

The effect on clinical outcome of glutamine supplementation of parenteral nutrition in the surgical newborn infant

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Plain English summary of protocol
Not provided at time of registration

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SP3763

Study information

Scientific Title

Acronym

SIGN (Surgical Infants Glutamine Nutrition)

Study objectives

We will test the hypothesis that glutamine supplementation in the parenteral nutrition (PN) of surgical infants determines more rapid recovery of intestinal function and reduction in infection rate.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Ethics approval received from local medical ethics committee (ref: 2/4/002).

Primary study design

Interventional

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)

Quality of life

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Surgical newborn infants on parenteral nutrition

Interventions

The treatment group will receive glutamine-supplemented parenteral nutrition.

The control group will receive isonitrogenous parenteral nutrition.

All patients will have data collected once a week on clinical state, feeding, liver and renal function tests, ammonia, septic episodes and parenteral nutrition lines

Intervention Type

Supplement

Phase

Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Glutamine supplementation

Primary outcome(s)

1. Infection: episodes of sepsis and septicaemia, timing of sepsis and septicaemia
2. Intestinal function: time to full enteral feeding and time on (days)

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Growth
2. Nutrient intake
3. Biochemical measures of hepatic function

Completion date

30/09/2004

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Surgical infants below the age of 3 months, either sex
2. Require parenteral nutrition
3. Have received less than 5 days of parenteral nutrition already

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Child

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Does not meet inclusion criteria

Date of first enrolment

01/04/2002

Date of final enrolment

30/09/2004

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre

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London

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Action Medical Research (UK)

ROR

<https://ror.org/01wcqa315>

Funder(s)

Funder type

Charity

Funder Name

Action Medical Research (UK)

Alternative Name(s)

action medical research for children, actionmedres, The National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases, AMR

Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

Location

United Kingdom

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/07/2012		Yes	No
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes

