

# PARENTERAL NUTRITION AUDIT

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD)  
Data Collection Tool

Hospital number

## A. PATIENT AND ADMISSION DETAILS

1. Age at time of admission  years  
If less than 2 years old  months  weeks  days  
If premature baby Gestation  weeks  days
2. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
3. a. Weight:  g or  Kg ☐ Not recorded  
b. Height:  cm ☐ Not recorded
4. a. Date of admission:  /  /   
d d m m y y y y  
Day of week  (MON, TUE, etc)
- b. Was the admission: ☐ A planned admission ☐ Inter-hospital transfer  
☐ An emergency admission ☐ Unknown
- c. Time of first medical assessment (24hr clock)  :  h h m m Date  /  /   
d d m m y y y y  
☐ Not recorded Day of week  (MON, TUE, etc)
5. a. Grade of above doctor: ☐ FY1 ☐ Staff grade  
☐ FY2 ☐ Consultant  
☐ SHO/ST1-2 ☐ Other   
☐ FTSTA ☐ Not documented  
☐ SpR/ST3 or higher
- b. Specialty of admitting doctor:

## B. INDICATION FOR PN

6. a. Under what specialty was the patient when the decision was made to commence PN?  ☐ Not documented
- b. Under what specialty was the patient when the PN administered?  ☐ Not documented
7. Had the patient previously been given PN? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown





8. a. On what type of ward was the PN initially administered?

☐ Adult Medical

☐ Paediatric Critical care

☐ Adult Surgical

☐ Neonatal unit (SCBU)

☐ Adult Critical Care

☐ Dedicated Nutrition ward/area

☐ Paediatric Medical

☐ Other

☐ Paediatric Surgical

☐ Unknown

b. What level of care was this ward?

☐ Level 1

☐ Level 2 (e.g. HDU)

☐ Level 3 (e.g. ICU)

☐ Unknown

9. a. Was an indication for PN documented in the case notes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b. If yes what was documented (answers may be multiple)?

☐ Immaturity of GI function

☐ Dysmotility

☐ Chemotherapy

☐ Congenital anomalies; gut

☐ Fistulae

☐ Post-surgical complications

☐ Congenital anomalies; non gut

☐ Malabsorption

☐ Volvulus

☐ Necrotizing enterocolitis

☐ Pre-operative nutrition

☐ Crohn's disease

☐ Non functioning gut

☐ No access for enteral nutrition

☐ Cancer

☐ Perforated/leaking gut

☐ Failure of enteral nutrition

☐ Radiation damage

☐ Short bowel

☐ Radiation enteritis

☐ Post-op ileus

☐ Dysphagia

☐ GVHD

☐ Obstruction

☐ Infection (e.g. C. difficile)

☐ Other (please specify

c. In your opinion was the PN administered for an appropriate indication?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

d. If No please expand on your answer

10. a. Was there an unreasonable delay in recognising that the patient required PN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

b. If Yes please expand on your answer

11. a. Was there an unreasonable delay between making the decision that the patient required PN and the commencement of PN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

b. If Yes please expand on your answer





12. a. Time PN first administered (24hr clock)

:    
h h m m

Date

/   /      
d d m m y y y y

☐ Not recorded

Day of week    (MON, TUE, etc)

b. Was the PN started at a reasonable time of day?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

13. a. Was a treatment goal documented?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b. If yes what was this? e.g. optimisation of nutrition pre-surgery

14. a. Had the patient received any kind of enteral feeding in the week prior to the decision to commence PN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

b. If Yes, what:

☐ Oral supplements

☐ RIG

☐ Nasogastric feeding

☐ PEG-J

☐ Naso-jejunal feeding

☐ Surgical jejunostomy

☐ PEG

☐ Distal feeding

c. Why was it not possible to continue to feed the patient enterally?

d. Was adequate consideration given to using enteral nutrition as an alternative to PN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

e. If no please expand on your answer?

### C. PATIENT ASSESSMENT

15. a. Did the patient have an assessment made for the need for PN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b. If Yes what did the assessment involve?

