

# Advances in the Management of Intestinal Failure

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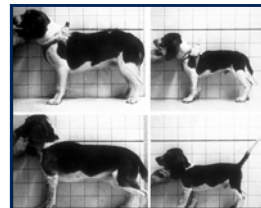
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- SRTR and OPTN 2012 Data Report

## Objectives

- Review the main causes of intestinal failure in children and adults
- Understand the top trends and changes in intestinal failure management today
- Understand current indications for intestine transplant today
- Understand the outcomes and main management issues following intestinal transplantation

## Historical Perspectives

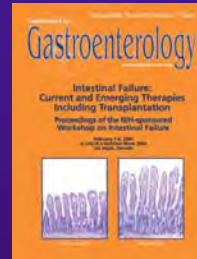
- The field of intestinal rehabilitation began in 1967, Philadelphia, with TPN
- Initiated in surgical loss of intestine
  - Increased post-operative mortality due to inability to nourish patients
- First administered to a newborn infant girl in July, 1967
  - Born with intestinal atresia
  - Duodenocolonic anastomosis
  - Survived 22 months
    - Adequate weight gain
    - Multiple catheters/infections



# What is Intestinal Failure?

“A critical reduction of *functional* gut mass below the minimal amount necessary for adequate digestion and absorption to satisfy body nutrient and fluid requirements in adults or growth in children.”

— Thompson JS. Overview of etiology and management of intestinal failure. *Gastroenterology* (2006) 130 (2 Suppl 1): S3-S4.

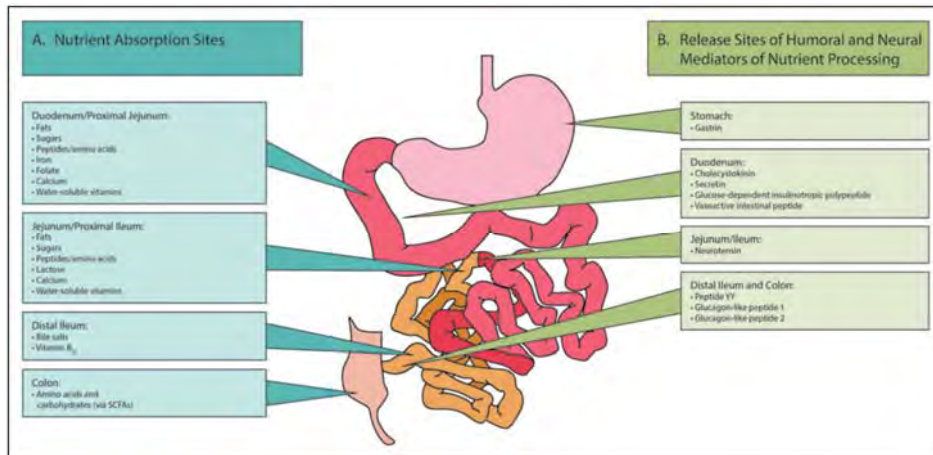


*Intestinal failure is not a diagnosis: it is a description of a physiological state of organ system dysfunction*

*Implication of TPN requirement as supportive therapy*



## Pathophysiology of Short Bowel Syndrome: Considerations of Resected and Residual Anatomy. Tappenden KA. JPEN 2014 May;38(1):16S



**Figure 1.** (A) Site-specific absorption of dietary nutrients.<sup>2,38</sup> (B) Location of release and primary effects of the major humoral and neural mediators of nutrient processing. SCFA, short-chain fatty acid.

Pathophysiology of Short Bowel Syndrome: Considerations of Resected and Residual Anatomy. Tappenden KA. JPEN 2014 May;38(1):185

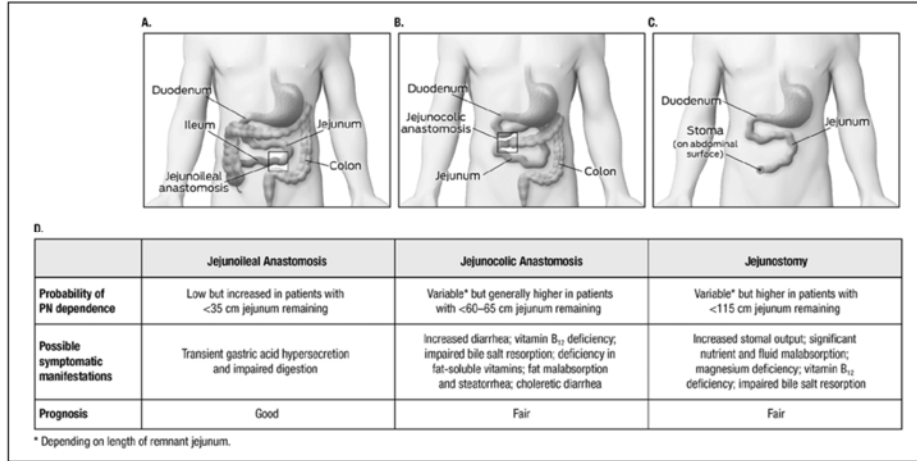
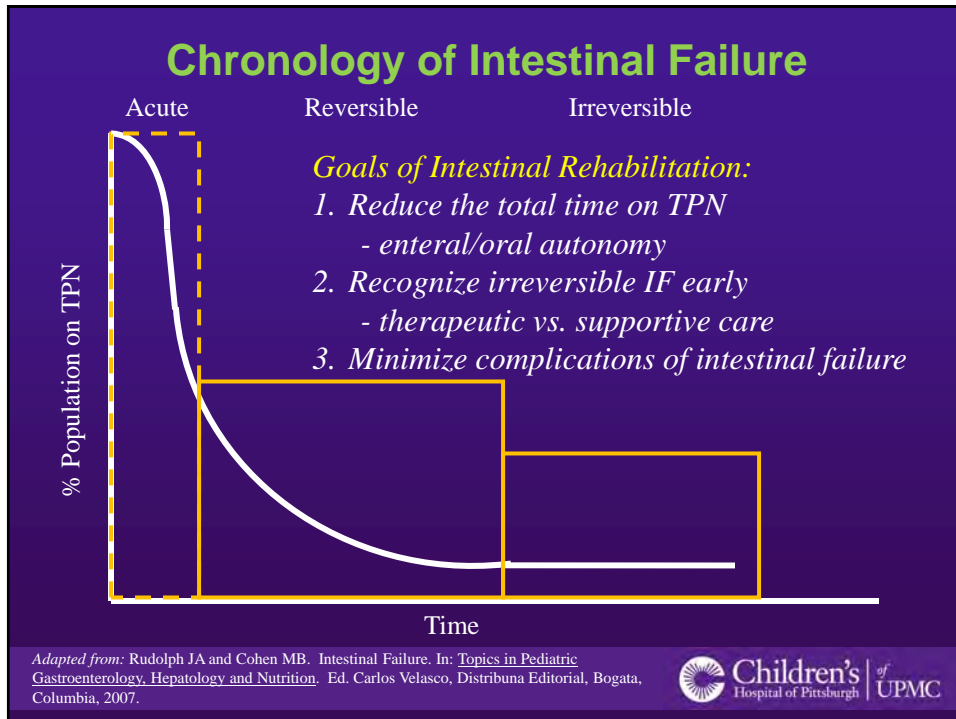


Figure 2. Types of intestinal resections: (A) jejunoleal anastomosis, (B) jejunocolic anastomosis, (C) jejunostomy, and (D) outcomes associated with each type of resection.<sup>17,60,61</sup> PN, parenteral nutrition.



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**Natural History of Pediatric Intestinal Failure: Initial Report from the Pediatric Intestinal Failure Consortium**

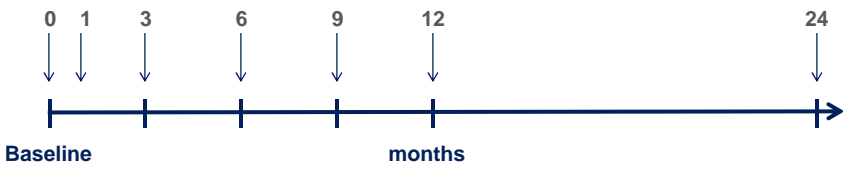
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**2008: R21 Proposal (funded)**  
Intestinal failure in children: A contemporary retrospective review by the Pediatric Intestinal Failure Consortium

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### Criteria for Enrollment

- No more than 12 months old at enrollment
- TPN for 60 out of 74 consecutive days
  - Allow for temporary loss of access or surgery
- Data collection:



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## Study Demographics

**typical patient (2000-2004)**

**Premature: 30-36 weeks EGA**

**Sick immediately after birth**

**Fairly short length of bowel**

**Fair/good synthetic function**

**At least mild cholestasis**

**Table I. Characteristics at birth and at study entry of 272 infants with IF**

| Feature (N = data available)        | Number (%) | Median (25th-75th) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>At birth</b>                     |            |                    |
| Male                                | 156 (57.4) |                    |
| Caucasian (250)                     | 204 (81.6) |                    |
| Hispanic                            | 42 (15.4)  |                    |
| Gestation (wk) (264)                |            | 34 (30-36)         |
| <37 wk (premature)                  | 202 (76.5) |                    |
| Birth weight (kg) (221)             |            | 2.1 (1.2-2.7)      |
| ≤1.5 kg (very low birth weight)     | 66 (29.9)  |                    |
| <b>At study entry</b>               |            |                    |
| Age when entry criteria met (d)     |            | 63 (61, 74)        |
| Small bowel length (cm) (144)       |            | 41 (25-65.5)       |
| Weight age z-score < -2 (174)       | 37 (21.3)  |                    |
| Height age z-score < -2 (111)       | 38 (34.2)  |                    |
| Weight-for-height z-score < -2 (89) | 10 (11.2)  |                    |
| ALT ≥ 80 IU/mL (163)                | 77 (47.2)  |                    |
| AST ≥ 80 IU/mL (138)                | 92 (66.7)  |                    |
| Cholestasis present* (168)          | 125 (74.4) |                    |
| Albumin < 2.8 g/dL (167)            | 82 (49.1)  |                    |
| INR > 1.5 (65)                      | 6 (9.2)    |                    |

