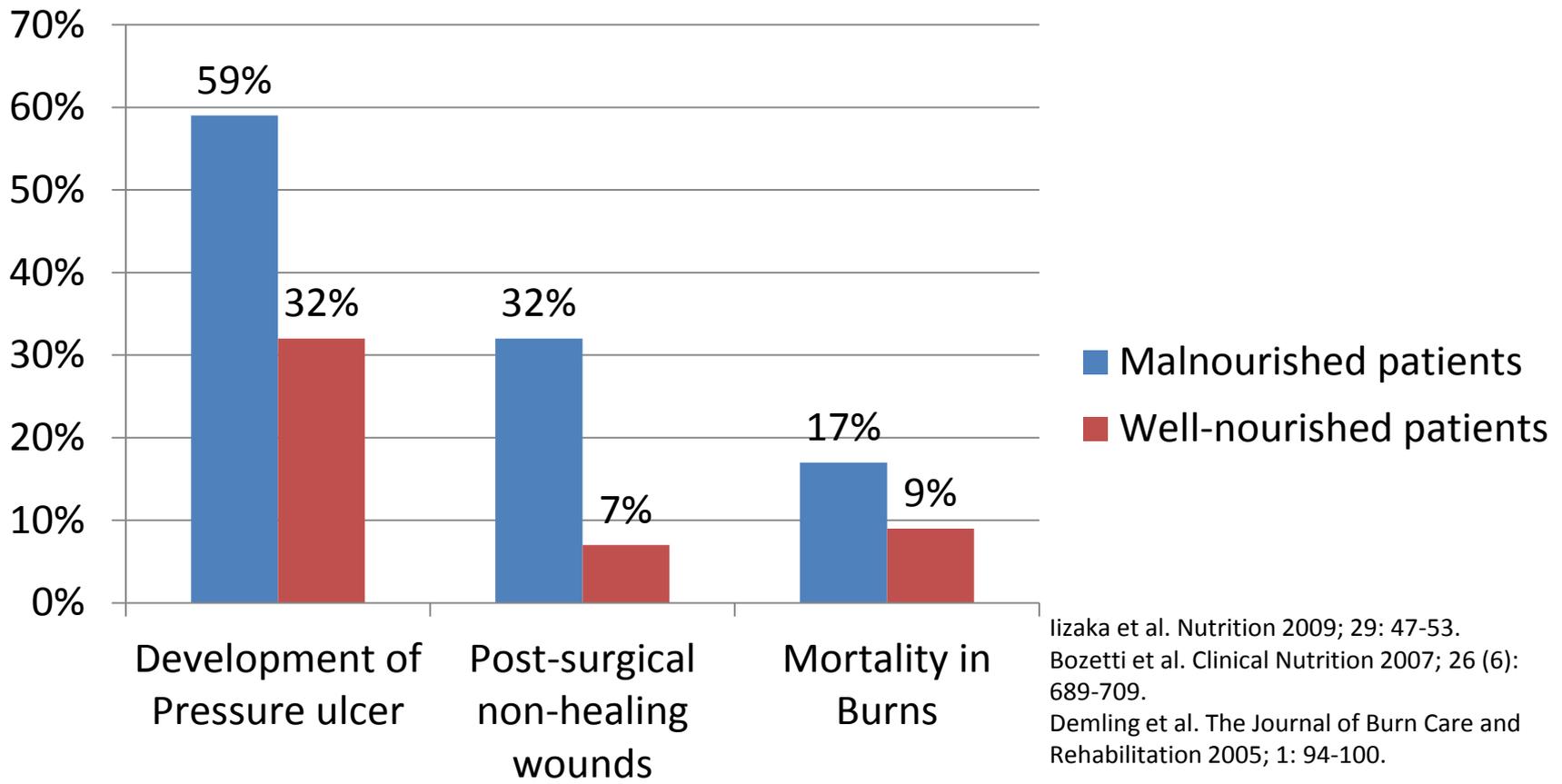
Workshop : Decreasing Complications of Mobility Impairment through Collaborative Practice

PART C. Best Practices in Safe Skin

Introduction

- Nutrition and wound healing → a vicious cycle.
 - Wounds lead to protein loss and catabolism.
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- Malnutrition delays wound healing process and increases infection.

Incidence of Malnutrition

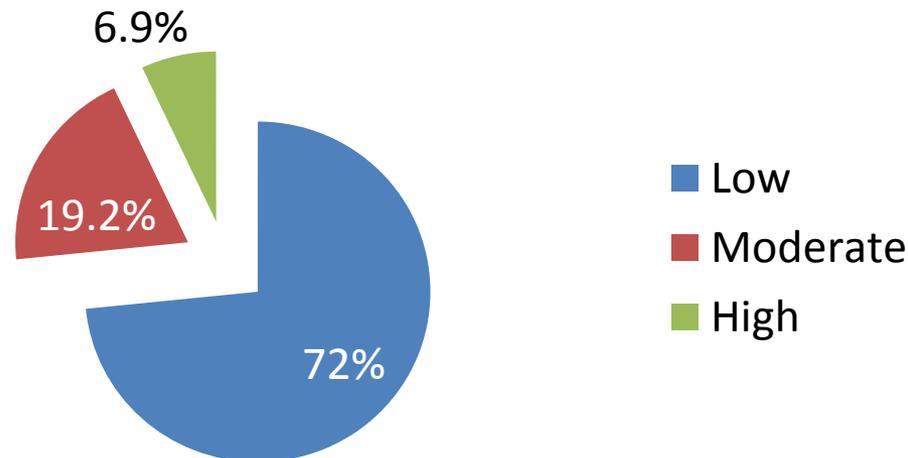


Prevalence of Malnutrition in the wound clinic of Saint George Hospital Beirut

- 2913 patients.
- Data collected in 2013.

Patients classified according to risk of malnutrition

23.1% are at risk of malnutrition: 777 patients



Malnutrition and Pressure Ulcers

- National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel NPUAP 2014:
 - Inadequate dietary intake and poor nutritional status have been identified as key risk factors for both the development of pressure ulcers and protracted wound healing.
 - They emphasize on importance of nutrition screening using a reliable nutrition screening tool.

Nutrition Screening is Mandatory!

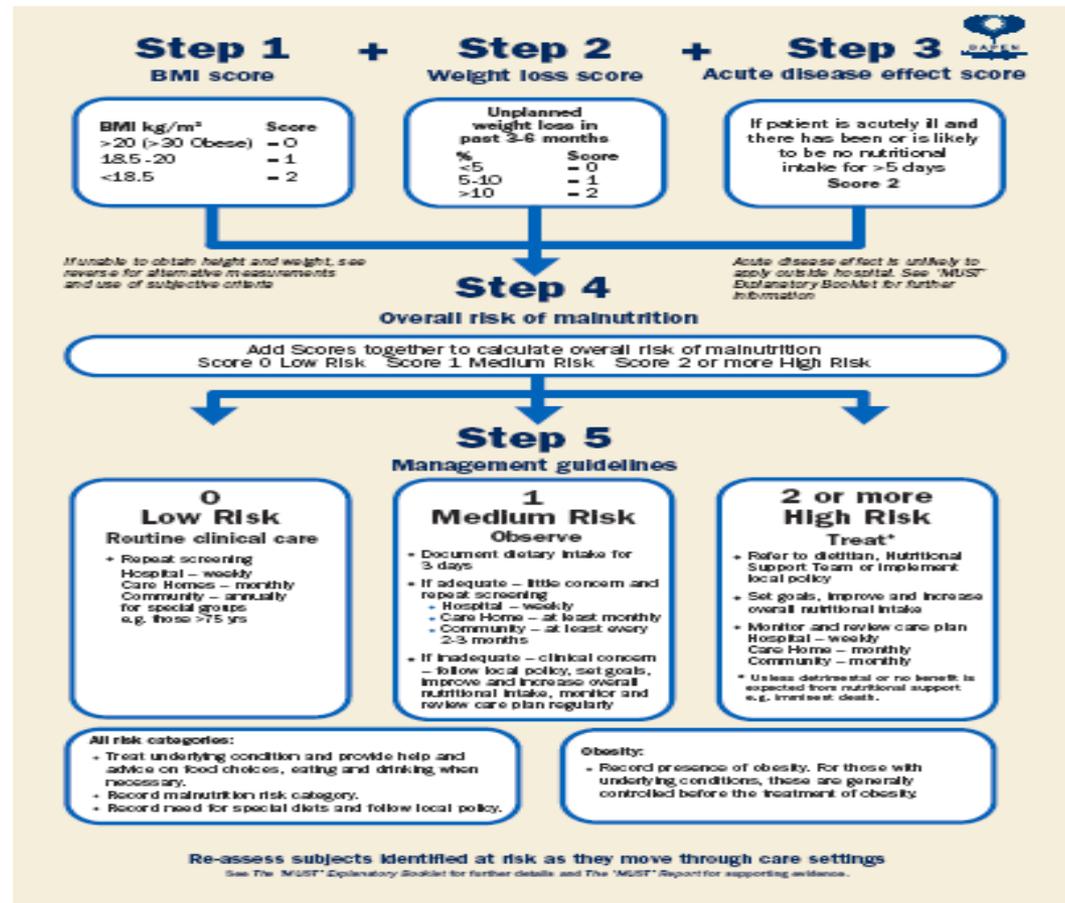
- All patients should be screened for risk of malnutrition as soon as possible!
- A proper screening of malnutrition increases the referral to specialists for further nutrition assessment and targeted nutrition intervention.

Nutrition Screening is Mandatory!

• Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool **MUST** →

developed by BAPEN to screen all adults, even if weight and/or height cannot be measured.

• 5-step screening tool.



Nutrition Intervention

- High protein diet: 1.25-1.5g/kg/day



Nutrition Intervention

- High energy diet
 - 30-35 Kcal/kg/day
 - 35-40 Kcal/kg/day if patient underweight or losing weight.



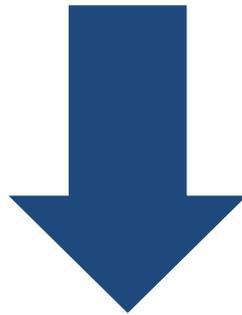
Nutrition Intervention

- NPUAP 2014: *Patients should consume high calorie high protein nutritional supplements if nutritional requirements cannot be achieved by dietary intake.*
- Oral Nutrition Supplements ONS taken with meals or between meals is effective:
 - Easy to prepare
 - Easy to consume
 - Necessary to overcome a lack of interest in food and eating
 - Includes vitamins and minerals in addition to macronutrients.



ONS and Pressure Ulcers

- Systematic review of 15 studies, including 8 RCTs.

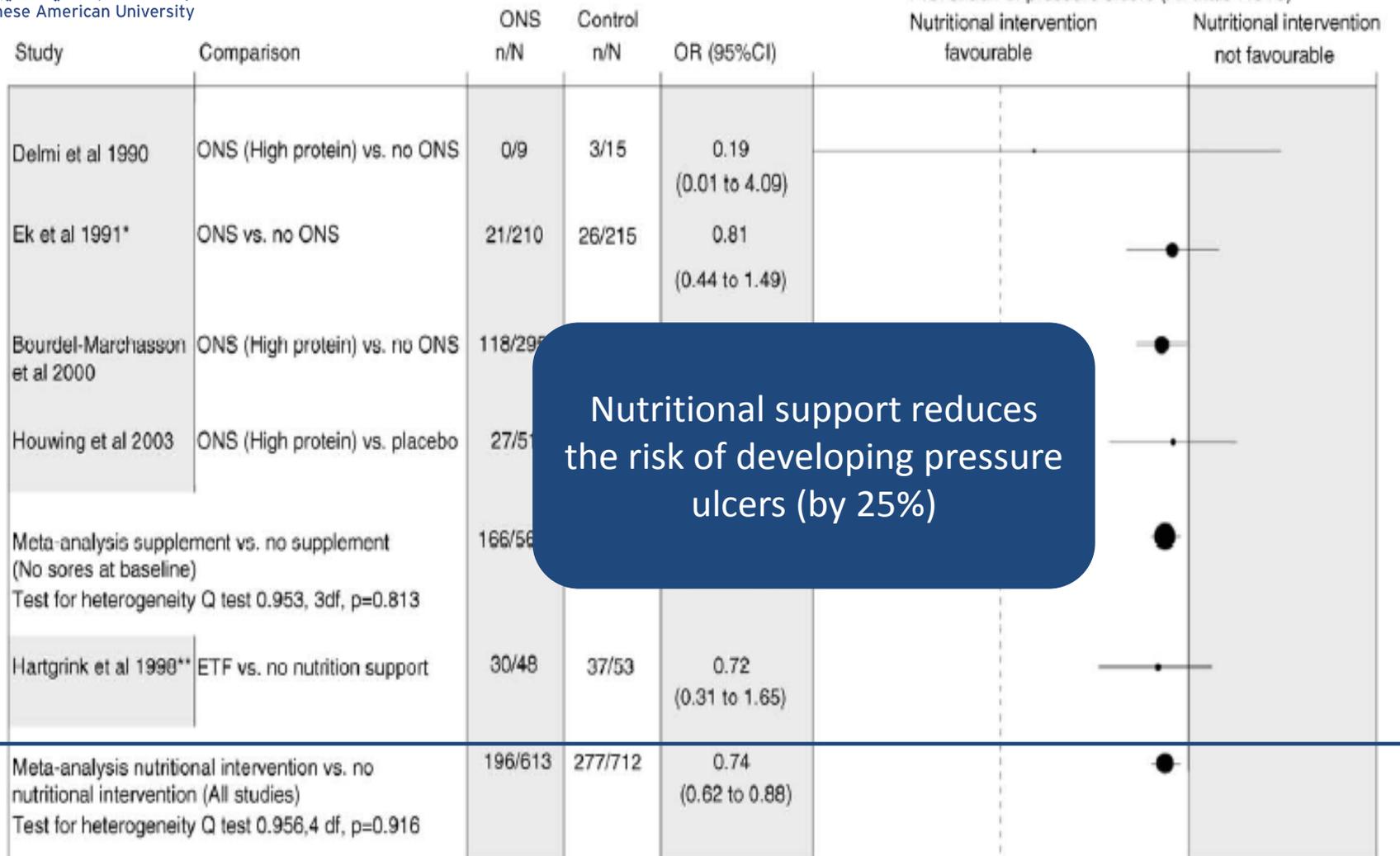


- Oral Nutrition Supplements ONS were associated with a significantly lower incidence of pressure ulcer development in at-risk patients compared to routine care.

Prevention of pressure ulcers (All trials RCTs)

Nutritional intervention favourable

Nutritional intervention not favourable



Nutritional support reduces the risk of developing pressure ulcers (by 25%)

* EK: Analysis is based on 85.9% of the experimental data without pressure ulcers at baseline. it is assumed that patients with pressure ulcers were evenly distributed at randomisation between ONS and no ONS treatment.

** Hartgrink: Analysis includes patients with grade one pressure ulcers at randomisation.

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'MUST'

'MUST' is a five-step screening tool to identify **adults**, who are malnourished, at risk of malnutrition (undernutrition), or obese. It also includes management guidelines which can be used to develop a care plan.

It is for use in hospitals, community and other care settings and can be used by all care workers.

This guide contains:

- A flow chart showing the 5 steps to use for screening and management
- BMI chart
- Weight loss tables
- Alternative measurements when BMI cannot be obtained by measuring weight and height.

The 5 'MUST' Steps

Step 1

Measure height and weight to get a BMI score using chart provided. *If unable to obtain height and weight, use the alternative procedures shown in this guide.*

Step 2

Note percentage unplanned weight loss and score using tables provided.

Step 3

Establish acute disease effect and score.

Step 4

Add scores from steps 1, 2 and 3 together to obtain overall risk of malnutrition.

Step 5

Use management guidelines and/or local policy to develop care plan.

