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# LE SOLUZIONI PER LA DIALISI PERITONEALE

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# PROGRAMMA

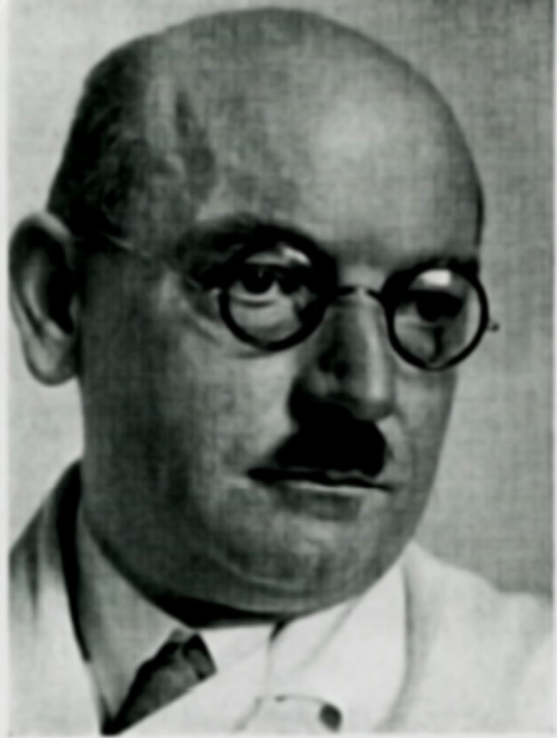
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- ▶ Studi in corso
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► **1744**, physiologist and physicist Stephen Hales joined forces with surgeon and fellow Englishman Christopher Warrick to lay the foundation for peritoneal dialysis in humans. They attempted to treat a 50-year-old patient with ascites by first removing the excess abdominal fluid from the woman before using a leather tube to introduce **a solution consisting of 50% water and 50% wine into her abdomen.**





**Prof. Dr. Georg Ganter**

Direktor d. Medizinischen Poliklinik  
Geboren in Unter-Schönmattenwag im  
Odenwald 1885  
Greifswald 1918, Würzburg 1921,  
Rostock 1926

Würzburg, Germany, 1923

instilled saline solutions in  
volumes of  
approximately 50 mL



Between 1923 and 1948: 14 different types reported: different concentrations of sodium chloride and dextrose solutions, Ringer's, Rhoads', Hartmann's two modified Tyrode's, "A," "P," modified "P" solutions, Kolff's and two unknown.

Of the papers published after World War II, the most important are considered to be those of doctors Howard Frank, a surgical intern, Arnold Seligman, trained in chemistry, and Jacob Fine.

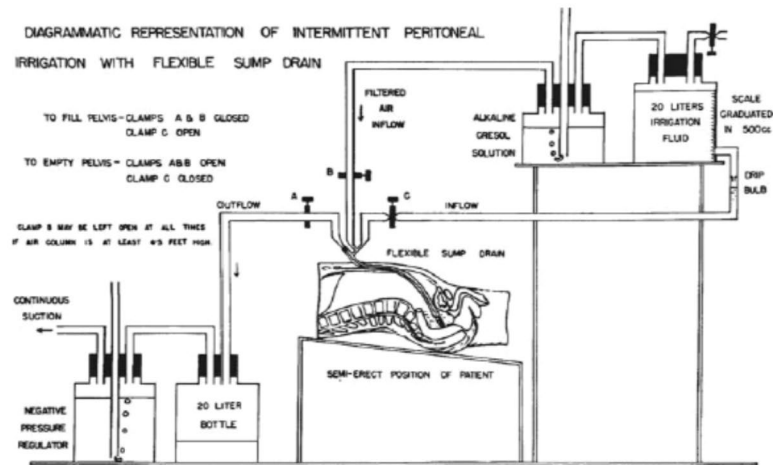
The irrigation fluid used was Ringer's solution containing glucose, which was later changed to a Tyrode's solution, in their search for the right solution.



They improved the irrigation fluid by **decreasing the sodium chloride concentration to 0.74% to reduce the risk of hyperchloremia**, added gelatin, and **increased the glucose concentration to increase the fluid tonicity** so they were able to control edema.

**Bicarbonate** was used in the irrigation fluid to combat acidosis. The bicarbonate solution was sterilized separately and added to the solution before irrigation was initiated.

The dialysis solution was sterilized and administered from special 20-L Pyrex bottles, which required a large autoclave and were difficult to manipulate.



Schematic representation of closed system used by Frank, Seligman, and Fine (From Annals of Surgery 1948, with permission)



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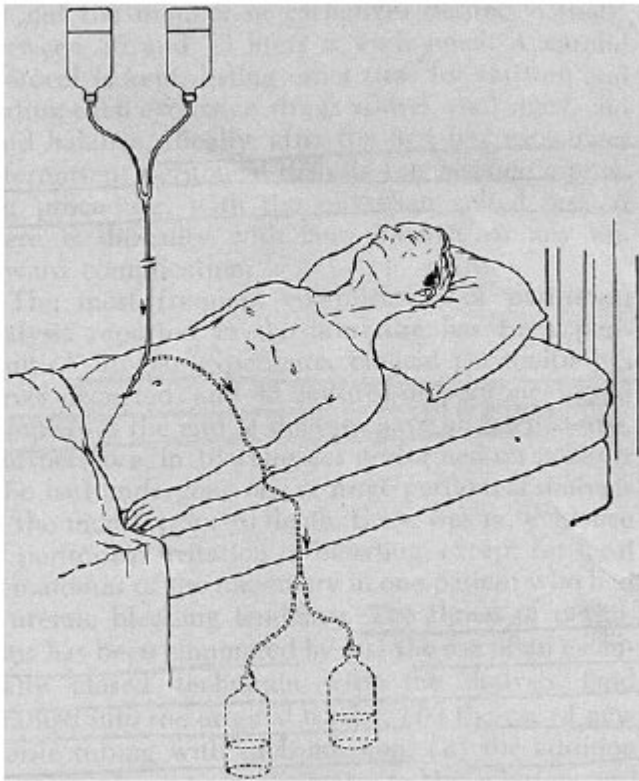


Fig. 1.3 Maxwell's paired bottle technique (From JAMA 1959, with permission)

1959, Toronto, Canada

The new dialysis solution contained

- Na 140 mEq/L
- Cl 101 mEq/L
- Ca 4mEq/L
- Mg 1.5 mEq/L
- Dextrose 15 g/L
- **Lactate 45mEq/L**

The lactate was replacing bicarbonate in the dialysis solution, eliminating the problem of precipitation of calcium salts. Potassium was excluded from the commercial dialysis solution because most of the patients with acute renal failure had hyperkalemia, but, if needed in patients with low serum potassium levels, it could be added to one of the **1 L bottles** using a hypodermic syringe.



# Standard peritoneal dialysis solution

## Osmotic agent

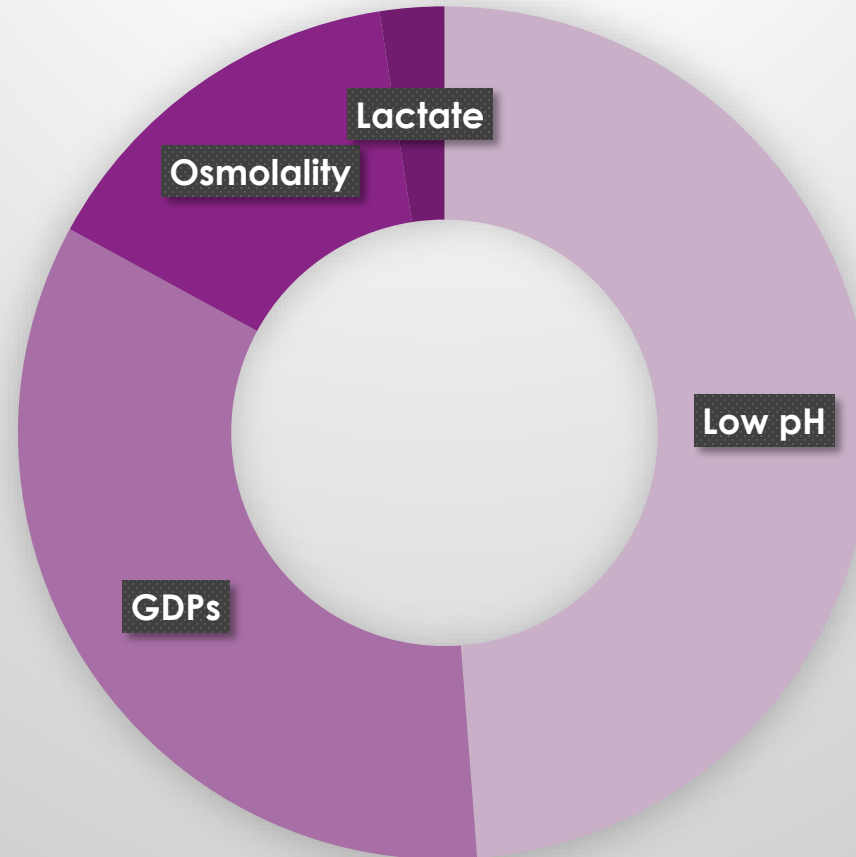
- ✓ Cheap
- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Effective

Na	132-134 mmol/l
K	0-2-4 mmol/l
Ca	1,25-1,75 mmol/l
Mg	0,25-0,75 mmol/l
Cl	95-106 mmol/l
Lactate	35-40 mmol/l
Glucose	1,36/1,5-3,86/4,25 g/dl
Osmolality	347-486
pH	5,2-5,5

**Cytotoxicity**



# Cytotoxicity

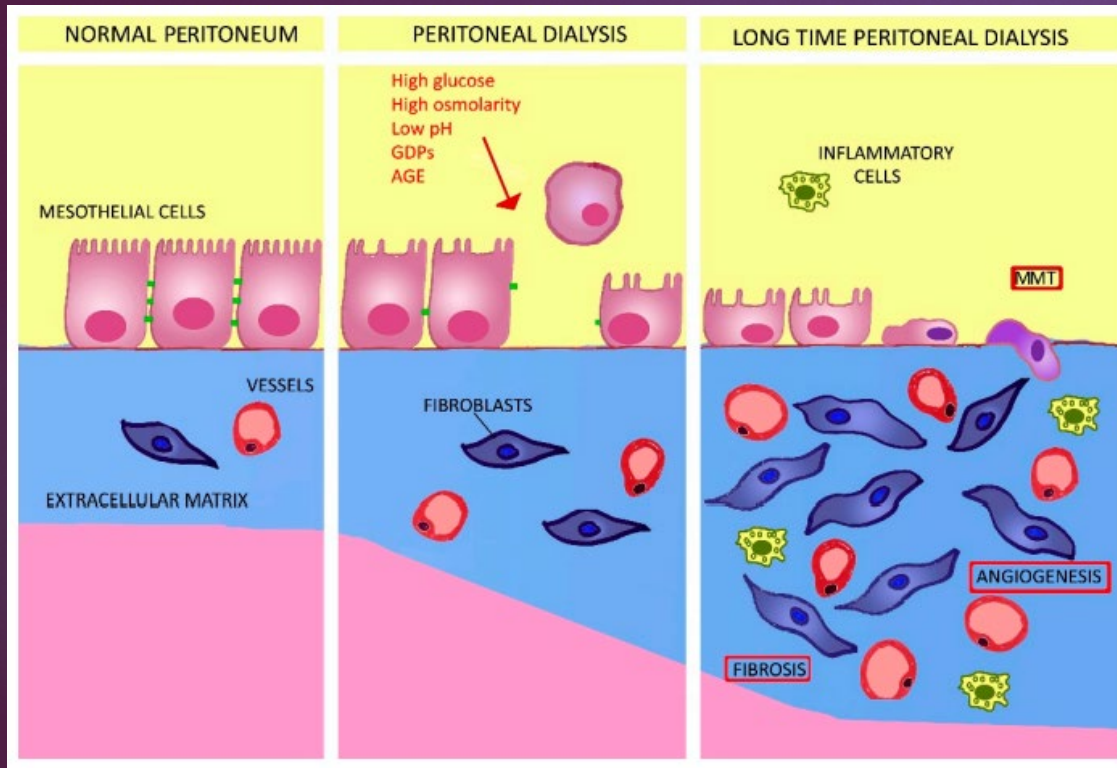


Proinflammatory cytokines

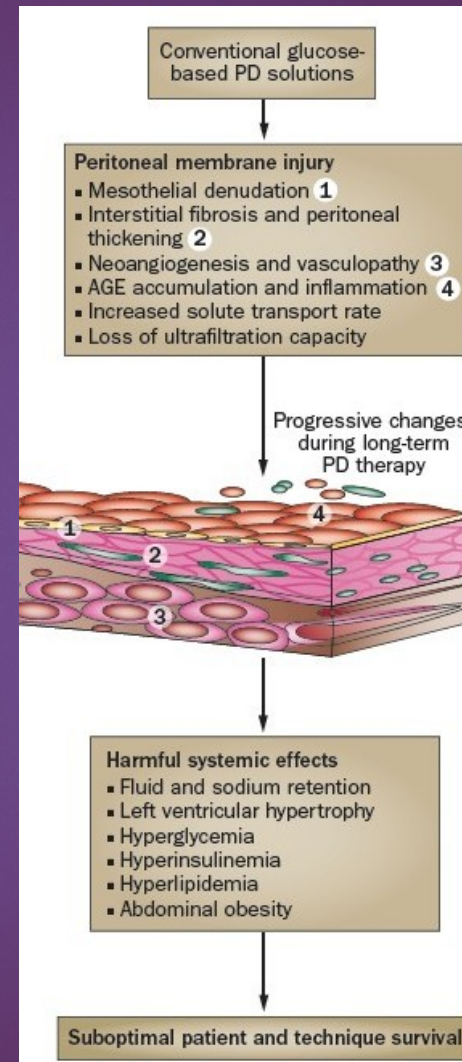
HIF-1 $\alpha$

TGF-beta

VEGF



Metabolic mechanisms (glycolytic, fatty acid and pyruvate metabolism),



impairment of mesothelial cell viability adverse effects on leukocyte recruitment accelerated angiogenesis and vascular proliferation low-grade inflammation epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition fibrosis and thickening of the peritoneal membrane formation of advanced glycation end products (AGEs)

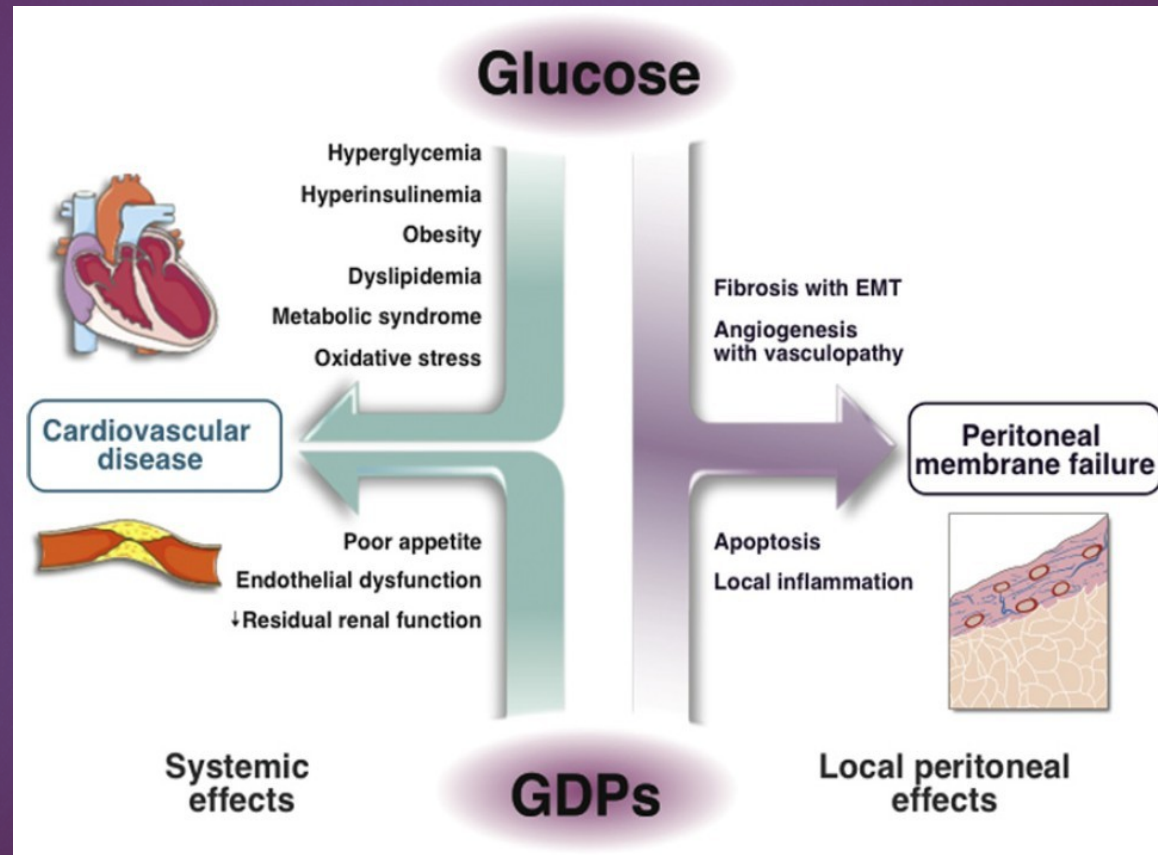
partial loss of peritoneal ultrafiltration capacity fluid retention left ventricular hypertrophy, heart failure increased risk of cardiovascular morbidity

worsening of metabolic and nutritional problems impaired glucose tolerance, insulin resistance hyperlipidemia (atherogenic lipid profile) abdominal obesity

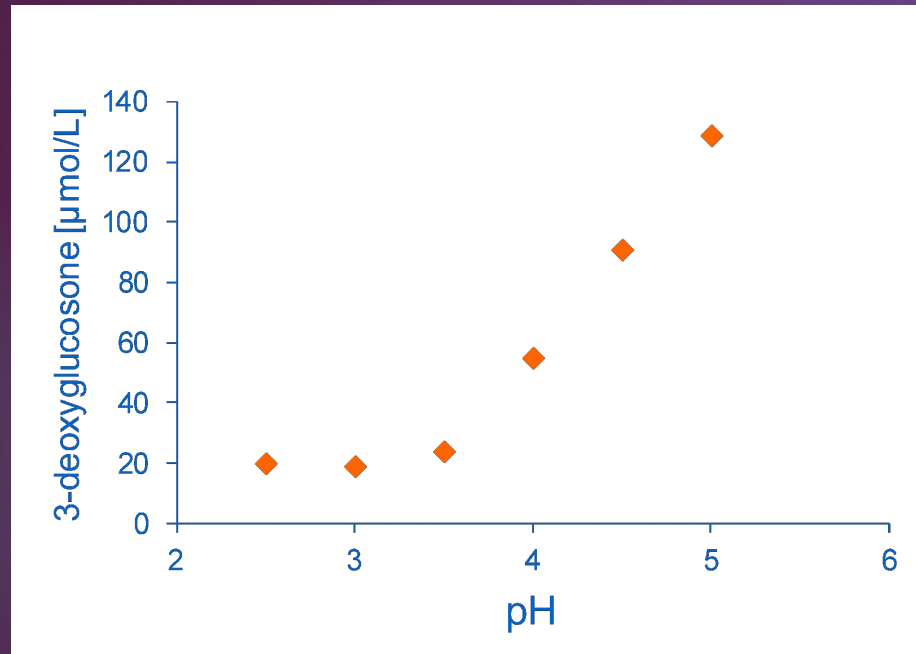


# Systemic and Local Impact of Glucose and Glucose Degradation Products in Peritoneal Dialysis Solution

Yong-Lim Kim, MD, Jang-Hee Cho, MD, Ji-Young Choi, MD, Chan-Duck Kim, MD,  
and Sun-Hee Park, MD



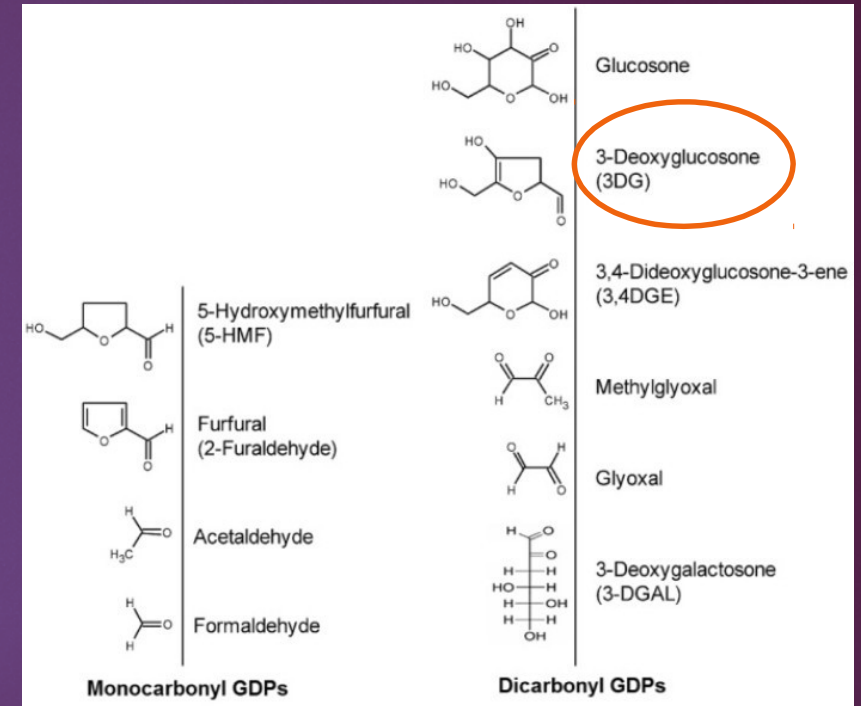
## pH dependent formation of 3-DG (3-deoxyglucosone)



GDPs



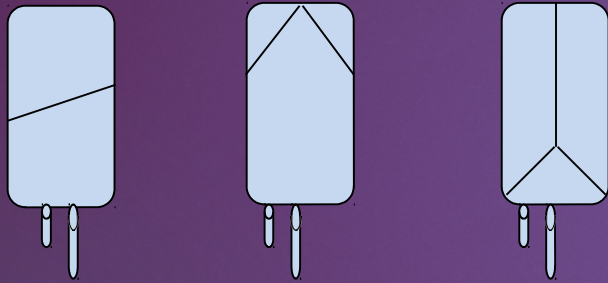
AGEs





# A "New" Generation of PD Solutions

## Glucose based solutions

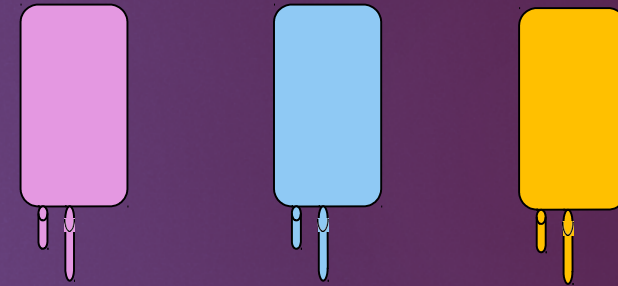


pH 7.0-7.4  
Low GDPs  
HCO<sub>3</sub>/Lactate

pH 6.3  
Low GDPs  
Lactate

pH 7.0-7.4  
Low GDPs  
HCO<sub>3</sub>

## Alternative osmotic agents



Icodextrin

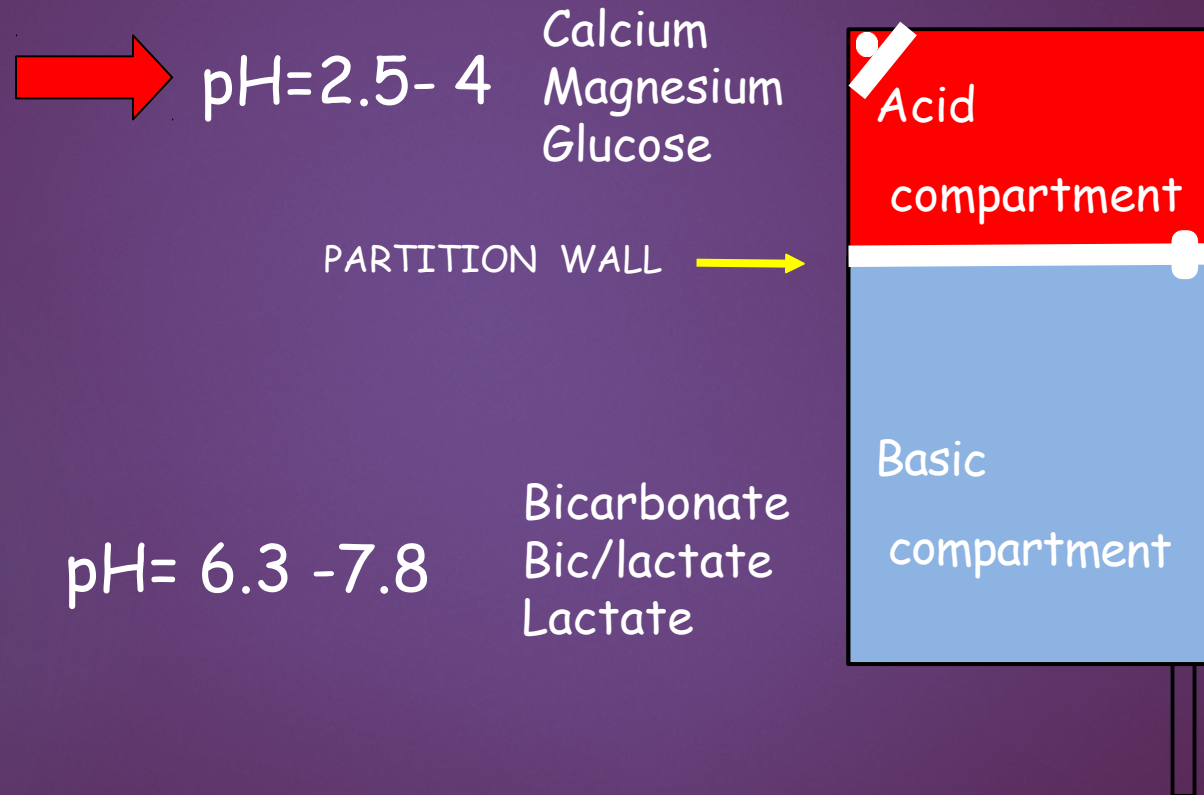
Amino Acids

Others

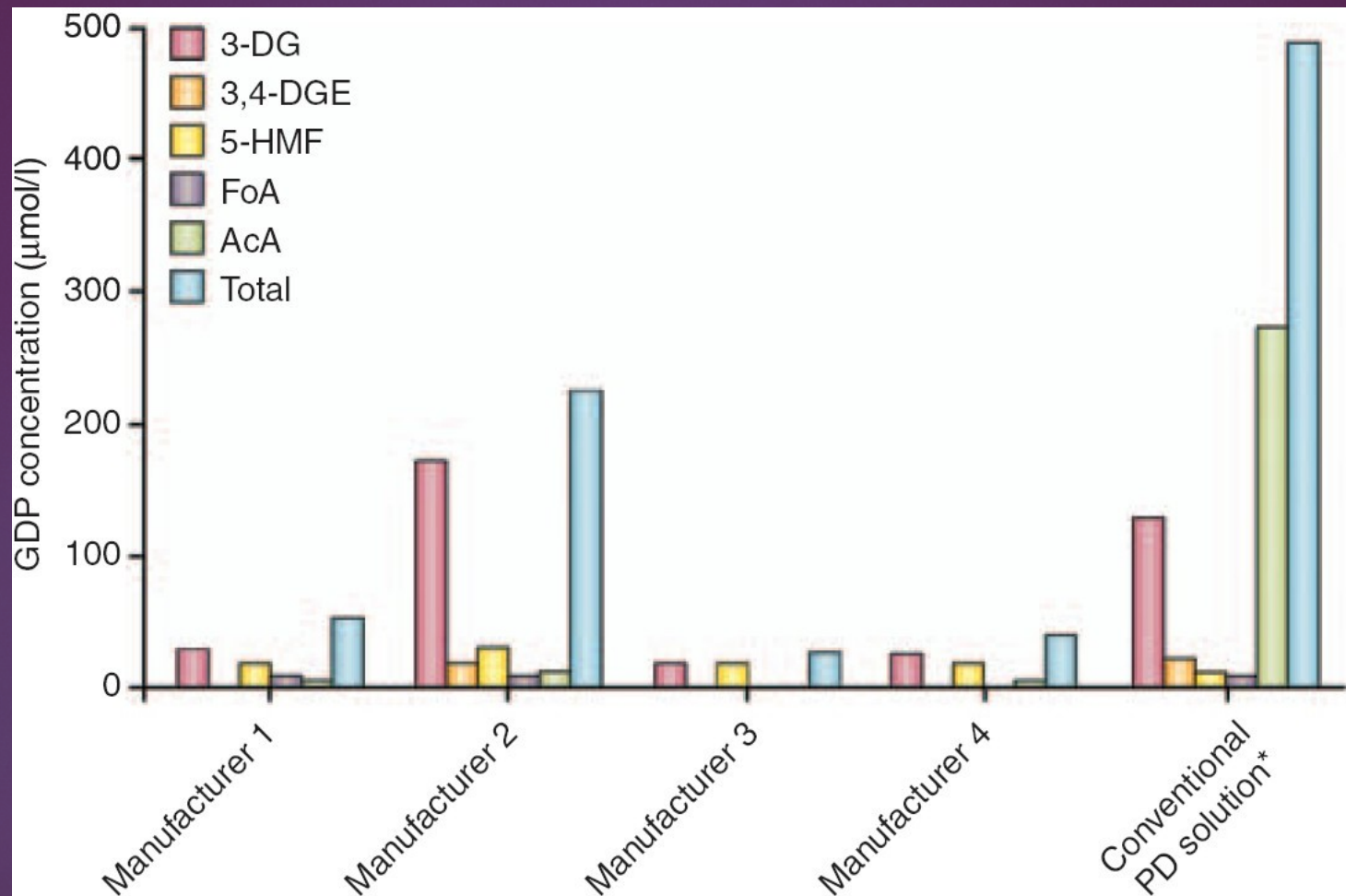
pH 5.6  
Low GDPs  
Iso-osmolar

pH 6.6  
No GDPs  
Glucose free

# Multicompartment bag system







# An update on peritoneal dialysis solutions

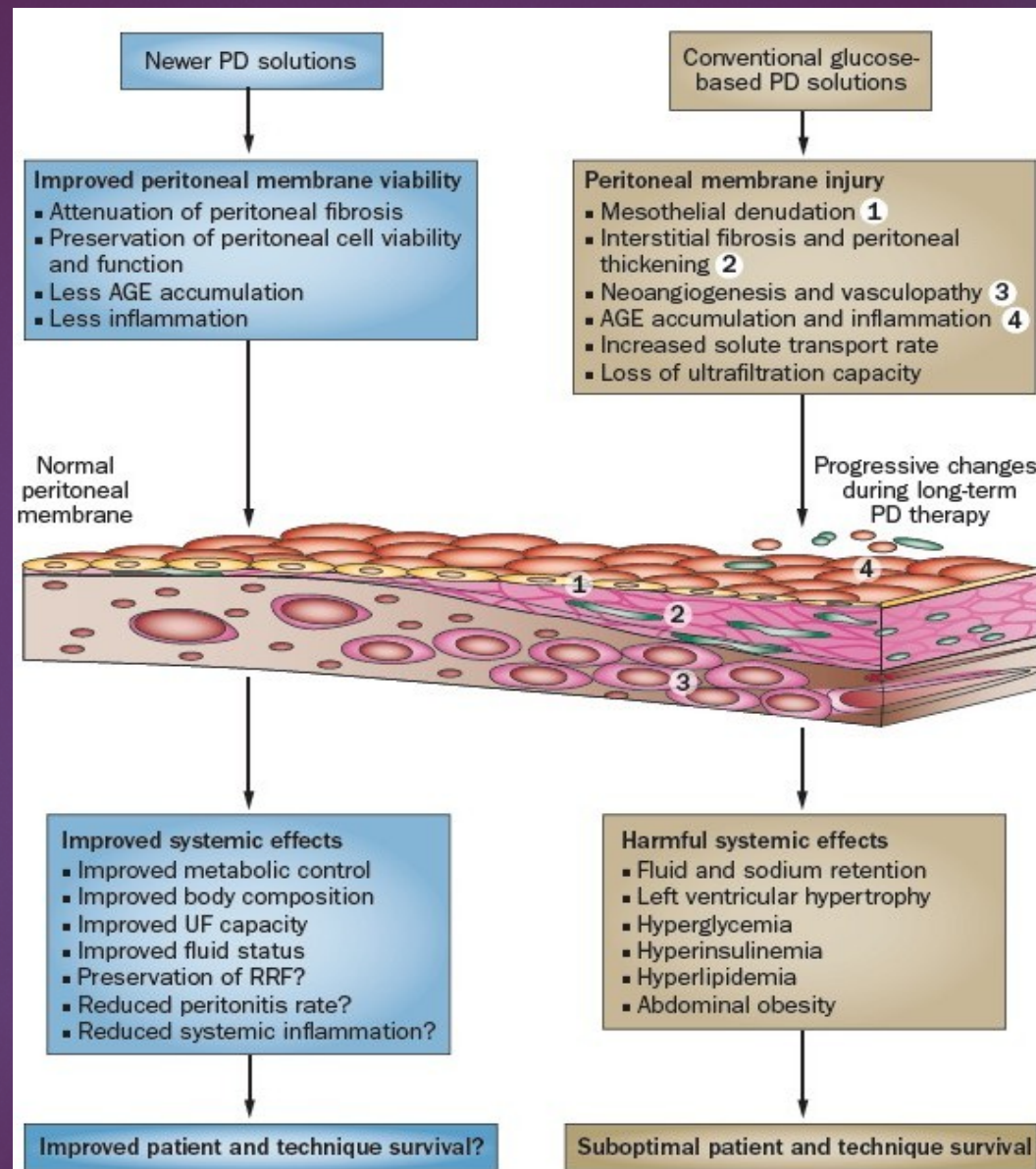
**Table 1** | Selected peritoneal dialysis solutions currently available in Europe

Solution (manufacturer)	pH	Chambers	Buffer	Osmotic agent	GDPs	Advantages	Disadvantages
Dianeal® (Baxter*)	5.2	Single	Lactate	Glucose	High	Easy to manufacture; low cost	Low pH; poor peritoneal membrane biocompatibility; infusion pain; contains lactate
Extraneal® (Baxter*)	5.6	Single	Lactate	Icodextrin	Low	Sustained ultrafiltration; reduced hyperglycemia; improved metabolic profile and body composition	Contains lactate; low pH; single daily use only; hypersensitivity
Nutrineal® (Baxter*)	5.5	Single	Lactate	Amino acids	No	Avoids glucose exposure; peritoneal membrane protection; enhanced nutrition	Contains lactate; low pH; single daily use only
Physioneal® (Baxter*)	7.4	Double	Lactate/bicarbonate	Glucose	Low	Improved biocompatibility; preserved membrane defense; reduced infusion pain	Local and systemic glucose exposure; reduced peritoneal lactate exposure
Stay-safe® (Fresenius‡)	5.5	Single	Lactate	Glucose	High	Ease of manufacture; low cost	Low pH; poor peritoneal membrane biocompatibility; infusion pain; contains lactate
Balance® (Fresenius‡)	7.0	Double	Lactate	Glucose	Low	Improved biocompatibility; preserved membrane defense; reduced risk of peritonitis?	Higher but not neutral pH; local and systemic glucose exposure; contains lactate
BicaVera® (Fresenius‡)	7.4	Double	Bicarbonate	Glucose	Low	Improved biocompatibility; preserved membrane defense; improved correction of acidosis	Local and systemic glucose exposure
Gambrosol® Trio (Fresenius‡)	6.5	Triple	Lactate	Glucose	Low	Improved biocompatibility; preserved membrane defense	Higher but not neutral pH; local and systemic glucose exposure; contains lactate

\*Deerfield, IL, USA. †Bad Homburg, Germany. Abbreviation: GDPs, glucose degradation products.

	Glucose based
Glucosio anidro - monoidrato	1,36 – 1,5
	2,27 – 2,3
	3,86 – 4,25
Sodio (mEq/L)	<b>132</b>
Potassio (mEq/L)	<b>0</b>
Cloruro (mEq/L)	96
Calcio (mmol/L)	<b>1,25 – 1,75</b>
Magnesio (mEq/L)	0.5
<b>Lattato</b> (mEq/L)	35/0/15
<b>Bicarbonato</b> (mEq/L)	0/34/25
Osmolalità (mOsm/kg)	346-485
pH	<b>7,4</b>





**Figure 1** | A schematic presentation of the potential beneficial effects of newer peritoneal dialysis solutions. Abbreviations: AGE, advanced glycation end product; PD, peritoneal dialysis; RRF, residual renal function; UF, ultrafiltration.



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## Biocompatible dialysis fluids for peritoneal dialysis (Review)

Htay H, Johnson DW, Wiggins KJ, Badve SV, Craig JC, Strippoli GFM, Cho Y 2018

42 eligible studies (3262 participants)

29 studies (1971 participants) compared neutral pH, low GDP PD solution with conventional PD solution

13 studies (1291 participants) compared icodextrin with conventional PD solution

Studies of amino acid-based dialysis fluids were excluded

11 studies (1034 participants)

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### **EFFECT OF BIOCOMPATIBLE PERITONEAL DIALYSIS SOLUTION ON RESIDUAL RENAL FUNCTION: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS**

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**RRF**

once follow-up reached 12 to 24 months

**Urine Volume**

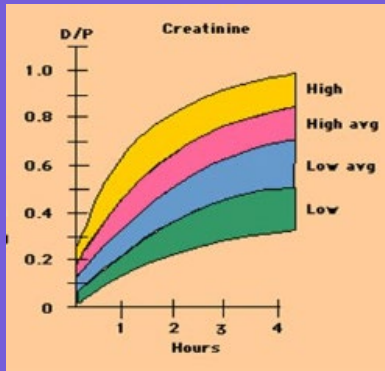
Once the study duration exceeded 12 months



**ClCr**

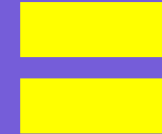
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Peritoneal ultrafiltration

D/P creatinine ratio

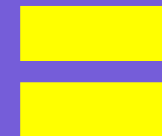


Hospitalisation

Peritonitis

Technique survival

Death





There is controversy in the literature regarding the mechanism by which biocompatible solutions preserves the RRF.

One is a direct beneficial effect of biocompatible solutions with lower level of GDP inducing apoptosis of renal tubular cell.

The other is an indirect effect which comes from less effective ultrafiltration and consequent hypervolemia.

Editorial > [Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2009 Sep;24\(9\):2620-2. doi: 10.1093/ndt/](#)  
Epub 2009 Jun 23.

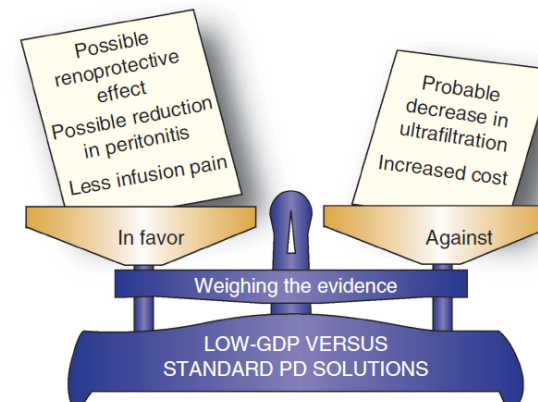
## Preserving residual renal function in peritoneal dialysis: volume or biocompatibility?

Simon J Davies

Comment > [Kidney Int. 2013 Nov;84\(5\):864-6. doi: 10.1038/ki.2013.303.](#)

## Biocompatible peritoneal dialysis solutions: many questions but few answers

Peter G Blake <sup>1</sup>, Arsh K Jain, Sechelle Yohanna



**Figure 1 | Weighing the evidence on biocompatible peritoneal dialysis solutions.**  
GDP, glucose degradation product; PD, peritoneal dialysis.



## International comparison of peritoneal dialysis prescriptions from the Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS)

Angela Yee-Moon Wang<sup>1</sup>, Junhui Zhao<sup>2</sup>, Brian Bieber<sup>2</sup>, Talerngsak Kanjanabuch<sup>3</sup>, Martin Wilkie<sup>4</sup>, Mark R Marshall<sup>5</sup>, Hideki Kawanishi<sup>6</sup>, Jeffrey Perl<sup>7</sup>, Simon Davies<sup>8</sup>, and PDOPPS Dialysis Prescription and Fluid Management Working Group

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**Table 4.** Urea clearance (dialysis and residual kidney) and PD solution type by country and PD modality.

	A/NZ		Canada		Japan		Thailand		UK		US	
	APD	CAPD	APD	CAPD	APD	CAPD	APD	CAPD	APD	CAPD	APD	CAPD
Number of patients	213	111	269	107	195	337	26	521	149	72	2199	458
Total <i>Kt/V</i> urea	2.17 (0.76)	2.08 (0.91)	1.94 (0.94)	1.72 (0.89)	1.84 (0.57)	1.91 (0.78)	2.39 (0.67)	2.26 (0.93)	2.26 (0.70)	2.27 (0.61)	2.29 (0.62)	2.37 (0.72)
Residual <i>Kt/V</i> urea	0.88 (0.74)	0.85 (0.86)	0.71 (0.73)	0.54 (0.55)	0.75 (0.52)	0.79 (0.86)	0.59 (0.59)	0.53 (0.81)	0.89 (0.73)	1.23 (0.68)	0.74 (0.77)	0.90 (0.94)
Peritoneal <i>Kt/V</i> urea	1.29 (0.46)	1.19 (0.60)	1.23 (0.57)	1.18 (0.64)	1.09 (0.51)	1.16 (0.44)	1.75 (0.86)	1.73 (0.59)	1.35 (0.57)	1.04 (0.44)	1.55 (0.50)	1.47 (0.55)
24-h urine volume per BSA (L/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	0.83 (0.64)	0.72 (0.65)	0.76 (0.61)	0.82 (0.60)	0.90 (0.73)	0.84 (0.61)	0.67 (0.65)	0.58 (0.69)	0.74 (0.54)	1.41 (0.70)	0.65 (0.63)	0.77 (0.79)
Anuric <sup>a</sup> (%)	7%/18%	13%/21%	16%/25%	11%/22%	8%/40%	6%/36%	33%/54%	28%/76%	8%/34%	3%/21%	23%/24%	20%/23%
PD solution type <sup>b</sup>												
Icodextrin	44%	53%	55%	65%	40%	46%	17%	0%	47%	78%	25%	16%
Nutrineal	1%	0%	1%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%
Calcium > 3.5 mEq/L	7%	11%	20%	20%	40%	39%	13%	19%	14%	15%	42%	51%
Neutral pH low GDP	21%	44%	8%	15%	99%	98%	0%	0%	29%	24%	0%	0%
PD solution glucose concentration <sup>b</sup>												
Without any 2.27% or 3.86% use	15%	22%	21%	26%	75%	65%	88%	72%	50%	57%	4%	6%
Use of 2.27% but not 3.86%	77%	76%	70%	55%	25%	35%	8%	19%	48%	44%	51%	50%
Use of any 3.86%	8%	3%	9%	19%	0%	0%	4%	9%	2%	0%	45%	44%



# Neutral pH and low-glucose degradation product dialysis fluids induce major early alterations of the peritoneal membrane in children on peritoneal dialysis



see commentary on page 246

Betti Schaefer<sup>1,28</sup>, Maria Bartosova<sup>1,28</sup>, Stephan Macher-Goeppinger<sup>2</sup>, Peter Sallay<sup>3</sup>, Peter Vörös<sup>3</sup>,

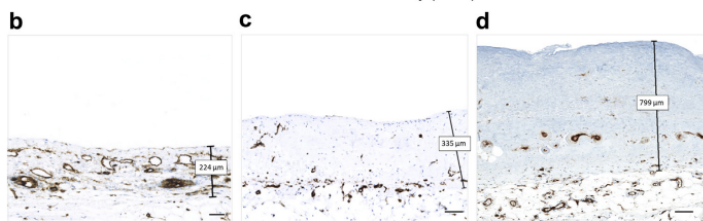
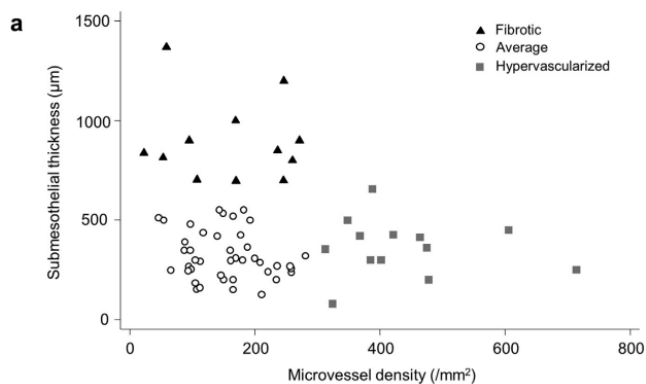
106 peritoneal biopsy samples from 82 children on PD, all treated with low-GDP fluids

lacking is a control group of children treated with conventional solutions

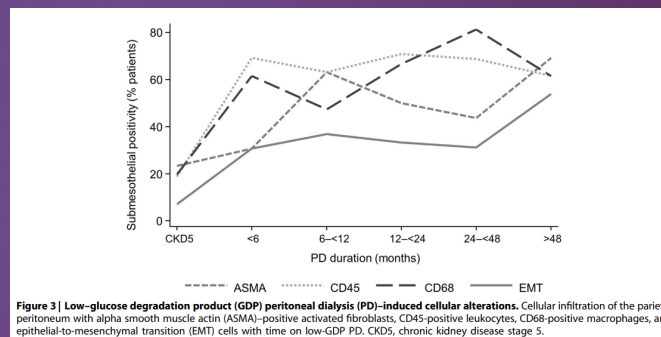
Early peritoneal angiogenesis : increase of blood microvessel density and endothelial surface exchange

Submesothelial inflammation leukocytes, macrophages

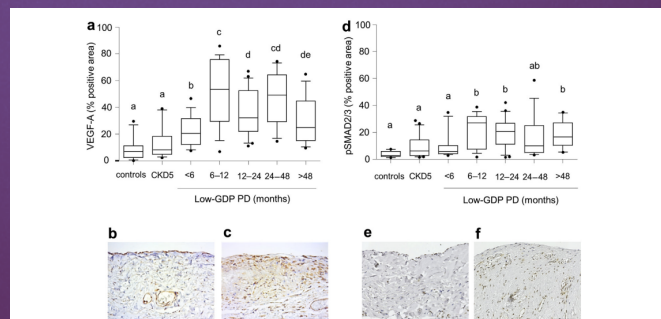
EMT cells



**Figure 2 | Cluster analysis of patients treated with low-glucose degradation product peritoneal dialysis (PD) based on submesothelial thickness and microvessel density.** Fibrotic type had increased submesothelial thickness with average microvessel density. (a) Hypervascularized peritoneum had increased microvessel density with average submesothelial thickness. For details on the 3 different clusters, please see [Supplementary Table S2](#). Representative CD31 stainings of patients with (b) predominant hypervascularization, (c) average findings, and (d) predominant fibrotic changes after 8, 72, and 109 months of PD, respectively. Bar = 100 µm. To optimize viewing of this image, please see the online version of this article at [www.kidney-international.org](http://www.kidney-international.org).



**Figure 3 | Low-glucose degradation product (GDP) peritoneal dialysis (PD)-induced cellular alterations.** Cellular infiltration of the parietal peritoneum with alpha smooth muscle actin (ASMA)-positive activated fibroblasts, CD45-positive leukocytes, CD68-positive macrophages, and epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) cells with time on low-GDP PD. CKD5, chronic kidney disease stage 5.



**Figure 4 | Peritoneal vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and tumor growth factor β (TGF-β) effector pSMAD abundance during low-glucose degradation product (GDP) peritoneal dialysis (PD).** (a) Parietal peritoneal cross-sectional VEGF positivity relative to the total submesothelial area was analyzed. Whereas VEGF abundance is low in children with normal renal function and chronic kidney disease stage 5 (CKD5), peritoneal VEGF abundance markedly increased within the first year of PD with pH-neutral, low-GDP fluids. (b) Representative VEGF staining of a CKD5 patient. (c) VEGF staining after 11 months on PD. (d) Representative parietal peritoneal TGF-β-induced pSMAD abundance. (e) Representative pSMAD staining after 7 months of PD. Different superscript letters indicate significant differences between groups ( $P < 0.05$ ). Bar = 100 µm. To optimize viewing of this image, please see the online version of this article at [www.kidney-international.org](http://www.kidney-international.org).

# Is the peritoneal dialysis biocompatibility hypothesis dead?

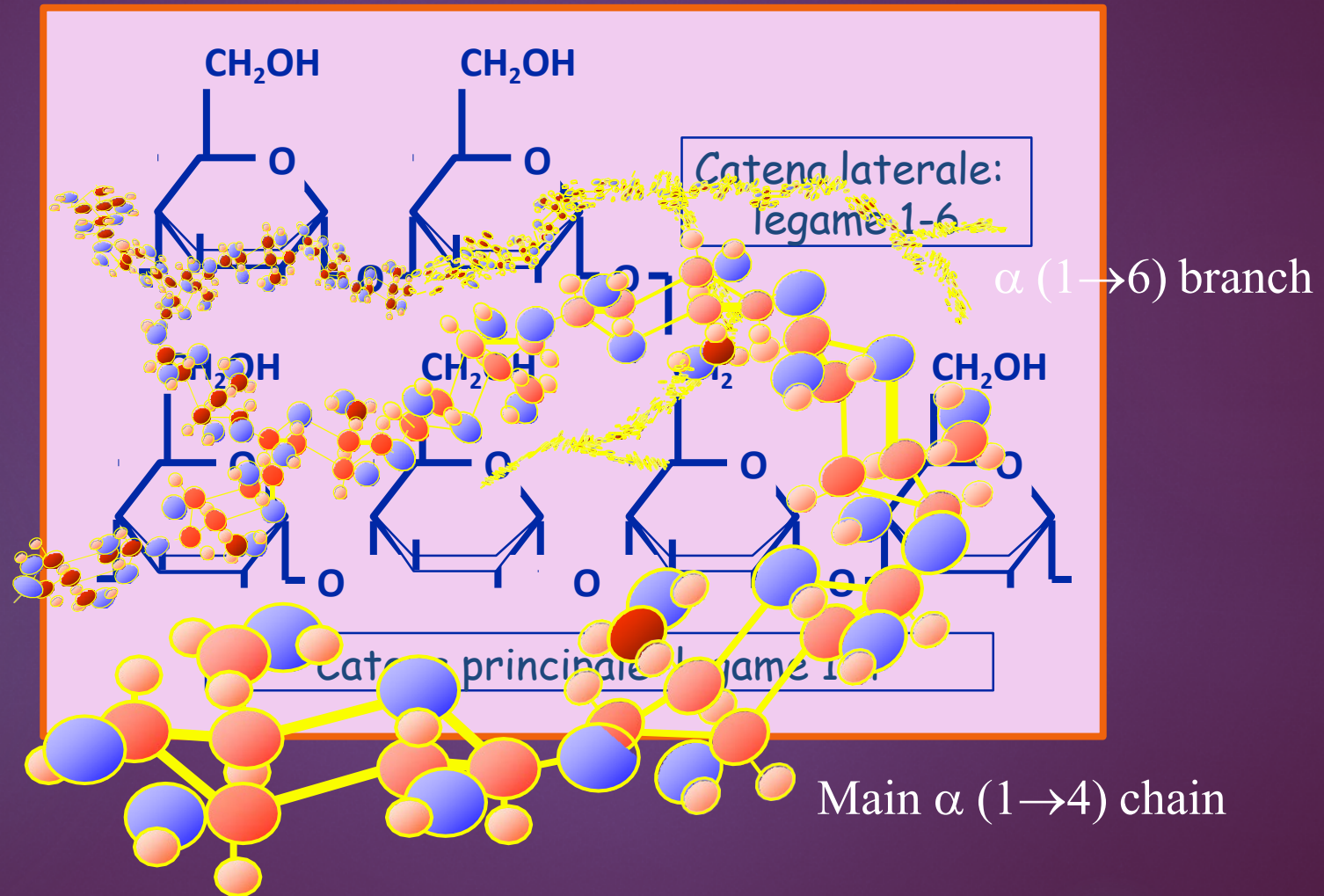
Peter G Blake <sup>1</sup>

*“Where does this leave clinical practitioners of PD? If they have not been persuaded to use biocompatible fluids by now, the evidence from the Schaefer study will strengthen this view. If they have already been using the solutions, it has been a **leap of faith**, unsupported by high-level clinical evidence, and this will continue to be the case.”*

“It does suggest that the **glucose** that is present in both low-GDP as well as standard fluids is now the **best candidate to be the cause of the morphological changes** that occur with both types of solution. The replacement of glucose by **an alternative osmotic agent** may be more likely to attenuate these changes and their functional consequences.”

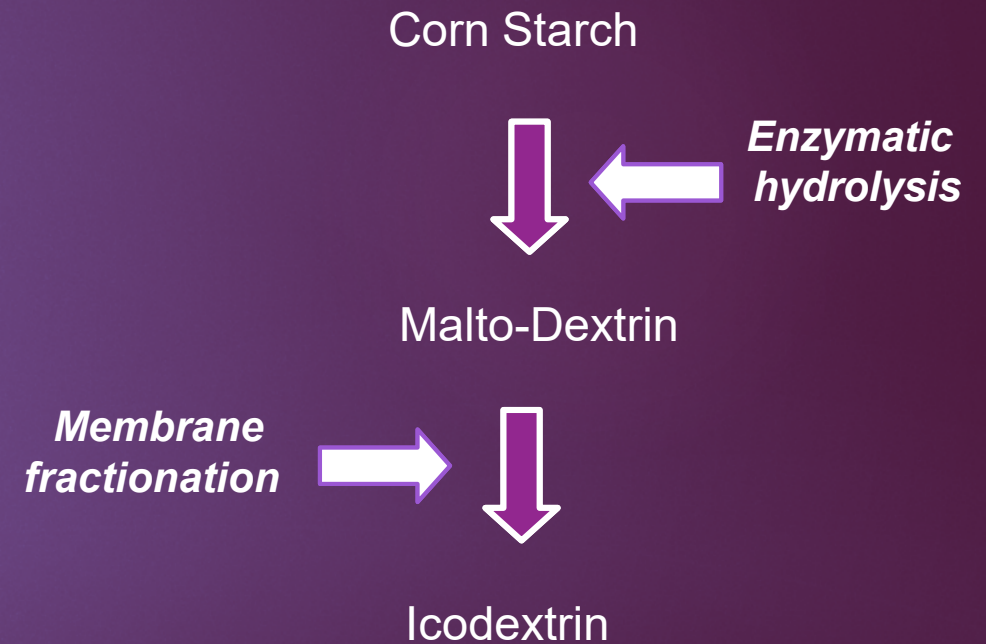


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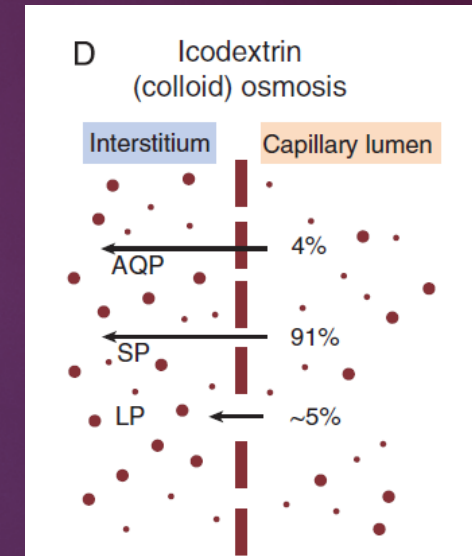
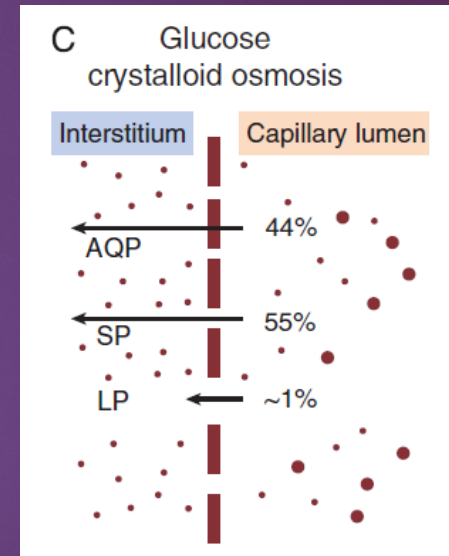
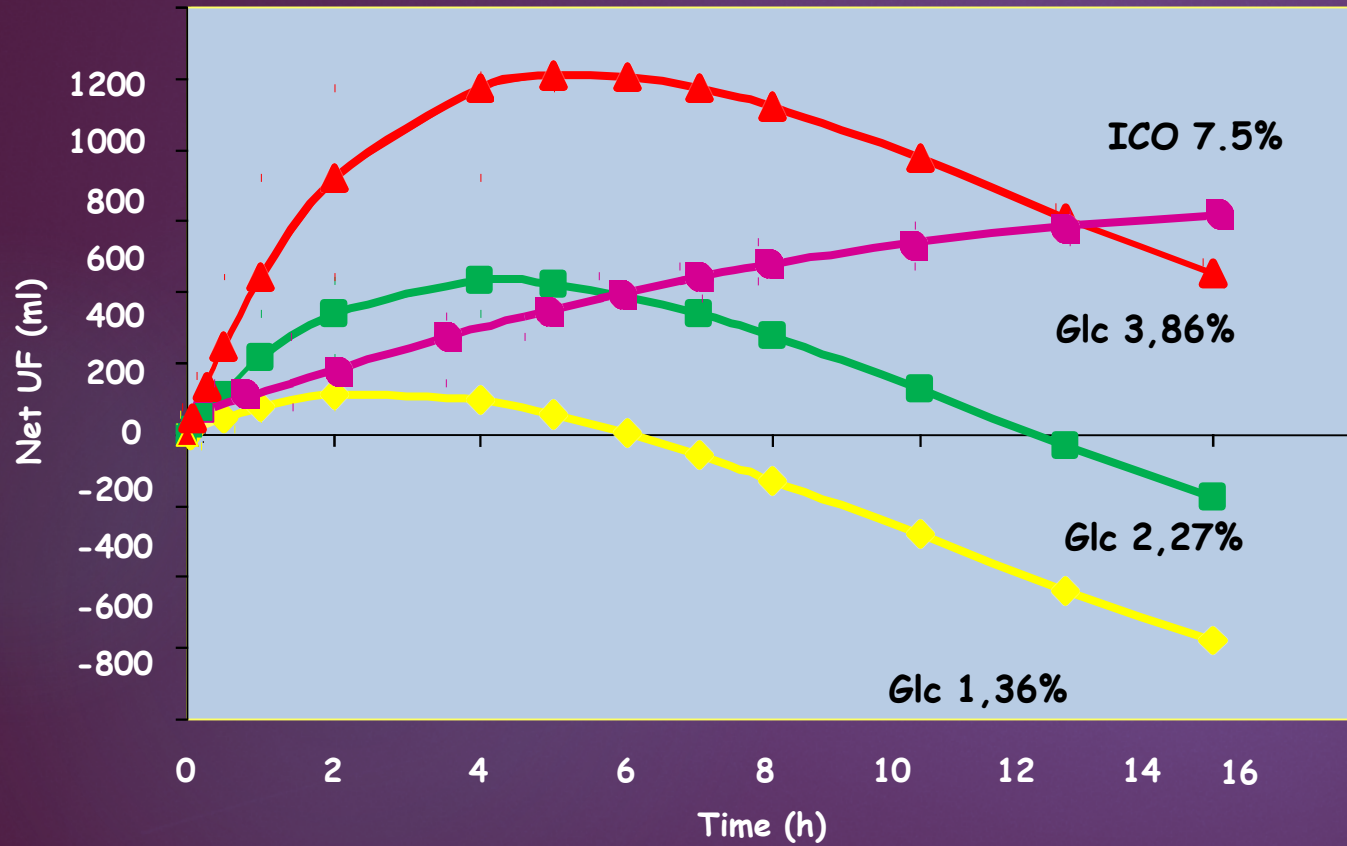
# FEATURES OF ICODEXTRIN

- Gluco-pyranose polymer (glucose chains)
- Produced by hydrolysis of starch and fractionation by membrane separation technique
- Distribution of oligopolysaccharides with chains of variable length
- Glucose polymer with average MW around 16,000 Da (MW = 12-20 kDa)
- Effects ultrafiltration through the numerous small intercellular pores (reflection coefficient = 1.0).





# UF PROFILE: GLUCOSE vs ICODEXTRIN



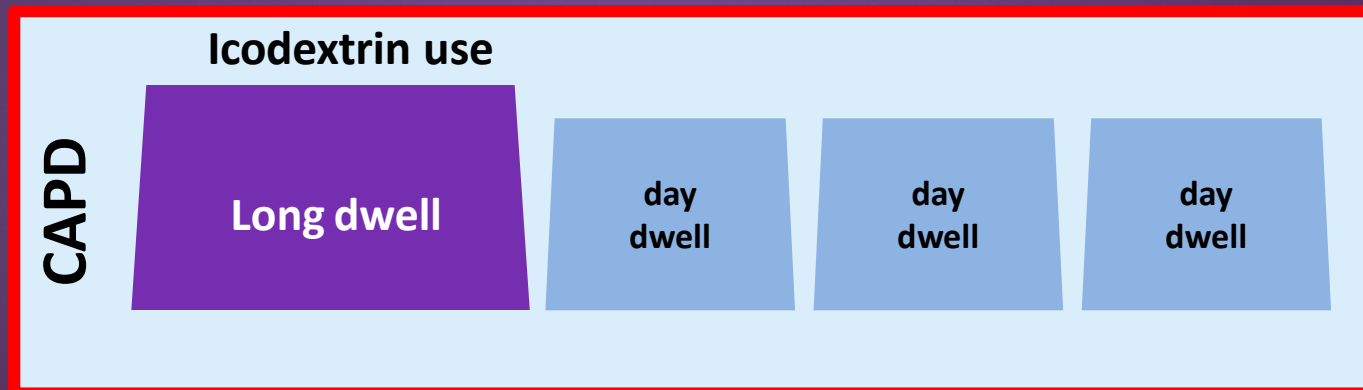
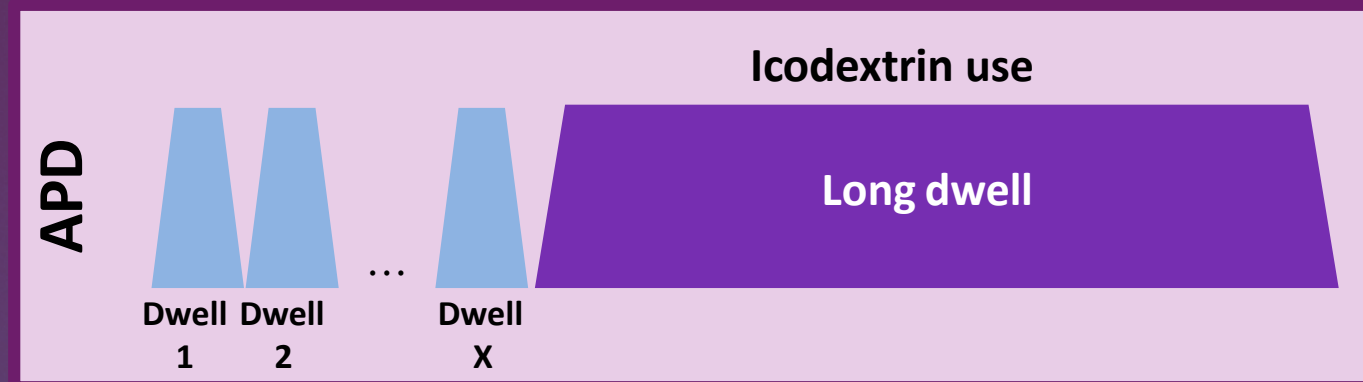
# The long dwell



nighttime period



daytime period





# SOLUTION

	Glucose based	Icodestrina
Glucosio	1,36 2,27 3,86	0
Poliglucosio (g/dL)	---	7.5
Sodio (mEq/L)	132-134	132
Cloruro (mEq/L)	96	96
Calcio (mmol/L)	1,25	<b>1,75</b>
Magnesio (mEq/L)	0.5	0.5
Lattato (mEq/L)	15	<b>40</b>
Bicarbonato (mEq/L)	25	0
Osmolalità (mOsm/kg)	346-485	<b>284</b>
pH	7,4	<b>5.2</b>

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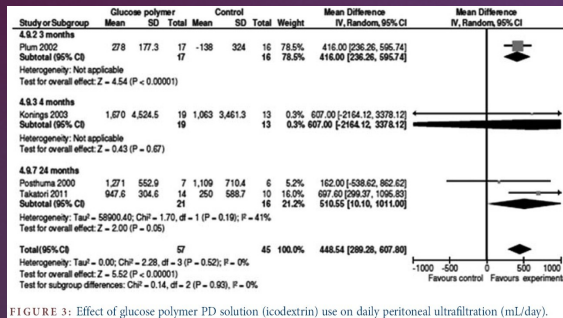
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# Impact of icodextrin on clinical outcomes in peritoneal dialysis: a systematic review of randomized controlled trials

11 trials that enrolled 1222 participants

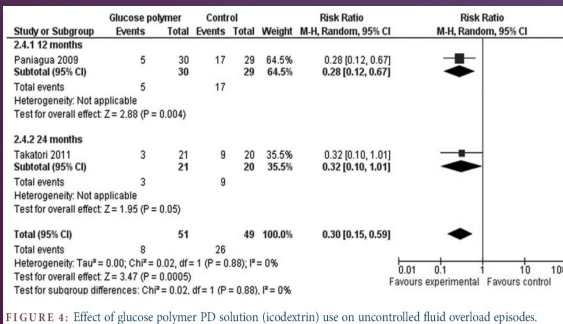
No significant differences in

- Peritonitis
- Hospitalization
- Technique survival
- Patient survival
- Adverse events (rash)



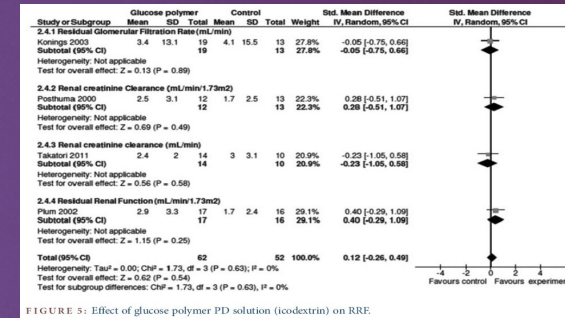
**Peritoneal ultrafiltration**  
MD 448.54 mL/day,  
95% CI 289.28–607.80, P < 0.01

FIGURE 3: Effect of glucose polymer PD solution (icodextrin) use on daily peritoneal ultrafiltration (mL/day).



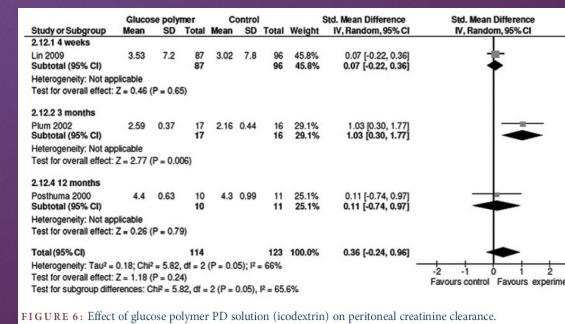
**Episodes of uncontrolled fluid overload**  
RR 0.30, 95%  
CI 0.15–0.59, P < 0.01

FIGURE 4: Effect of glucose polymer PD solution (icodextrin) use on uncontrolled fluid overload episodes.



**Residual renal clearance**  
SMD 0.12, 95% CI -0.26 to 0.49,  
P = 0.5

FIGURE 5: Effect of glucose polymer PD solution (icodextrin) on RRF.



**Peritoneal creatinine clearance**  
SMD 0.36, 95% CI -0.24 to 0.96  
P = 0.2

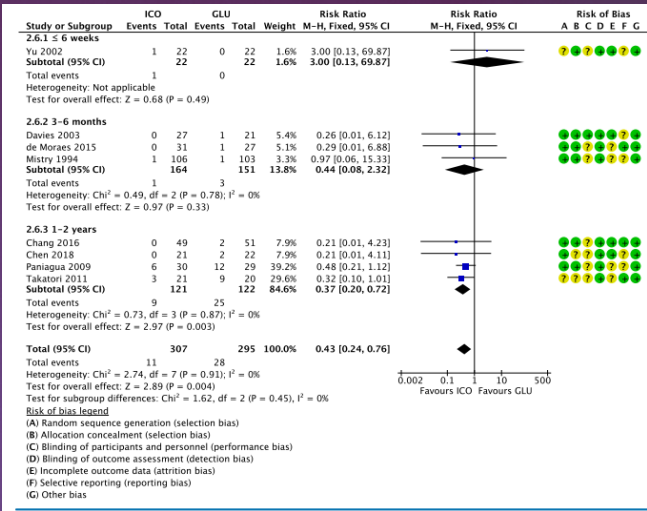
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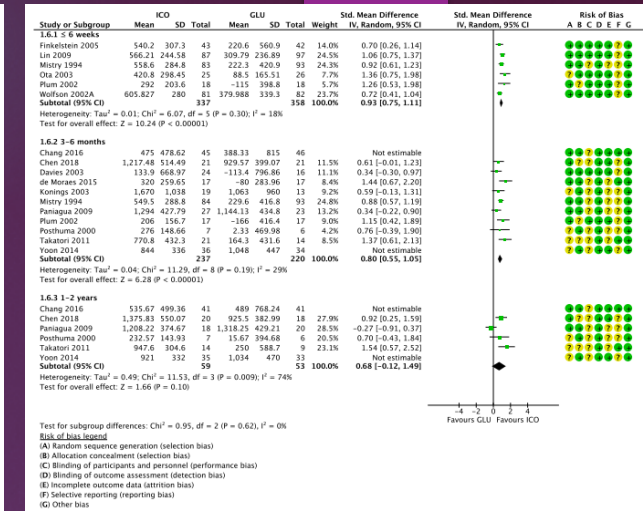


# Icodextrin Versus Glucose Solutions for the Once-Daily Long Dwell in Peritoneal Dialysis: An Enriched Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

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**Figure 5.** Uncontrolled fluid overload. Results with random-effects modeling are: risk ratio (RR); ≤6 weeks, 3.00 [0.13-69.87]; 3-6 months, 0.43 [0.08-2.58]; 1-2 years, 0.39 [0.21-0.78]; total, 0.43 [0.24-0.78]. Risk-of-bias legend: (A) random sequence generation (selection bias), (B) allocation concealment (selection bias), (C) blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias), (D) blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias), (E) incomplete outcome data (attrition bias), (F) selective reporting (reporting bias), and (G) other bias. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; GLU, glucose; ICO, icodextrin; SD, standard deviation; Sld, standardized.



**Figure 4.** Ultrafiltration (any measure); (A) by duration of treatment; (B) by transport category including high/high-average (H/H/A), low-average (LA), and low (L) transporters. Risk of bias legend: (A) random sequence generation (selection bias), (B) allocation concealment (selection bias), (C) blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias), (D) blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias), (E) incomplete outcome data (attrition bias), (F) selective reporting (reporting bias), and (G) other bias. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; GLU, glucose; ICO, icodextrin.

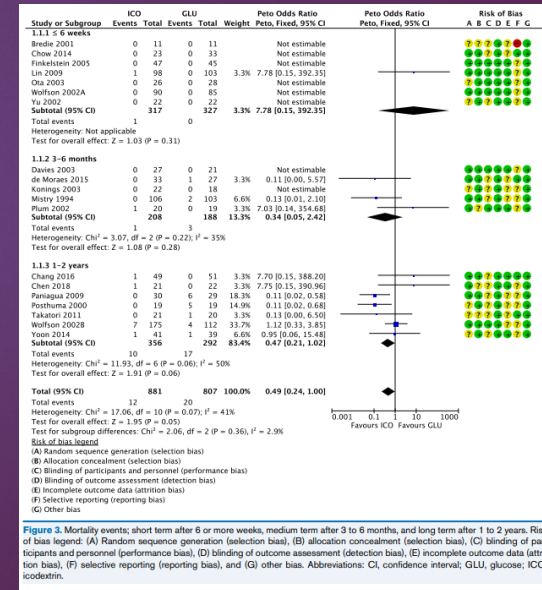
Ultrafiltration was improved with icodextrin (medium-term MD, 208.92 [95% CI, 99.69-318.14] mL/24 h; high certainty of evidence), reflected also by fewer episodes of fluid overload (RR, 0.43 [95% CI, 0.24-0.78]; high certainty).

Icodextrin-containing PD probably decreased mortality risk compared to glucose-only PD (Peto OR, 0.49 [95% CI, 0.24-1.00]; moderate certainty).

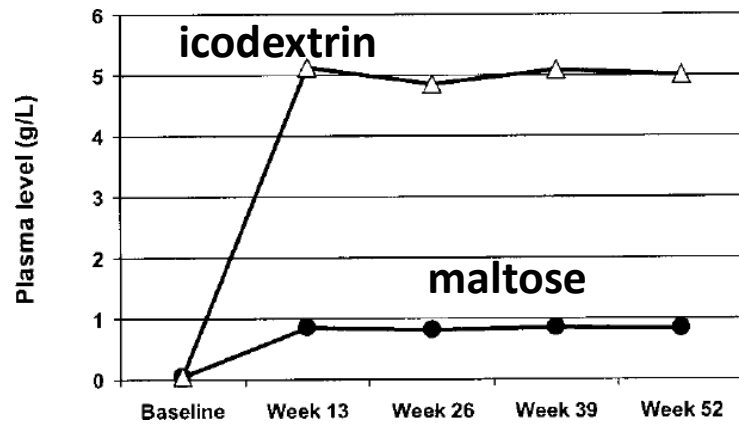
Despite evidence of lower peritoneal glucose absorption with icodextrin-containing PD (medium-term MD, -40.84 [95% CI, -48.09 to -33.59] g/ long dwell; high certainty), this did not directly translate to changes in fasting plasma glucose (-0.50 [95% CI, -1.19 to 0.18] mmol/L; low certainty) and hemoglobin A1c levels (-0.14% [95% CI, -0.34% to 0.05%]; high certainty).

Safety outcomes and residual kidney function were similar in both groups; health-related quality-of-life and pain scores were inconclusive.

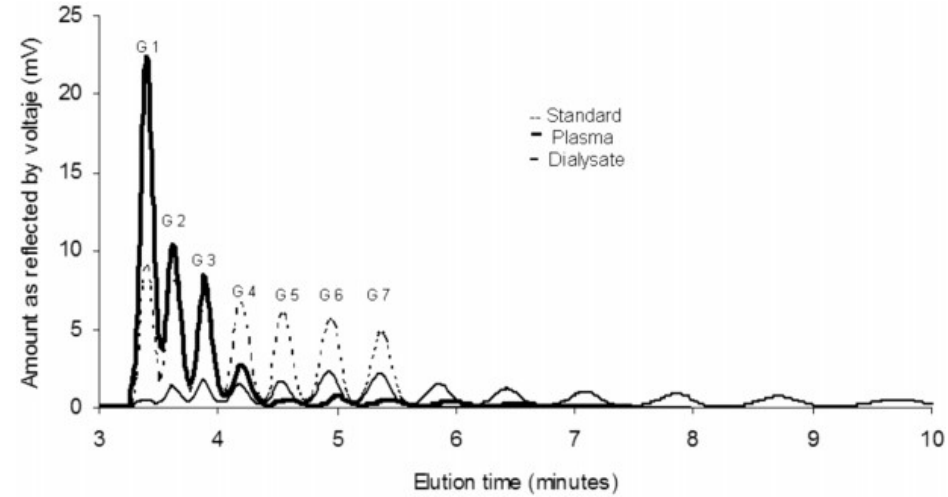
19 RCTs that enrolled 1,693 participants



**Figure 3.** Mortality events; short term after 6 or more weeks, medium term after 3 to 6 months, and long term after 1 to 2 years. Risk of bias legend: (A) Random sequence generation (selection bias), (B) allocation concealment (selection bias), (C) blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias), (D) blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias), (E) incomplete outcome data (attrition bias), (F) selective reporting (reporting bias), and (G) other bias. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; GLU, glucose; ICO, icodextrin.



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## ICODEXTRIN METABOLITES

## ...glucose dehydrogenase enzymatic reaction

A PREVIOUSLY UNDESCRIBED SIDE EFFECT OF ICODEXTRIN:

OVERESTIMATION OF GLYCEMI A BY GLUCOSE ANALYZER

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Henri Germanos, 1 Max Dratwa 1



# Soluzioni Aminoacidi (1.1%)

## Essential

Histidine  
Isoleucine  
Leucine  
Lysine  
Methionine  
Phenylalanine  
Threonine  
Tryptophan  
Valine

14.1g (64%)

## Non essential

Alanine  
Arginine  
Glycine  
Proline  
Serine  
Tyrosine

7.9 g (36%)

glucose free

Osm. 365

pH 6.6

latt. 40

# Nutrition in patients on peritoneal dialysis

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**Table 2** | Studies showing positive effects of 1.1% amino acid-based solution in patients on peritoneal dialysis

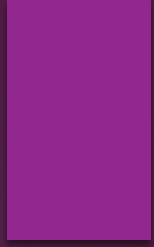
Study	Study type	Population	Interventions	Follow-up	Result
Bruno <i>et al.</i> (1989) <sup>125</sup>	Crossover	6	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	6 months	↑ nitrogen balance and MAMC; ↓ serum bicarbonate
Arfeen <i>et al.</i> (1990) <sup>126</sup>	Case series	7	Two exchanges of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	2 months	↑ serum albumin; ↓ serum bicarbonate
Kopple <i>et al.</i> (1995) <sup>127</sup>	Case series	19	1–2 exchanges of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	20 days	↑ nitrogen balance, BUN and transferrin; ↓ serum bicarbonate
Faller <i>et al.</i> (1995) <sup>128</sup>	Case series	15	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	3 months	↑ serum albumin, BUN and transferrin; no change in serum bicarbonate
Chertow <i>et al.</i> (1995) <sup>129</sup>	Observational	183	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	Mean 6.6 months	↑ serum albumin; no change in serum bicarbonate
Misra <i>et al.</i> (1996) <sup>130</sup>	Randomized crossover	18	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	6 months	Improved nutrition score; no change in serum albumin and transferrin; ↑ serum albumin in patients with baseline albumin <30.0g/l
Jones <i>et al.</i> (1998) <sup>131</sup>	Randomized controlled	134	One or two exchanges of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution ( <i>n</i> =71); control ( <i>n</i> =63)	3 months	↑ IGF-I, serum albumin, prealbumin, and transferrin; ↓ serum bicarbonate
Taylor <i>et al.</i> (2002) <sup>132</sup>	Observational	22	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	Mean 13.6 months	↑ serum albumin and nPCR; one episode of peritonitis per 23 treatment months; 4% annual mortality rate
Li <i>et al.</i> (2003) <sup>133</sup>	Randomized controlled	60	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution ( <i>n</i> =30); control ( <i>n</i> =30)	36 months	↑ nPNA and DPI; no change in mortality rate and incidence of peritonitis
Park <i>et al.</i> (2006) <sup>134</sup>	Observational	43	One exchange of a 1.1% amino acid-based solution	12 months	↑ LBM, hand grip strength, nPNA and IGF-I; no change in serum albumin, prealbumin and DPI; ↓ serum bicarbonate

Abbreviations: BUN, blood urea nitrogen; DPI, dietary protein intake; IGF-I, insulin-like growth factor I; LBM, lean body mass; MAMC, mid-arm muscle circumference; nPNA, normalized protein nitrogen appearance; nPCR, normalized protein catabolic rate.



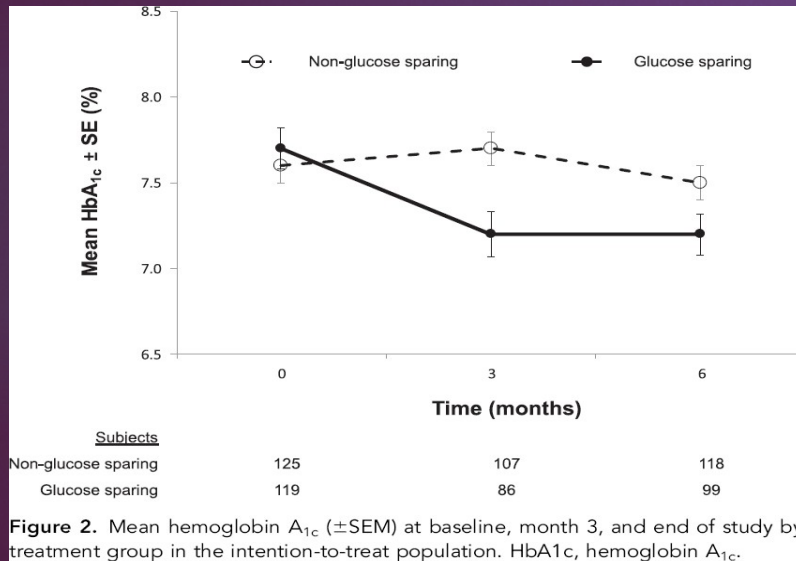
# Randomized, Controlled Trial of Glucose-Sparing Peritoneal Dialysis in Diabetic Patients

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Secondary outcome

Primary outcome: change in HbA<sub>1c</sub>



VLDL	↓
Apolipoprotein B	↓
Triglycerides	↓
Albumin	↓
Deaths (not solutions related)	↑
Serious adverse events (ECFV expansion)	↑

A low-glucose dialysis regimen improves metabolic indices in diabetic patients receiving peritoneal dialysis but may be associated with an increased risk of extracellular fluid volume expansion.

Thus, use of glucose-sparing regimens in peritoneal dialysis patients should be accompanied by close monitoring of fluid volume status.