☐ Clinical assessment

☐ Tricep circumference/skin fold thickness

☐ Micro biochemical review

☐ Grip strength

☐ Macro biochemical review

☐ Trial of enteral nutrition

☐ Weight

☐ Other

☐ Mid-arm circumference

c. In your opinion was this adequate for the patient

☐ Yes

☐ No





d. If No what was missing?

- ☐ Clinical assessment  
☐ Micro biochemical review  
☐ Macro biochemical review  
☐ Weight  
☐ Mid-arm circumference

- ☐ Tricep circumference/skin fold thickness  
☐ Grip strength  
☐ Trial of enteral nutrition  
☐ Other

16. a. Who made the decision that PN should be commenced (answers may be multiple)?

- ☐ Nurse  
☐ Dietitian  
☐ Pharmacist  
☐ Unknown

☐ Doctor

specialty  
(see page 8)

grade  
(see page 8)

☐ Other

b. Were they members of the nutrition team?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

17. a. What type of PN was first given?

- ☐ Multi-chamber bag ('Off the shelf')  
☐ Multi-chamber bag ('Off the shelf') with additives e.g. vitamins or electrolytes  
☐ Bespoke bag  
☐ Single chamber bag  
☐ Other   
☐ Not documented ☐ Insufficient data

b. Was this appropriate for the patient's needs?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

c. If No please expand on your answer

18. a. Were the patient's PN requirements documented in the casenotes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b. If yes were these of adequate detail?

☐ Yes

☐ No

19. a. Who reviewed the patient with respect to their PN (answers may be multiple)?

- ☐ Nurse  
☐ Dietitian  
☐ Pharmacist  
☐ Unknown

☐ Doctor

specialty  
(see page 8)

grade  
(see page 8)

☐ Other

b.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown





20. a. How often was the patient reviewed with respect to PN?
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily (7 days)       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 days/week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily (working week) | <input type="checkbox"/> <1 day/week   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 days/week        | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown       |
- b. What was reviewed (answers may be multiple)?
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitution of PN    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tricep circumference/skin fold thickness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemical review    | <input type="checkbox"/> Grip strength                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical status       | <input type="checkbox"/> Vascular access                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing need for PN   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weight                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-arm circumference |   |
- c. In your opinion was there adequate monitoring of the patient during their PN?
- |                              |                             |                                  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
- d. If no what were the deficiencies (answers may be multiple)?
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitution of PN  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-arm circumference                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemical review  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tricep circumference/skin fold thickness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical status     | <input type="checkbox"/> Grip strength                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing need for PN | <input type="checkbox"/> Vascular access                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weight              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>               |

#### D. VENOUS ACCESS/LINE CARE

21. a. Was the type of central venous catheter (CVC) or peripheral line documented in the casenotes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. If Yes, was this appropriate? ☐ Yes ☐ No
22. a. Was the insertion of the CVC documented in the casenotes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. If yes did this include a description of the insertion technique? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. If Yes what was the designation of the operator?  ☐ Not documented
- d. Was the position of the tip documented? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. If documented, was the tip in an appropriate position? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- f. How was the position of the catheter verified?
- |   |                                     |                                  |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Image intensifier at time of insertion | <input type="checkbox"/> ECG        | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post insertion CXR                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound |                                  |
23. a. Is there evidence of inappropriate CVC care? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. If Yes please expand on your answer





24. a. Is there evidence of the lumen being used for purposes other than PN? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. If Yes what other purposes was the line used for

25. a. Did the patient develop any CVC-related complications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. If Yes which complications?

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Line misplacement        | <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental removal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumothorax          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected line infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Line occlusion        | <input type="checkbox"/> Haemothorax           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed line infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Line fracture/rupture | <input type="checkbox"/> TPN-oma/extravasation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phlebitis                | <input type="checkbox"/> Venous thrombosis     | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuropraxia           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                    | <input type="text"/>                           |  |

c. Were any of the complications avoidable? ☐ Yes ☐ No

d. If Yes please expand on your answer

e. Were the complications managed appropriately ☐ Yes ☐ No

f. If No please expand on your answer

## E. METABOLIC COMPLICATIONS

26. a. Did the patient develop any metabolic complications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. If Yes which complications?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypophosphataemia (without re-feeding syndrome) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypermagnesaemia    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypomagnesaemia                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperphosphataemia  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypokalaemia                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperkalaemia       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyponatraemia                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperglycaemia      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypernatraemia                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> re-feeding syndrome |

c. Were any of the complications avoidable? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Unknown ☐ NA

d. If Yes please expand on your answer

e. Were the complications managed appropriately ☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Unknown ☐ NA

f. If No please expand on your answer

27. a. Did the patient develop abnormal LFT's ☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Unknown

b. If Yes, in your opinion was this related to overfeeding? ☐ Yes ☐ No



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28. a. In your opinion was the patient at risk of re-feeding syndrome?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

