


# Practical Issues in nutrition intervention in cancer patients

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# Do we need to assess nutritional status in oncology patients? ....

- Malnutrition related to disease or treatment?...
- Difficulty swallowing?...
- Symptoms related to cancer treatment?...

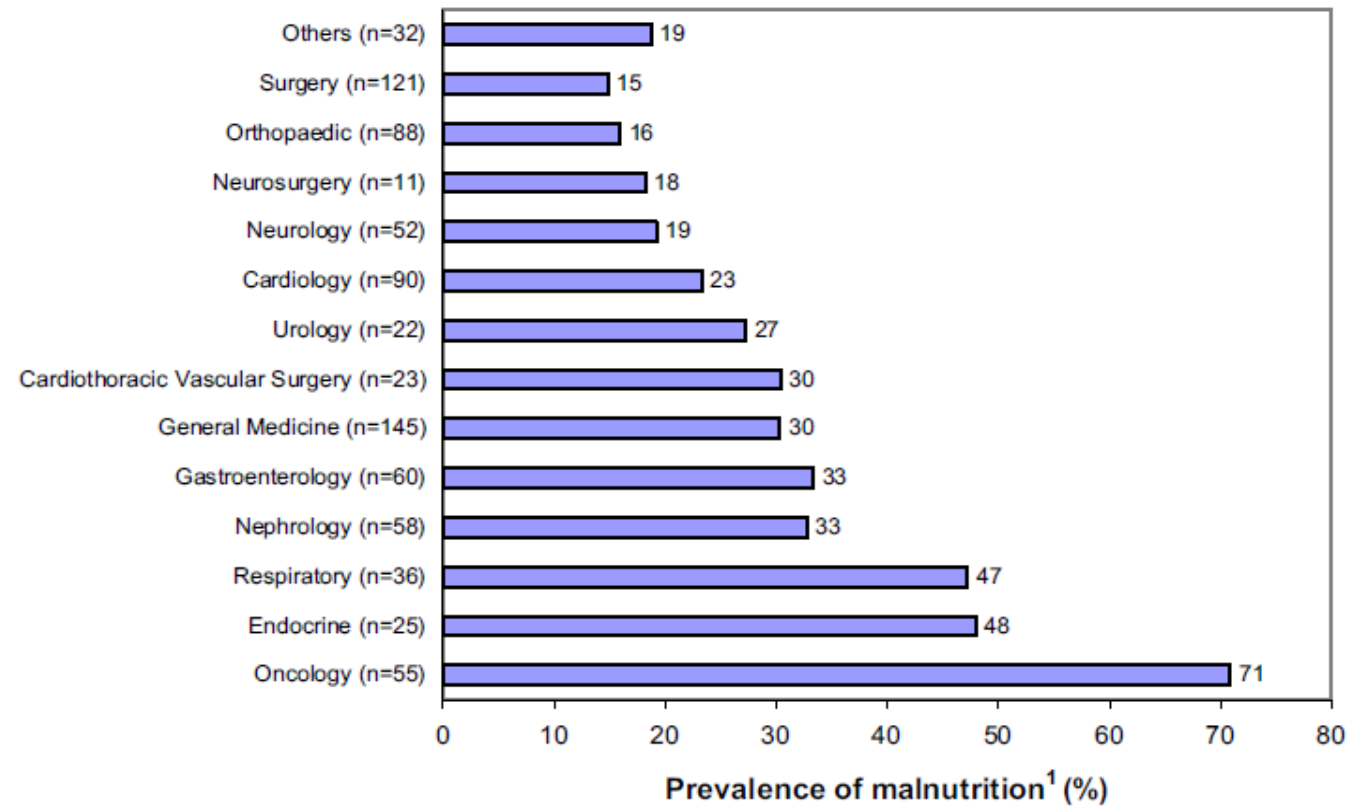
***So, what do we do now?***

# Cancer and malnutrition



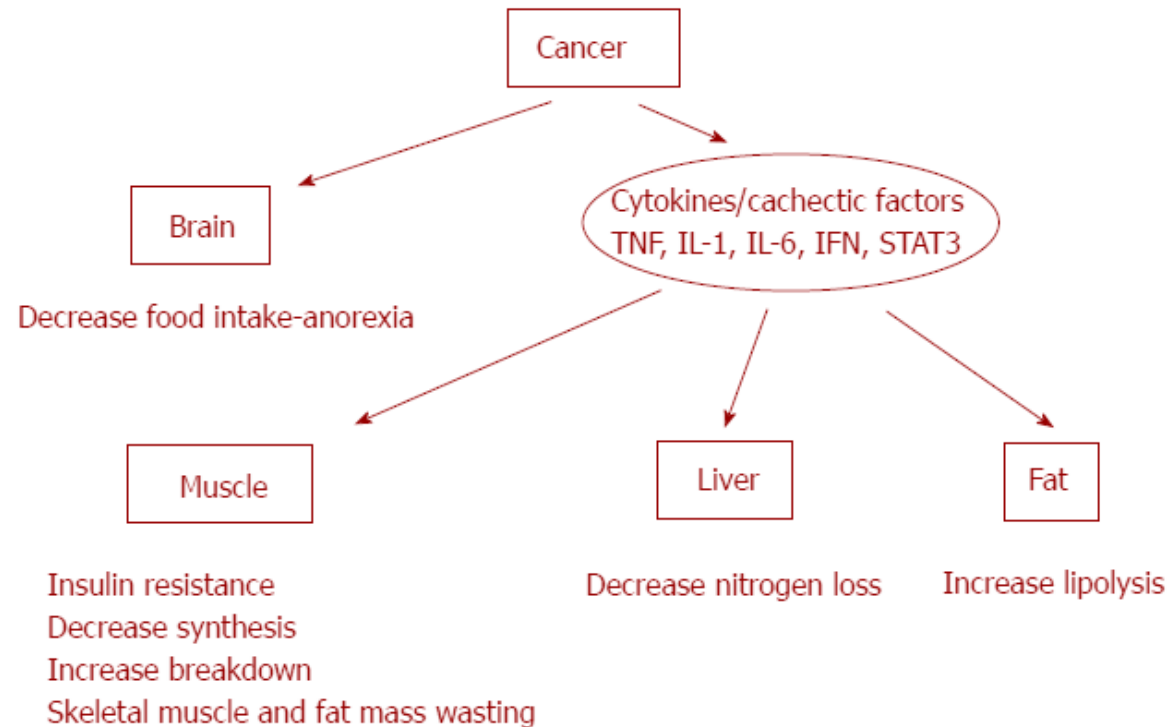
There is enough evidence that up to 40% of hospitalized patients with cancer are malnourished, this is associated with an increase in hospital length stay and morbidity

# Prevalence of malnutrition



Prevalence of malnutrition by specialties (n = 818). <sup>1</sup>Malnutrition was determined with Subjective Global Assessment within 48 h of hospital admission.

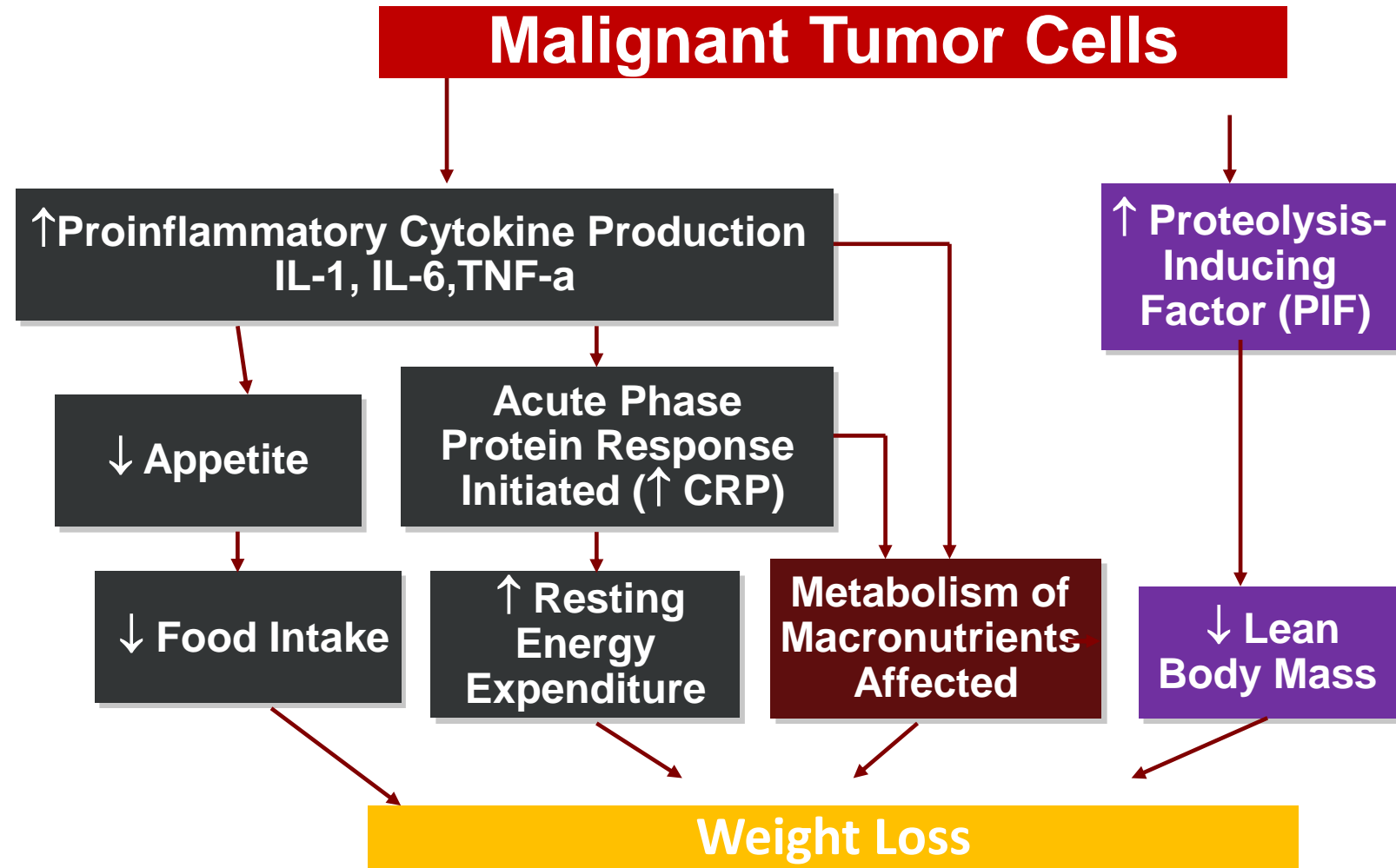
# Metabolic changes in oncology patients



**Role of tumor-induced systemic inflammation with metabolic pathways in organs affected by cancer cachexia.**

IL: Interleukin; TNF: Tumor necrosis factor; IFN: Interferon; STAT3: Signal transducers and activators of transcription 3.

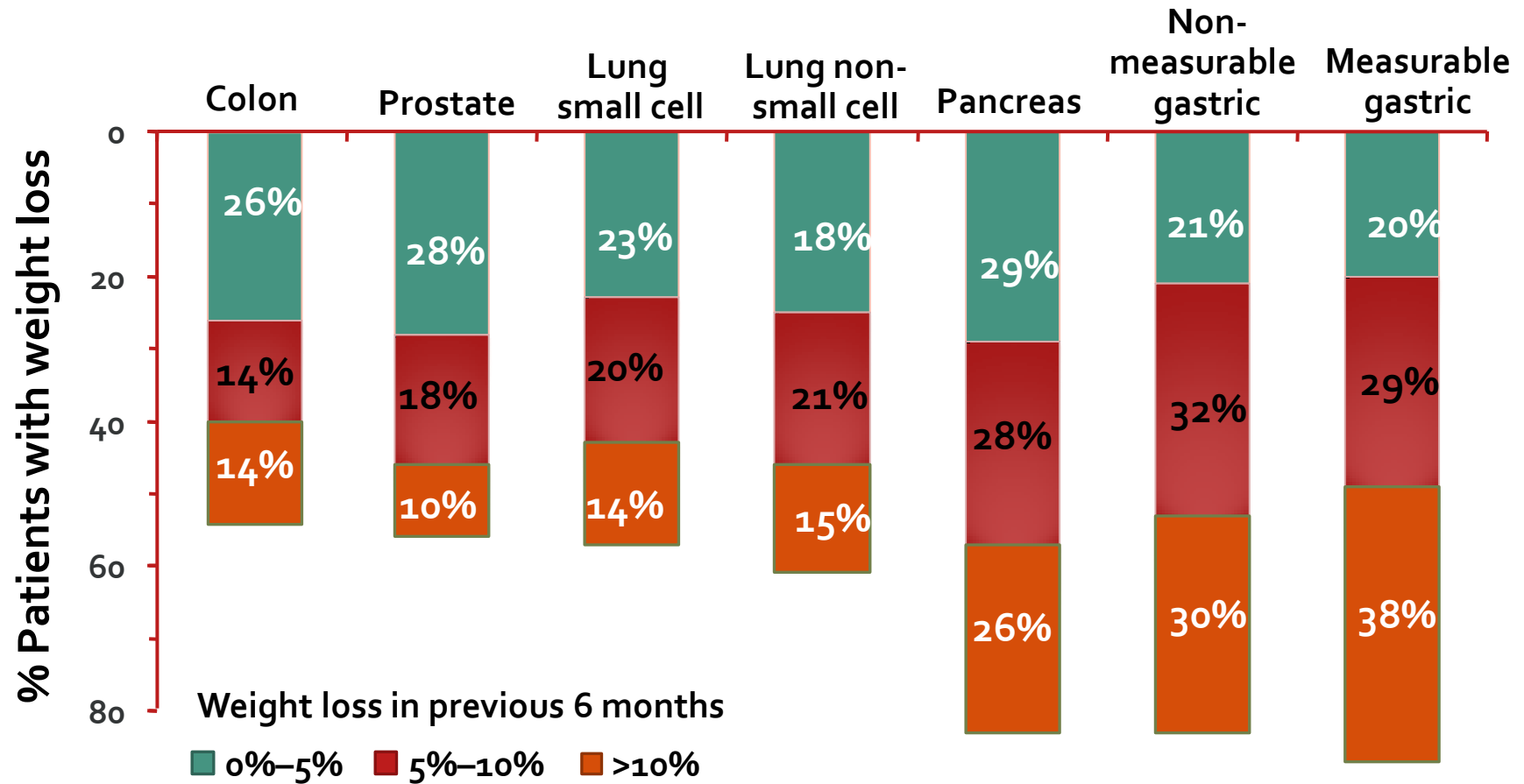
# Impact of cancer cells in patients nutritional status



# Cancer and malnutrition

- Up to 40% of cancer patients have unexplained weight loss at first diagnosis.
- 80% experience weight loss in advanced stages.
- More than 5% weight loss causes reduced response to therapy.

# Frequency/severity of weight loss associated with cancer

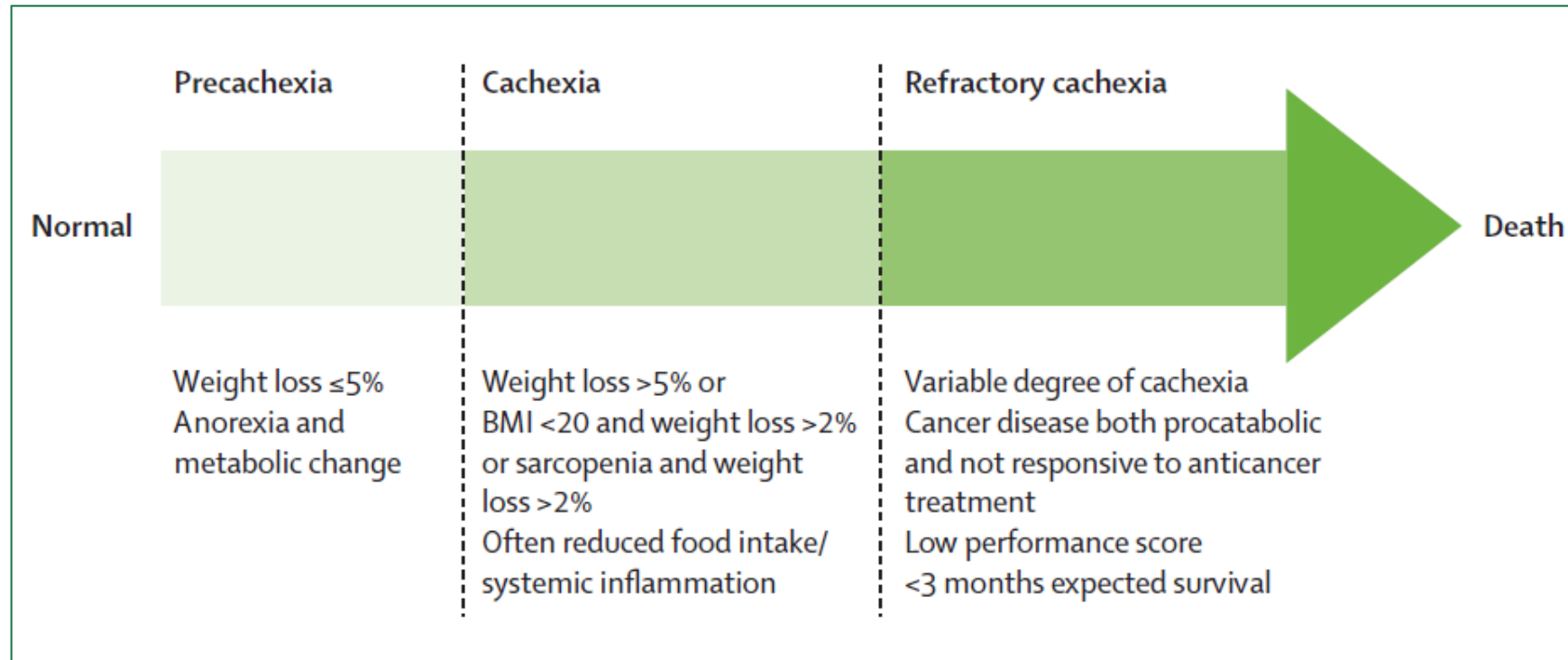





# Weight loss and poor nutrition status

- Is associated with morbidity outcomes and mortality:
  - Hospital admissions and readmissions
  - Hospitalary length of stay
  - Quality of life
  - Tolerance to RT and CT treatment
  - Mortality

# Malnutrition or cachexia



- Up to 20% of cancer death



# Clinical practice experience of a specialized clinical nutrition service in a public hospital in Mexico City

ASSESSMENT &

TREATMENT

2008

Was determined % of malnutrition.

Assessed:

- BMI
- Starvation
- Food intake
- LOS

Patients:

- Gastroenterology (%)
- Intensive therapy
- Neurology
- Oncology
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine

Original

## Estado nutricional en pacientes internados en un hospital público de la ciudad de México

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Resumen

**Objetivo:** Determinar la frecuencia de desnutrición en los pacientes hospitalizados y relacionarla a su índice de masa corporal, ayuno, consumo de alimentos durante la estancia —nivel energético y proteico— y a los días de hospitalización.

**Métodos (población de estudio, sujetos, intervención):** Se evaluó la pérdida de peso en los últimos seis meses, el índice de masa corporal (IMC), los porcentajes de peso ideal y habitual, días de hospitalización, porcentaje de adecuación de alimento consumido (en kilocalorías y gramos de proteína), los días y razones del ayuno según fuera el caso en pacientes hospitalizados en diferentes servicios del Hospital General de México. Los pacientes se dividieron en grupos de acuerdo a su estado nutricional (con/en riesgo de desnutrición o normal) y se llevó a cabo un análisis descriptivo, así como diversas pruebas t para estimar la diferencia entre medias y comparar los dos grupos.

**Resultados:** Se evaluaron 561 pacientes. Se observaron diferentes frecuencias de desnutrición de acuerdo a varios indicadores: 21,17% de acuerdo al IMC, 38,07% y 19,57% por porcentaje de peso habitual e ideal respectivamente y una pérdida de peso en 69,57% de los pacien-

### NUTRITIONAL STATUS IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS IN A PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN MEXICO CITY

Abstract

**Objective:** To determine the frequency of malnutrition among hospitalized patients and to relate nutrition status with body mass index, fasting time, adequacy intake of protein and energy during hospitalization and length of stay.

**Methods (study population, subjects, intervention):** We evaluated weight loss in the last 6 months prior to admission, body mass index (BMI), ideal and usual body weight percentages, days of hospitalization, energy and protein intake adequacy, fasting days and cause in hospitalized patients at different wards at Hospital General de Mexico. Patients were divided into groups according to their nutritional status (at risk/with malnutrition or normal) and data was assessed descriptively and comparatively by t-tests to determine mean differences.

2008

# Potential Nutritional Risks

| <i>Frecuencia de desnutrición de acuerdo a diversos indicadores</i> |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | <i>n</i> | <i>%</i> |
| <i>Por IMC</i>  |          |          |
| Desnutrición  | 119      | 21,17    |
| Normal  | 186      | 33,09    |
| Sobrepeso   | 155      | 27,58    |
| Obesidad  | 101      | 17,97    |
| <i>Por pérdida de peso habitual</i>                                 |          |          |
| Riesgo de desnutrición  | 214      | 38,07    |
| Sin riesgo  | 347      | 61,74    |
| <i>Por % de peso ideal</i>  |          |          |
| Riesgo de desnutrición  | 110      | 19,57    |
| Sin riesgo  | 451      | 80,24    |
| <i>Por peso perdido</i>   |          |          |
| Perdió peso   | 391      | 69,57    |
| Sin cambio  | 63       | 11,21    |
| Ganó peso   | 107      | 19,03    |

n = número de pacientes.

## Just time for wait...

### *Generalidades de los hábitos dietéticos intrahospitalarios*

|   | <i>n</i> | <i>% ajustado</i> |
|---|----------|-------------------|
| <i>% de adecuación energético</i>           |          |                   |
| En riesgo                                   | 433      | 77,20             |
| Sin riesgo →                                | 128      | 22,8              |
| <i>% de adecuación proteico</i>             |          |                   |
| En riesgo                                   | 497      | 87,9              |
| Sin riesgo →                                | 68       | 12,1              |
| <i>Vía de administración de la dieta</i>    |          |                   |
| Óral  | 506      | 90,20             |
| Enteral →                                   | 22       | 3,92              |
| Parenteral                                  | 8        | 1,43              |
| Mixta                                       | 2        | 0,36              |
| Ayuno                                       | 23       | 4,10              |
| <i>Motivo del ayuno durante su estancia</i> |          |                   |
| Tratamiento (pre/post-quirúrgico, etc.)     | 86       | 33,73             |
| Propios                                     | 39       | 15,29             |
| Estudios clínicos                           | 130      | 50,98             |
| <i>% de consumo de la dieta</i>             |          |                   |
| ≤ 50%                                       | 106      | 19,31             |
| 60-70%                                      | 118      | 21,49             |
| ≥ 80%                                       | 325      | 59,20             |
| <i>Causa del consumo inadecuado</i>         |          |                   |
| Anorexia                                    | 124      | 33,60             |
| Higiene                                     | 10       | 2,71              |
| Monotonía                                   | 10       | 2,71              |
| Sabor                                       | 36       | 9,76              |
| Náusea                                      | 76       | 20,60             |
| Horarios                                    | 11       | 2,98              |
| Tristeza, soledad                           | 69       | 18,70             |
| Otros                                       | 32       | 8,67              |

n = número de pacientes.

# Population 2008 Vs 2015

|                  | 2008 (N=303) |        | 2015 (N=443) |        | p     |
|------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|-------|
|                  | Mean         | SD     | Mean         | SD     |       |
| Height           | 157.34       | 10.381 | 159.53       | 9.867  | 0.004 |
| Weight           | 62.22        | 15.714 | 63.98        | 14.675 | 0.122 |
| BMI              | 25.22        | 6.375  | 25.07        | 5.007  | 0.722 |
| Usual Weight     | 68.63        | 30.523 | 69.45        | 17.164 | 0.669 |
| Usual Weight (%) | 93.47        | 14.947 | 92.91        | 11.237 | 0.578 |

**Patients with cancer have the same pattern of weight loss despite the passing years so better strategies must be applied**





Original / *Valoración nutricional*

## Prevalencia de riesgo de desnutrición evaluada con NRS-2002 en población oncológica mexicana

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| WEIGHT LOSS | NUTRITIONAL RISK (%) | NO RISK (%) |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| NONE        | 9.9                  | 11.3        |
| LOW         | 8.8                  | 13.1        |
| MEDIUM      | 9.7                  | 0           |
| HIGH        | 21.8                 | 0           |

it's just  
 a matter  
 of time



# OVARIAN CANCER

- Does not affect digestive system
- However nutritional status is affected



## Nutritional deficiencies

- **Ovarian cáncer:**
  - Benign vs malign tumors affecting Body Composition in patients
  - 64 benign ovary tumour patients vs 56 malignant ovary cancer patients.
  - Measure of the following parameters: biochemical, anthropometric, body composition with the use of DEXA, BIA and cutaneous folds.

## Body composition(benign vs. malignancy)

| Variable               | Malign<br>n=56 | Benign<br>n=64 | P       |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Weight                 | 60.7 ± 11.7    | 63.7 ± 11.9    | NS      |
| BMI                    | 26.1 ± 4.9     | 27.6 ± 4.4     | NS      |
| CM                     | 14.8 ± 1.2     | 15.1 ± 0.9     | NS      |
| TCF                    | 19.6 ± 7.7     | 25.5 ± 8.02    | 0.00**  |
| % fat (anthropometric) | 19.0 ± 7.4     | 41.7 ± 5.2     | 0.00**  |
| % BIA                  | *28.4 ± 8.6    | *32.6 ± 8.1    | NS      |
| % DEXA                 | *33.5 ± 9.3    | *39.0 ± 6.8    | 0.07 NS |

•n= 20 benignos  
•n= 10 maligno

Prueba t-student muestras independientes \*\*p > 0.05

# Biochemical data

| Indicador         | Tumor            |                  | P*     |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
|                   | Benigno<br>n=35  | Maligno<br>n=23  |        |
| Proteínas totales | 6.8 ±0.732       | 6.62 ±1.170      | >0.241 |
| Albúmina          | 3.951 ±0.568     | 3.396 ±0.733     | <0.003 |
| Transferrina      | 255 ±57.29       | 203.61 ±63.91    | <0.008 |
| Hemoglobina       | 13.16 ±1.78      | 12.17 ±2.16      | >0.07  |
| Hematocrito       | 38.91 ±4.8       | 36.47 ±5.8       | >0.113 |
| Leucocitos        | 7596.76 ±3490.51 | 6651.74 ±2917.97 | >0.29  |
| Linfocitos        | 2462.85 ±940.80  | 1971.70 ±1190.22 | <0.055 |
| CA-125            | 315.72 ±966.63   | 1163.42 ±1550    | <0.000 |

## Original Article

**Nutritional status and body composition are already affected before oncology treatment in ovarian cancer**

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***Ovarian cancer women had lower fat reserves by skin-fold thickness and lower serum proteins (albumin, transferrin, and lymphocytes) even though they were overweight.***

2015

# Clinical Nutrition Department\*

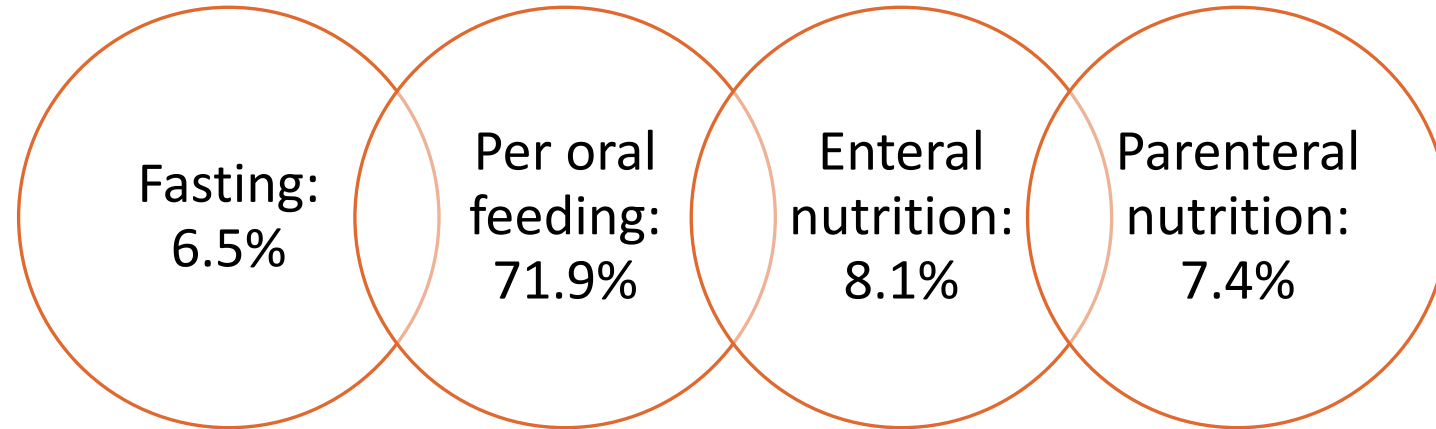
- 43,731 inpatients were treated and assessed by the Clinical Nutrition Department in 2015.
  - Male: 41%
  - Female: 51%
  - Mean hospitalary length stay: 3.7 days

**During the entire 2015, according to the NRS-2002 parameters, 21.4% of inpatients were at nutritional risk.**

*CURRENTLY MALNUTRITION IS A NOWADAYS ISSUE THAT CONTINUES TO PREVAIL IN THE HOSPITALARY BACKGROUND.*

2015

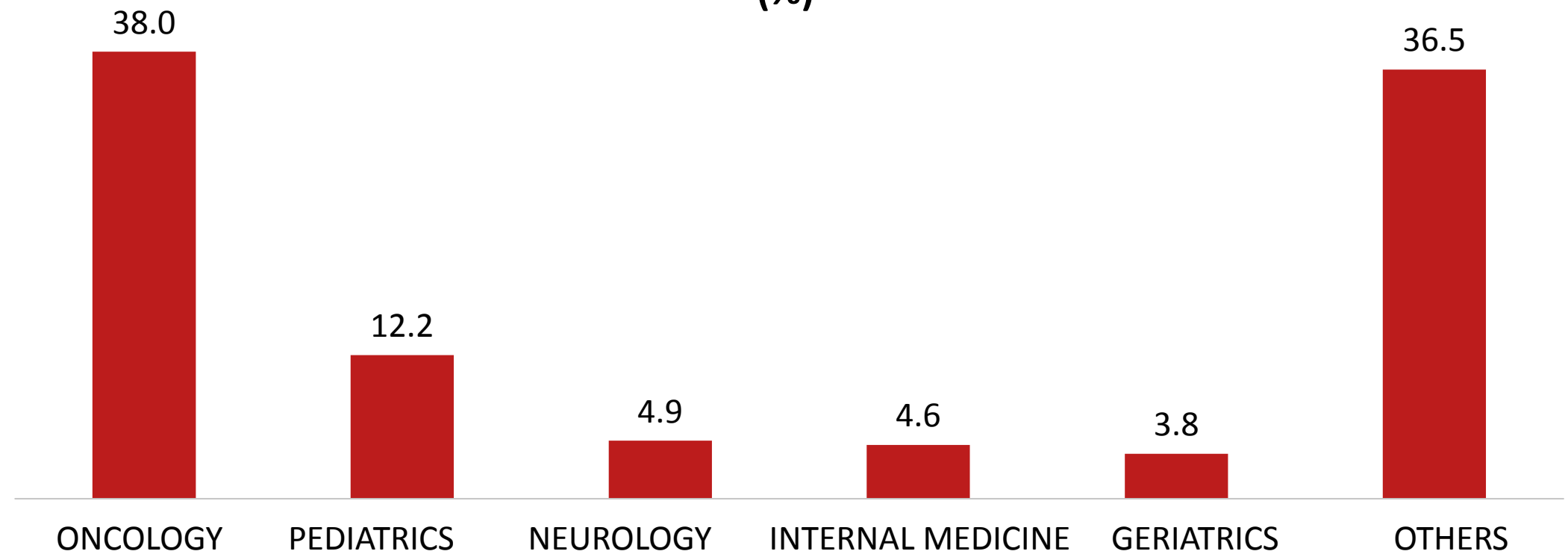
# Comparative analysis



| Per oral                            | Enteral Nutrition                  | Parenteral nutrition             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Oncology (n=10320)                  | Neurology (n=1395)                 | Oncology (n=3593)                |
| Internal Medicine(n=2261)           | Oncology (n=562)                   | General Surgery Unit 307 (n=143) |
| Neurology (n=1786)                  | Internal Medicine (n=207)          | General Surgery Unit 305 (n=139) |
| Infectology (n=1452)                | Pediatrics (n=194)                 | Pediatrics (n=133)               |
| Internal Medicine Unit 110 (n=1215) | Internal Medicine Unit 110 (n=191) | Infectology (n=130)              |

2015

NRS-2002 (%)



THERE IS AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR NUTRITIONAL CARE THERAPY IN THE HOSPITALS, INTERNAL MEDICINE AND GERIATRICS.

# Nutritional assessments

- ❖ Detect patients that need nutritional support.
- ❖ Prevents deficiencies and excess in nutritional status which can affect the clinical evolution of inpatients.

