# Permissive underfeeding versus target enteral feeding in adult critically ill patients

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#### Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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### Type(s)

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number

RC08/040

# Study information

Scientific Title

The impact of permissive underfeeding versus target enteral feeding on mortality and morbidity in adult critically ill patients: a multicentre randomised controlled trial

#### **Study objectives**

- 1. To assess the effect of permissive underfeeding versus target feeding intake on mortality and morbidity of critically ill patients
- 2. To assess the effect of low versus high caloric intake on the incidence of nosocomial infections

Due to an error made at the time of registration, the overall trial end date was showing as 01/09/2009. As of 02/11/2010 this has now been amended and the correct end date of 01/09/2013 has been added to the overall trial end date field below.

On 06/11/2014 the following changes were made to the trial record:

- 1. The target number of participants was changed from 862 to 892.
- 2. The overall trial end date was changed from 01/09/2013 to 30/12/2014.

#### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

#### Ethics approval(s)

Institutional Review Board of the National Guard Health Affairs, King Abdul Aziz Medical City, 08 /04/2009, ref: IRBC/017/09

#### Study design

Multicentre randomised controlled trial

#### Primary study design

Interventional

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

**Enteral feeding** 

#### **Interventions**

All patients admitted to ICU will be screened within first 48 hours for eligiliblity and all potential eligible candidates will be identified. Patients will be allocated to one of the two groups:

- 1. Permissive underfeeding group: intake targeting 40 60% of calculated caloric requirement
- 2. Target group: intake targeting 70 100% of calculated caloric requirement

The allocated diet (permissive underfeeding versus target feeding) will be undertaken for a maximum of 14 days on study feeding protocol or at ICU discharge (whichever is earlier). Upon discharge from the ICU, feeding and glucose control will be at the discretion of ward clinicians. If oral feeding is started and tolerated for more than 24 hours, a Do-Not-Resuscitate order has been written (after enrolment) or brain death is confirmed (after enrolment) the study will be stopped in these participants.

#### Intervention Type

Other

#### **Phase**

Not Applicable

#### Primary outcome(s)

90 day-all cause mortality: death before or at day 90 of enrolment

#### Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. ICU mortality: death in the ICU during the same ICU admission
- 2. Hospital mortality: death in the hospital (in ICU or on floor) during the same hospital admission
- 3. 180-day mortality: death before or at day 180 of enrolment
- 4. Daily Sequential Organ Failure Assessment (SOFA) scores recorded on days 1, 3, 7, 14, 21 and 28

#### Completion date

30/12/2014

# Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Receiving enteral feeding
- 2. Aged greater than or equal to 18 years, either sex
- 3. Expected to stay 48 hours or more in the ICU

#### Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

#### Age group

Adult

#### Lower age limit

18 years

#### Sex

All

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Terminal illness
- 2. Do not resuscitate (DNR) order (no code, no escalation) in the first 48 hours
- 3. Enteral feeding cannot be started within 48 hours of admission
- 4. Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)
- 5. Oral feeding
- 6. Previously enrolled in this study within the same hospital admission
- 7. Brain death within 48 hours of admission
- 8. Pregnancy
- 9. Post-liver transplant
- 10. Post cardiac arrest
- 11. Burn patients

- 12. Prisoners
- 13. Elderly subjects aged greater than 80 years
- 14. Patients on more than one ionotropic support at maximum dose

#### Date of first enrolment

01/06/2009

#### Date of final enrolment

30/12/2014

## Locations

## Countries of recruitment

Bahrain

Canada

Germany

Saudi Arabia

**United Arab Emirates** 

# Study participating centre

King Saud Bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences

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# Sponsor information

#### Organisation

King Abdullah International Medical Research Center (KAIMRC) (Saudi Arabia)

#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/009p8zv69

# Funder(s)

### Funder type

Research organisation

#### Funder Name

King Abdullah International Medical Research Center (KAIMRC) (Saudi Arabia)

### Funder Name

King Abdul Aziz Medical City (Saudi Arabia)

# **Results and Publications**

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

## IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

## **Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	18/06/2015		Yes	No
Results article	results	20/12/2018		Yes	No
Results article	results	01/02/2019		Yes	No
Results article	results	01/02/2019	15/04/2020	Yes	No
Protocol article	protocol	12/10/2012		Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes