

Mistakes in intestinal failure and parenteral nutrition

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Parenteral nutrition is intravenous nutrient delivery used to treat intestinal failure when gut absorption is insufficient to maintain health.

KEY POINTS

- The European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism classifies intestinal failure into acute type 1 and chronic types 2 and 3, with chronic cases often requiring long-term home parenteral nutrition.
- Intestinal failure is rare but its prevalence in Europe is rising.
- Parenteral nutrition formulations are complex and require skilled management by a specialized multi-disciplinary team to avoid complications.
- This material is relevant for clinicians managing patients with intestinal failure or those involved in parenteral nutrition support teams.

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