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INTRODUCTION



According to the World Health Organization, human malignant neoplasia has become one of the main causes of morbi-mortality, attaining approximately 14 million people per year in the world, lung, prostate, bowel and stomach cancer being the most common among men and breast, bowel, lung and neck of the uterus the most common types in women. In the U.S. the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates 1.7 million new cases of cancer in 2019 (TABLE 1) ⁶⁸.

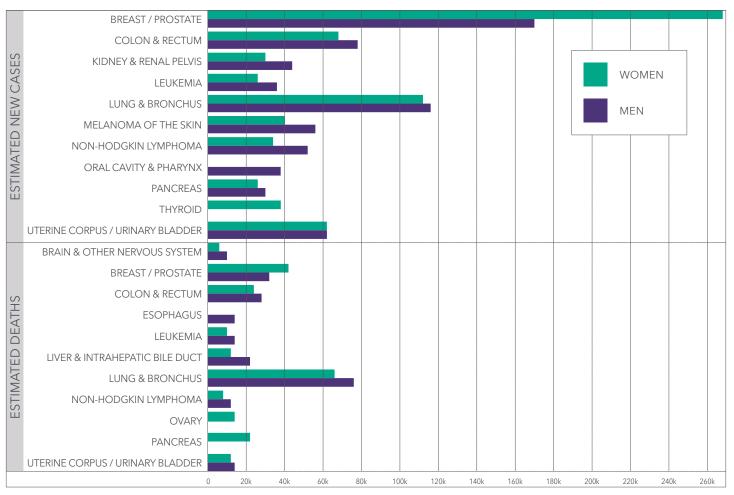


TABLE 1: Estimate for incidence of cancer in the United States, 2019.



Cancer incidence is rising. *About* 606,000 *Americans are expected* to die from cancer in 2019 68.

Due to these figures, cancer has been considered by many to be a public health problem, especially as it can be prevented, or even avoided, with educational measures of the population to control environmental carcinogenic agents and healthy life habits, as suitable nutrition and physical exercise, etc.^{2,3}. The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) stated in its latest report that more than a third of the most common types of cancer can be prevented through diet, maintenance of

healthy weight and regular practice of physical activity⁴.

The success of the therapy employed is directly related to the nutritional state of the oncological patient. The aggressiveness and localization of the tumor, the organs involved, the clinical, immunological and nutritional conditions imposed by the disease and made worse by late diagnosis and the therapy are factors which can jeopardize the nutritional state, with serious prognostic implications, and interfere directly in the treatment^{2,3}

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NUTRITION SUPPORT IN CANCER

In the Brazilian Oncological Nutrition Inquiry, of INCA, of 2013, 4,822 oncological patients admitted in 45 Brazilian institutions were evaluated, by means of the Patient Generated - Subjective Global Assessment (PG-SGA). Malnutrition or nutritional risk were present in 2,176 (45.1%) patients studied⁵. PG-SGA is one of the tools validated for nutritional evaluating and sorting for oncological patients.

In this context, the new guideline of ESPEN (2016) strongly recommend to detect nutritional disturbances at an early stage with regularly evaluate nutritional intake, weight change and BMI⁶.

In a recent analysis with more than 8160 European and Canadian oncological patients the researchers developed a classification system far loss of weight in cancer which incorporates dimensions of percentage of weight loss (%WL) and of **Body Mass Index (BMI) and** links them to survival (Figure 2). The data represents the spectrum of these features in patients with cancer and showed that %WL and BMI foresee the survival regardless of the conventional prognostic factors, including the cancer's location, stage and performance status⁷.

The catabolic alterations in the patient with cancer begin

by inadequate nutritional consumption which is characterized as being present, if the patient cannot eat for more than a week, or if the consumption is less than 60% of the energy requirement for more than one or two weeks⁶.