## International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis practice recommendations: Prescribing high-quality goal-directed peritoneal dialysis

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### Clinical use of recommendations

#### Which dialysis solution?

Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS) data<sup>13</sup> showed significant variations in the use of different strengths of hypertonic glucose PD solutions, icodextrin and neutral pH, low glucose degradation product (GDP) solutions depending on availability and reimbursement policies in different countries. Longer follow-up is needed to determine the association between the use of these solutions and patient outcomes. The ISPD cardiovascular guideline published in 2015<sup>9</sup> recently reviewed the evidence regarding icodextrin, neutral pH and low GDP solutions; this has been updated by a Cochrane review published in 2018.<sup>14</sup>

- A. Once-daily icodextrin should be considered as an alternative to hypertonic glucose solutions for long dwells in people doing PD who are experiencing difficulties maintaining euvoledmia due to insufficient peritoneal ultrafiltration, taking into account the individual's peritoneal transport state (**GRADE 1B**).

Poor solute removal

Blood tests  
Small solute clearance ( $K_t/V_{\text{urea}}$ ;  
creatinine clearance)  
Nutrition assessment

Non-dialysis factors:  
comorbidities, frailty,  
protein-energy wasting

Frailty assessment  
Cognitive function assessment  
Nutrition assessment  
Hospitalization rate

PD: peritoneal dialysis.

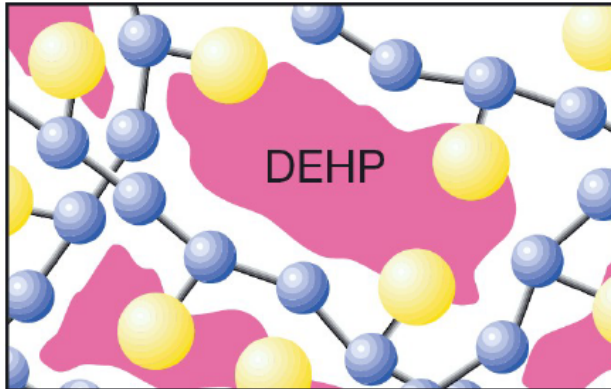
- B. Use of neutral pH, low GDP PD solutions improves preservation of residual kidney function and urine output (**GRADE 1A**). There is low certainty evidence that use of these fluids may have little or no effect on technique survival or mortality.

#### Identification of individuals who are 'failing to thrive'

When prescribing person-centred high-quality PD, a challenge is to identify individuals who would benefit from an increase in dialysis prescription or change in dialysis



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# How to Improve the Biocompatibility of Peritoneal Dialysis Solutions (without Jeopardizing the Patient's Health)

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**Table 1.** Proposed strategies to improve the biocompatibility of standard peritoneal dialysis solution.

- Low /absent formation of GDP and neutral pH
  - Lactate buffer
  - Bicarbonate buffer
  - Lactate and bicarbonate buffer
- Replacement of glucose with other osmotic agent(s)
  - Icodextrin
  - Amino acids
  - Glycerol      Increase triglycerid, gluconeogenesis
  - Taurine      Accumulation
  - Hyperbranched polyglycerol      Define metabolism?
- Addition of cytoprotective agents
  - Sulodexide      SGLT2i
  - Heparin
  - Sodium citrate
  - Carnosine
  - Alanyl-glutamine
  - Molecular hydrogen
- Use of osmo-metabolic agents 
  - L-carnitine
  - Xylitol
  - L-carnitine and xylitol

## Bimodal solutions

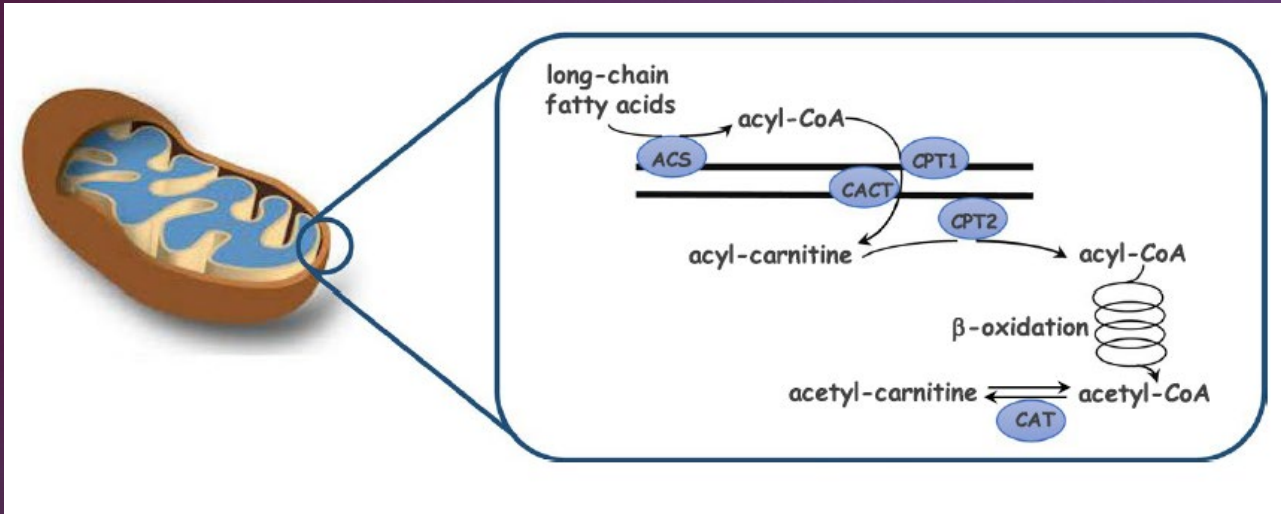


# The “Osmo-Metabolic” approach to PD solutions

**Osmo-metabolites** are substances which exhibit both **osmotically and metabolically favorable properties**

This approach would ensure **glucose-sparing** not only by reducing intraperitoneal glucose exposure without compromising ultrafiltration, but also by the independent **mitigation of underlying systemic negative metabolic effects** caused by the glucose load, a sort of bioactive glucose sparing

# Carnitine



L-Carnitine (molecular weight 161.2 Da) is a naturally occurring compound known to be essential for fatty acid

The presence in mitochondria of the equilibrium enzyme CrAT, increases **acetyl-carnitine production at the expenses of acetyl-CoA**, due to a mass-action effect driven by the increased L-carnitine concentration. Therefore, the possibility to modulate the intra-mitochondrial acetyl-CoA pool by overexposure of tissues to carnitine, may have **favourable metabolic consequences toward glucose and lipid homeostasis in insulin resistance** and diabetic patients, because acetyl-CoA plays a key role in the regulation of several important cellular functions such as gluconeogenesis, glucose oxidation, protein acetylation, and steroid and fatty acid biosynthesis.

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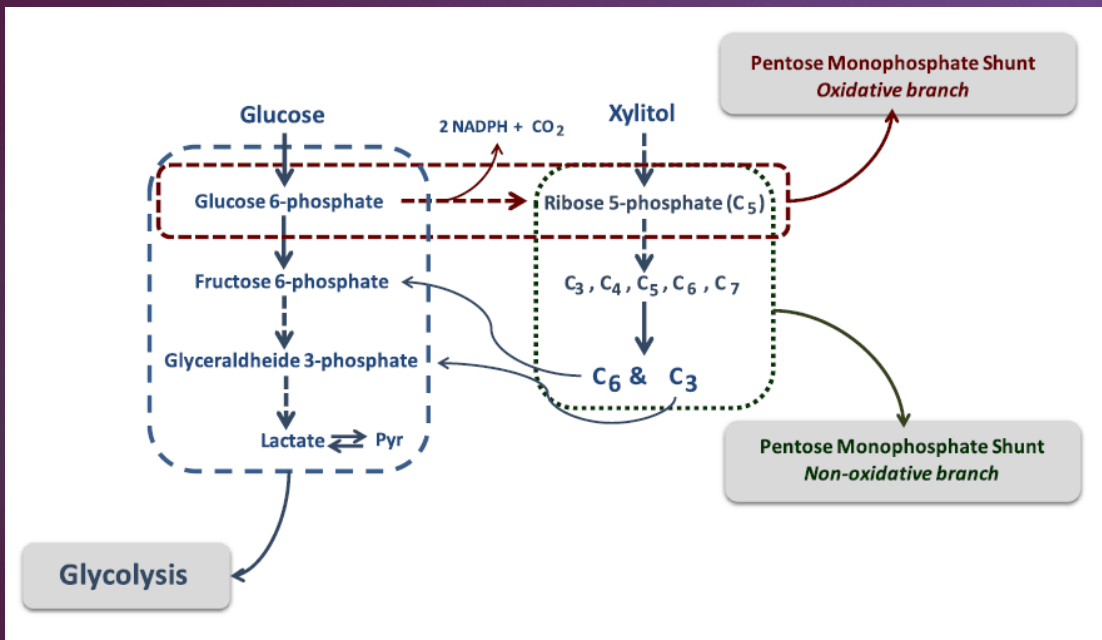
- Mitochondrial  $\beta$ -oxidation of long-chain fatty acids
- Modulation of the acetyl-CoA/free CoA ratio in mitochondria
- Key role in intermediary metabolism

- ✓ pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH) kinase involved in metabolism of glucose oxidation
- ✓ pyruvate carboxylation (PC), a pivotal enzyme in gluconeogenesis
- ✓ promotion of autophagy



# Xylitol

Xylitol is a five-carbon sugar alcohol (pentitol, molecular weight 151.2 Da)



The potential favourable effects of exogenous xylitol administration on glucose homeostasis:

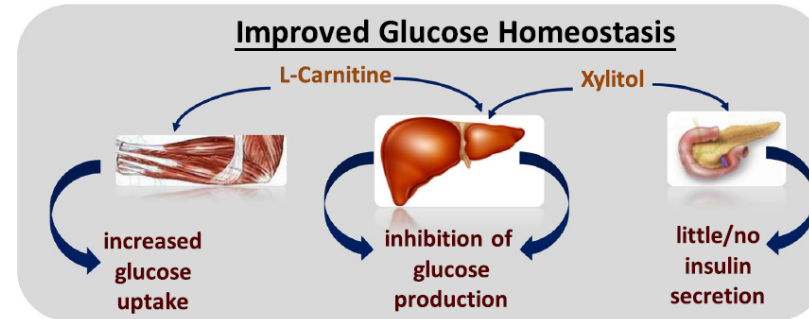
- the glycaemic index of xylitol is much lower than that of glucose
- xylitol is a very poor insulin-secretagogue
- Xy-5-P is an allosteric activator of protein phosphatase 2A, this results in a rapid increase in F 2,6-P<sub>2</sub>, activation of phosphofructokinase, thus activating glycolysis, and inhibiting gluconeogenesis

Introduce more than one osmo-  
metabolic agent into the dialysate  
with the aim of achieving a  
favorable synergetic action.

## The L-Carnitine/Xylitol Approach in PD Fluid: a Bioactive Glucose Sparing

**Reduced Glucose concentration**

not altering the UF profile



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Article

### Biological Effects of XyloCore, a Glucose Sparing PD Solution, on Mesothelial Cells: Focus on Mesothelial-Mesenchymal Transition, Inflammation and Angiogenesis

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Article

### A New Peritoneal Dialysis Solution Containing L-Carnitine and Xylitol for Patients on Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis: First Clinical Experience

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José C. Divino-Filho <sup>3</sup> and Mario Bonomini <sup>1,\*</sup>



# On going study

**ELIXIR** trial is a randomized, controlled, parallel groups, international multicenter study, whose primary objective is the noninferiority of the experimental solution compared to a glucose- based low-GDP PD solution with regard to safety and efficacy, CAPD over a 6-month treatment period (NCT03994471).



Study Start (Actual) ⓘ

2022-12-14

Primary Completion (Estimated) ⓘ

2024-12

Study Completion (Estimated) ⓘ

2024-12

Enrollment (Estimated) ⓘ

170

Study Type ⓘ

Interventional

Phase ⓘ

Phase 3





# Conclusions

Glucose is effective for UF but it's a devil

More and more elderly, frail, diabetic patients

Importance of preserving the RRF

Cost considerations



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