Indirect Calorimetry: Measuring Energy Expenditure in the ICU and Beyond



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Objectives

- To understand the role of indirect calorimetry (IC) in nutrition prescription and delivery in acute and non-acute care settings
- •To determine patient populations that would benefit from indirect calorimetry as part of the patient assessment

•To reveal the dynamic nature of resting energy expenditure throughout hospitalization

Indirect Calorimetry Basics

How do we predict energy?











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Common Indirect Calorimetry Modes

Ventilator









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The Weir Equation

$$REE = [(3.94 \times VO_{2^*}) + (1.1 \times VCO_{2^*})] \times 1440$$
*Measured in L/min







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[(3.94 x <mark>.230</mark>) + (1.1 x . 169)] x 1440
= 1559 kcal/day	
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How long do assessments take?

O20 minutes at beginning of the day **O25 minutes** per test from start to finish



Using Indirect Calorimetry in Clinical Practice

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Obesity – "65-70% of target energy requirements as measured by IC"

Sepsis – IC is recommended, f/u every 4 days, hypocaloric feeding, >80% over the 1st week

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Learning Assessment Question

ICU Day 2 is always considered acute phase critical illness

1. True

2. False

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Which patients do I measure?

Which patients are you least confident in predicting REE?

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EB is a 42 y.o. F admitted for abdominal pain

s/p emergent small bowel resection for ischemia

- Hyperthyroidism
- Substance use disorder
- T2DM
- Anthropometrics upon Admission
- Height 168.4 cm
- Weight 100 kg
- BMI 35.3 kg/m²





7 days after the last measurement... EB refuses for N/V/abd pain

Current Nutrition: TPN + full liquid diet, ONS ordered Current Weight - 86.8 kg Hospital Day – 36 Declines PT, afebrile, normal WBC count, no C-RP available

At this point, we must use a predictive equation

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Equation Estimated x 1.2 Activity Factor



Predictive Energy Equations

	REE	
Mifflin St Jeor	1,550 kcal	1,859 kcal
Harris Benedict	1,600 kcal	1,920 kcal
ASPEN 15 kcal/kg	1,302 kcal	1,562 kcal
ASPEN 20 kcal/kg	1,736 kcal	2,083 kcal
Other?		

7 days after the last visit... EB refuses again for N/V/abd pain

Current Nutrition: TPN + full liquid diet, ONS ordered Current Weight – 86.6 kg (0.2 kg wt loss x 1 week) Hospital Day – 45 Declines PT, afebrile, normal WBC count, no C-RP available

Once again, a predictive equation must be used

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Indirect Calorimetry Critical in Identifying Early Hypometabolism and Late-Stage Hypermetabolism in Post-surgical Patients



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Conclusion

O Any predictive equation is as reliable as the variables are accurate

- Energy needs are dynamic throughout hospitalization how are you accounting for that?
- O Be persistent with your pursuit to perform at the top of your license

Learning Assessment Question

Which functions of Indirect Calorimetry are within an RD's scope of practice

- 1. Interpret test results
- 2. Recommend and interpret test results
- 3. Perform and interpret test results
- 4. Recommend, perform, and/or interpret test results

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Thank you! Questions?

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