☐ NA

b. If Yes was this documented by the clinical team?

☐ Yes

☐ No

c. If Yes to 27b what precautions were taken to prevent re-feeding syndrome?

☐ IV vitamins

☐ IV phosphate infusion

☐ Reduced initial rate of feeding

☐ Other

☐ None

☐ Unknown

29. a. Were IV fluids given in addition to the PN?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

b. If Yes was this: (answers may be multiple)

☐ To correct deficit

☐ To correct ongoing losses

☐ Routine maintenance fluid provision

☐ Other

☐ No indication for fluids documented

c. If fluid was given, was the type given appropriate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ NA

d. If No to 28c please expand on your answer

e. If fluid was given, was the volume given appropriate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ NA

f. If No to 28e please expand on your answer

30. What was the eventual outcome for this patient (answers may be multiple)?

☐ Weaned onto oral/enteral feeding

☐ Home parenteral nutrition

☐ Transferred to other unit

☐ Discharged home

☐ Died during hospital stay

☐ Other



## NATIONAL SPECIALTY CODES

100 = General Surgery	107 = Vascular Surgery	160 = Plastic Surgery
101 = Urology	110 = Trauma & Orthopaedics	161 = Burns Care
103 = Breast Surgery	120 = Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	170 = Cardiothoracic Surgery
104 = Colorectal Surgery	130 = Ophthalmology	172 = Cardiac Surgery
105 = Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery	140 = Oral Surgery	173 = Thoracic Surgery
106 = Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	145 = Maxillo-Facial Surgery	180 = Accident & Emergency
	150 = Neurosurgery	190 = Anaesthetics
		192 = Critical/Intensive Care Medicine
300 = General Medicine	340 = Respiratory Medicine	500 = Obstetrics & Gynaecology
301 = Gastroenterology	350 = Infectious Diseases	501 = Obstetrics
302 = Endocrinology	352 = Tropical Medicine	502 = Gynaecology
303 = Clinical Haematology	360 = Genito-Urinary Medicine	800 = Clinical Oncology
306 = Hepatology	361 = Nephrology	810 = Radiology
307 = Diabetic Medicine	370 = Medical Oncology	820 = General Pathology
314 = Rehabilitation	400 = Neurology	823 = Haematology
315 = Palliative Medicine	410 = Rheumatology	
320 = Cardiology	430 = Geriatric Medicine	
171 = Paediatric Surgery	217 = Paediatric Maxillo- Facial Surgery	252 = Paediatric Endocrinology
211 = Paediatric Urology	218 = Paediatric Neurosurgery	253 = Paediatric Clinical Haematology
212 = Paediatric Transplantation Surgery	220 = Paediatric Burns Care	258 = Paediatric Respiratory Medicine
213 = Paediatric Gastrointestinal Surgery	221 = Paediatric Cardiac Surgery	260 = Paediatric Medical Oncology
214 = Paediatric Trauma & Orthopaedics	222 = Paediatric Thoracic Surgery	321 = Paediatric Cardiology
215 = Paediatric Ear, Nose & Throat	242 = Paediatric Intensive Care	420 = Paediatrics
	251 = Paediatric Gastroenterology	421 = Paediatric Neurology
		422 = Neonatology

## CLINICIAN GRADES

Consultant = CONS

Non Consultant Career Grade = NCCG

Staff and Associate Specialist = SAS

Trainee with completed certificate of training = CCT

Senior specialist trainee (SpR 3+ or ST3+) = ST3

Junior specialist trainee (SpR 1&2 or ST 1&2) = ST2

Basic grade (FY, HO's, SHO's or CT's) = FY