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## Diagnostic Classification

**Table II. Diagnoses associated with IF and SBS in infants (N = 272)**

| Diagnosis                         | N (%)   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Necrotizing enterocolitis         | 71 (26) |
| Gastroschisis                     | 44 (16) |
| Intestinal atresia (large/small)  | 27 (10) |
| Volvulus                          | 24 (9)  |
| Long segment Hirschsprung disease | 11 (4)  |
| Tufting or microvillus inclusion  | 3 (1)   |
| Other single diagnoses            | 14 (5)  |
| Unknown                           | 1       |
| Multiple single diagnoses         | 77 (28) |

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**Outcomes:**

In patients (2000-2004):

Overall Mortality: 68/272 (25%)

Those without transplant:

Alive without Tx: 154/272 (57%)

Enteral Autonomy: 118/272 (43%)

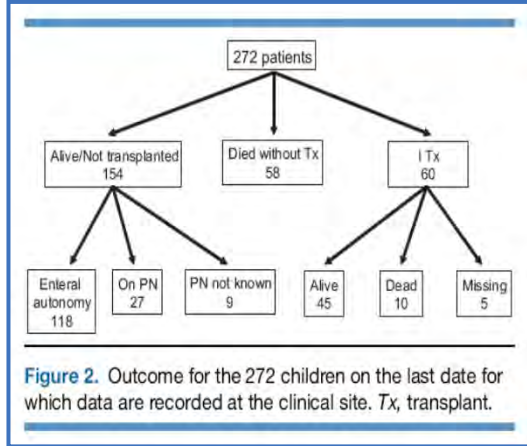


Figure 2. Outcome for the 272 children on the last date for which data are recorded at the clinical site. Tx, transplant.

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**Cause of Death**

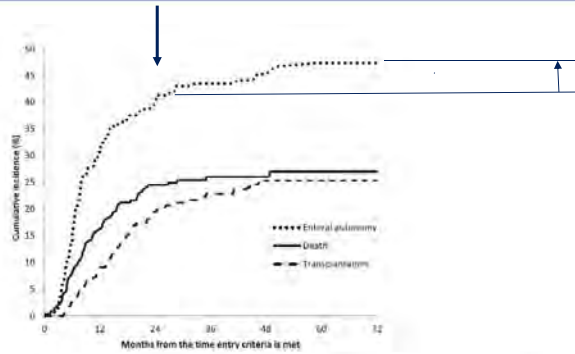
Table V. Cause of death in infants with IF/SBS before and after ITx

| Cause of death            | N (%)   |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Prior to ITx              | 58      |
| Multiorgan system failure | 28 (62) |
| Sepsis                    | 9 (20)  |
| Hemorrhage                | 4 (9)   |
| Central nervous system    | 2 (4)   |
| Meningitis-palliation     | 1 (2)   |
| Nephroblastoma-palliation | 1 (2)   |
| Unknown                   | 13      |
| Following ITx             | 10      |
| Respiratory failure       | 4 (40)  |
| Multiorgan system failure | 3 (30)  |
| Sepsis                    | 2 (20)  |
| Hemorrhage                | 1 (10)  |

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## Primary Outcomes



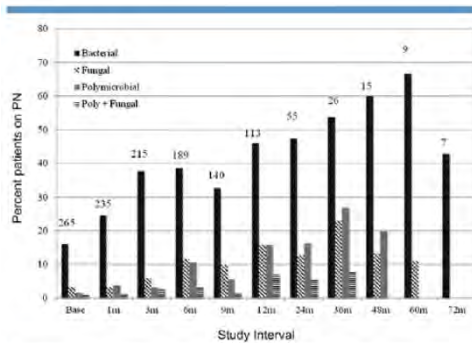
| Cumulative incidence (Number at risk) | 0 mo     | 12 mo     | 24 mo     | 36 mo     | 48 mo     | 60 mo    | 72 mo    |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Death                                 | 0% (272) | 16% (220) | 23% (182) | 26% (126) | 26% (124) | 27% (76) | 27% (76) |
| Transplantation                       | 0% (272) | 9% (199)  | 19% (142) | 23% (87)  | 26% (52)  | 26% (52) | 26% (52) |
| Enteral autonomy                      | 0% (272) | 21% (120) | 40% (42)  | 44% (28)  | 45% (14)  | 47% (9)  | 47% (9)  |

Figure 3. Primary outcomes: enteral autonomy, death, and intestinal transplantation. The data below the graph show the cumulative incidence of and the number of children who remain at risk for developing the outcome.

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## Infectious Complications



As PN progresses, the proportion of Children on PN with infection increases

Figure 1. Percent of patients on PN with septic events by study interval. Time intervals were contiguous, with the designated time coinciding with the mid-point of the interval. The numbers on top of the bars represent the number of children on PN for that study interval.

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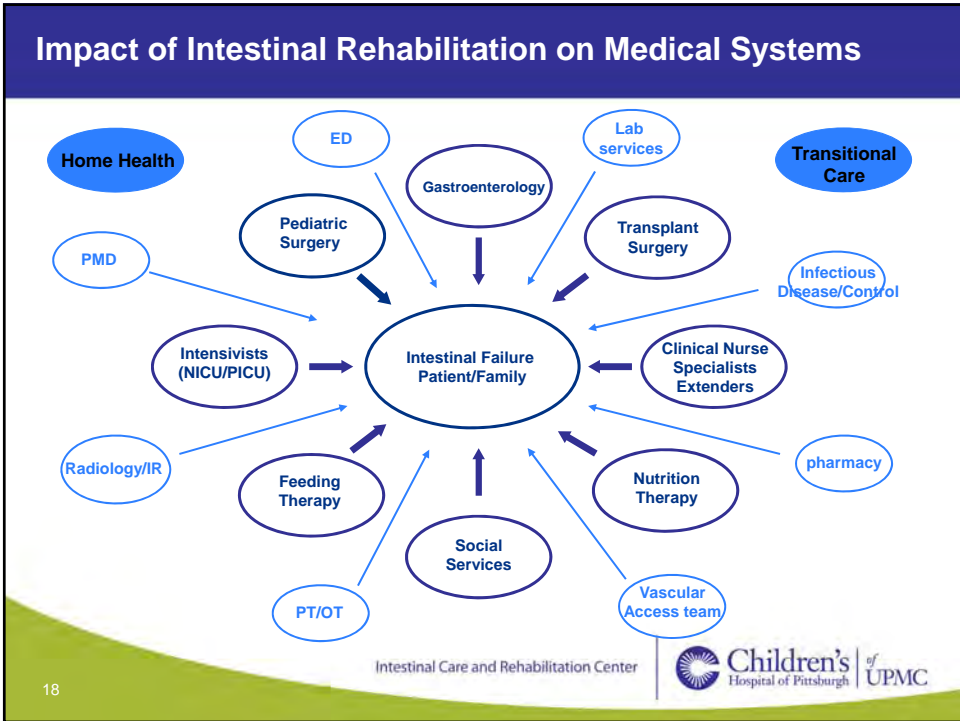


## The Genesis of the Intestinal Rehabilitation Team

- After Dudrick’s initial report, the use of TPN spread
  - In pediatrics: clearly in the arena of pediatric surgery
    - Ideal for the management of short bowel syndrome
  - Advancements: introduction of lipids and amino acid solutions
  - Long term survival: reality
  - Use of TPN was used for non-surgical patients with intestinal failure
- The management of intestinal failure developed into a chronic care model
  - Home TPN protocols devised
  - Complexity and diversity of the management issues led to the development of multi-disciplinary teams

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Short Bowel Syndrome in Adults: The Need for an Interdisciplinary Approach and Coordinated Care. Matarese LE, Jeppesen PB, O'Keefe SJD. JPEN 2014 May;38(1):635

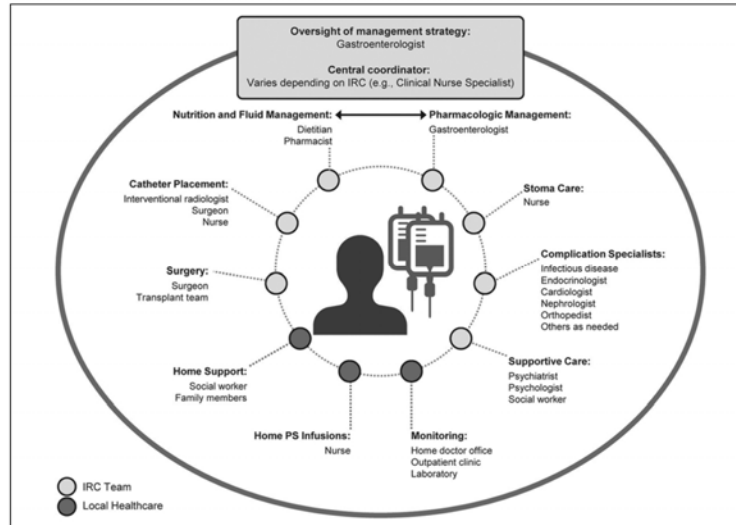


Figure 2. Coordination of care via an IRC interdisciplinary team. IRC, intestinal rehabilitation center; PS, parenteral support of nutrition and intravenous fluids.

