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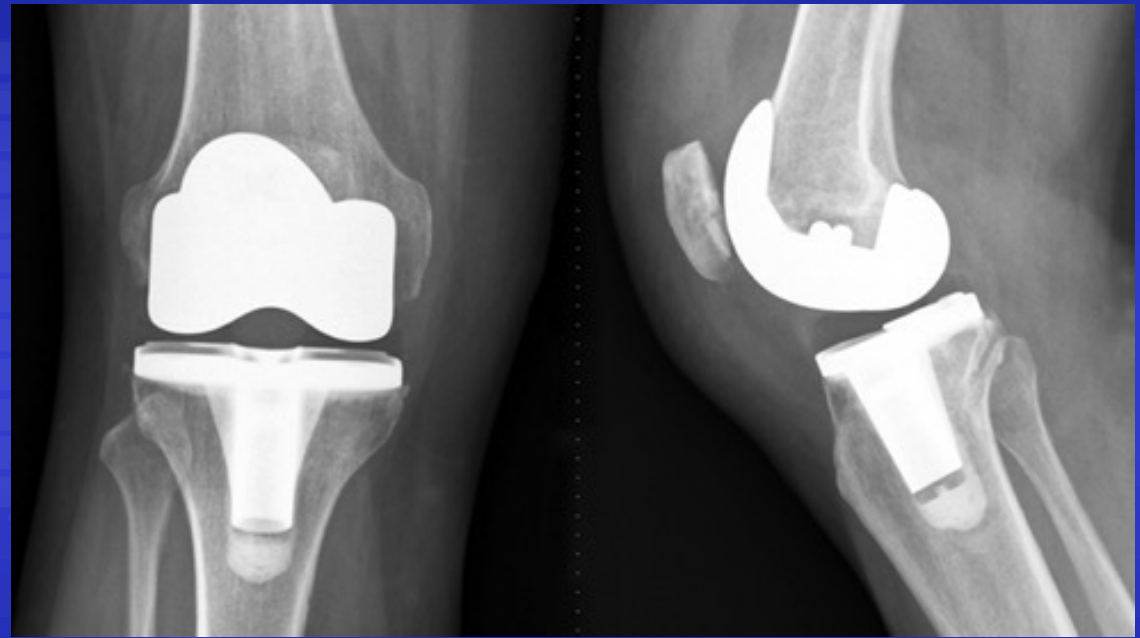
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Post Surgery

- No Infection
- Wound Healing
- Restore Muscle Bulk



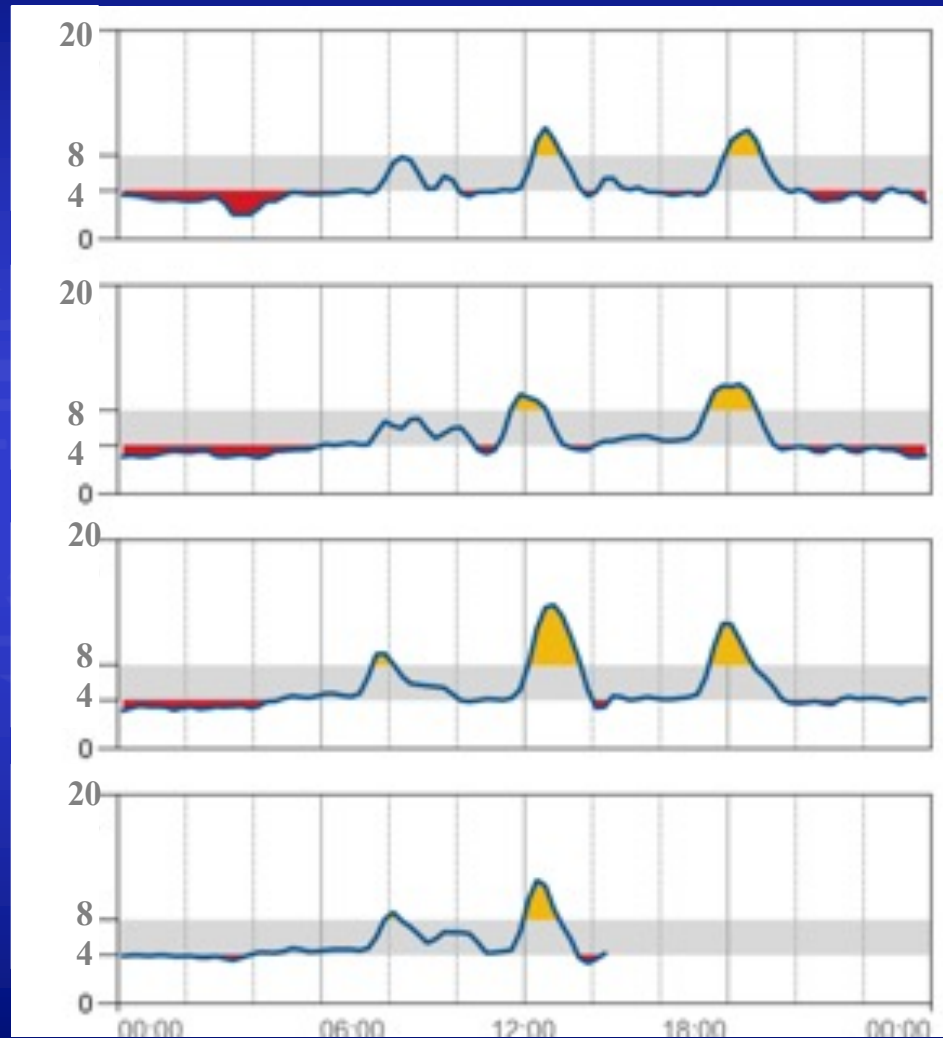
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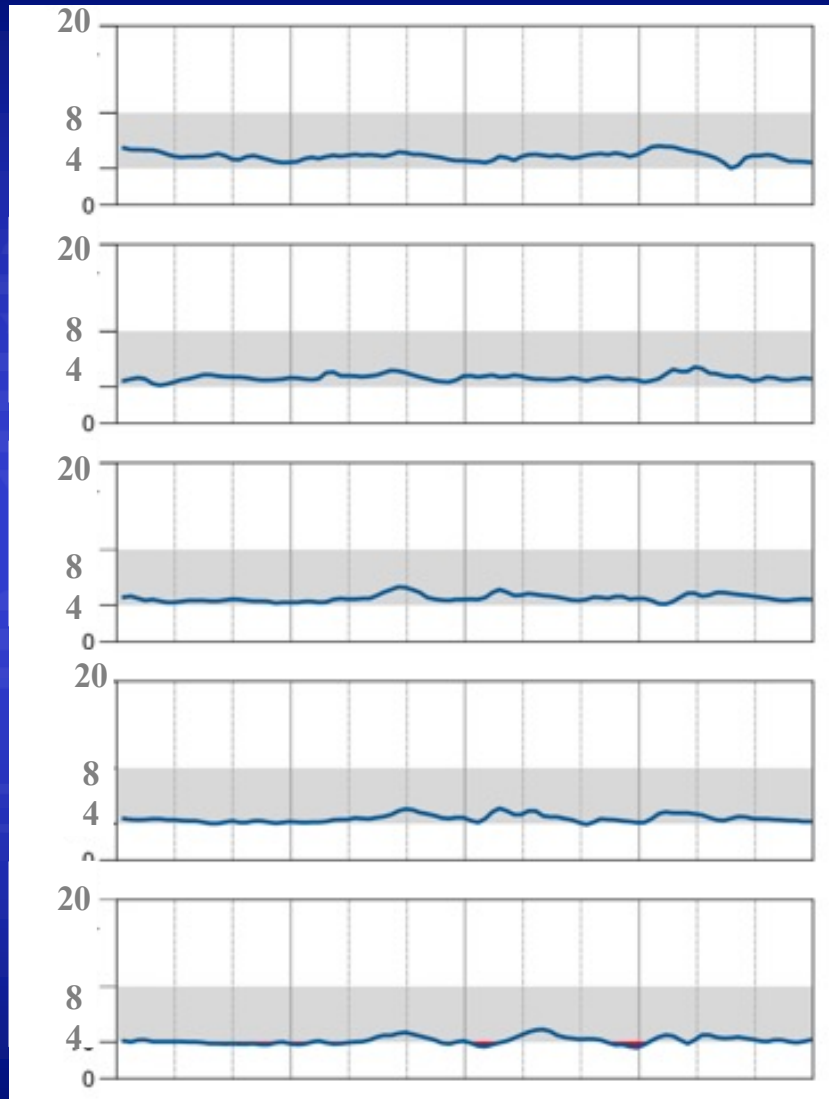


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What are the problem foods?

- Fruit Juice - Same sugar as Coke
- 2 Slices of bread - 6 Teaspoons of Sugar
- Muffin - 11
- Flavoured Yoghurt - 4-6
- Breakfast Cereal - 14
- 1 cup of rice - 10
- 1 bowl of pasta - 8





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Starvation, carbohydrate loading, and outcome after major surgery

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Key points

- Major surgery induces a number of metabolic changes, with insulin resistance fundamental within these processes, often causing hyperglycaemia.
- Perioperative hyperglycaemia should be avoided in patients undergoing major surgery, whether they have previously diagnosed diabetes or not.
- Preoperative carbohydrate loading modifies insulin resistance, improves patient comfort and well-being, minimises protein losses, and improves postoperative muscle function. It is a key aspect of 'enhanced recovery' protocols.
- Preoperative carbohydrate loading does not increase the risk of pulmonary aspiration, but its place in patients with diabetes is uncertain.
- Preoperative carbohydrate loading reduces length of stay and may reduce complications for some surgery.

The concept of a period of preoperative starvation prior to elective surgery to avoid regurgitation and aspiration of gastric contents is so deeply enshrined in anaesthetic practice that it has taken many years to revisit this area. However, in the last quarter of a century, patients have experienced and benefited from a number of significant changes in this area.

While the perceived benefit of preoperative fasting may be self-evident, what are the disadvantages? One area is dehydration, with a number of articles from the 1980s highlighting that withholding water for excessive periods was not only unnecessary¹ but also had no deleterious effect on both the volume and the pH of gastric contents when administered up to 2 h prior to surgery.

Stress response

The major issue surrounding a period of starvation needs to be viewed within the context of the pathophysiological changes that accompany major surgery. The stress response describes the process whereby pituitary and sympathetic nervous system activation leads to a number of predictable metabolic changes such as hyperglycaemia, nitrogen loss, and lipolysis. A secondary area is a systemic inflammatory response mediated by various cytokines (e.g. interleukins and tumour necrosis factor). A key area of interest has been surgical stress response modification, for while its evolutionary benefits are evident—substrate mobilisation and water conservation when access to food and water is restricted—there is little benefit and indeed much potential harm due to this unmodified pathophysiological upset. Indeed, it has been this approach that has formed the basis for modern enhanced recovery (ER) pathways. In addition, it is now recognized that anaesthetic and surgical complications (such as hypovolaemia, infection, and hypothermia) can magnify these changes further.

There are many ways of assessing the magnitude of the stress response. These principally include the neuroendocrine sequelae, measuring the hormones themselves—plasma concentration of cortisol, growth hormone, catecholamines, insulin, and so on—or some of the other metabolic changes, in

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Relationship of Perioperative Hyperglycemia and Postoperative Infections in Patients Who Undergo General and Vascular Surgery

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posed by postoperative hyperglycemia is independent of diabetic status and needs further evaluation to assess for possible benefits of postoperative glycemic control in patients who have undergone general surgery.

(*Ann Surg* 2008;248: 585–591)

Relationship of Hyperglycemia and Postoperative Infection in

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Conclusions: Hyperglycemia was an independent risk factor for postoperative infections in patients without a history of diabetes.

Surgical site infection following operative treatment of open fracture: Incidence and prognostic risk factors

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tively. Major postoperative complications were surgical site infections, found in 6.6% of total patients, and atrial fibrillation, found in 44% of patients with off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting. High glycemic variability during SQH was associated with increased risk for both complications.

Acute Glucose Elevation Is Highly Predictive of Infection and Outcome in Critically Injured Trauma Patients

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Conclusions: AGE is a highly accurate predictor of infection and should stimulate clinicians to identify a new source of infection.

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Glucose Variability Based on Continuous Glucose Monitoring Assessment Is Associated with Postoperative Complications after Cardiovascular Surgery

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Glucose Variability Based on Continuous Glucose Monitoring Assessment Is Associated with Postoperative Complications in diabetes: pathogenesis, and relationship to glycaemic control

erative body temperature < 36.4°C. Three of
nical indexes, namely GLU > 100 mg/dL,
> 10⁹, and WBC > 9.4 × 10⁹, were demon-
independent risk factor of infection. These

studies were available. The relationship between hospital-acquired infections and diabetes is well recognized, particularly among post-operative cardiac and critically ill surgical patients in whom intensive insulin therapy improves clinical outcome independent of glycaemia. Nevertheless, further research is needed to improve our understanding of the role of diabetes and glycaemic control in the pathogenesis and management of community- and hospital-acquired infections. Copyright © 2006 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

Management of Diabetes and Hyperglycemia in Hospitalized Patients

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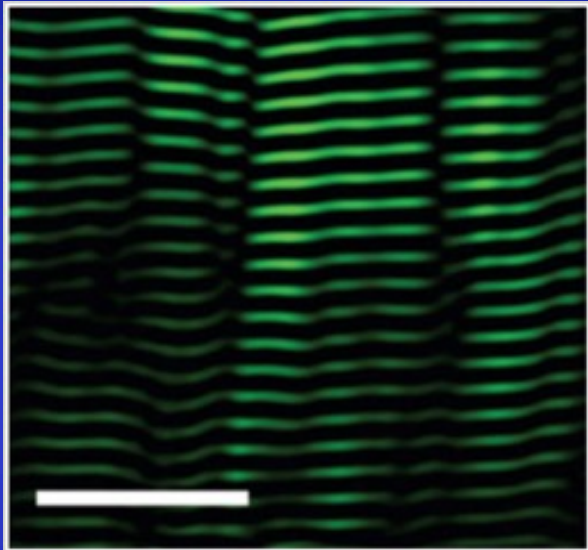
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Muscle

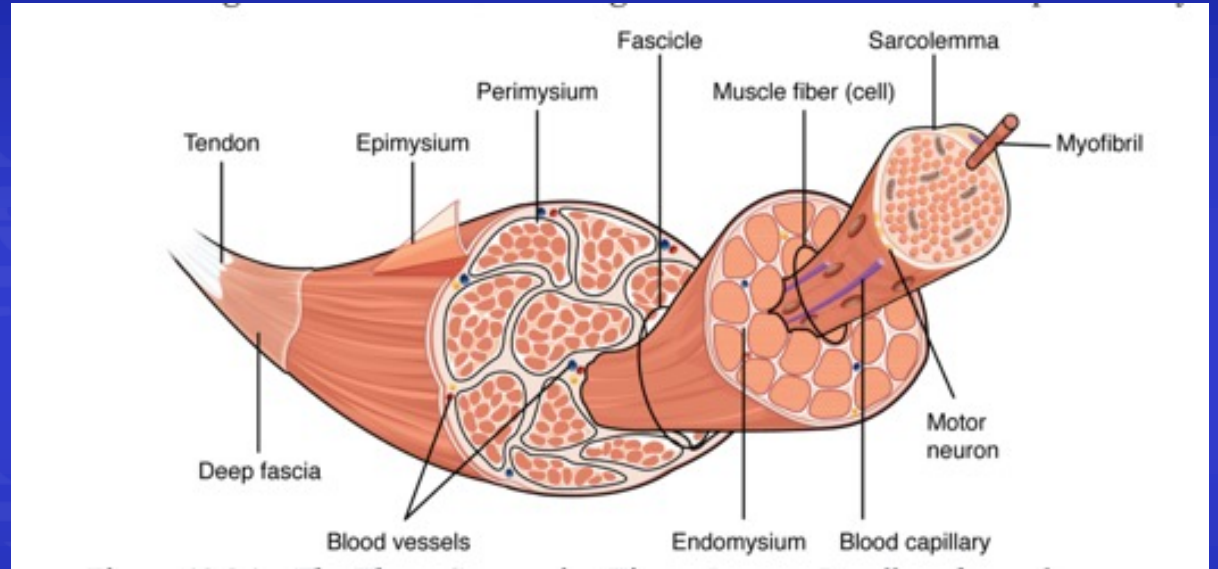
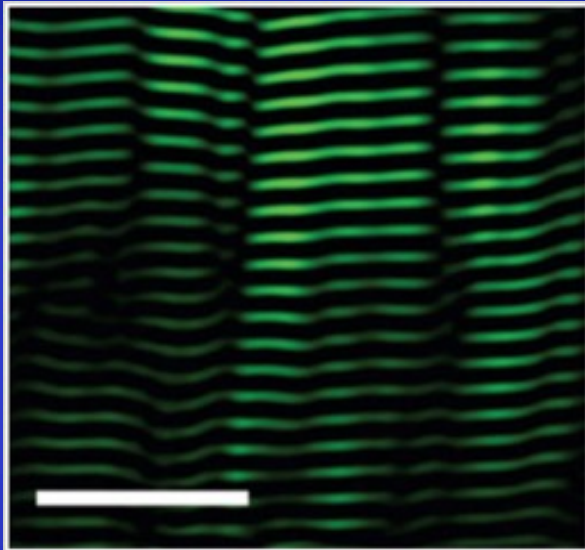


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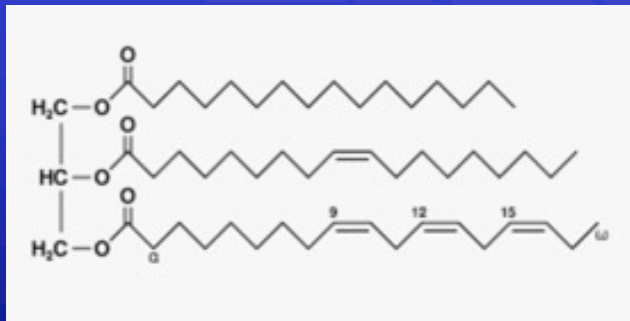
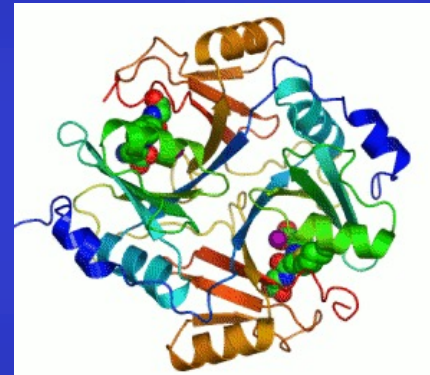
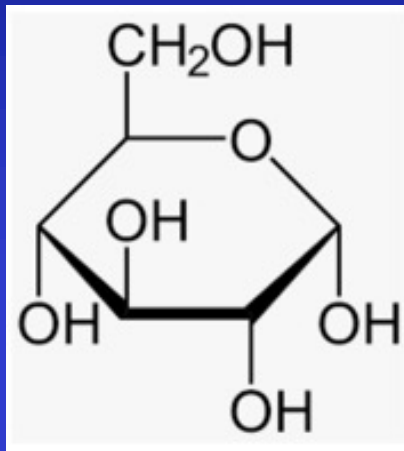




