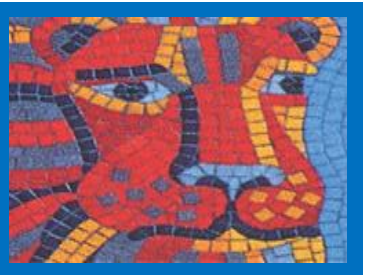




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Intestinal Failure Unit



# Weaning parenteral nutrition

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# Why?

- Improved survival if on PN <2 years<sup>1</sup>
- Reduced complications:
  - Associated with improved survival<sup>2</sup>
- European survey
  - 18% suitable for transplant, 2% weaned off HPN within 2 years<sup>3</sup>
- Quality of life
  - Increased number of infusions<sup>4</sup>
  - Daily CVC use<sup>5</sup>
  - Duration of HPN<sup>6</sup>
  - Fatigue induced by nocturia<sup>7</sup>
  - Fear of complications: CVC infections and liver failure<sup>8</sup>

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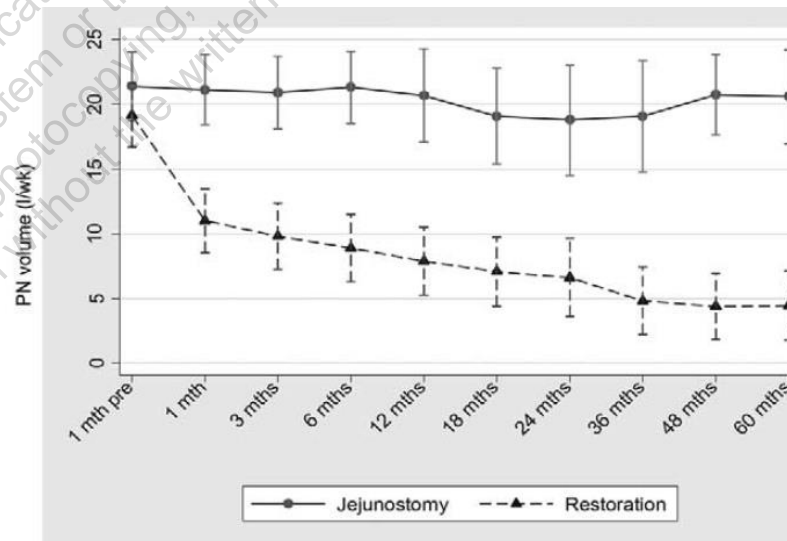
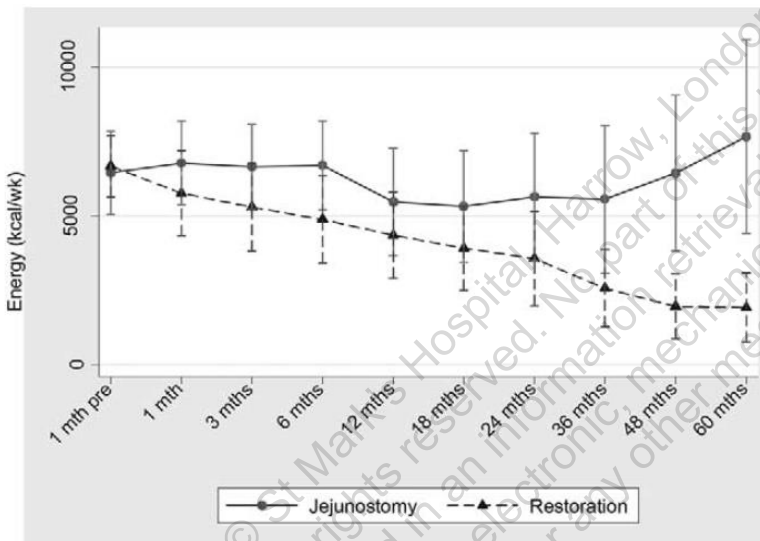
# Who?

- Short bowel
  - ▣ Non malignant n=40, 12.5% rate of weaning<sup>1</sup>
  - ▣ Non malignant n=39, 23% rate of weaning<sup>2</sup>
- Highest rate of weaning in patients with Crohn's disease, mesenteric infarction, fistula closure, presence of colon and ICV
- Negative effect of deterioration in nutritional status<sup>3</sup>

# Save the colon!!!

The effects of restoring bowel continuity on PN requirements after mesenteric infarction

- A retrospective review of data on patients from 2000 to 2010.
- 113 patients (61 women, median age 54 years)
- Fifty-seven (49%) patients had restoration of bowel continuity.
- PN was stopped within 1 year in 20 (35%), within 2 years in 29 (50%) patients and within 5 years in 44 (77%) patients (P=0.001)



**Conclusion: Anastomosis of remaining jejunum to colon can allow PN to be stopped**

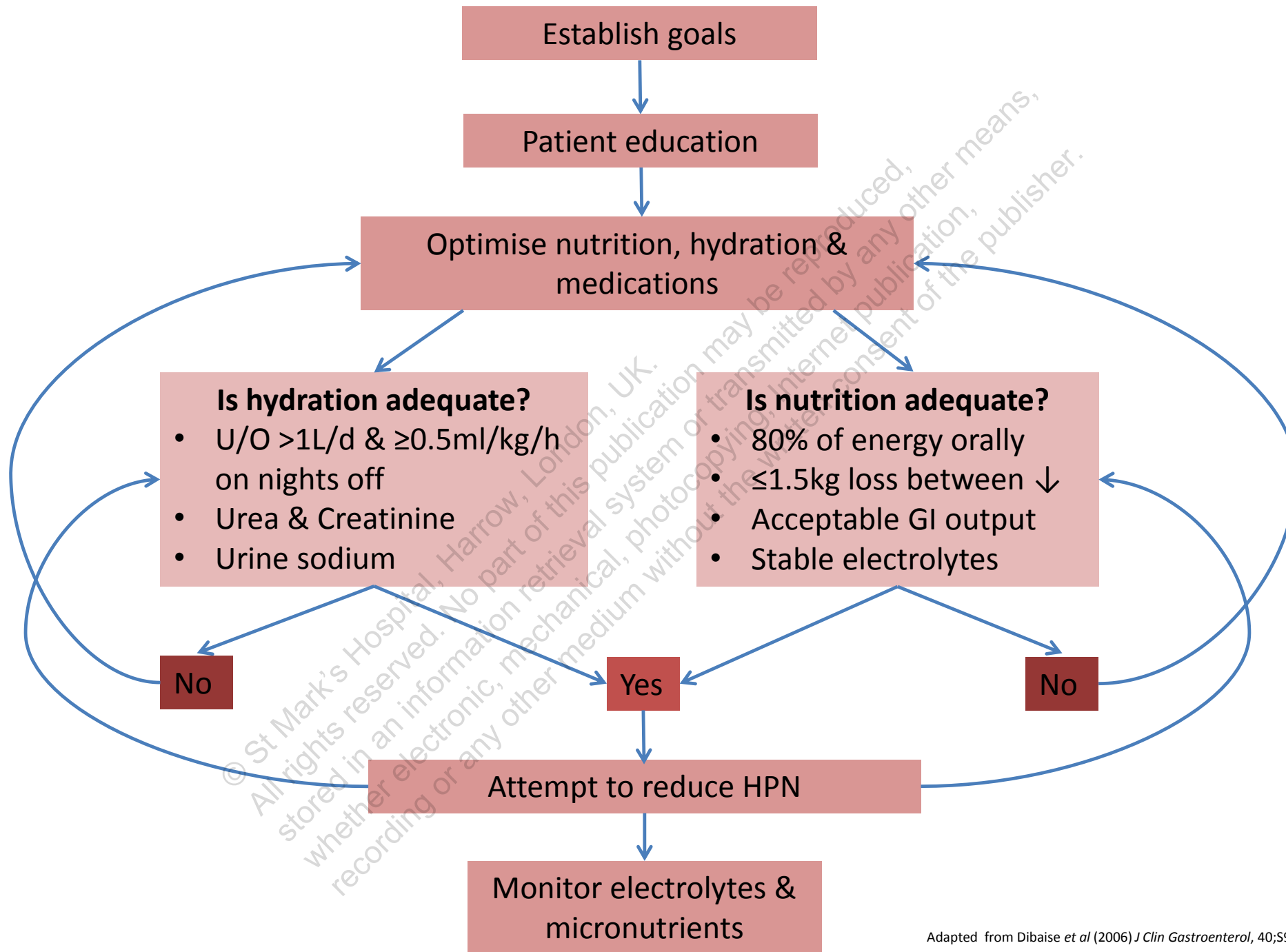
# Issues to consider

- Length & quality of bowel, presence of colon & ICV
- Absence of disease in remaining bowel
- Nutritional status
- Need to optimise food & fluid management based on anatomy
- Ability to consume appropriate diet
  - ▣ Difficulties adhering to short bowel regimen
- Patient understanding and education
  - ▣ Provide written information and educational sessions
- Experienced MDT

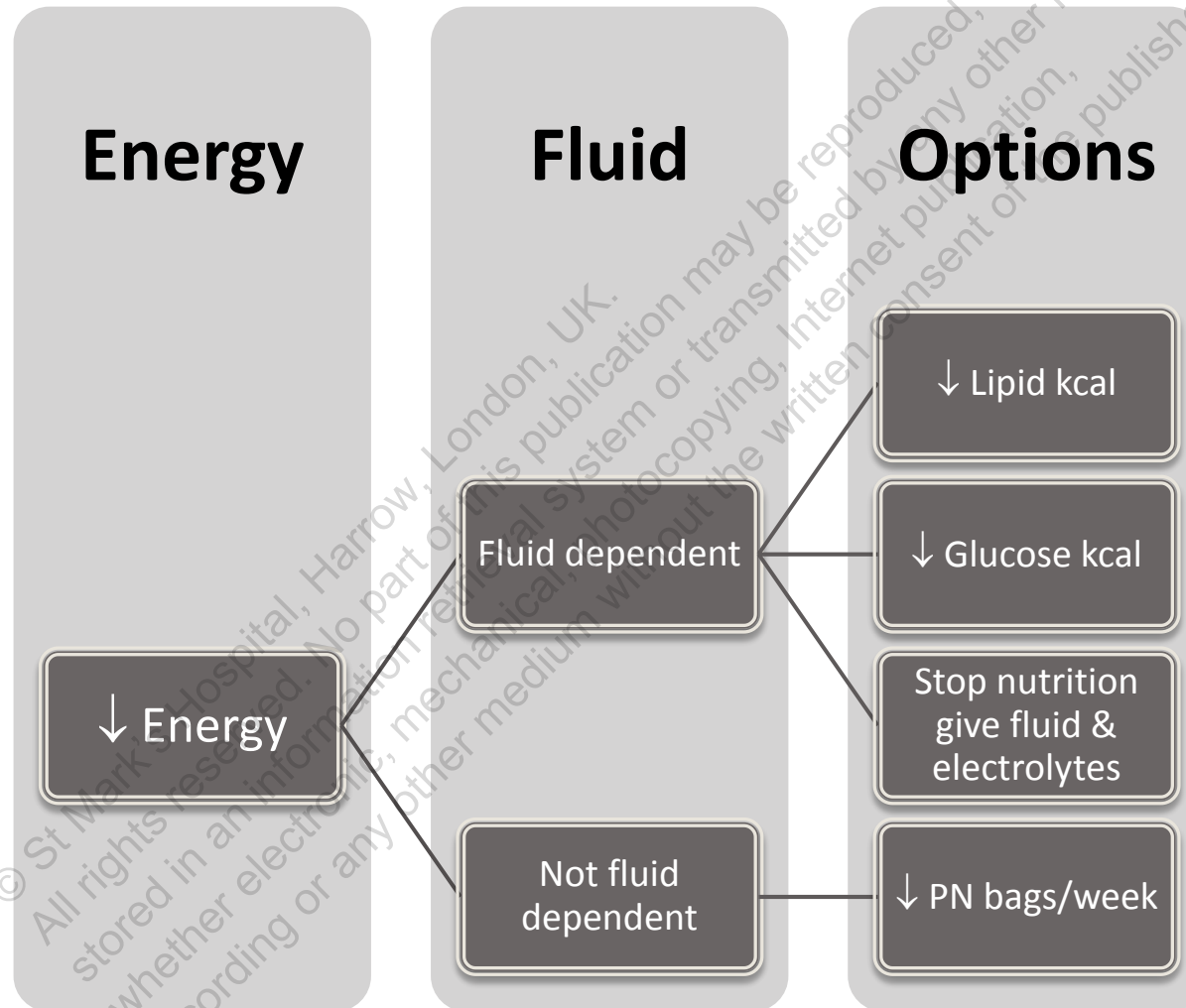
# How?

- Provide minimum amount of parenteral support to maintain acceptable nutritional status & prevent dehydration
- Manage patient expectations
- Intensive in patient stay<sup>1</sup>
  - ▣ 18 HPN patients admitted to a specialist ward
  - ▣ 7 weaned (39%)