## Major Complications of TPN Therapy

- Major Morbidities in Intestinal Failure are due to the complications of TPN therapy
- Often the Indications for Small Bowel Transplant
  - Chronic Central Venous Access
    - Vascular Morbidities
    - Catheter Associated Blood Stream Infections
  - Complications due to the Components of TPN
    - Intestinal Failure Associated Liver Disease
    - Role of constituent shortages
      - Copper
      - Thiamine

## Treatment Strategies

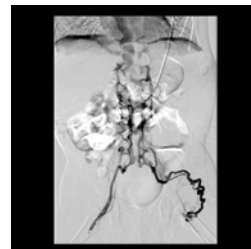
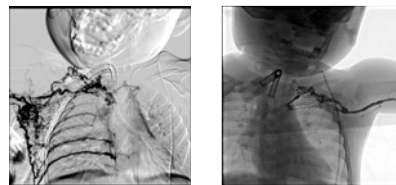
- Nutritional Strategies
- Pharmacologic Therapies
- Sepsis Prevention
- Hormonal Therapy (GH, GLP-2, EGF)
- Keeping Liver Healthy: Novel Lipid Based Approaches
- Autologous Bowel Reconstruction (STEP)
- Transplantation

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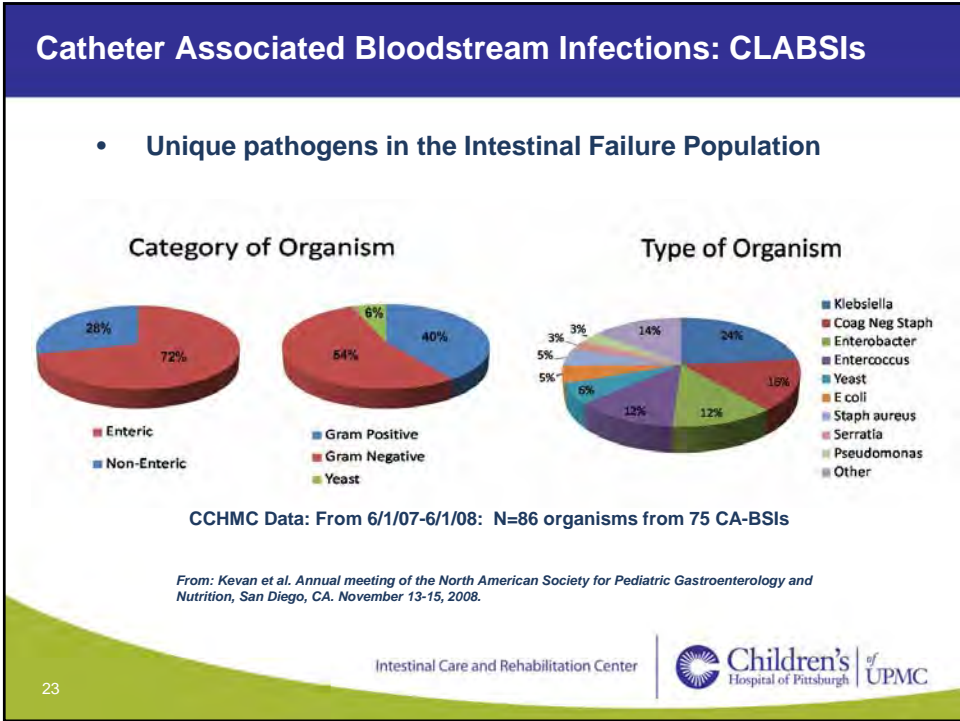
## Central Venous Catheter Complications

- Central Venous Catheters are a part of everyday life in a child with intestinal failure
- Broken Caths
  - Often from tugging/pulling
  - Trained vascular access team
  - Spiraled lines/holsters/looping
  - Unique Tunneling
- Malocclusions:
  - TPA
- Thrombi
  - Constant manipulation of lines
  - Multiple thrombi: thrombophilia evaluation



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## Management of CLABSIs

- Source of Infection
  - External vs. Internal seeding
- Recognition
  - Soft signs of sepsis
  - Potential for decompensation
- Line Salvage therapy
  - Line locks
    - Antibiotic
    - Ambisome
    - ETOH
- Infection Prevention


**External Contamination**  
Skin Flora  
Stool Contamination

**Internal Seeding**  
GI Translocation  
Other infections (UTI, cellulitis, osteomyelitis)

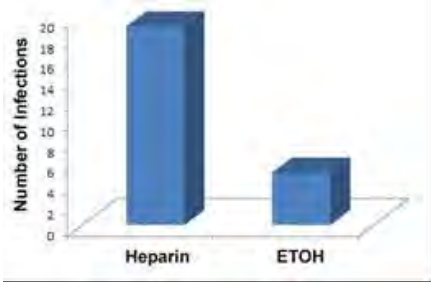
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## CLABSIs: ETOH Lock Prophylaxis




- Presented at IDSA by Judy Martin, MD
- Enrollment IF with >3 CLABSIs
- Prospective, randomized, double blind-crossover
- 25% ETOH lock solution versus placebo (Heparin)
- 12 weeks therapy with 4 week washout followed by 12 weeks of other therapy
- 11 patients completed
- Average lock time 6 hours (4-8)



| Treatment | Number of Infections |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Heparin   | 20                   |
| ETOH      | 7                    |

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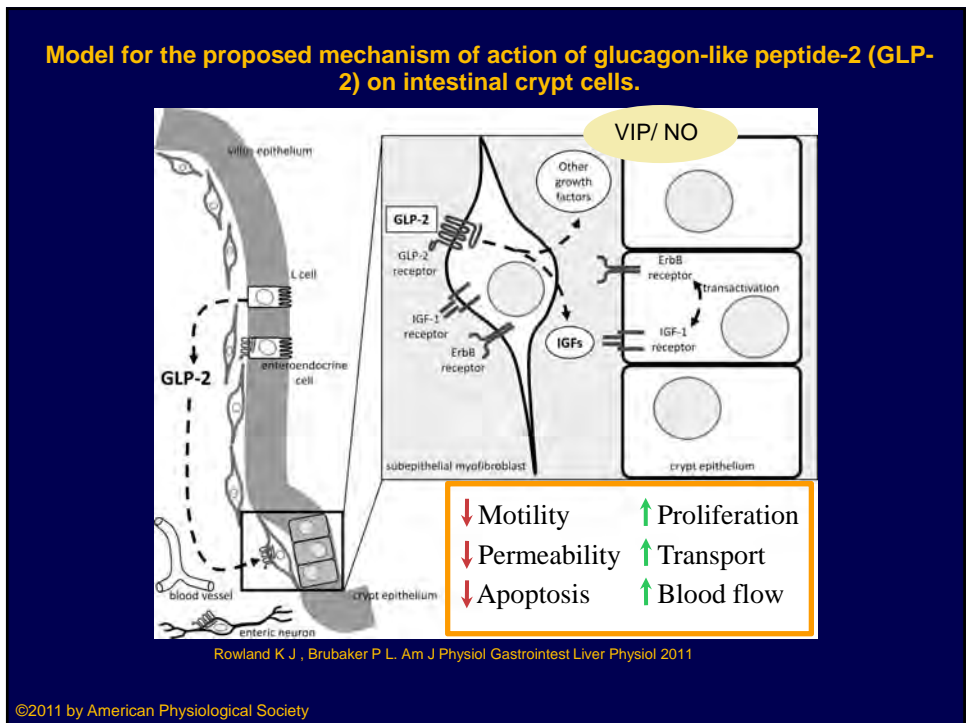
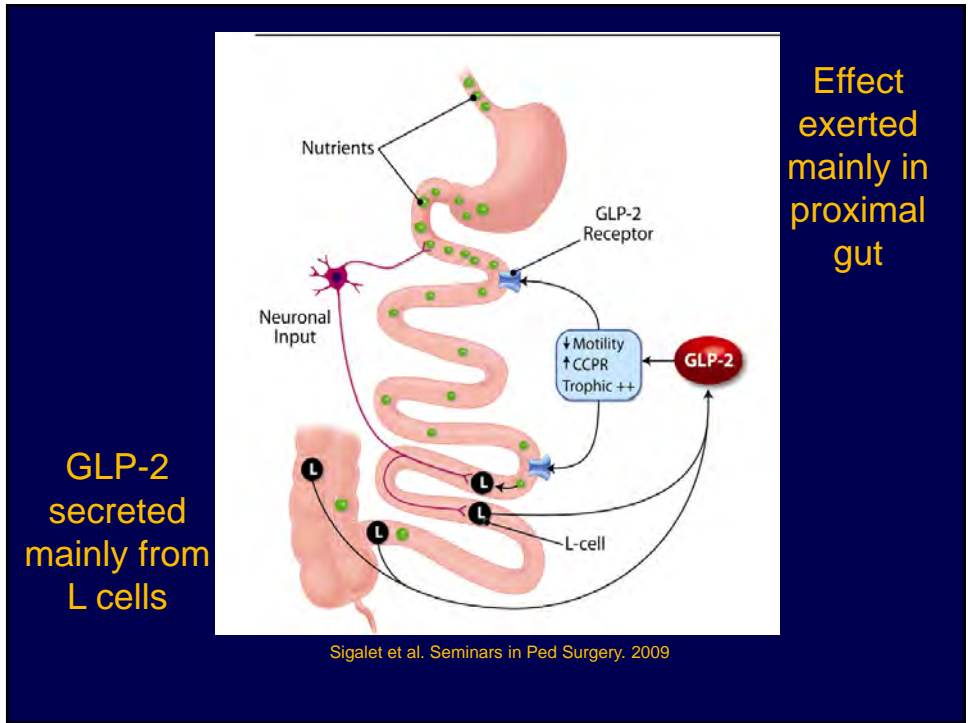


## Current available therapies for SBS patients

| Category                       | Medication   | Action                           |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Antidiarrheals                 | Diphenoxylate Loperamide Codeine Opium tincture          | Increase intestinal transit time |
| H <sub>2</sub> blockers        | Famotidine Ranitidine Nizatidine                         | Decrease gastric acid secretion  |
| Proton pump inhibitors         | Omeprazole Lansoprazole                                  | Decrease gastric acid secretion  |
| Pancreatic enzymes             | Pancrelipase   | Improve digestion                |
| Somatostatin analogs           | Octreotide   | Decrease secretory diarrhea      |
| Antimicrobials                 | Metronidazole Tetracycline Cephalixin                    | Decrease bacterial overgrowth    |
| Synthetic conjugated bile acid | Cholylsarcosine  | Increase fat absorption          |
| Trophic factors                | Recombinant human growth hormone Glucagon-like peptide-2 | Increase nutrient absorption     |

Matarese and Steiger. Dietary and medical management of short bowel syndrome in adult patients. 2006 J Clin Gastroenterol

- Medical management
- Bowel lengthening procedures
- Intestinal transplant



## Single hormone therapy: Teduglutide (GLP-2)

### Teduglutide Reduces Need for Parenteral Support Among Patients With Short Bowel Syndrome With Intestinal Failure

PALLE B., JEPPESEN,\* MAREK PERTKIEWICZ,† BERNARD MESSING,‡ KISHORE IYER,§ DOUGLAS L. SEIDNER,¶  
STEPHEN J. D. O'KEEFE,\* ALASTAIR FORBES,\*\* HARTMUT HEINZE,†† and BO JOELSSON‡‡

GASTROENTEROLOGY 2012;143:1473-1481

- Teduglutide (GLP-2 analog)
- 24 week study of adults with SGS
- 0.05 mg/kg/d vs. placebo (n=43)
  - Significant (20%) reduction in PN use
  - Teduglutide: 27/43 (63%)
  - Placebo: 13/43 (30%)
- All patients on parenteral support >1yr
- No data thus far in children

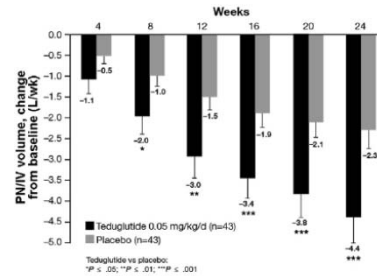


Figure 2. Mean (SE) absolute reduction in parenteral support.

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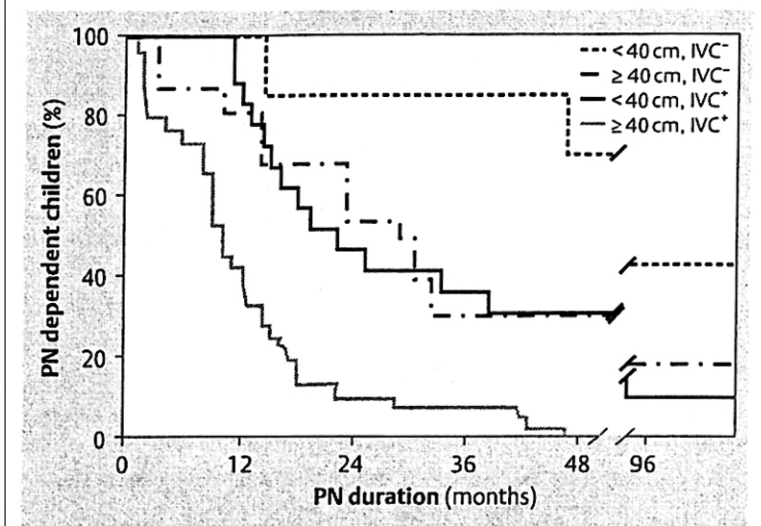


## Intestinal Rehabilitation: Key Questions

- Length of residual bowel and colon
- Underlying disease state
- Status of the liver



## Importance of Residual Bowel Length and Colon



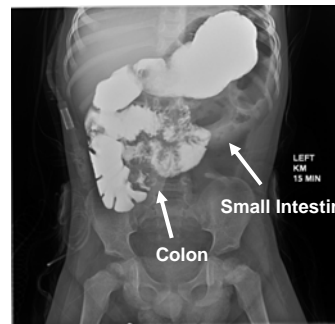
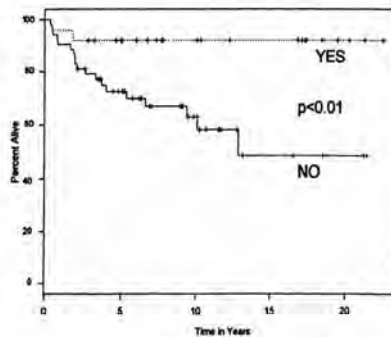
Goulet et al; Eur J Pediatr Surg 2005; 15:95-101

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## Surgical Therapies: Establishment of Continuity

### Restoration of Continuity: Survival



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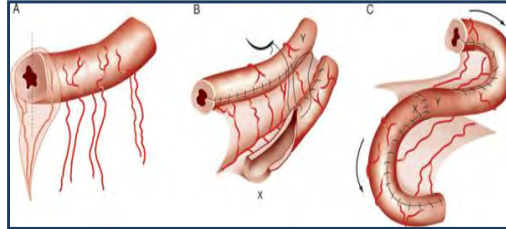
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## Surgical Adaptation: Bowel Lengthening

**Bianchi Procedure**



**Serial Transverse Enteroplasty (STEP)**



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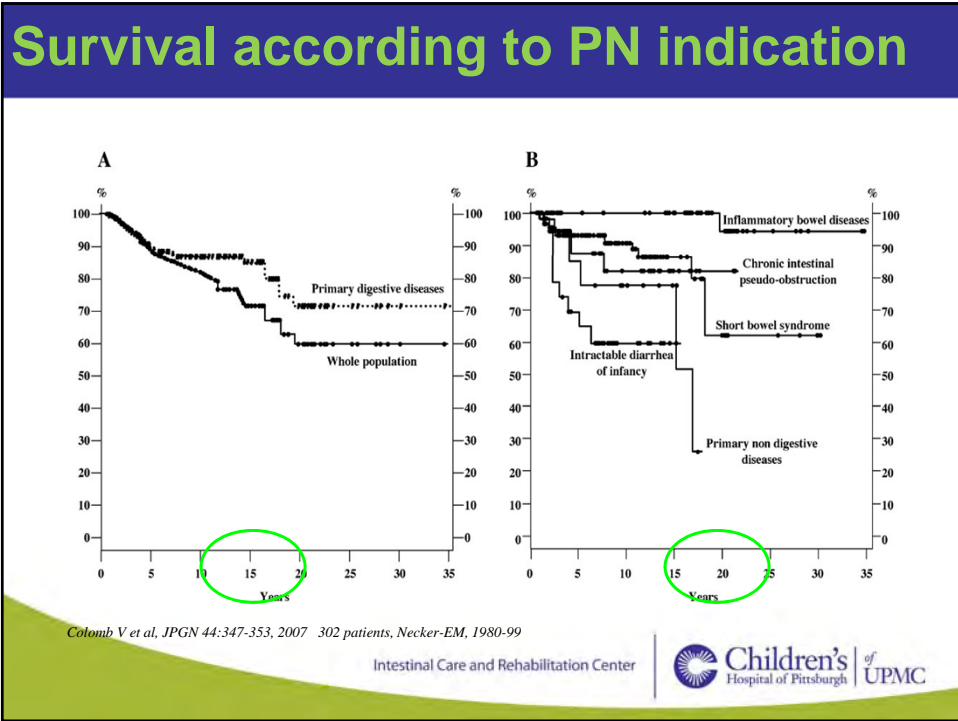


## Serial Transverse Enteroplasty (STEP)



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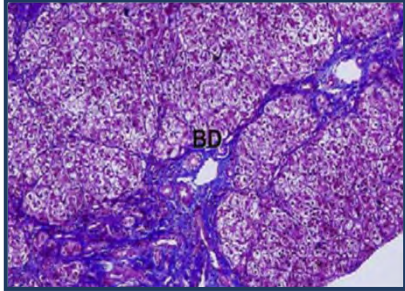
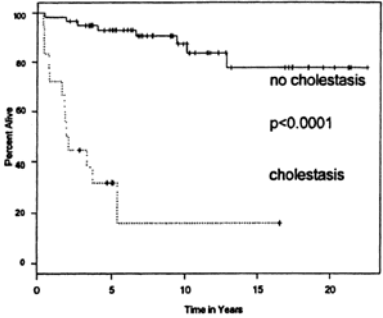


## Keeping the Liver Healthy

- Prevention of CR-BSIs
  - Sterile technique/line handling
  - ETOH lock therapy
- Advancement of feeds/weaning TPN
- Understanding hepatotoxic effects of TPN
  - Trace elements
  - Glucose
  - Protein
  - Lipids


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## Intestinal Failure Associated Liver Disease

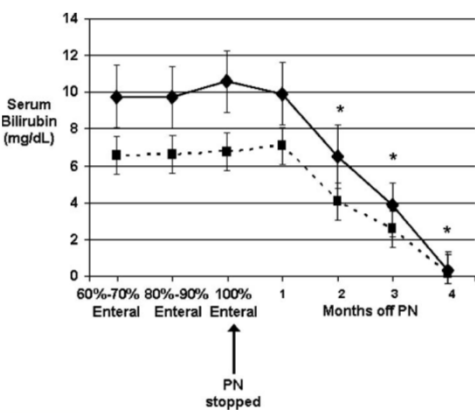
Early and persistent cholestasis: The UCLA Experience (n=78)

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## Role of Parenteral Nutrition in IFALD



- Retrospective Review (Boston)
- 12 patients
  - Dbili >3.0
- 2/12 improved prior to full enteral nutrition
- 10/12 complete resolution 4 months after completion

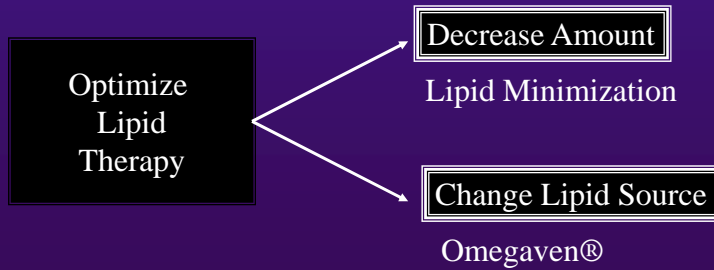
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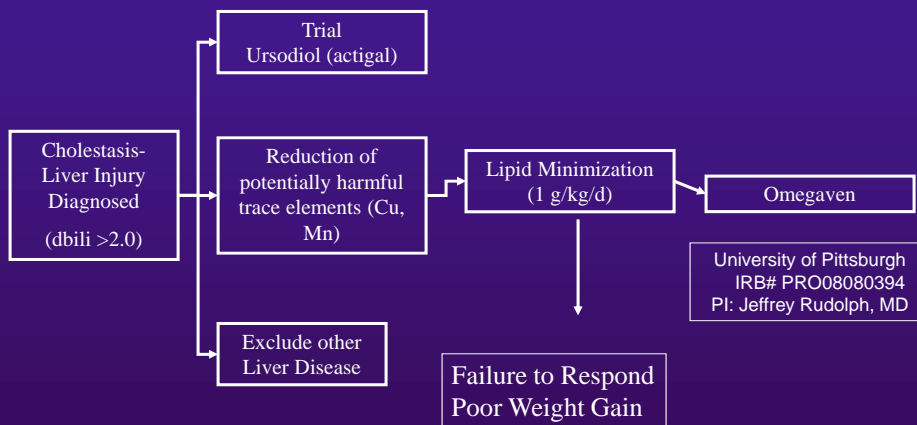
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## Lipid Emulsions in Parenteral Nutrition Use

- **Lipid is an essential nutrient in newborns**
  - Requirements (type and amount) not well known
- **Soy-based emulsions are only approved form of parenteral lipids in the U.S.**



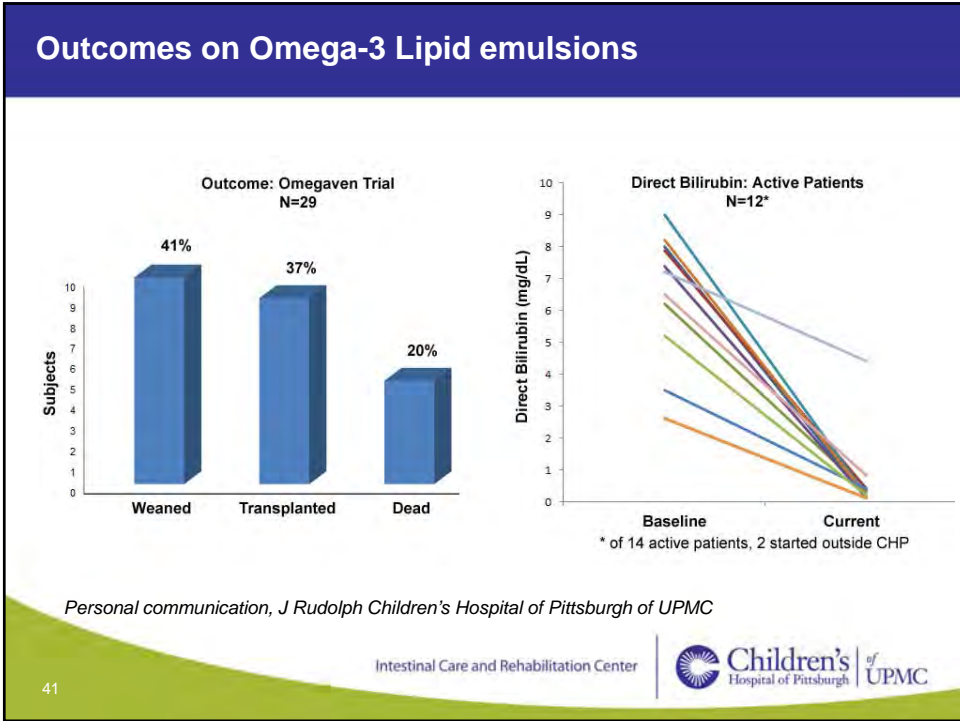
## Algorithm: Hepatic Sparing TPN



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## Does the multidisciplinary approach work?

**A.S.P.E.N. Clinical Guidelines: Support of Pediatric Patients With Intestinal Failure at Risk of Parenteral Nutrition-Associated Liver Disease**  
 Paul W. Wales, Nancy Allen, Patricia Worthington, Donald George, Charlene Compher, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition and Daniel Teitelbaum  
*JPEN J Parenter Enteral Nutr* published online 2 April 2014  
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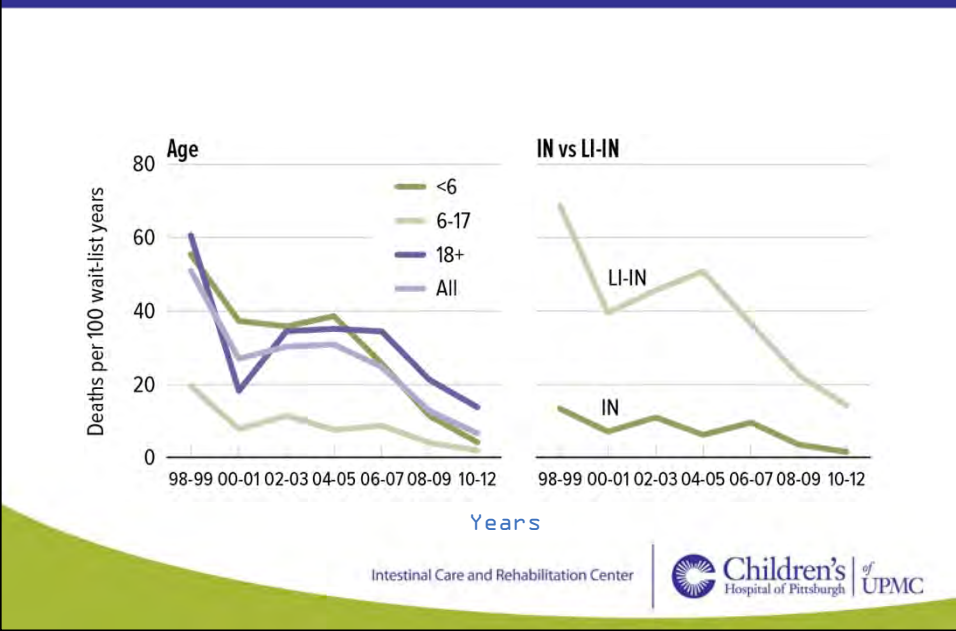
**3 Retrospective Medical Record Reviews:**

|                            | Survival        |                  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                            | Pre-IR Team     | Post-IR Team     |
| <b>Sigalet et al, 2009</b> | <b>73% (33)</b> | <b>100% (22)</b> |
| <b>Modi et al, 2008</b>    | <b>73% (30)</b> | <b>89% (54)</b>  |
| <b>Diamond et al, 2007</b> | <b>70% (40)</b> | <b>78% (54)</b>  |

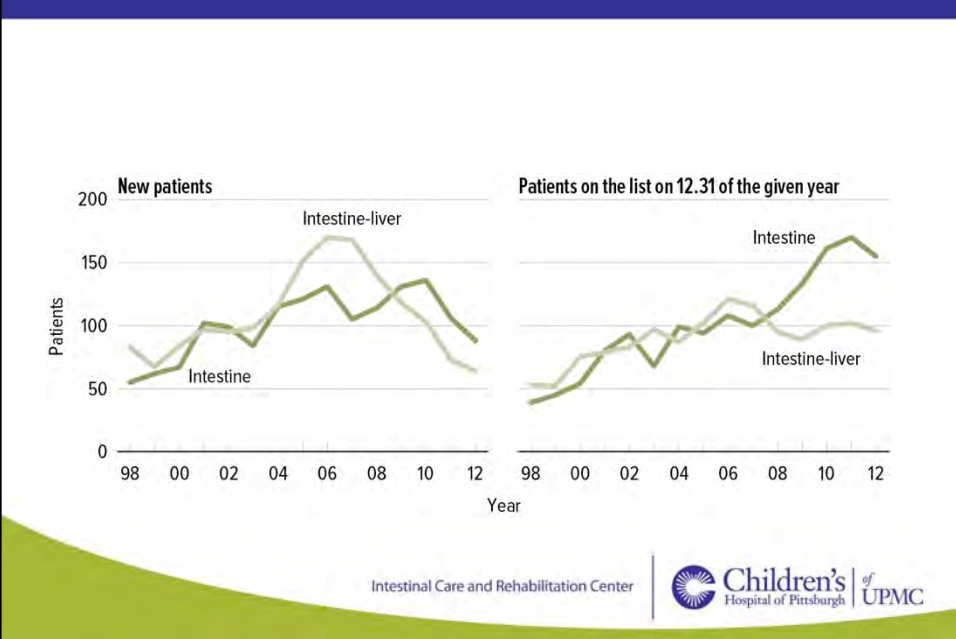
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### Decreasing pre-transplant mortality rates among patients wait-listed for an intestinal transplant (SRTR)



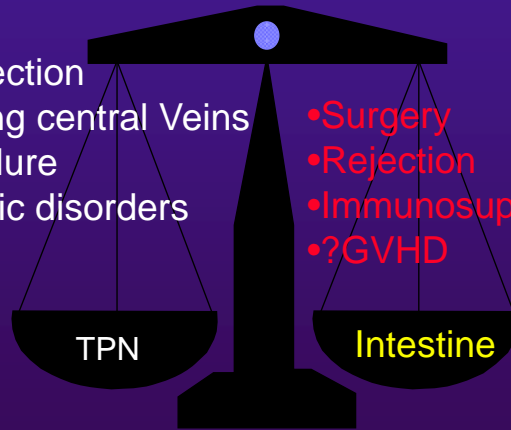
### Fewer patients waiting for an intestinal transplant



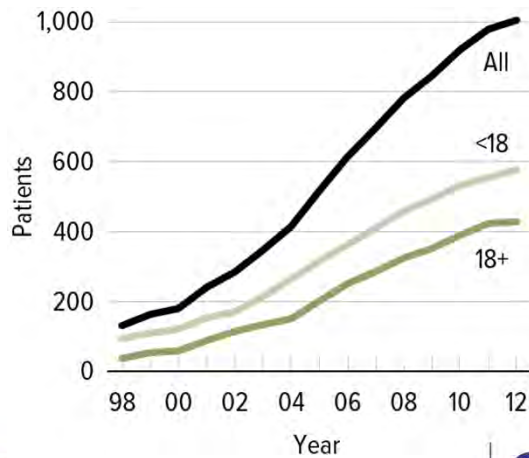
## When is the right time for transplant?

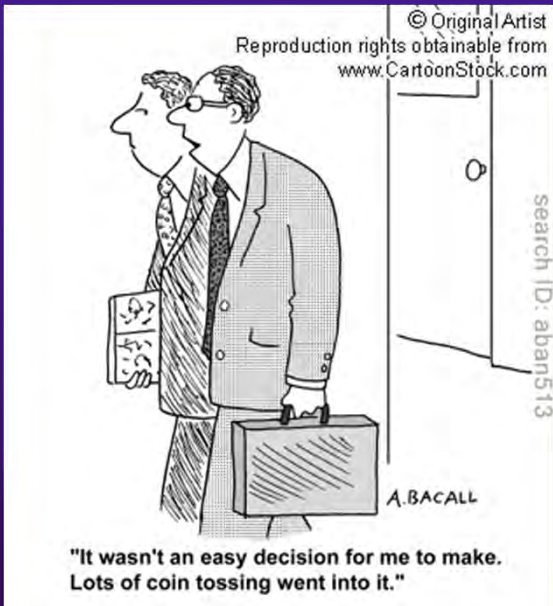
### TPN VS INTESTINE TRANSPLANT

- Line infection
  - Vanishing central Veins
  - Liver failure
  - Metabolic disorders
  - Cost
- Surgery
  - Rejection
  - Immunosuppression
  - ?GVHD



### Recipients alive & with a functioning intestinal transplant on June 30 of the year






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"It wasn't an easy decision for me to make.  
Lots of coin tossing went into it."

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## Indications for Intestinal Transplantation

| U.S.A. Medicare & Medicaid  | Am Society of Transplantation  |
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| <p>HPN-Failure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impending (total bilirubin 3 to 6 mg/dL, progr. thrombocytopenia and splenomegaly) or overt liver failure (portalhypert., hepatosplenomegaly, hepatic fibrosis or cirrhosis)</li> <li>• Thrombosis <math>\geq</math> 2 central veins</li> <li>• Frequent and severe CVC sepsis (<math>\geq</math> 2 yr or single episode of fungemia)</li> <li>• Frequent episodes of severe dehydration</li> </ul> | <p>Disease-related risk of death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desmoid tumors in FAP</li> <li>• Congenital mucosal diseases</li> <li>• Ultra short bowel</li> </ul> <p>High morbidity IF / HPN refusal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor pain control, frequent hospitalization</li> <li>• Pt. unwillingness to continue HPN</li> </ul> |

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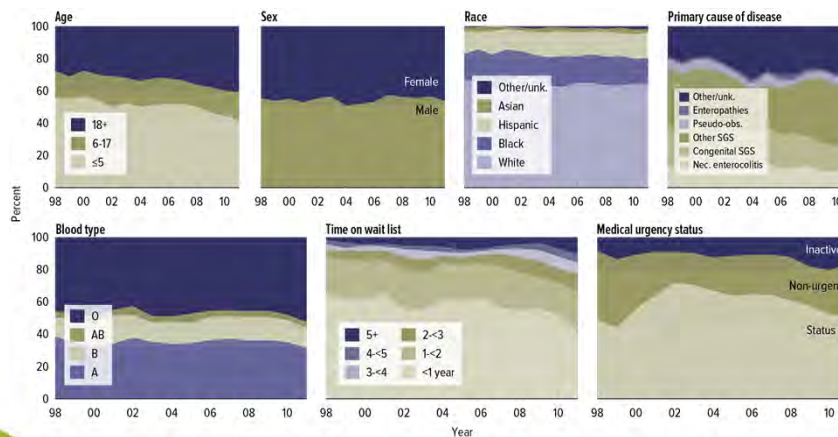
## When should referral be made for intestine transplantation in children with chronic intestinal failure??

- Infant age
- Evidence of liver disease (jaundice, thrombocytopenia, ascites, splenomegaly, bridging fibrosis)
- Primary mucosal disorders
- Massive small bowel resection
- Prognostic or diagnostic uncertainty
- Thrombosis of  $\geq 2$  central veins

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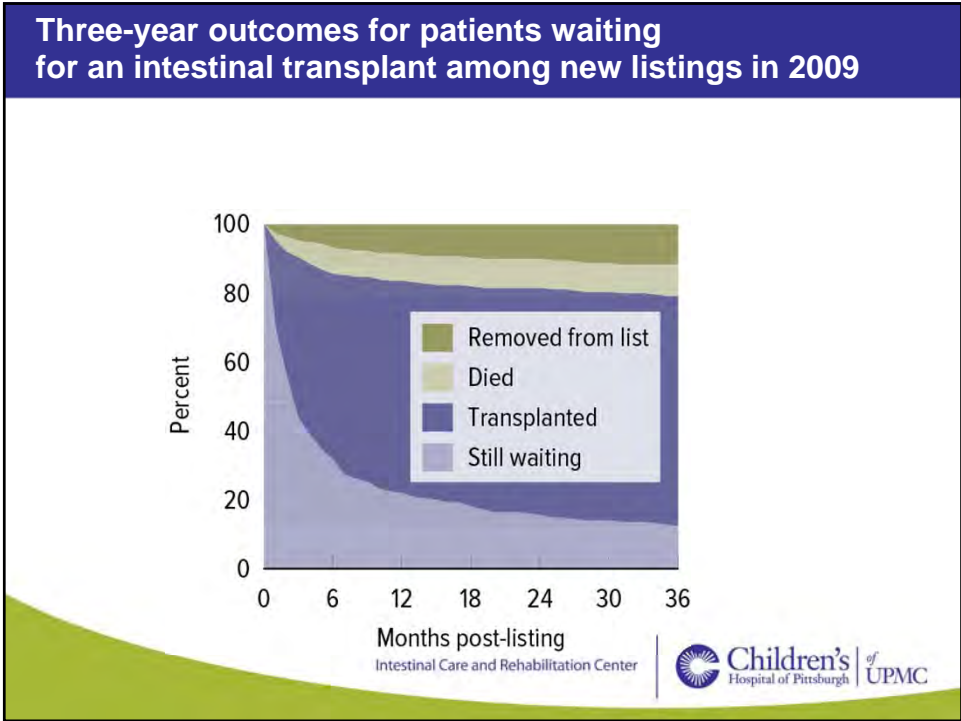