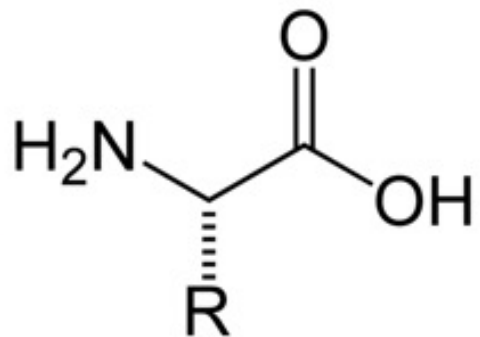
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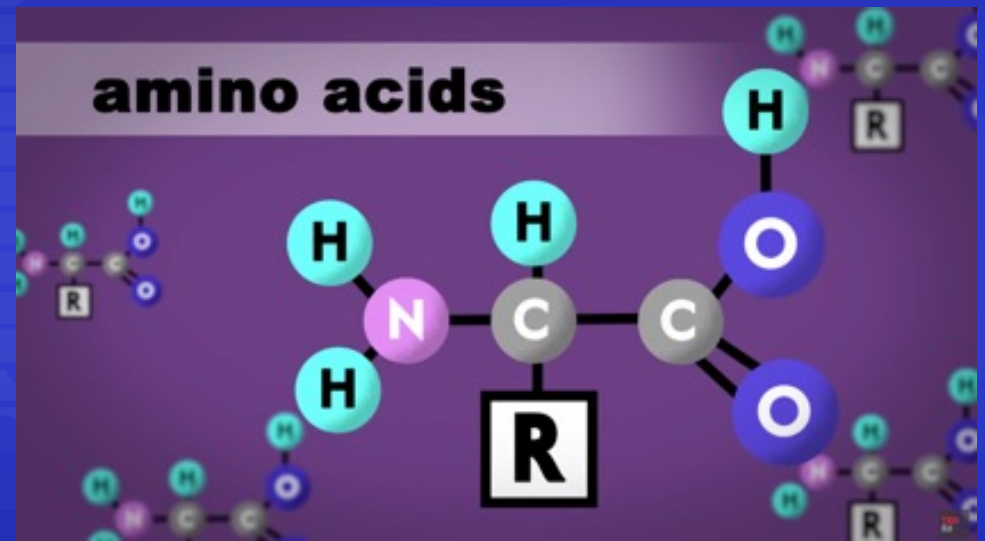
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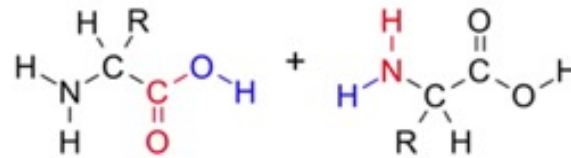


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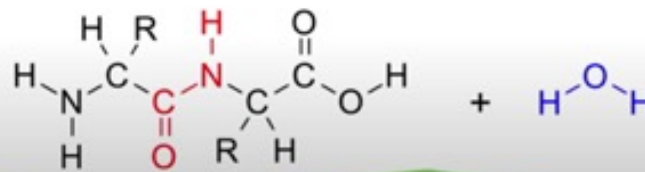


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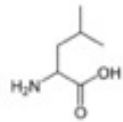




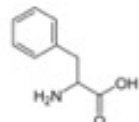
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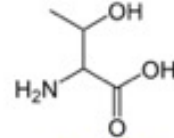
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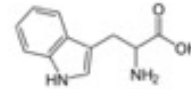
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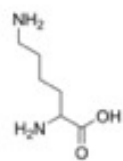
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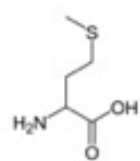
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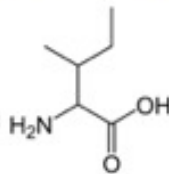
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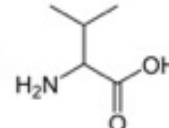
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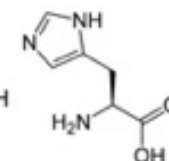
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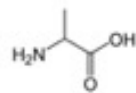


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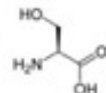


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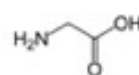
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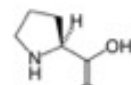
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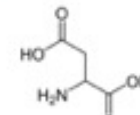
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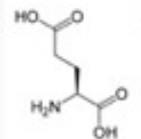
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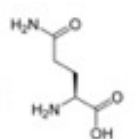
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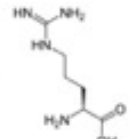
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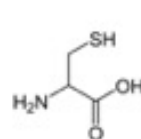
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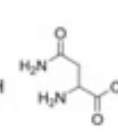
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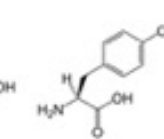
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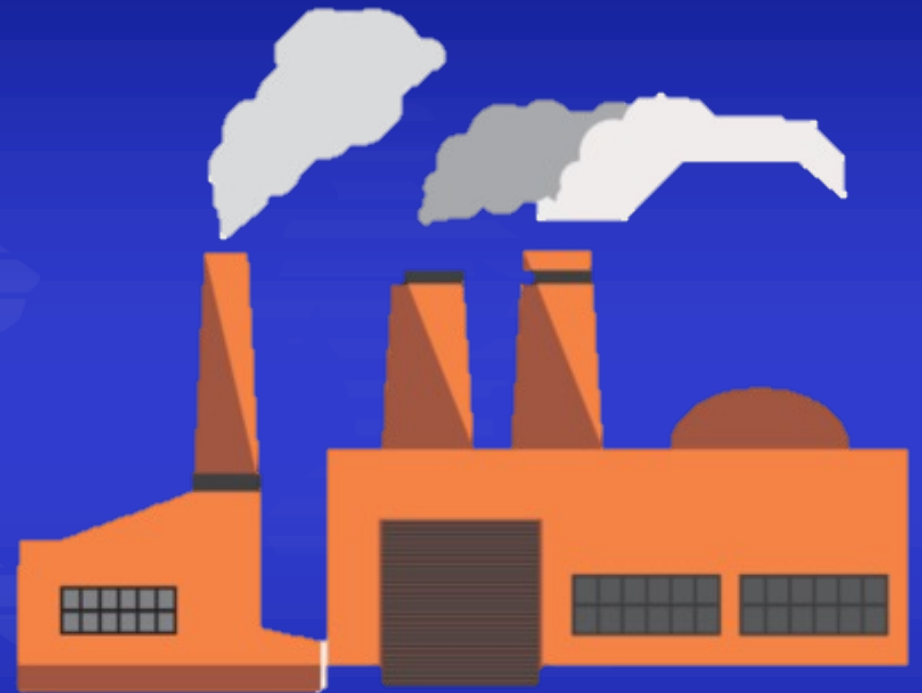
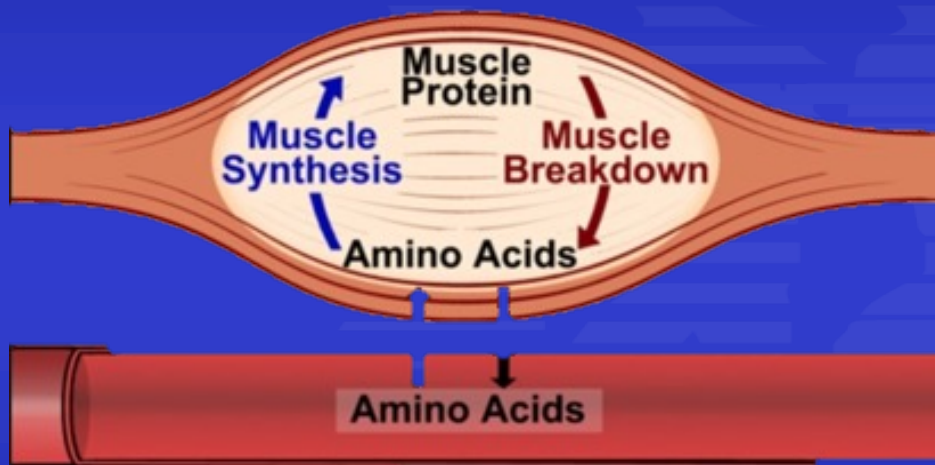
asparagine



tyrosine

Amino Acids as Metabolic Signals

- Neurotransmitters
- Gut Hormones (GLP1, CCK, PYY)
- Vascular Health (Nitric Oxide)
- Mitochondrial Biogenesis (SIRT1, PGC1a)
- Leucine – mTOR (protein synthesis)

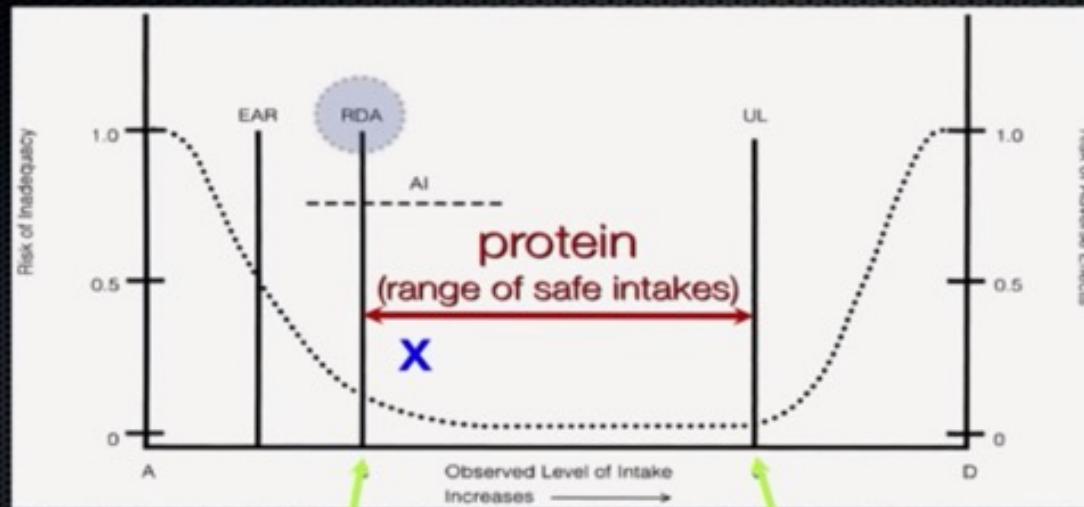


Do we need carbs?

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FC0039	Phosphorus	170	mg/100 g
FC0039	Sodium	47	mg/100 g
FC0039	Zinc	36	mg/kg
FC0074	Selenium	<0.50	mg/kg
FC5055	Vitamin B3 - Niacin	5.8	mg/100g
FC5061	Vitamin B12 - Cobalamin	0.67	µg/100g
Nutritional	Omega 3 - Fatty Acids	1300	mg/kg
Nutritional	Omega 6 - Fatty Acids	4300	mg/kg
Nutritional	Omega 9 - Fatty acids	80100	mg/kg
Nutritional Panel	Energy	4100	kJ/100g
Nutritional Panel	Protein (Dumas)	16.6	g/100g
Nutritional Panel	Total Fat	10.7	g/100g
Nutritional Panel	Monounsaturated Fatty Acids	8.7	g/100 g
Nutritional Panel	Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids	0.4	g/100 g
Nutritional Panel	Saturated Fatty Acid	7.0	g/100 g
Nutritional Panel	Trans Fatty Acids	0.0	g/100g
Nutritional Panel	Carbohydrates	12.2	g/100 g
Nutritional Panel	Total Sugars	<0.1	g/100 g
Nutritional Panel	Moisture (Air drying)	53.9	g/100g
Nutritional Panel	Ash	0.6	g/100 g

How much protein do we need?

Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI)



0.8 g/kg
56 g

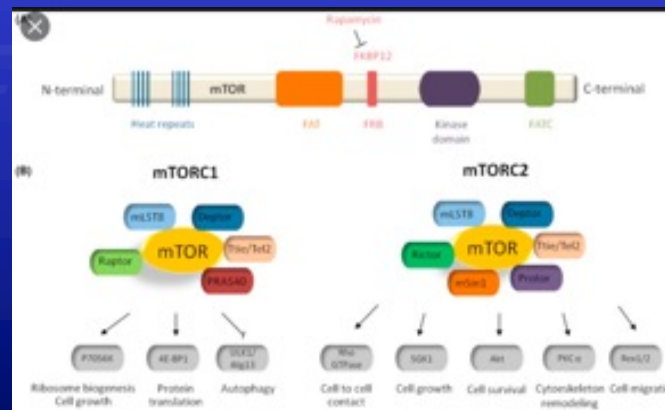
> 2.5 g/kg
~ 200 g

Hormonal Drive to Build Muscle

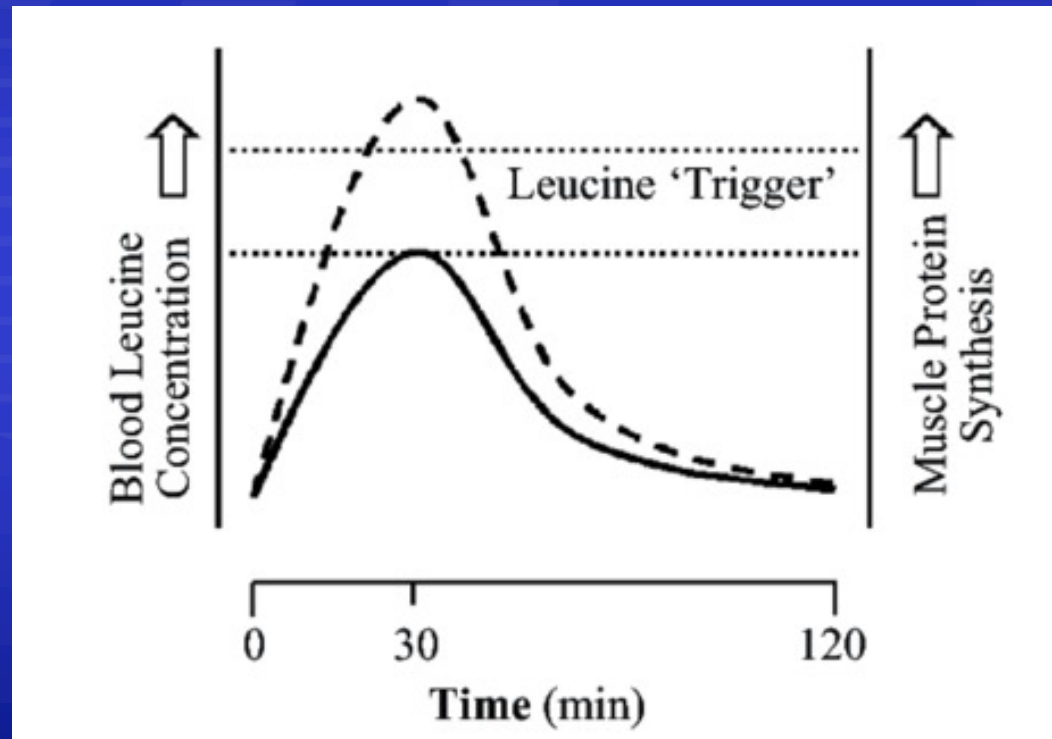


mTOR

- The mechanistic Target of Rapamycin (mTOR) coordinates eukaryotic cell growth and metabolism with environmental inputs including nutrients and growth factors
- mTOR is a serine/threonine protein kinase in the PI3K-related kinase (PIKK) family that forms the catalytic subunit of two distinct protein complexes, known as mTOR Complex 1 (mTORC1) and 2 (mTORC2)
- mTORC1 is defined by its three core components: mTOR, Raptor (regulatory protein associated with mTOR), and mLST8

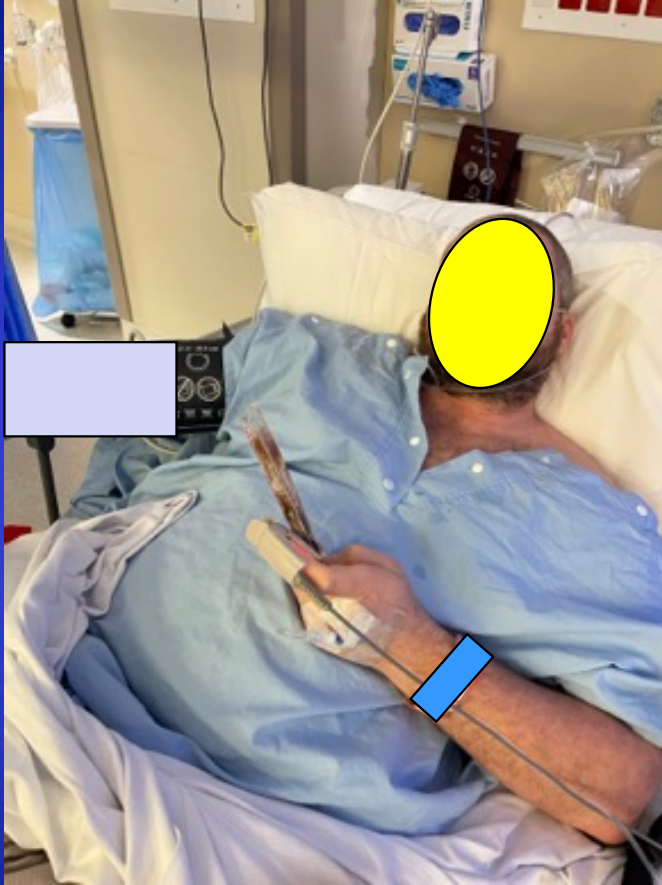


Leucine Trigger





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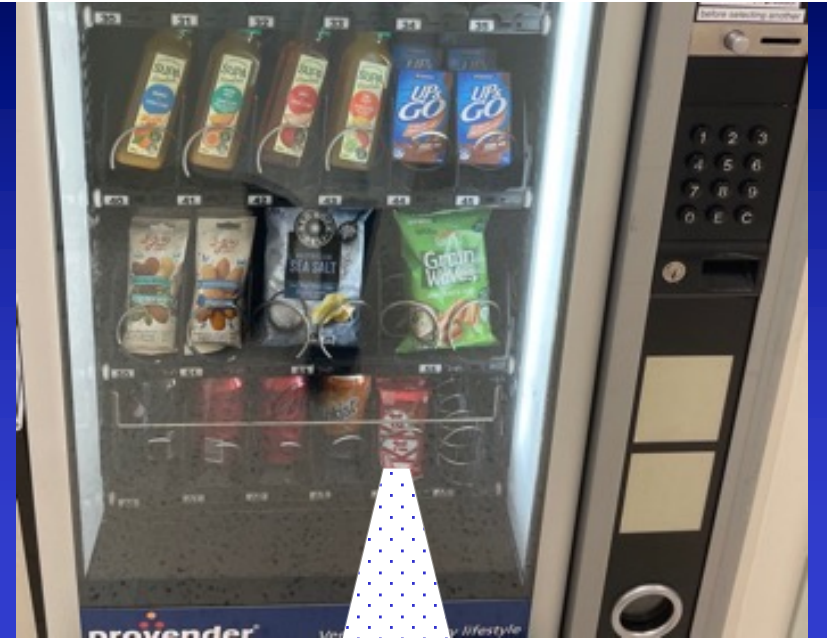


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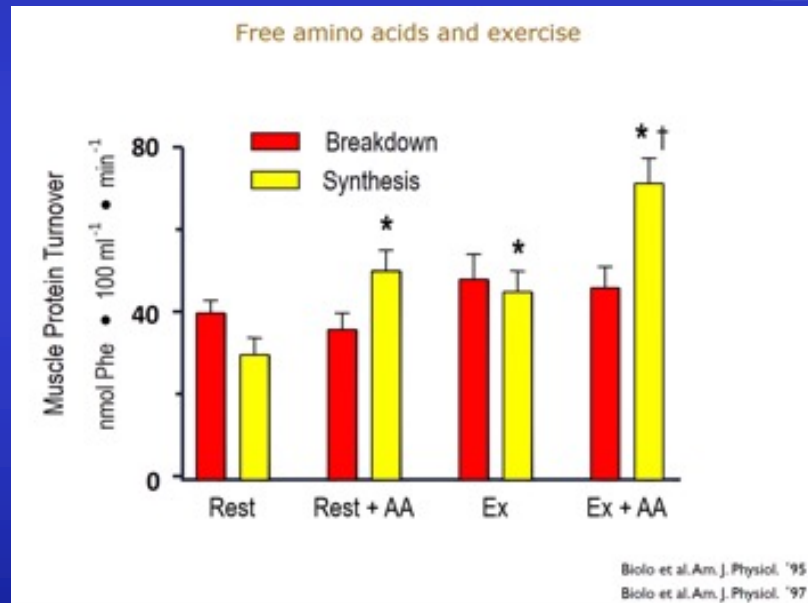


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The Solution



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Summary

- Keeping blood sugars low and stable avoids infections for patients
 - Avoiding carbohydrates achieves this goal
- Eating protein is safe
- We need to eat a certain amount of protein each day to build our lean muscle mass
 - “High protein intake” is safe and beneficial in recovering from surgery
 - (100grams of fish/chicken/meat twice a day as a minimum)