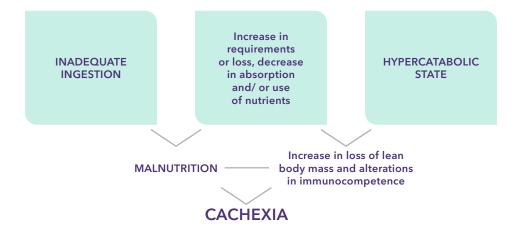
The oncological patient can also have an increase in requirements or loss, decrease in the absorption and/or use of nutrients and Immunoinflammatory response which increases metabolism, generating a hypercatabolic inflammatory state⁸.

The presence of the syndrome anorexia-cachexia is often a complication in the advanced states of neoplastic disease.

% BMI weight (kg/m²) loss	≥28	25 to 27.9	22 to 24.9	20 to 21.9	<20
≤2.4	0	0	1	1	3
2.5 to 5.9	1	2	2	2	3
6 to 10.9	2	3	3	3	4
11 to 14.9	3	3	3	4	4
≥15	3	4	4	4	4

TABLE 2: The average survival times by grade were as follows: Grade 0: 20.9 months; Grade 1: 14.6 months; Grade 2: 10.8 months; Grade 3: 7.6 months and Grade 4: 4.3 months. P<.001. Adapted from 7.

Figure 1: Development of cachexia in oncological patient (Source: 8 and 9).



Cachexia is defined as a multifactoral syndrome characterized by constant and progressive loss of skeletal lean body

mass (accompanied or not by loss of fat mass), which cannot be totally reverted by means of conventional nutritional support, and has as a consequence the loss of functional capacity of the individual. The physiopathology involved in the syndrome is described as a negative proteic and energy balance, resulting from a combination of variables as reduced food ingestion and a series of metabolic alterations¹⁰. The latter are caused by complex interactions between inflammation (proinflammatory cytokines),

neurohormonal alterations and factors potentially proteolytic and lipolytic produced by the tumor and its host¹¹. Cachexia of cancer is a continuous process and has three stages of clinical relevance: precachexia, cachexia, and refractory cachexia. Not all patients undergo all these stages, which can be described in the following manner (TABLE 3)¹².

TABLE 3: Classification of Neoplastic Cachexia

ТҮРЕ	DESCRIPTION
PRECACHEXIA	Anorexia, intolerance to glucose
CACHEXIA	Unintentional recent weight loss exceeding 5% of customary in the last 6 months, or body mass index (BMI) less than 20 kg/m2 associated with unintentional recent weight loss exceeding 2% or sarcopenia associated with recent weight loss exceeding 2%
REFRACTORY CACHEXIA	Result of terminal disease or when, in the presence of rapidly progressive disease, it does not respond to antineoplastic therapy; index ECOG* 3 or 4 associated with life expectancy of less than 3 months

* ECOG - Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group

NUTRITION SUPPORT IN CANCER

Weight loss is reported as being the predominant factor regardless of poor prognosis^{13,14} and up to 20% of all deaths related to cancer arise from cachexia^{15,16,17}. At the moment of the diagnosis, approximately 80% of the patients with tumors in upper GIT have substantial weight loss. The frequency and severity of the malnutrition are greater in those with malignant as gastrointestinal and lung diseases, there being less risk of weight loss in those with breast cancer, leukemia, sarcoma and lymphoma¹⁸. **Neoplastic** patients, besides the factors related to the disease, those related to the treatment also contribute to the worsening of the nutritional state by interference in food ingestion.

Approximately 30% of chemotherapeutic agents induce nausea and vomiting, cisplatin being considered to be



the agent of greatest emetogenic potential. Diarrhea and mucositis occur due to the action of the chemotherapeutic agents in the cellular cycle of cells of quick division, leading to functional mucous alterations. The chemotherapeutic agents most associated with diarrhea are: cytarabine, fluorouracil, topotecan, actinomycin D, oxaliplatin and nitrosoureas. Mucositis is associated with odynophagia, bleeding and local infection, having as main agents o methotrexate, fluo- rouracil, bleomycin, doxorrubycin, cisplatin, vincristine and vimblastine. Xerostomia is caused by the competition of the chemotherapeutic agents with receptors of acetylcholine neurotransmitters, which prevent the transmission of parasympathetic impulses of the salivary cells and occurs more frequency in women and the elderly¹⁹.