## Current distribution of patients waiting for an intestinal transplant



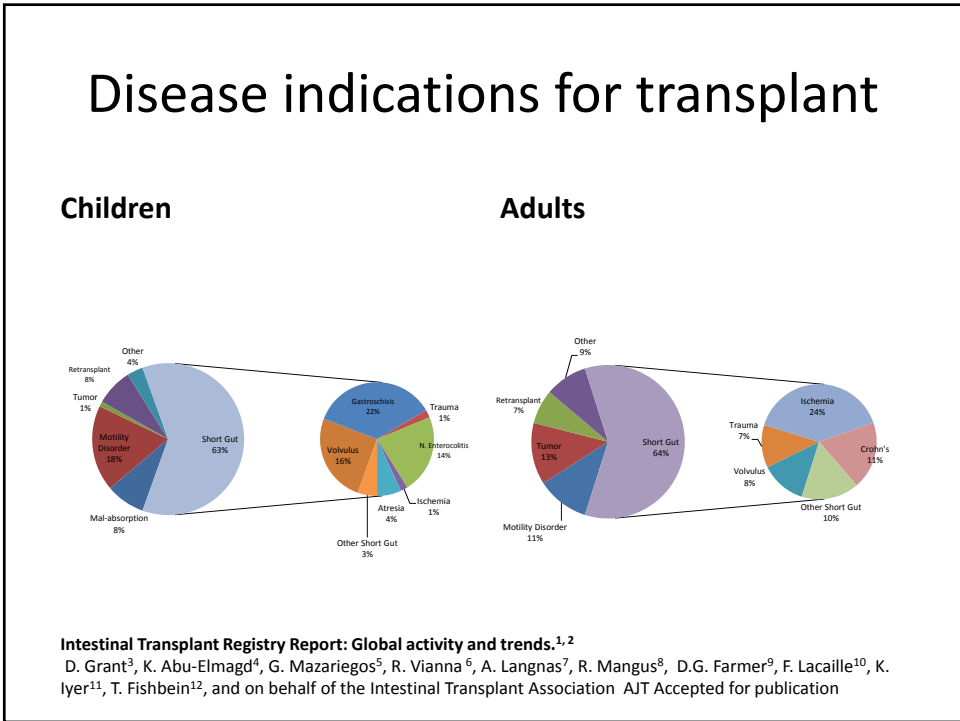
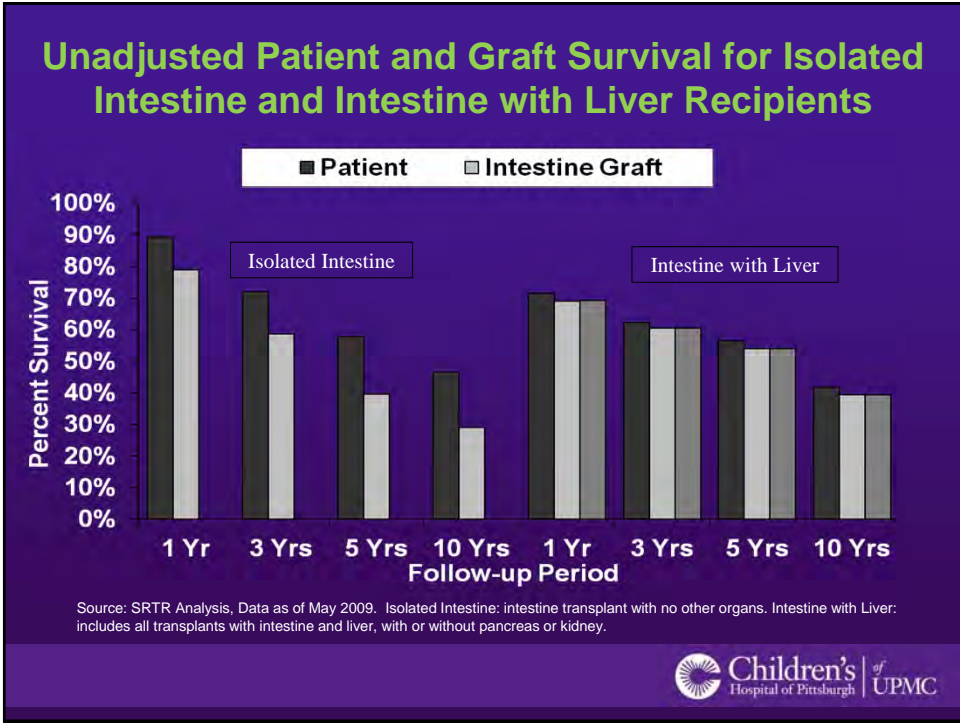
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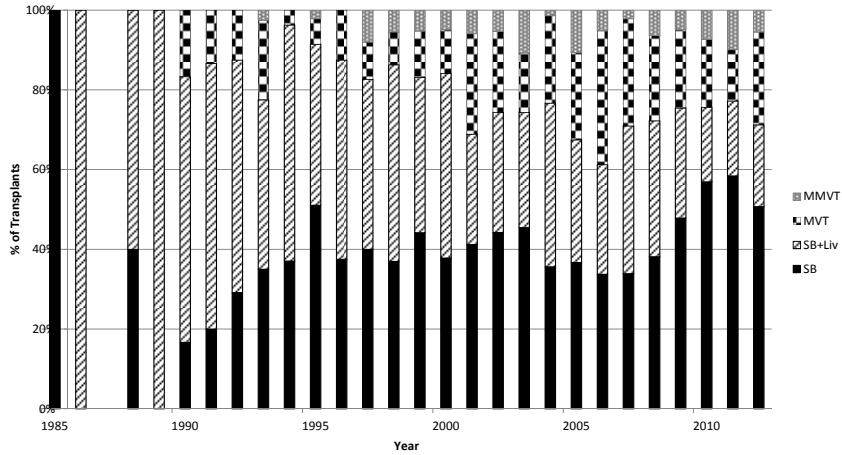


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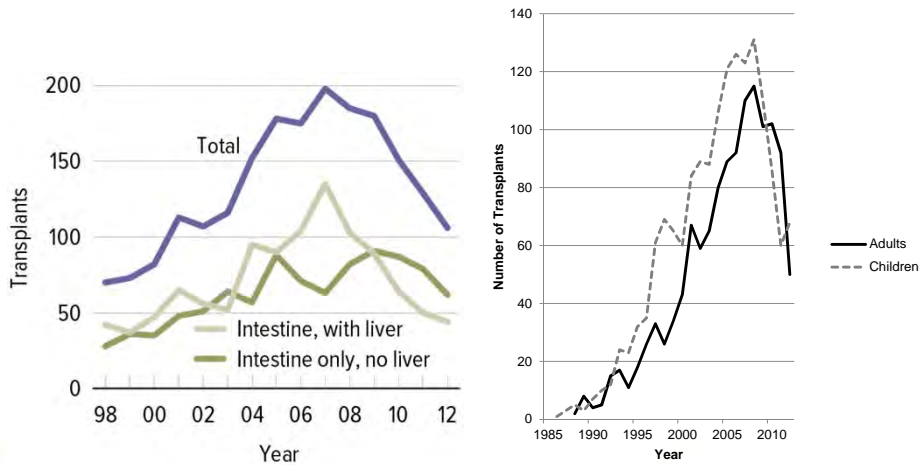
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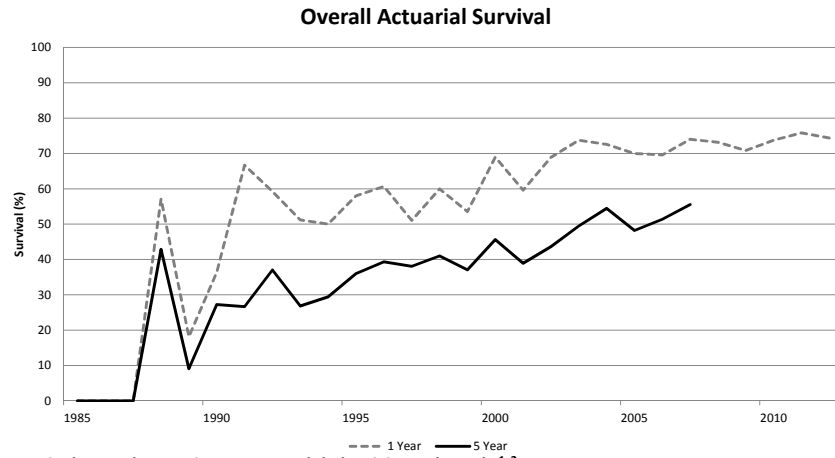
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## Improvements in actuarial survival