Please refer to *The 'MUST' Explanatory Booklet* for more information when weight and height cannot be measured, and when screening patient groups in which extra care in interpretation is needed (e.g. those with fluid disturbances, plaster casts, amputations, critical illness and pregnant or lactating women). The booklet can also be used for training. See *The 'MUST' Report* for supporting evidence. Please note that 'MUST' has not been designed to detect deficiencies or excessive intakes of vitamins and minerals and is of **use only in adults**.

Step 1

BMI score

+

Step 2

Weight loss score

+

Step 3

Acute disease effect score

BMI kg/m ²	Score
>20 (>30 Obese)	= 0
18.5-20	= 1
<18.5	= 2

Unplanned weight loss in past 3-6 months	
%	Score
<5	= 0
5-10	= 1
>10	= 2

If patient is acutely ill **and** there has been or is likely to be no nutritional intake for >5 days
Score 2

If unable to obtain height and weight, see reverse for alternative measurements and use of subjective criteria

Acute disease effect is unlikely to apply outside hospital. See 'MUST' Explanatory Booklet for further information

Step 4

Overall risk of malnutrition

Add Scores together to calculate overall risk of malnutrition
Score 0 Low Risk Score 1 Medium Risk Score 2 or more High Risk

Step 5

Management guidelines

**0
Low Risk**
Routine clinical care

- Repeat screening
Hospital – weekly
Care Homes – monthly
Community – annually for special groups e.g. those >75 yrs

**1
Medium Risk**
Observe

- Document dietary intake for 3 days
- If adequate – little concern and repeat screening
 - Hospital – weekly
 - Care Home – at least monthly
 - Community – at least every 2-3 months
- If inadequate – clinical concern – follow local policy, set goals, improve and increase overall nutritional intake, monitor and review care plan regularly

**2 or more
High Risk**
Treat*

- Refer to dietitian, Nutritional Support Team or implement local policy
- Set goals, improve and increase overall nutritional intake
- Monitor and review care plan
Hospital – weekly
Care Home – monthly
Community – monthly

* Unless detrimental or no benefit is expected from nutritional support e.g. imminent death.

All risk categories:

- Treat underlying condition and provide help and advice on food choices, eating and drinking when necessary.
- Record malnutrition risk category.
- Record need for special diets and follow local policy.

Obesity:

- Record presence of obesity. For those with underlying conditions, these are generally controlled before the treatment of obesity.

Re-assess subjects identified at risk as they move through care settings

See The 'MUST' Explanatory Booklet for further details and The 'MUST' Report for supporting evidence.