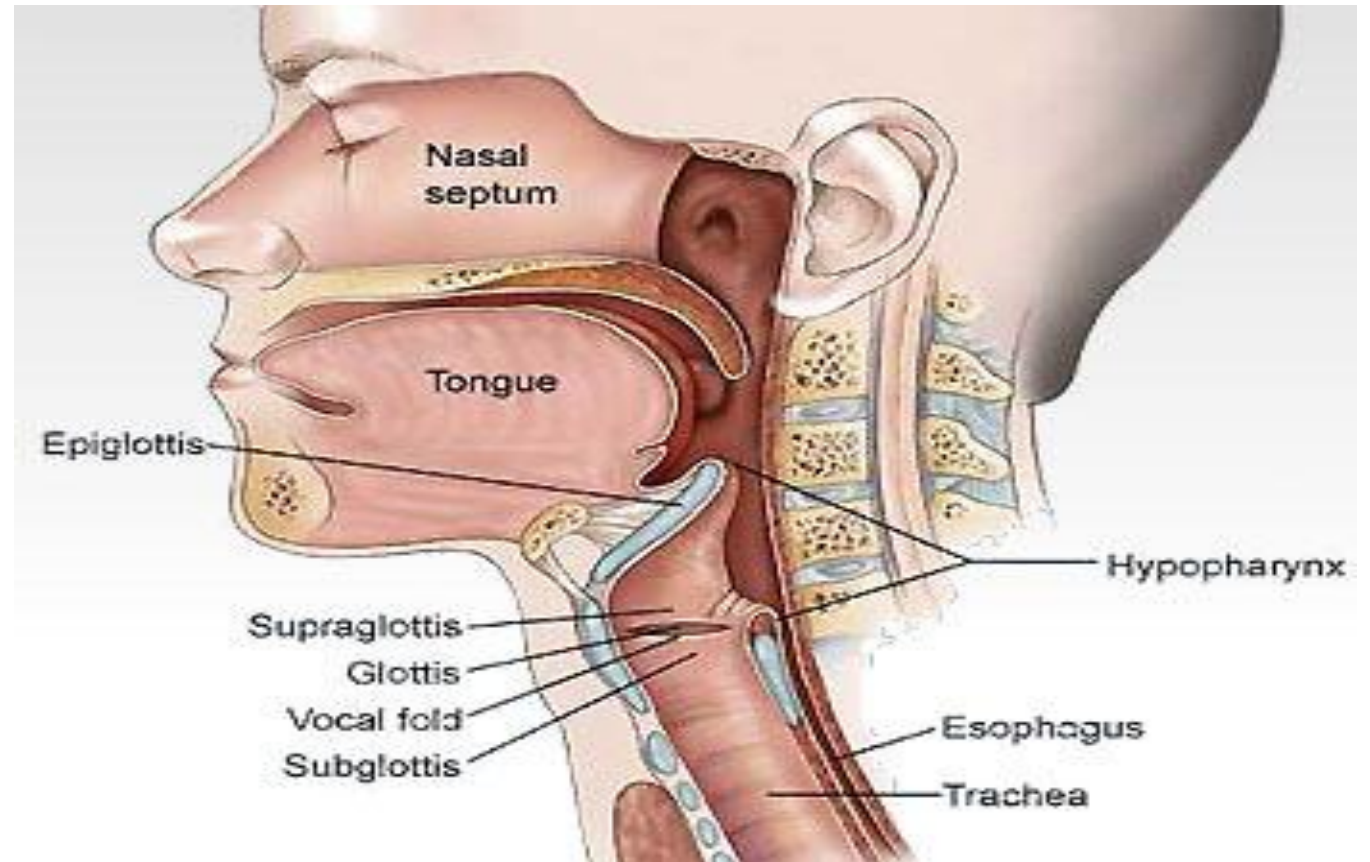
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**SURGICAL PROCEDURES MODIFY THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF INPATIENTS; THIS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF TISSUES, THE FUNCTIONAL REPAIRING PROCESSES AND THE PROGNOSIS OF INPATIENTS.**



# Head and neck cancer

- Regions which affection can imparir feeding
  - Nasal cavity.
  - Oral cavity.
  - Nasopharinx.
  - Oropharinx.
  - Larynx.



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Original

## Evaluación del impacto de un tratamiento nutricional intensivo sobre el estado nutricional de pacientes con cáncer de cabeza y cuello en estadio III y IV

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# Head and neck cancer

## General Objective

Assess the effect of intensive nutritional therapy in patients with head and neck cancer, stages III and IV (Antropometric/biochemical/dietetic data)

Patients: 41

Inpatients weight loss: 69.57%

Mean daily feeding parameters: **987.45±103.73 Kcal and 78.87±32.13 g of protein in average.**

## Methods

Cohort,  
comparative,  
experimental  
study design.



Conventional  
treatment

- Feeding advice (instructed by physician and/or nurse)
- Enteral nutrition feeding tube for the patients with malnutrition
- Enteral nutrition

# Methods

## Intensive Nutritional Care

Nutritional assessment every 21 days (anthropometric, biochemical, clinical and dietetic)

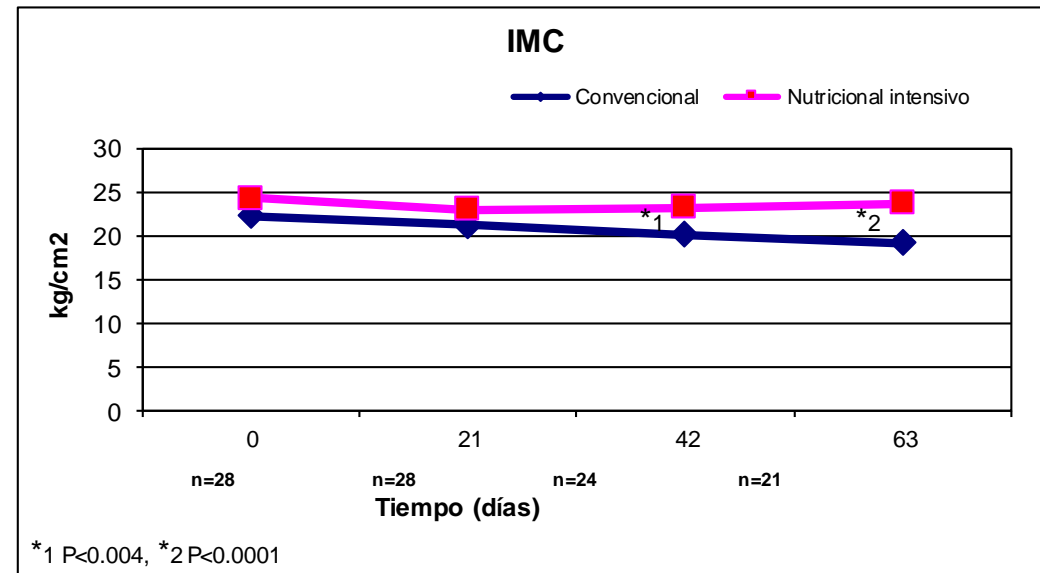
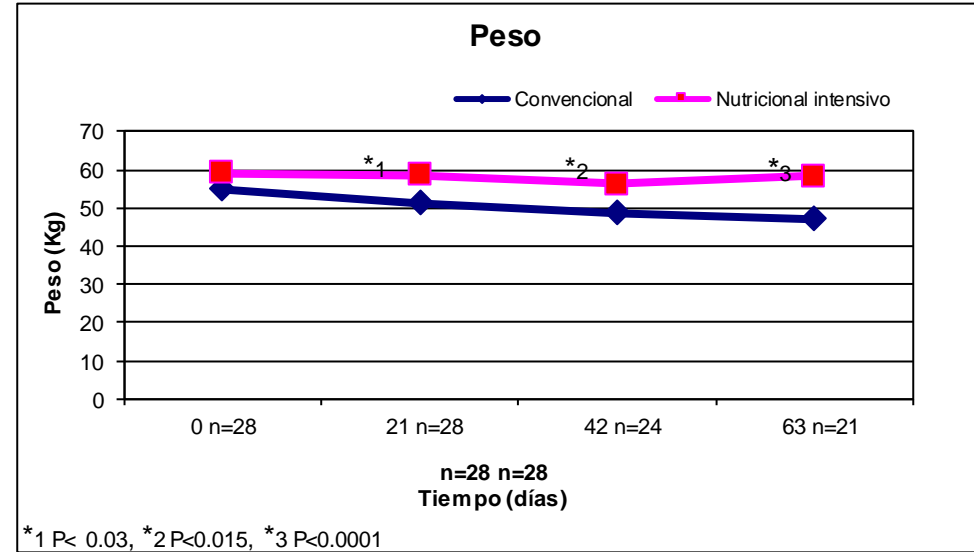
Individual nutritional requirements calculation

Nutritional supplement delivery to inpatients

Feeding tube for enteral nutrition in case requirements are not reached.

# Anthropometric results

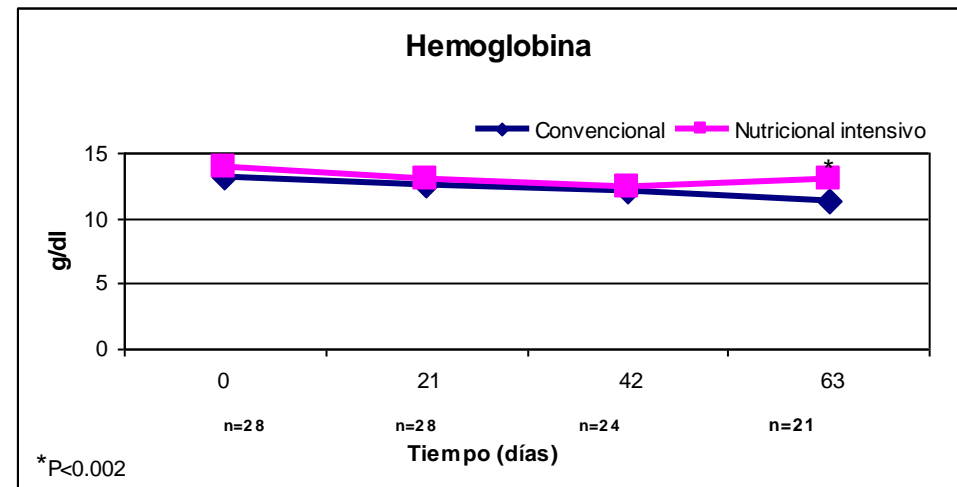
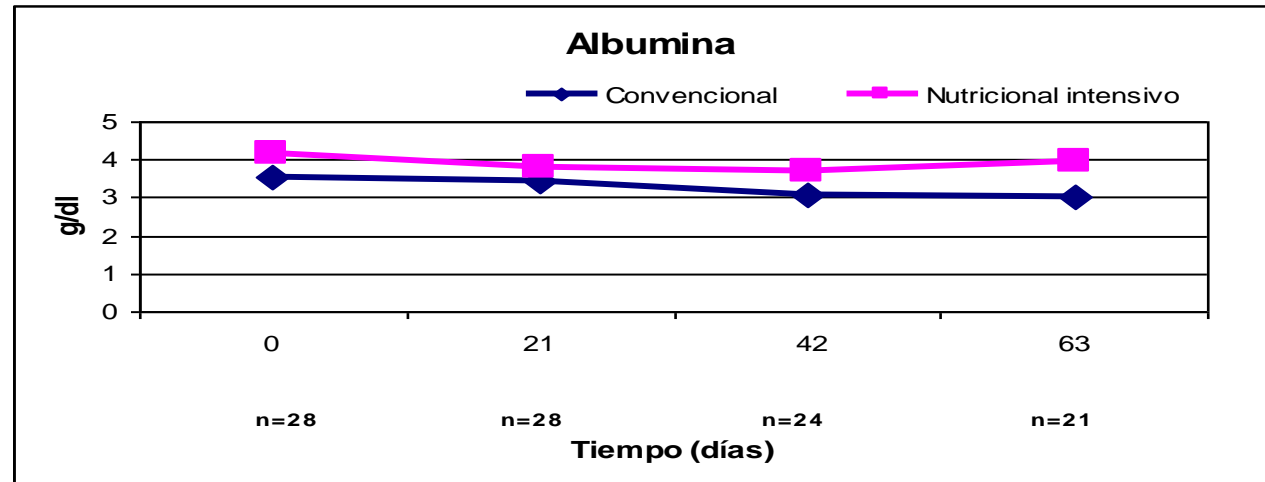
## TREATMENT



# Anthropometric results

| Parameters              | Basal            |                  |        | 21 days         |                  |        | 42 days         |                  |        | 63 days         |                  |            |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
|                         | TC (n=31)        | TNI (n=22)       | p*     | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=22)       | p*     | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=15)       | p*     | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=11)       | p*         |
| Weight (kg)             | 50.27 ±<br>12.42 | 59.60 ±<br>14.31 | NS     | 47.19 ±<br>9.60 | 59.14 ±<br>13.52 | <0.015 | 44.9 ±<br>9.05  | 56.62 ±<br>12.89 | <0.011 | 43.52 ±<br>8.98 | 58.02 ±<br>10.85 | <0.00<br>1 |
| BMI(Kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 21.01 ±<br>4.73  | 24.32 ±<br>4.77  | NS     | 20.20 ±<br>3.20 | 22.98 ±<br>4.26  | NS     | 19.12 ±<br>3.21 | 23.32 ±<br>4.26  | <0.002 | 18.32 ±<br>3.04 | 23.73 ±<br>3.40  | <.000<br>0 |
| % Fat                   | 21.14 ±<br>7.2   | 27.30 ±<br>11.24 | <0.013 | 18.95 ±<br>7.5  | 26.67 ±<br>11.58 | <0.004 | 17.2 ±<br>7.7   | 26.52 ±<br>11.26 | <0.002 | 15.37 ±<br>7.5  | 29.50 ±<br>9.59  | <0.00<br>0 |
| ICC                     | 0.89±0.86        | 0.89 ±<br>0.10   | NS     | 0.88 ±<br>0.75  | 0.90 ±<br>0.10   | NS     | 0.87<br>±0.79   | 0.88 ±<br>0.83   | NS     | 0.88 ±<br>0.77  | 0.88 ±<br>0.91   | NS         |
| % Usual<br>weight       | 89.58 ±<br>9.98  | 87.65 ±<br>11.98 | NS     | 86.53 ±<br>8.76 | 87.22 ±<br>13.08 | NS     | 82.17 ±<br>8.74 | 87.15 ±<br>11.13 | NS     | 79.22 ±<br>9.49 | 90.57 ±<br>9.36  | <0.00<br>2 |
| % Weight<br>loss        | 10.10 ±<br>9.9   | 12.77 ±<br>13.08 | NS     | 13.16 ±<br>9.0  | 12.34 ±<br>11.98 | NS     | 17.25 ±<br>9.4  | 12.84 ±<br>11.1  | NS     | 19.84 ±<br>10.5 | 9.4 ±<br>9.37    | <0.00<br>8 |

# Biochemical results





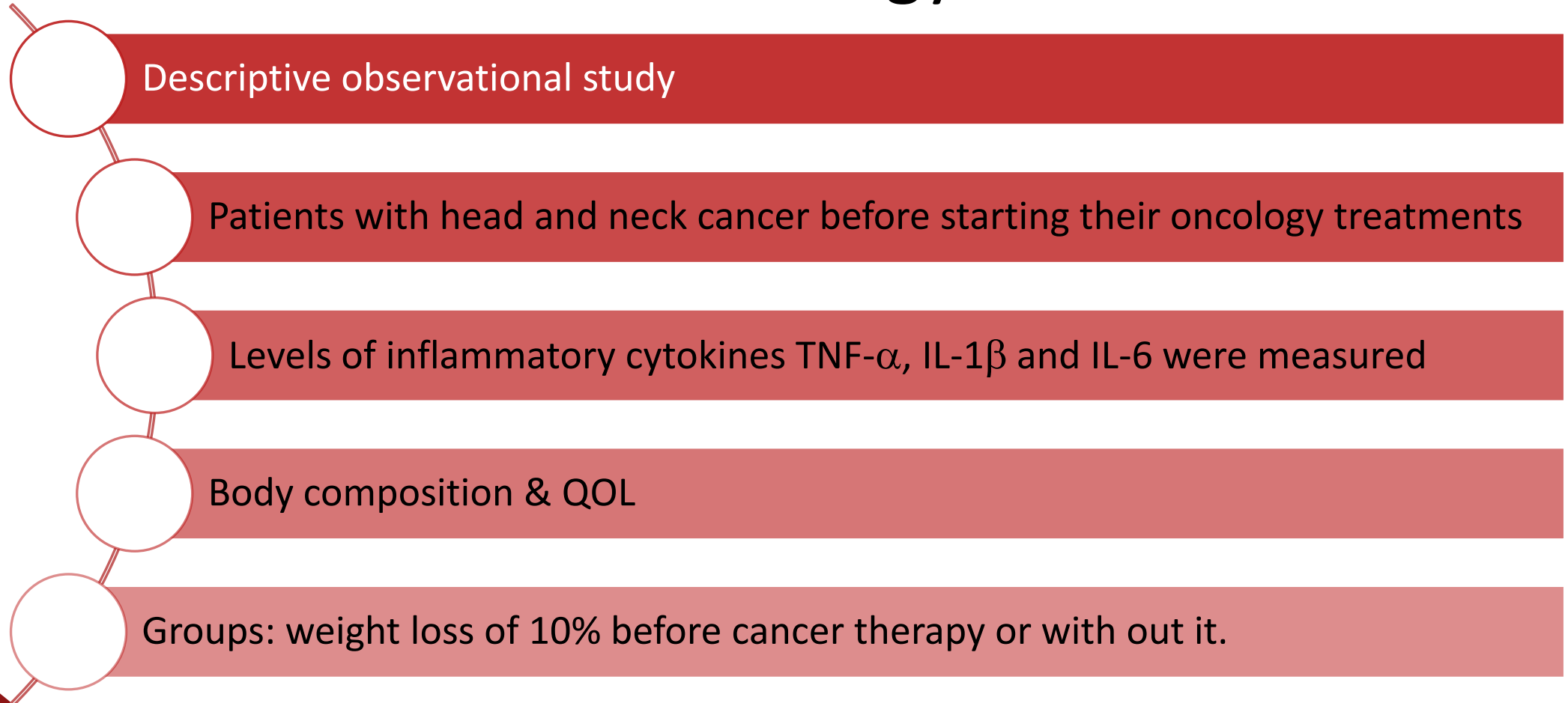
## Biochemical parameters

| PARAMETER         | Basal           |                  | P*     | 21 days         |                  | P*     | 42 days         |                  | P*     | 63 days         |                  | P*     |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
|                   | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=22)       |        | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=22)       |        | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=15)       |        | TC (n=31)       | TNI (n=11)       |        |
| Hemoglobine       | 12.99 ± 1.55    | 13.95 ± 1.98     | NS     | 12.50 ± 1.36    | 13.3 ± 1.94      | NS     | 11.96 ± 1.67    | 12.42 ± 1.86     | NS     | 11.61 ± 1.89    | 12.92 ± 1.56     | NS     |
| Hematocrite       | 37.51 ± 6.46    | 41.42 ± 5.83     | <0.038 | 37.19 ± 4.16    | 39.98 ± 5.74     | <0.055 | 36.20 ± 4.98    | 36.57 ± 5.50     | NS     | 34.68 ± 5.49    | 38.41 ± 5.00     | NS     |
| Albumine          | 3.58 ± 0.63     | 4.1 ± 0.42       | <0.000 | 3.36 ± 0.71     | 3.85 ± 0.45      | <0.016 | 3.01 ± 0.73     | 3.7 ± 0.50       | <0.004 | 2.95 ± 0.77     | 3.96 ± 0.50      | <0.001 |
| Total lymphocytes | 2544.5 ± 1695.3 | 1700.91 ± 579.79 | <0.027 | 2529.6 ± 1750.1 | 1475.45 ± 715.82 | <0.007 | 2518.6 ± 1653.0 | 1098.62 ± 814.52 | <0.002 | 2637.4 ± 1937.0 | 1134.55 ± 772.46 | <0.014 |
| ICT               | 61.0 ± 24.6     | 86.01 ± 34.9     | <0.001 | 57.49 ± 22.3    | 95.49 ± 78.05    | <0.010 | 58.23 ± 22.4    | 93.0 ± 30.83     | <0.000 | 54.80 ± 20.90   | 86.49 ± 28.32    | <0.000 |
| Transferrine      | 258.6 ± 68.02   | 214.59 ± 72.95   | <0.026 | 253.1 ± 64.39   | 221.76 ± 46.70   | NS     | 244.0 ± 69.44   | 201.93 ± 41.1    | <0.042 | 237.8 ± 71.20   | 237.6 ± 44.30    | NS     |

# Significant weight loss before oncology treatment is related to inflammation level and lean body mass reserves in head and neck cancer patients

- Objective: To compare inflammatory parameters, body composition and quality of life of patients with squamous cell head and neck cancer who had lost more than 10% of their body weight before starting cancer treatment with those who did not lose weight

# Methodology



# Outcomes

**Table 3: Proinflammatory cytokines**

| <i>Variable</i> | <i>Total population<br/>n=79</i> | <i>Percent weight loss</i> |                       | <i>p</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                 |                                  | <i>&lt;10% (n=43)</i>      | <i>&gt;10% (n=36)</i> |          |
| ● CRP (mg/dL)   | 31.35 ±51.21                     | 30.40 ±57.06               | 32.45 ±44.19          | 0.862    |
| TNF-α           | 153.46 ±182                      | 111.30 ±170.40             | 203.83 ±185.04        | 0.023*   |
| IL-1β           | 84.47 ±189.13                    | 38.57 ±138.12              | 139.29 ±226.15        | 0.017*   |
| IL-6            | 271.93 ±317.35                   | 190.72 ±319.66             | 398.64 ±289.90        | 0.012*   |
| IFN-γ           | 188.95 ±321.47                   | 191.57 ±395.15             | 185.83 ±207.16        | 0.938    |

TNF-α: tumor necrosis factor alpha, IL-1β: interleukin 1-beta and IFN-γ: interferon gamma.

PCR: C reactive protein. Equal variances assumed. \* t-Student test; p<0.05

# Outcomes

**Table 4: Body composition**

| <i>Element</i>           | <i>Total population<br/>n=79</i> | <i>Percent weight loss</i> |                       | <i>p</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                          |                                  | <i>&lt;10% (n=43)</i>      | <i>&gt;10% (n=36)</i> |          |
| Usual weight (Kg)        | 68.08 ±13.39                     | 70.16 ±12.48               | 65.61 ±14.18          | 0.134    |
| Weightloss (Kg)          | 9.51 ±9.44                       | 4.99 ±2.58                 | 14.91 ±11.65          | 0.000*   |
| Current weight (Kg)      | 59.04 ±13.15                     | 64.76 ±11.16               | 52.22 ±12.16          | 0.000*   |
| IMC (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 22.88 ±5.18                      | 25.15 ±3.81                | 20.16 ±5.34           | 0.000*   |
| Fat mass (Kg)            | 18.55 ±6.70                      | 19.57 ±6.22                | 17.33 ±7.12           | 0.140    |
| Fat free mass (Kg)       | 40.33 ±9.99                      | 44.88 ±8.74                | 34.89 ±8.66           | 0.000*   |
| Phase angle (°)          | 5.74 ±1.29                       | 5.92±1.17                  | 5.52 ±1.41            | 0.175    |

IMC: body mass index. Not equal variances are assumed: Fat free mass. \* t-Student test; p<0.05

# Outcomes

**Table 1: Blood chemistry**

| <i>Variable</i>          | <i>Total population<br/>n=79</i> | <i>Percent weight loss</i> |                       | <i>p</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                          |                                  | <i>&lt;10% (n=43)</i>      | <i>&gt;10% (n=36)</i> |          |
| Lymphocytes (# x10e3/uL) | 1.68 ±0.67                       | 1.77 ±0.59                 | 1.56 ±0.75            | 0.179    |
| Leukocytes (x10e3/uL)    | 8.79 ±4.94                       | 8.56 ±5.50                 | 9.06 ±4.23            | 0.660    |
| Erythrocytes (x10e6/uL)  | 4.58 ±0.64                       | 4.70 ±0.58                 | 4.43 ±0.70            | 0.653    |
| Hemoglobin (g/dL)        | 13.70 ±1.86                      | 14.10 ±1.78                | 13.23 ±1.86           | 0.040*   |
| Hematocrit (%)           | 41.60 ±5.57                      | 45.57 ±5.23                | 40.45 ±5.81           | 0.092    |
| Platelets (x10e3/uL)     | 266 ±94                          | 255 ±91                    | 279±98                | 0.262    |