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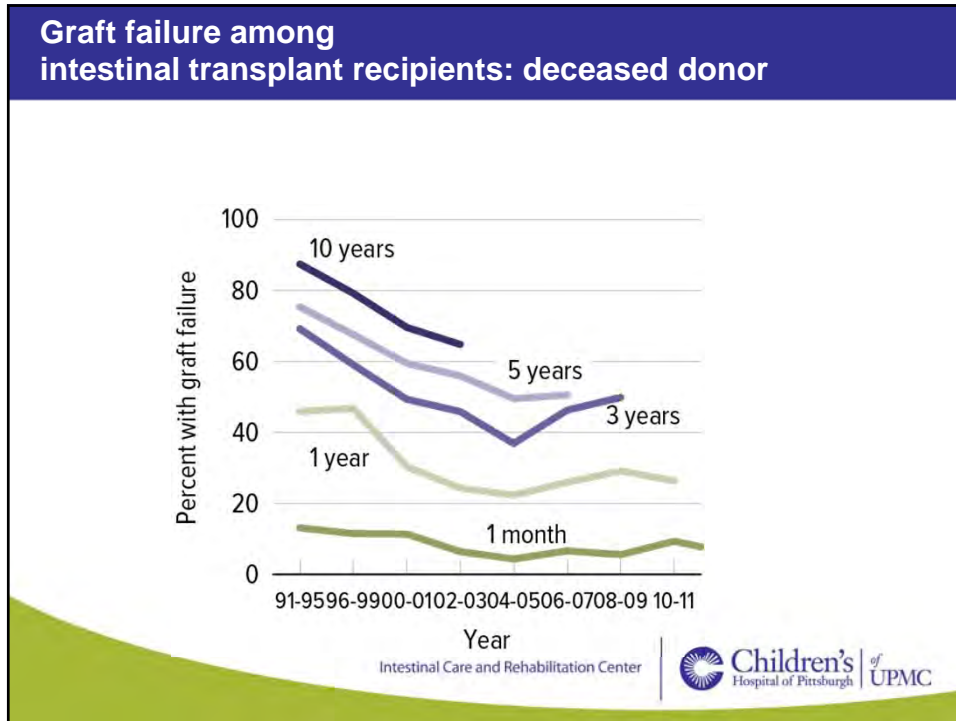
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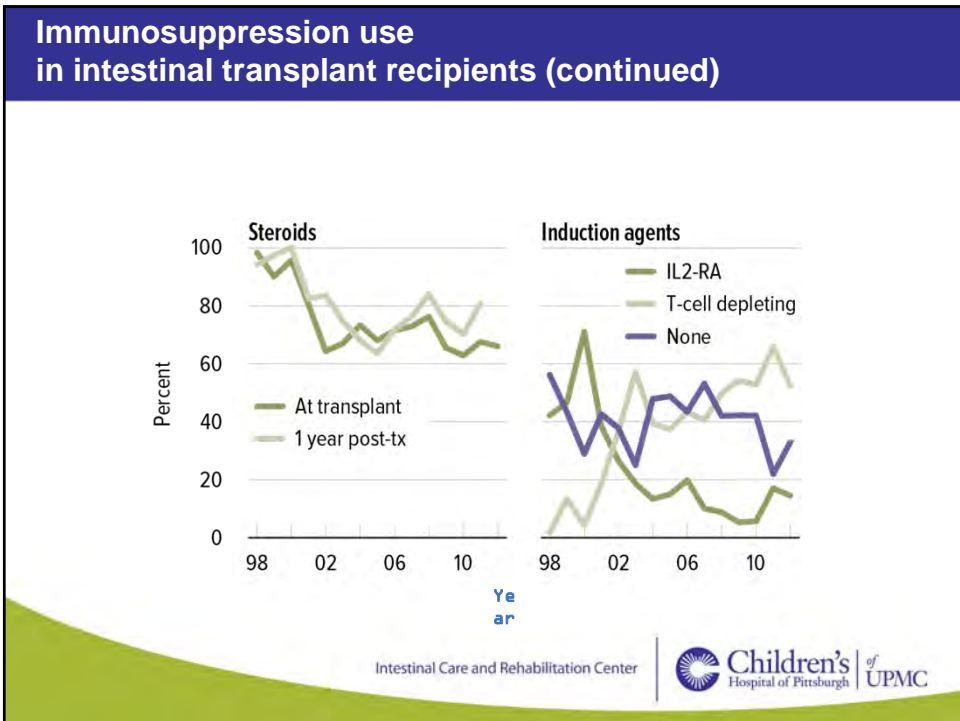
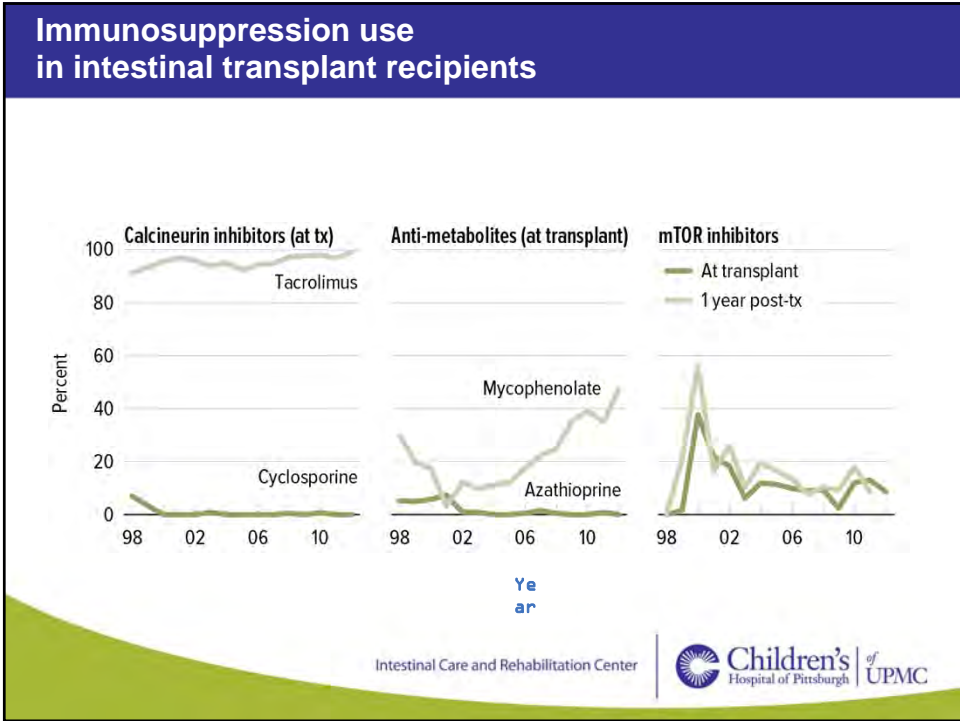
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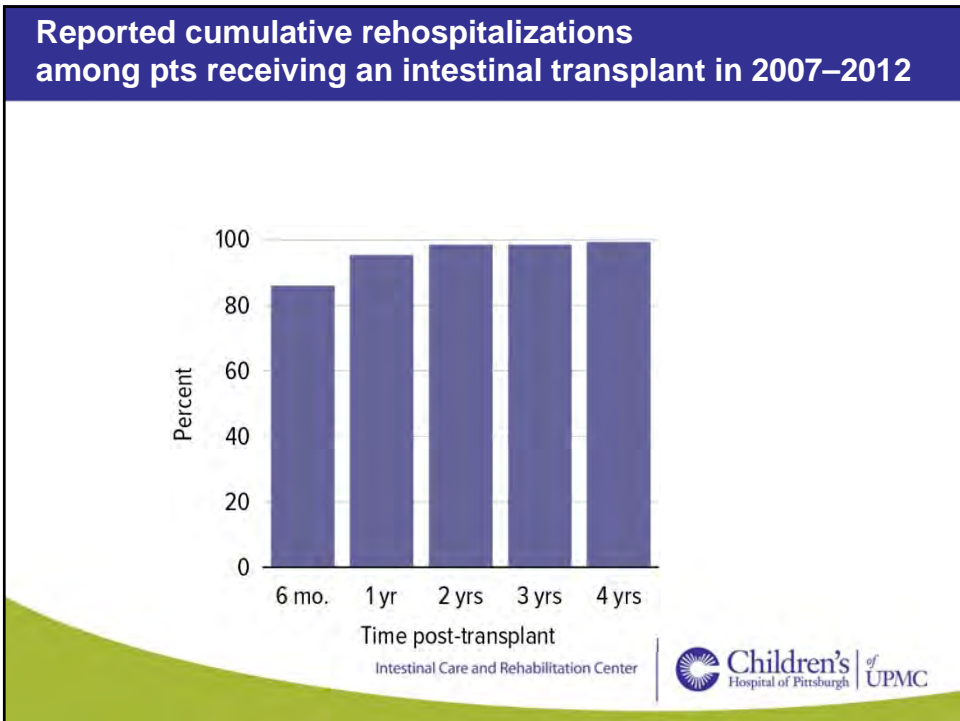
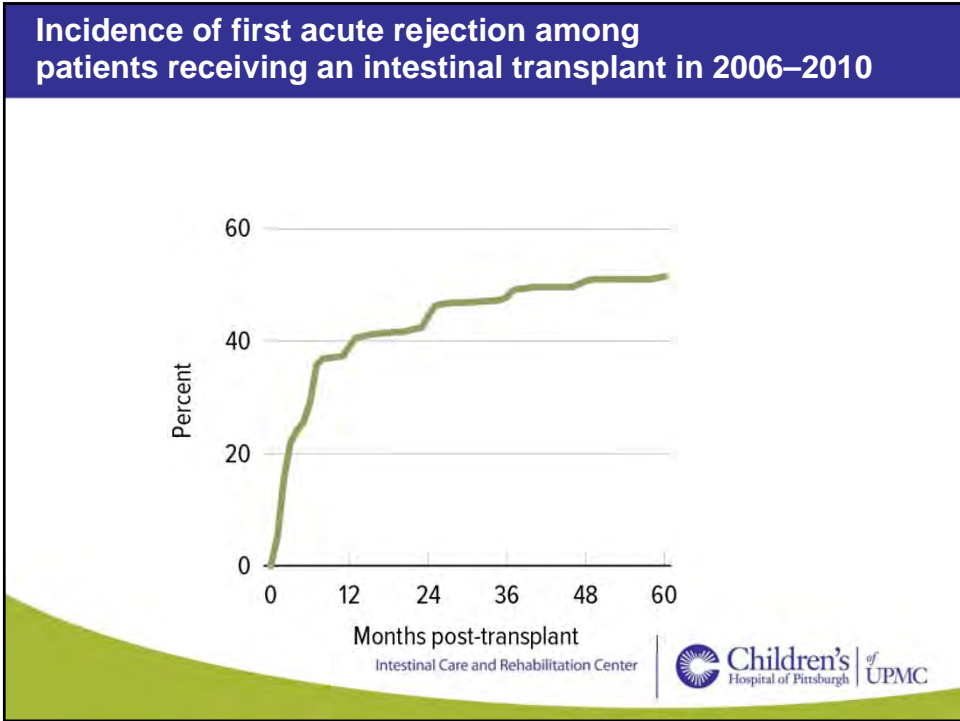
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## What are the challenges to long term survival of the intestine recipient?

- Infection and PTLD
- Chronic Rejection
- Immunosuppressant Related Morbidities  
( Renal Failure, Htn, etc)

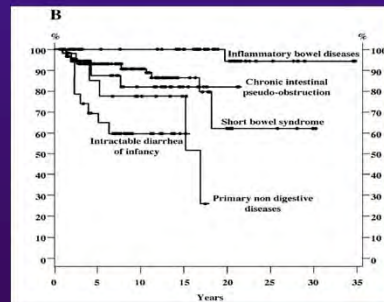




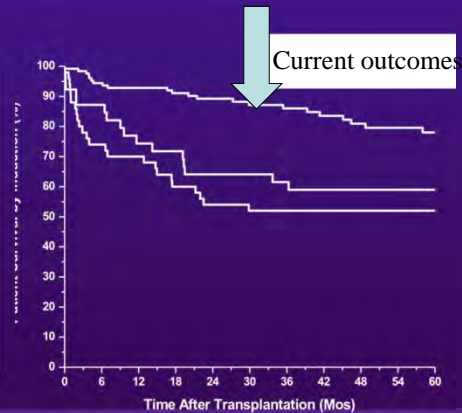


## Decision making?

### TPN



### Intestine Transplant



## Final Considerations

- Current decision making in intestinal failure requires expert multidisciplinary assessment and care
- Understand risk factors, underlying diagnosis, morbidities, and probability of adaptation along with assessment of quality of life
- Improved liver sparing therapy, hormonal therapy and increased non-transplant surgical options are changing the need for intestine transplantation