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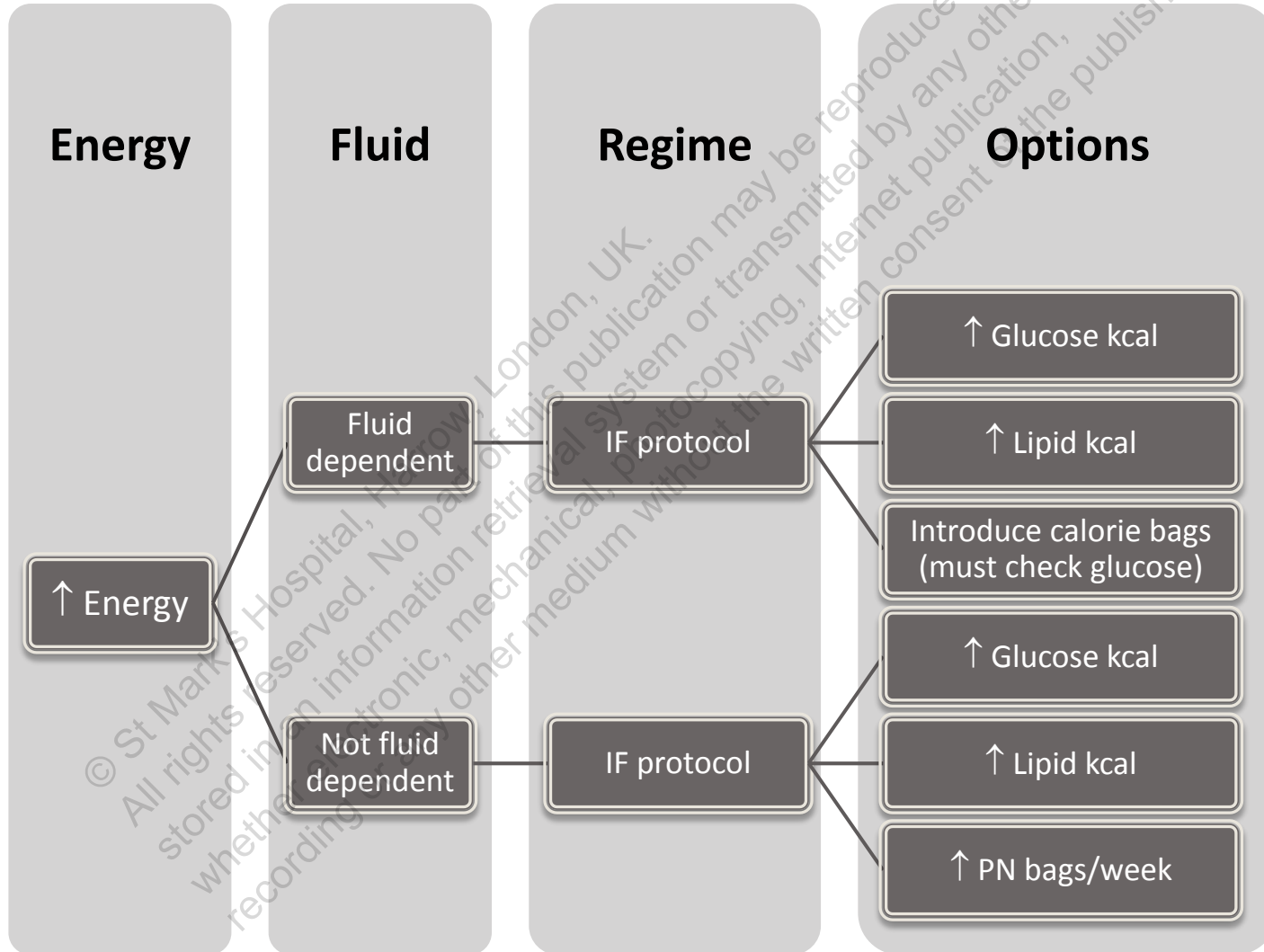
# HPN patient gaining weight



Avoid consecutive nights off initially



# HPN patient loosing weight



# Micronutrients

## Prevention & treatment

- Important to provide adequate micronutrients when weaning off HPN<sup>1</sup>
- Give orally but vitamin D an issue after weaning<sup>2</sup>

## Monitoring

- Lack of reliable biochemical assays especially during acute phase<sup>3</sup>

## AGA guidelines

- Observe for clinical manifestation of deficiencies & regular monitoring<sup>4</sup>

# Vitamin D status post weaning

N=60

Normal 30-70ng/ml

Patients received 1200UI/d

<b>Severe Deficiency &lt;10ng/ml %</b>	<b>Moderate deficiency 10-19ng/ml %</b>	<b>Insufficiency 20-29ng/ml %</b>	<b>Osteopenia %</b>	<b>Osteoporosis %</b>
65	30	5	68	28

Suboptimal Vitamin D status common post weaning despite oral supplementation.  
Importance of monitoring of serum Vitamin D and BMD. IV & IM required

# Summary

Withdrawal should be planned and stepwise with a daily review of progress (in patients)

No evidence to support the most effective way of weaning  
(NICE 2006)

## Key dietetic role

- Risk of deterioration in nutritional status if requirements not met
- Risk assessment regarding catheter complications
- Patients need support and advice from an experienced MDT