Not equal variances are assumed to: Leukocytes and hemoglobin. \* t-Student test; p<0.05



# Outcomes

- There are important differences in inflammatory parameters and in lean body mass reserves between patients who lost weight and those who did not, previous to oncology treatment.
- Weight loss should be evaluated in every patient and a nutritional tailored treatment should start as soon as possible in those patients who lost weight

# Effect of eicosapentaenoic acid on body composition and markers of inflammation in patients with head and neck cancer

- **Objective:** The main objective of the assignment, was to evaluate the effects of the eicosapentaenoic acid towards the corporal composition and inflammatory markers in patients diagnosed with head and neck tumors that were submitted to antineoplastic treatment



## Methods and Materials:

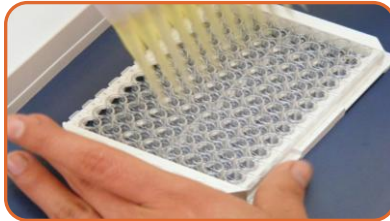
- A controlled clinical trial was conducted, in which patients with head and neck cancer were administered with a 2 gram dose of eicosapentaenoic acid during a period of 6 weeks, doing so approximately 15 days before beginning the antineoplastic treatment (surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, or mixed treatment)

## Methods and Materials:



### Body composition

- Weight (BMI)
- Weightloss
- The bioimpedance JRL Quatium IV system



### Inflammatory markers

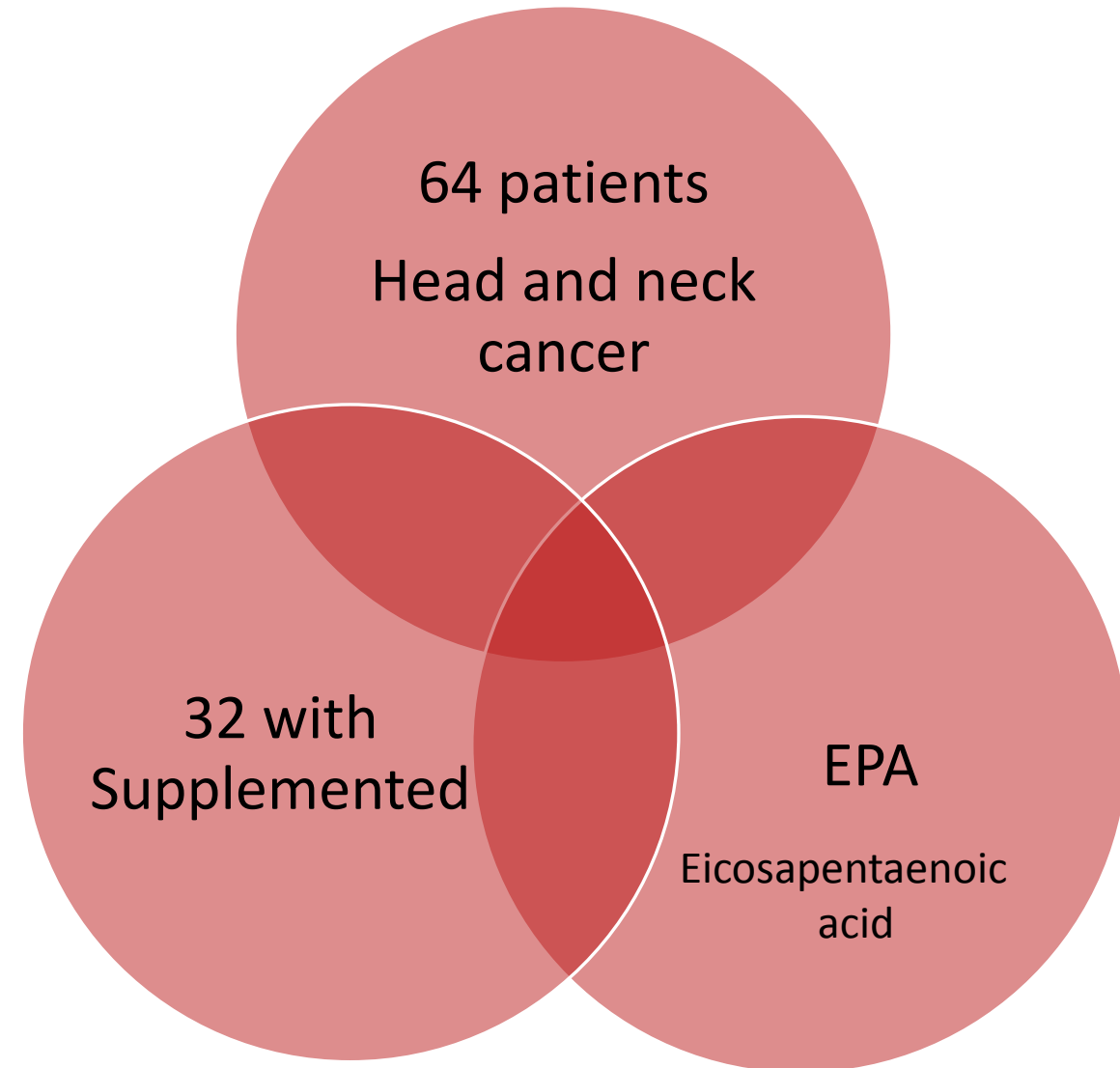
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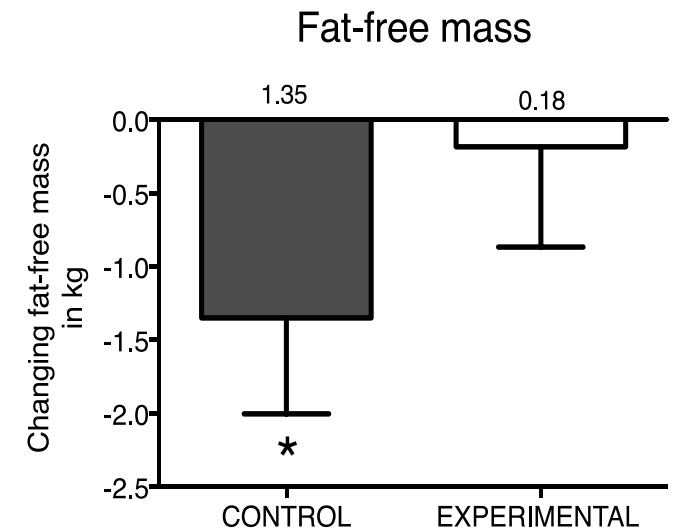
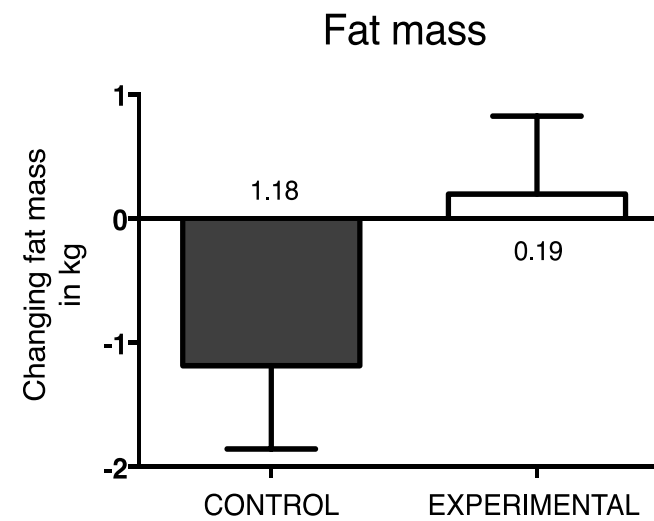
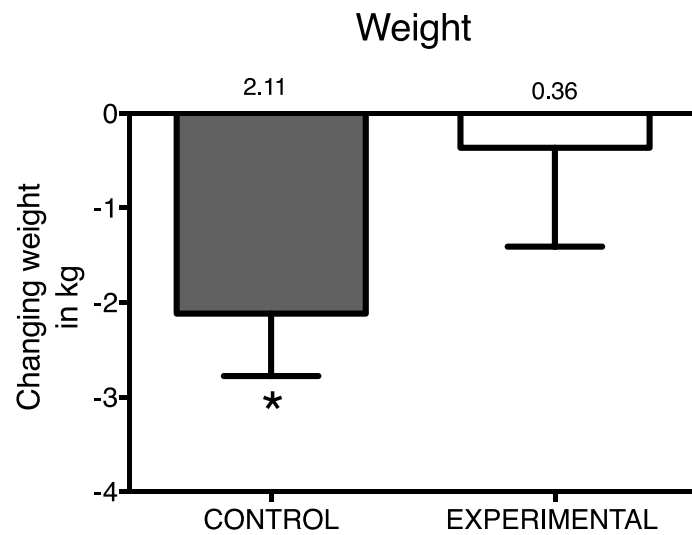
### Quality of life

- Evaluated with the questionnaires which were validated by The European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC): QLQ-C30

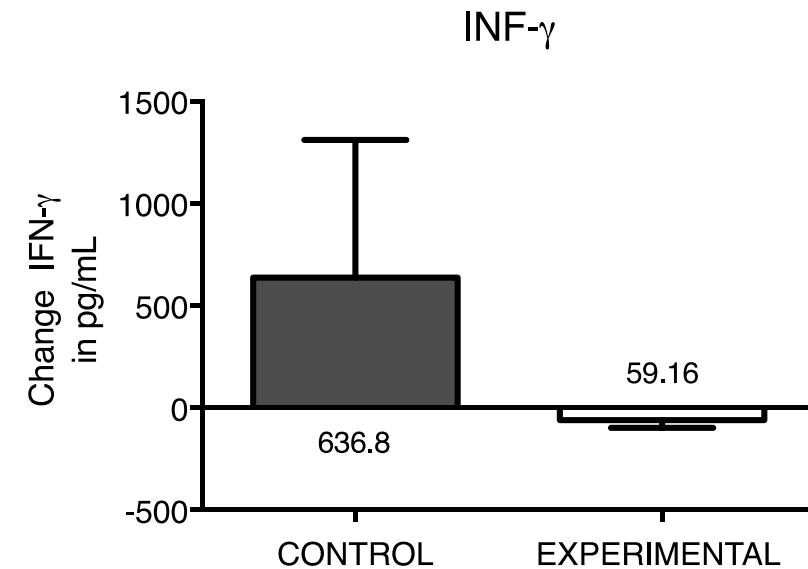
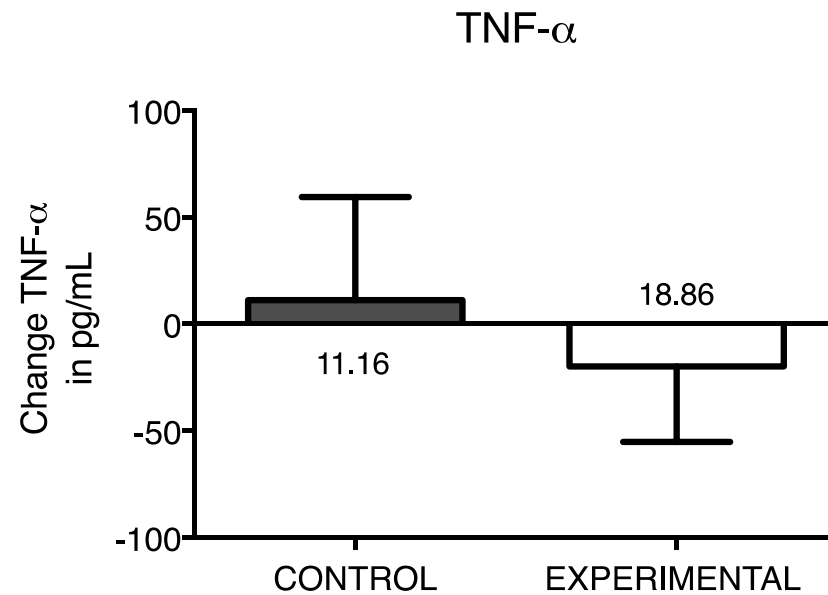
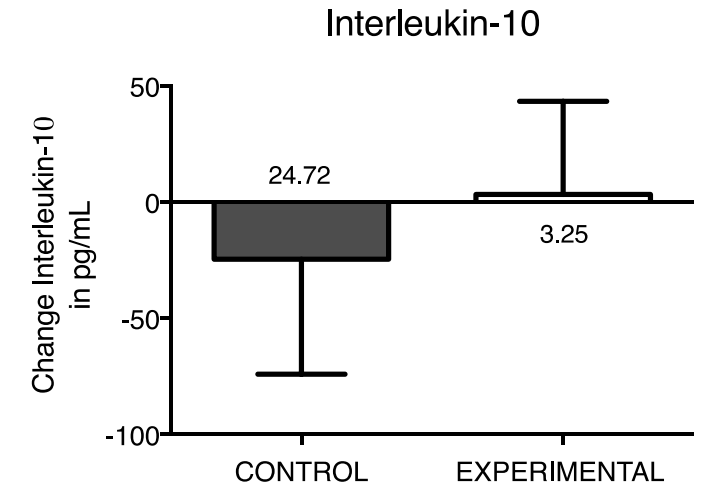
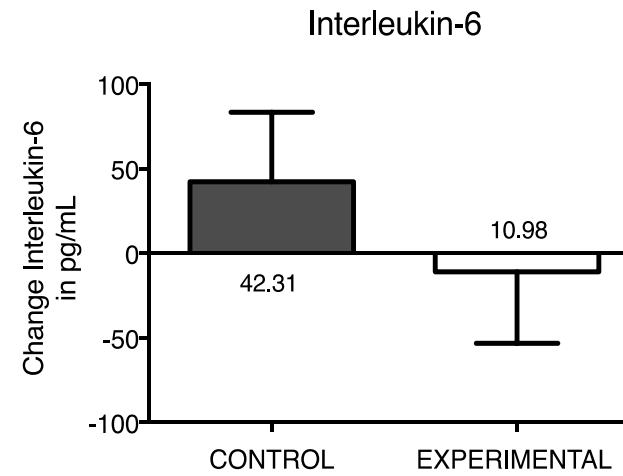
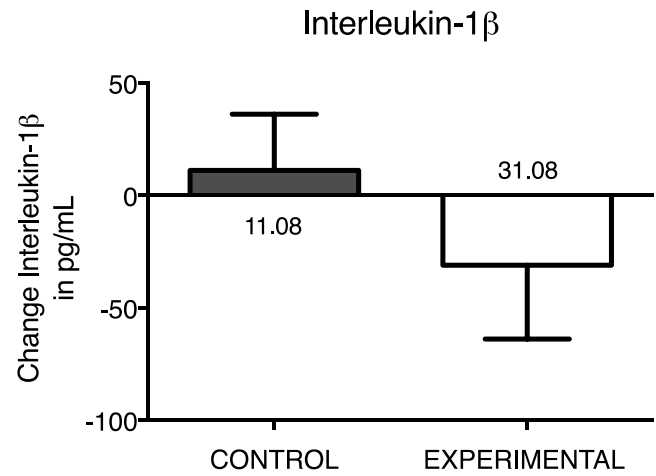
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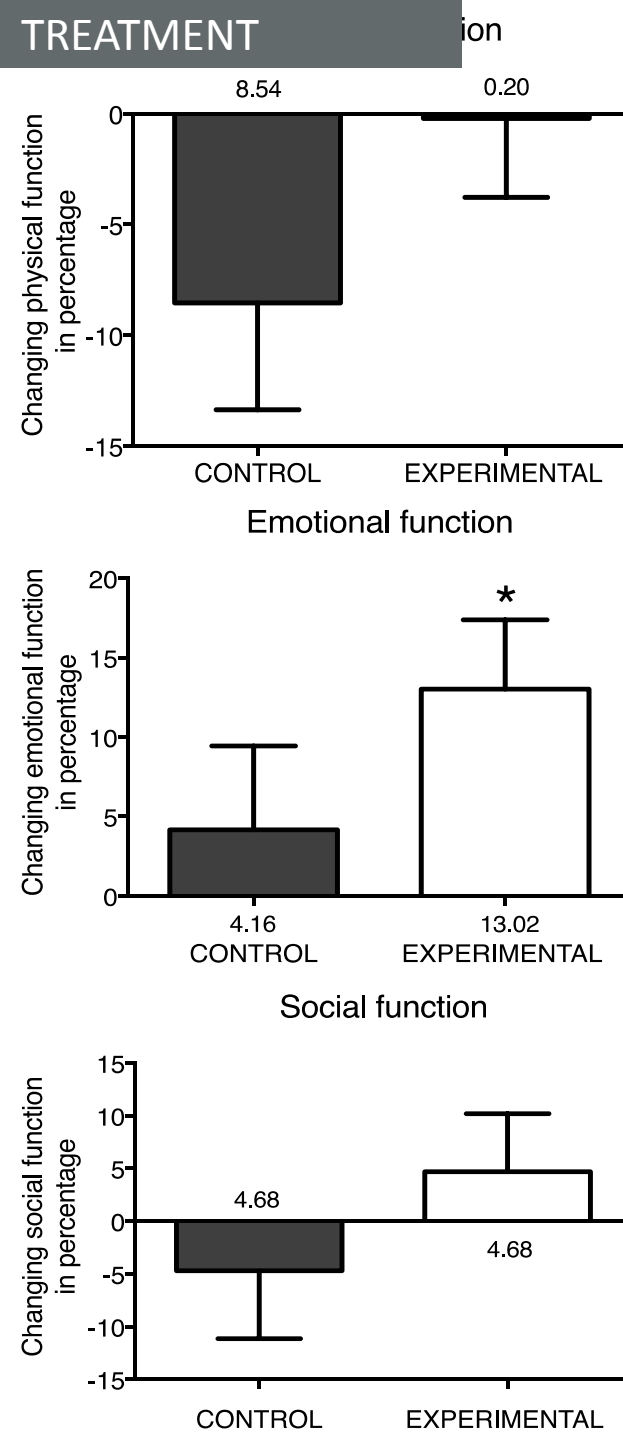


## Inflammatory markers





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# Outcome

## EPA SUPPLEMENTATION

modulating pro-inflammatory cytokine synthesis

IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, IFN- $\gamma$  y TNF- $\alpha$ .

## EPA SUPPLEMENTATION

Improving the inflammatory state

IL- 10

## EPA SUPPLEMENTATION

Maintains fat and weight free mass was intact

Improvement in their QOL.

# Antioxidant supplementation has a positive effect on oxidative stress and hematological toxicity during oncology treatment in cervical cancer patients

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## Abstract

*Background and aim* Hematological toxicity and oxidative stress are common in cancer patients. Antioxidant supplementation has been shown to decrease oxidative stress, but there is still controversy on this topic. The aim of this study was to determine the effect of antioxidant supplementation on oxidative stress, hematological toxicity, and quality of life (QoL) in cervical cancer patients.

*Methods* Randomized, single-blinded controlled trial in women with cervical cancer treated with radiotherapy and chemotherapy with cisplatin. Subjects were randomly

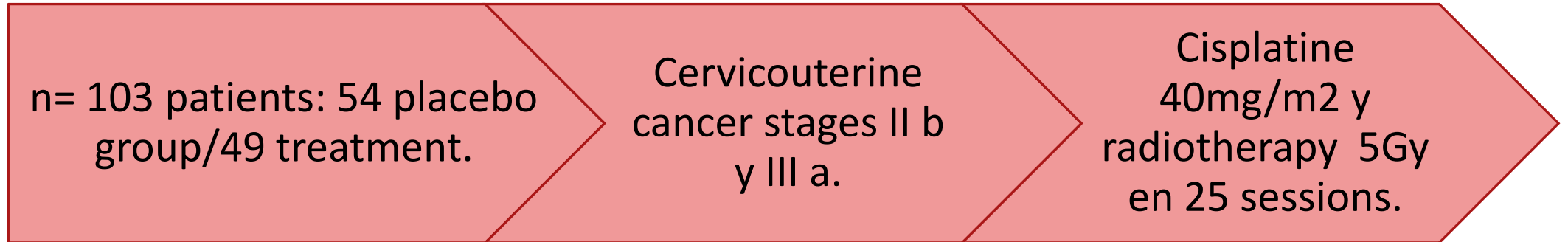
quality of life questionnaire was applied before and after oncology treatment. Student's *t* test for independent samples and  $\chi^2$  for categorical variables were performed.

*Results* One hundred three patients were randomly assigned to receive treatment with antioxidants 49 (48 %) or placebo 54 (52.40 %). At the end of the oncology treatment, hemoglobin levels were maintained, and global QoL was better only in the supplemented group ( $p < 0.025$ ).

*Conclusions* Antioxidant supplementation in patients treated with chemotherapy and radiotherapy apparently decreased oxidative stress, maintained hemoglobin levels,



# Antioxidant supplementation with oncology therapy (Cysplatin)



**Placebo VS suplementados con antioxidantes:**

4.80 mg de B-caroteno, 200 mg de vitamina C, 200 UI de vitamina E, 50 mg de selenio y 15 mg de Zinc.

**Table 1** Analysis of variables of oxidative stress before and after cancer treatment

| Oxidative stress markers   | Placebo initial mean±SD <i>n</i> =54 | Placebo final mean±SD <i>n</i> =54 | <i>p</i> | Supplemented initial mean±SD <i>n</i> =49 | Supplemented final mean±SD <i>n</i> =49 | <i>p</i> | <i>p</i> INTERGROUP |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|---|---|----------|---------------------|
| MDA (nmol/mL)              | 8.29±6.4                             | 10.65±11.3                         | 0.10     | 12.05±8.7                                 | 14.75±12.3                              | 0.14     | 0.16                |
| Carbonyls (nmol/mL)        | 84.60±67.3                           | 126.8±143.7                        | 0.06     | 91.26±68.7                                | 75.85±57.9                              | 0.25     | 0.000*              |
| Carbonyl/mg protein (mmol) | 1.5±1.4                              | 2.53±3.1                           | 0.05*    | 1.55±1.4                                  | 1.41±1.6                                | 0.65     | 0.003*              |

\**P*<0.05**Table 2** Hematologic variables between placebo and supplemented groups before and after cancer treatment

| Blood count variables                              | Placebo initial mean±SD <i>n</i> =54 | Placebo final mean±SD <i>n</i> =54 | <i>p</i> | Supplemented initial mean±SD <i>n</i> =49 | Supplemented final mean±SD <i>n</i> =49 | <i>p</i> | <i>p</i> INTERGROUP |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|---|---|----------|---------------------|
| Lymphocytes (X 10 <sup>3</sup> U/mm <sup>3</sup> ) | 1.95±0.86                            | 0.61±0.99                          | 0.000*   | 1.78±0.86                                 | 0.46±0.23                               | 0.000*   | 0.487               |
| Eritrocytes (g/dL)                                 | 4.60±0.56                            | 3.86±0.46                          | 0.000*   | 4.46±0.36                                 | 4.03±0.41                               | 0.000*   | 0.990               |
| Hemoglobin (g/dL)                                  | 13.13±1.49                           | 11.62±1.36                         | 0.000*   | 13.31±1.35                                | 12.50±1.22                              | 0.04*    | 0.003*              |
| Hematocrite (%)                                    | 37.73±5.02                           | 33.86±3.78                         | 0.000*   | 38.83±3.44                                | 36.49±2.03                              | 0.000*   | 0.004*              |
| Platelets (X 10 <sup>3</sup> U/mm <sup>3</sup> )   | 301.28±76.61                         | 240.98±65.52                       | 0.000*   | 318.89±91.97                              | 255.46±81.34                            | 0.000*   | 0.379               |

\**P*<0.05

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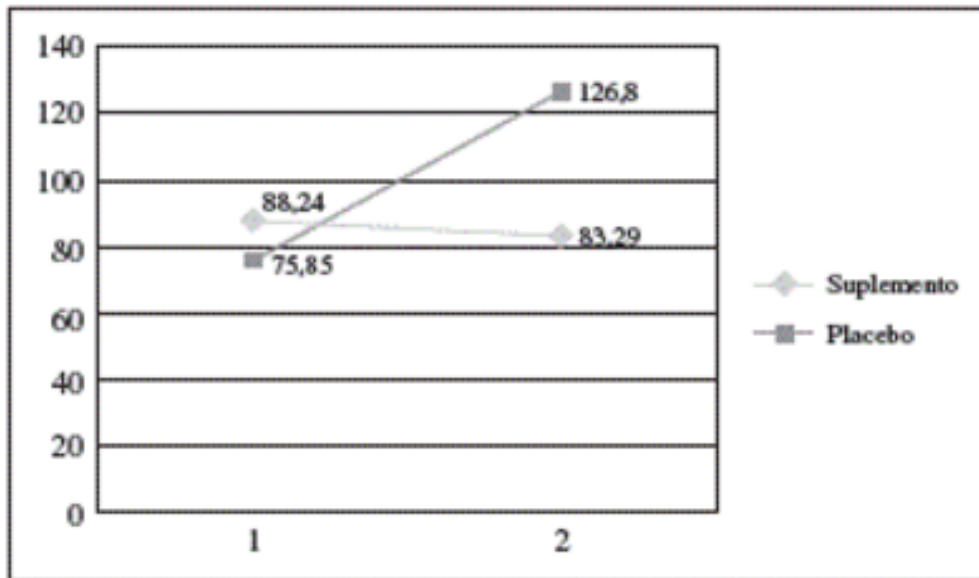
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Abstract



*Fig. 1.—Modificación de la tasa de carbonilos séricos a lo largo del estudio en ambos grupos.*

- Antioxidant supplementation reduced oxidative stress mainly at the level of protein, did not affect food intake.
- Quality of life was better in the supplemented patients.

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# Antioxidant supplementation during oncology treatment has no effect on cervical cancer recurrence

*La suplementación con antioxidantes durante el tratamiento oncológico no tiene efecto sobre la recurrencia de cáncer cervicouterino*

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## Abstract

**Introduction and aim:** Antioxidant therapy with chemotherapy and radiotherapy in cervical cancer patients is controversial. While some evidence suggests that the use of antioxidants diminishes side effects from anticancer therapy, there is also data to suggest that antioxidants increase the risk of recurrence by affecting oncology treatments.

**Methods:** We conducted a controlled clinical trial in cervical cancer patients supplemented with an antioxidant mixture or a placebo during four years after their antineoplastic treatment was completed and the effect on recurrence. We also conducted data on used hemoglobin and albumin levels. Differences between groups were analyzed using chi-square test. Survival was calculated by the Multivariate COX regression with omnibus test and the enter method.

**Results:** 103 treated patients were in clinical stages IIB and IIIB of cervical cancer, 48% (n = 49) of the patients were treated with antioxidant supplementation and 52% (n = 54) of the patients were in the placebo group. Of the original 103 patients, were able to follow up on 88 patients for an additional four years. 23.9% (n = 21) of the patients presented cancer recurrence and 76.1% (n = 67) did not, 21.6% (n = 19) patients showed metastasis. 8% (n = 7) patients were in the antioxidant group and 15.9% (n = 14) were in the placebo group (p > 0.05).

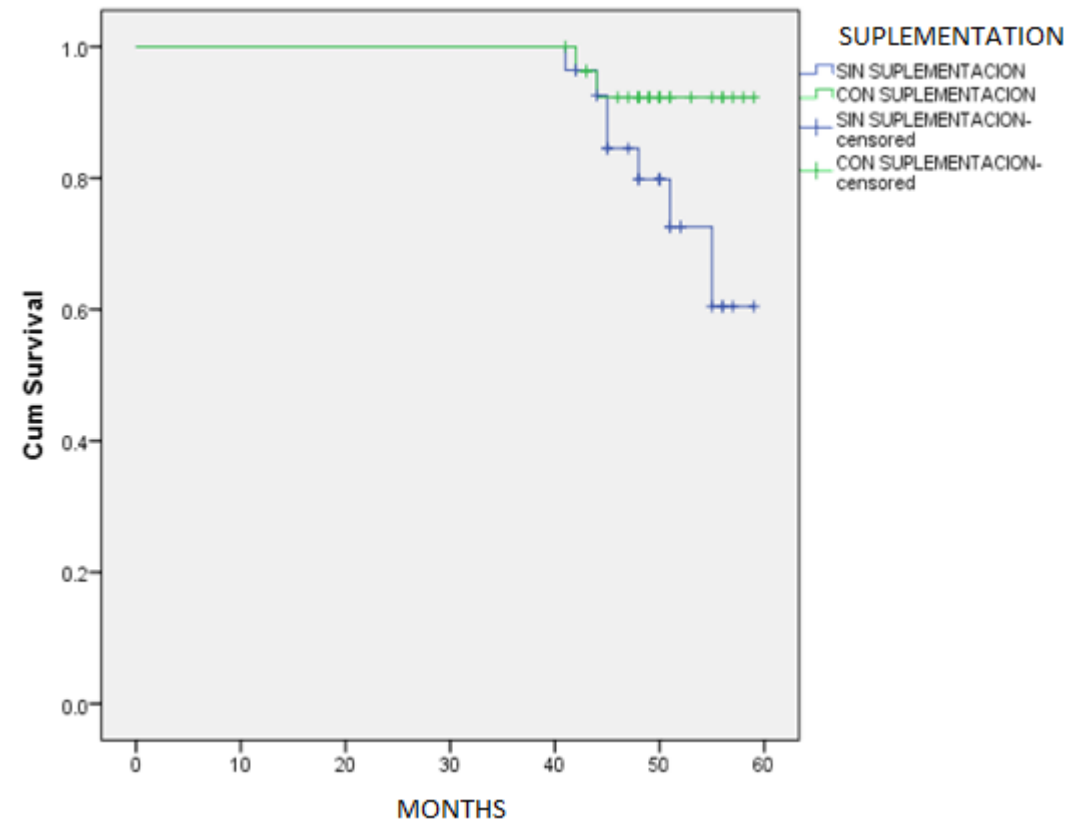
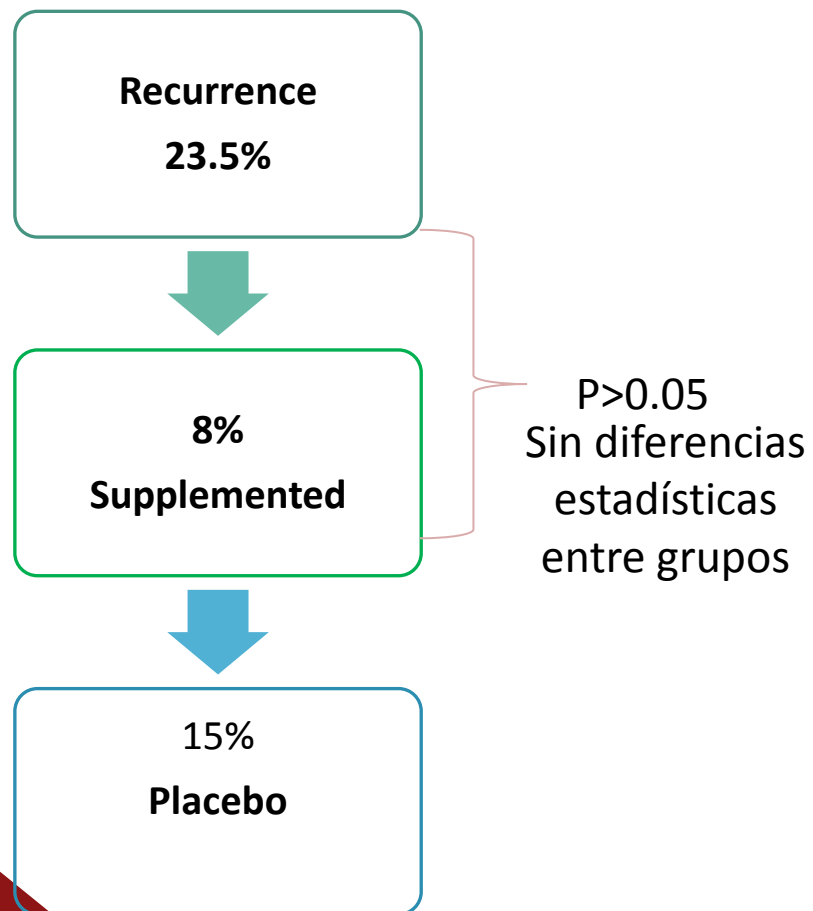
Regarding implications of cancer survivors, antioxidant supplementation apparently seems not to have interference with recurrence in cervical cancer patients but there is not enough evidence to prove it. A different dosage may have the expected effect; however, further studies with another dosage and criteria are necessary.

**Conclusions:** Supplementation with antioxidants during treatment of cervical cancer has no effect on cancer recurrence after 4 years of follow-up.

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# Antioxidants during antineoplastic treatment do not affect recurrence in cervical cancer





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## Review

# Role of antioxidants in cancer therapy

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Oxidative stress is a key component in linking environmental toxicity to the multistage carcinogenic process. Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are generated in response to both endogenous and exogenous stimuli. To counterbalance ROS-mediated injury, an endogenous antioxidants defense system exists; however, when oxidation exceeds the control mechanisms, oxidative stress arises. Chronic and cumulative oxidative stress induces deleterious modifications to a variety of macromolecular components, such as DNA, lipids, and proteins. A primary mechanism of many chemotherapy drugs against cancer cells is the formation of ROS, or free radicals. Radiotherapy is based on the fact that ionizing radiation destroys tumor cells. Radiotherapy induces direct lesions in the DNA or biological molecules, which eventually affect DNA. Free radicals produced by oncology therapy are often a source of serious side effects as well. The objective of this review is to provide information about the effects of antioxidants during oncology treatments and to discuss the possible events and efficacy. Much debate has arisen about whether antioxidant supplementation alters the efficacy of cancer chemotherapy. There is still limited evidence in both quality and sample size, suggesting that certain antioxidant supplements may reduce adverse reactions and toxicities. Significant reductions in toxicity may alleviate dose-limiting toxicities so that more patients are able to complete prescribed chemotherapy regimens and thus, in turn, improve the potential for success in terms of tumor response and survival.





# Take home message

- Malnutrition in oncology patients is a very frequent problem.
- Oncology patients are in very high risk of malnutrition and therefore increasing the risk of complications, length of hospital stay and poor quality of life.
- Nutrition strategies must be found in order to modulate or reduce caquexia and be able to improve quality of life, oncology treatment tolerance and survival in cancer.

THANK YOU!!!