Radiotherapy, when employed, is also associated with symptoms and alterations which impair appropriate nutrition. The alterations occurring can be countless, and are related to the place irradiated, as per TABLE 4 at the side:



TABLE 4: Classification of Neoplastic Cachexia

PLACE	ADVERSE EFFECTS	THERAP I.
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	Anorexia, nausea, vomiting	
HEAD AND NECK	Mucositis, dysphagia, xerostomia, odynophagia, dysgeusia, dysosmia, anorexia.	
THORAX	Dysphagia, odynophagia, esophagitis, nausea, vomiting.	
ABDOMEN AND PELVIS	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fistulas, actinic enteritis.	

Adapted from Augusto ALP, In: Cotrim, TH20.

The loss of muscle mass (also known as sarcopenia), which can be accompanied by loss of function and strenght, is directly related to the increase of toxicity to chemotherapy, including in the obese. Sarcopenic obesity is present in 15 to 36% of the obese with neoplasia. The outcomes associated with such condition are,

besides greater toxicity to chemotherapy, an increase in the occurrence of surgical complications, physical incapacity and reduced global survival ^{21,22}. Besides neoplasia, muscular catabolism is a serious complication of a variety of other diseases and conditions, such as cardiac insufficiency, sepsis, besides aging, situations of disuse and muscular dystrophy²³. These other conditions, are often superimposed in oncological patients, worsening their nutritional state. **Regardless** of the cause, the proteic degradation is associated with impairment of life quality and poor prognosis of associated pathologies.

NUTRITIONAL INTERVENTION FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Considering the impact of the nutritional state on the treatment and evolution of neoplastic diseases, early and suitable nutritional intervention becomes essential, as indicated by the guideline of ESPEN for the oncological patient of 2016⁶. In accordance with that stipulated, the nutritional intervention must include nutritional advice, the treatment of the symptoms of the gastrointestinal tract which impair food ingestion and the indication of nutritional supplement, aiming at increasing oral supply.

Feeding by oral means is the most physiological manner of increasing the daily nutritional provision. Nevertheless, it is not always possible to attain the requirement only by means of food in individuals affected by advanced age, fragility, chronic diseases, and the effects of anti-neoplastic therapy. Baldwin et al ²⁴ Ravasco et al ²⁵ found that individualized nutritional

advice associated with the use of oral nutritional supplements (SNO), separately or together, are two of the strategies aiming at increasing the daily proteic and energy supply. In the meta-analysis of Baldwin, the studies were able to indicate that the nutritional intervention was associated with a large energy increase of 430 kcal/day, a weight gain of 1.9kg, **besides the** positive effect on the patient's life quality.

BENEFITS OF WHEY PROTEIN

The isolate whey protein leads to large benefits for the patient in nutritional therapy, as the capacity of promoting better gastric emptying. The latter is quicker, nevertheless, the remaining in the bowel is increased, which ensures a better digestion and absorption, attaining higher levels of circulating amino acids, i.e., greater retention of nitrogen, quicker than other sources of protein ^{26, 27, 28}.

The anticarcinogenic, immunostimulatory and antiinflammatory effects of whey protein and its peptides have been extensively studied for prevention and treatment

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provides daily

kcal and 39.4 grams of pROTEIN.

*as part of an 1500-2100 kcal daily diet for 70 kg adult *Nutrition values using 18 scoops/day of cancer in models in vitro, animals and in humans ^{26,} 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39

A study with intestinal Caco-2 cells showed that whey protein had an antiinflammatory effect by reducing the production of IL-826. In their recent work. Silva et al27 used models of human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC) with response TNF-a induced or not, showing that whey protein have several effects in inflammatory gene expression. The beneficial effect of whey protein can be mediated by the presence of branched-chain amino acids (BCAA), by reducing the inflammatory response in model HUVEC with response TNF-a induced.

A recent review of 52 clinical studies in humans supports the idea that dairy products have better antiinflammatory effects in individuals with metabolic disturbances than in healthy individuals. In accordance with the categories of dairy products the data stratification showed that as opposed to the high fat content products, none of the results from studies with low fat content products indicated a proinflammatory activity.

The pro-inflammatory activity identified in the group with whole fat dairy products was attributed mainly to the presence of saturated fat. In the review 50 inflammatory markers possibly involved in the effects investigated were identified⁴⁰. The reduction of the inflammation of low degree in healthy adults was also correlated with the ingestion of dairy products in the stud ATTICA (3,042 individuals)⁴¹.

Another recent review showed a series of benefits of whey protein besides anti-inflammatory, immunostimulatopry and antitumor properties, as antioxidant, hypotensive, intestinalhomeostatic, antiobesity, antidiabetic, muscular biosynthesis, osteoprotective and dermo-protective⁴².

The supplementation with whey protein was studied in the capacity of pre-operatory functional progress and recovery in cancer patients undergoing colorectal resection for cancer showing significant clinical improvements in the patients⁴³.



has 60% Isolated Whey Protein,

23% Concentrate Whey Protein

17% L-leucine in its proteic composition,

with only **3%** of **Saturated Fat** in the lipid composition.

THE ROLE OF LEUCINE IN CACHEXIA

The reduced active synthesis of proteins receives the term anabolic resistance and can be seen in conditions as immobilization, aging, cachexia of cancer and sepsis⁴.

Cachectic patients inparenteral nutrition (PN) supplemented with branchedchain amino acids (BCAA) showed an increase in the flow of leucine and proteic synthesis, while protein breakdown remained stable⁴⁵. Another study with patients in PN showed improvement in the proteic development and synthesis of albumin in patients supplemented with BCAA⁴⁶.

In oncological patients losing weight, the administration of amino acids (including doses of branchedchain amino acids) seems to have been beneficial related to loss of muscle mass and proteic synthesis, as per review published by Bozzetti⁴⁷.

Leucine is studied as the BCAA with the greatest role in proteic synthesis⁴⁸. In a recent study, supplementation with leucine preserved the anabolic cellular signaling during periods of physical inactivity and had a partial protective effect in body composition and results of the muscle function⁴⁹.

In the elderly it is well debated that supplementation with leucine improves the response of muscle proteic synthesis^{50, 51, 52, 53,54}. In this context, Bauer⁵⁵ used supplementation of vitamin D, with 40 grams of whey protein + 6 grams of leucine.

In mice with tumor, supplementation of leucine provides significant protection of skeletal muscle mass⁵⁶. Recent work in humans suggests that patients with cachexia induced by anabolic pulmoresistance and impaired muscular anabolism benefit from the simultaneous supplementation of insulin and amino acids⁵⁷. Some mechanisms possibly involved in the regulatory effects of leucine on proteic synthesis are: the increased availability of substratum and secretion of anabolic hormones as insulin; and the modulation of anabolic routes in skeletal muscle⁴⁴.

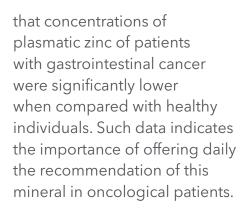


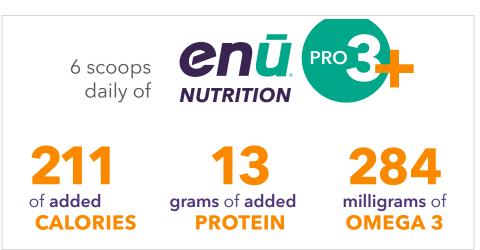
THE ROLE OF ZINC IN ONCOLOGY NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

Present in enzymes and proteins which participate in the metabolism of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids, zinc can have a catalytic or structural function, its deficiency being able to cause reduced carbonic anhydrase, disturbances of the palate (dysgeusia and hypogeusia) and xerostomia^{58,59}.

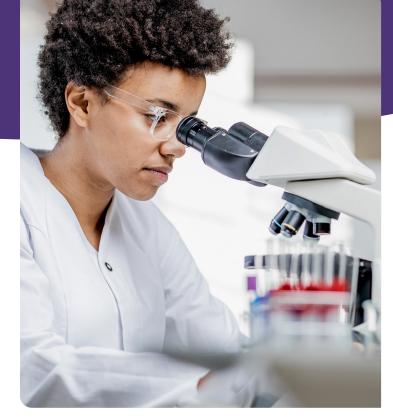
Zinc is also essential to the normal function of the immunological system, its deficiency being able to lead to thymic atrophy, lymphopenia, reduction of immunoglobulin mitosis, among other alterations. Damage also occurs in the mucous barrier of the gastrointestinal and pulmonary tract. The oxidative stress has often been related to the phases of initiation and promotion of the process of carcinogenesis. The antioxidant enzymes, dependent upon selenium and zinc, which antagonize this process, are at low levels in the tumor cells⁶⁰, ⁶¹.

Study done by McMillan et al ⁶² corroborated such data, when it was noted





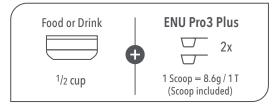
* Omega-3 is from ALA (alpha-linolenic acid)





RECOMMENDED SERVING SIZE

2 scoops per 4 ounces (120 mL)



DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Use under medical supervision. Amount per day to be determined by medical professional and is dependent on age, body weight, and medical condition of the patient. Not for parenteral use.

ENU Pro3 Plus is soluble in liquids and moist foods with minimal effect on taste, texture, and volume. For enteral or oral use.

- 1. Measure **ENU Pro3 Plus** using the included scoop. A level scoop holds approximately 8.6g of powder.
- Add powder to the desired volume of liquid and/or moist foods and stir continuously or use the aid of a blender until the powder has dissolved.
- 3. Once mixed with liquids or foods, keep refrigerated and consume within 12 hours.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat. Do not freeze. After opening canister, consume contents within 30 days. For expiration date, check the bottom of canister.

INGREDIENTS

Maltodextrin, whey protein isolate, canola oil, fructooligosaccharides, milk protein concentrate, L-leucine, soybean oil, sodium citrate, potassium chloride, medium chain triglycerides, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, choline citrate, potassium citrate, potassium phosphate, sodium ascorbate, zinc gluconate, ferrous gluconate, alphatocopheryl acetate, beta-carotene, sodium selenate, nicotinamide, retinyl palmitate, phytonadione, sodium molybdate, manganese sulfate, calcium pantothenate, cholecalciferol, copper sulfate, chromium chloride, cyanocobalamin, pyridoxine hydrochloride, potassium iodide, riboflavin, thiamine, folic acid, biotin, silicon dioxide (anti-humectant). **Contains milk and soy.**

	NUTRITION FAC	.13	
	Per 8.6g Scoop (1 T)	Per 100g	Per 350g Container
Calories	35	409	1,432.0
Protein, g	2	25	89.2
Leucine, g	0.6	6.5	22.8
Total Fat, g	0.8	9.6	33.7
Saturated Fat, g	0.1	1.5	5.1
Trans Fat, g	0	0	0
Cholesterol, mg	0	0	0
Sodium, mg	33	389	1361.5
Total Carbohydrate, g	5	55	192.4
Dietary Fiber, g	0.5	6.1	21.3
Total Sugars, g	0	0	0
Includes Added Sugars, g	0	0	0
Sugar Alcohol, g	0	0	0
Vitamin A, mcg RAE	31.0	360.0	1,260.0
Vitamin C, mg	4.8	56.0	196.0
Vitamin D, mcg	0.3	3.8	13.3
Vitamin E, mg α-TE	0.2	2.8	20.0
Vitamin K, mcg	4.0	46.0	161.0
Thiamin (B1), mg	0.0	0.5	1.8
Riboflavin (B2), mg	0.0	0.5	1.8
Niacin (B3), mg NE	1.0	11.6	350.0
Vitamin B6, mg	0.1	0.7	2.3
Folate, mcg DFE	17.7	205.7	720.0
(Folic Acid, mcg	10.4	121.0)	423.5
Vitamin B12, mcg	0.1	0.9	3.2
Pantothenic Acid (B5), mg	0.2	1.9	6.7
Biotin, mcg	1.0	11.4	39.9
Choline, mg	10.3	120.0	420.0
Calcium, mg	30.7	357.2	1250.2
Chromium, mcg	1.1	13.3	46.6
Copper, mg	0.0	0.3	1.1
lodine, mcg	4.8	55.9	195.7
Iron, mg	0.3	3.7	13.0
Magnesium, mg	8.2	95.0	332.5
Manganese, mg	0.1	0.9	3.1
Molybdenum, mcg	1.5	17.1	59.9
Phosphorus, mg	22.1	257.4	900.9
Selenium, mcg	3.5	40.5	141.8
Zinc, mg	0.5	6.1	23.4
Potassium, mg	56.5	657.0	2299.4
Chloride, mg	37.8	439.0	1536.4
Inositol, mg	0.0	0.0	0.0

NUTRITION FACTS





FLEXIBLE AND CONVENIENT FOR GREATER ADHERENCE

An important point to be considered on the indication of oral nutritional therapy is the adhesion of the patient to the treatment proposed. Among the factors which can be associated with the low adhesion to the oral nutritional supplement is the monotony of the taste of the product indicated, the palatability being a key factor in its acceptance⁶³. Thus, the importance of monitoring and guidance by health professionals to ensure adhesion and obtain results favorable to the patient's evolution. As it is an unflavoured product, ENU can be added to any type of preparation, hot or cold, sweet or salty, thereby allowing greater versatility in its means of presentation.

Its recommended daily dose can be fractionized throughout the day, in all the means, as per the patient's requirement and tolerance, allowing individualization of the treatment and greater adhesion thereto.

TABLE 5: Nutritional Recommendation vs. Estimate of consumption vs. ENU Pro3+ 17, 23, 25, 47, 64, 65, 66, 67

	NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATION	ESTIMATE OF CONSUMPTION (ADULT 70 KG)	ENU Pro3+* (ADULT 70 KG)
CALORIES	Weight maintenance: 20 - 30 kcal/kg/day Weight gain: 30 - 35 kcal/kg/day	1500 - 2100 kcal/day Avg = 1800 kcal/day 35% = 630 kcal	630 kcal = 154g
PROTEINS	1 a 2g/kg/dia	60 - 120g/day Avg = 90g/day 35% = 31.5g	39.4g (44%)
L-LEUCINE	RDA: 0.042 to 0.052g/kg/day Studies: Muscular mass increase 1.7 to 2.8g/meal	2,52 - 3.12g/day Avg = 2.82g/day 35% = 0.99g UL* = 35g	7.2g
FIBERS	15 to 30g/day 5 to 10g prebiotic fiber/day	35% = 7.8g 2,6g prebiotic	9.4g prebiotic fiber (42%)
MICRONUTRIENTS	RDA: 1x/day	35% RDA	78% RDA

Adapted from Augusto ALP, In: Cotrim, TH20.

*ENU information is calculated for ~35% of an adult daily diet for a person weighing 70kg. Nutrition values using 18 scoops/day.

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