


**Nutritional Management of maternal patients with inborn errors of amino acid metabolism: What to consider**

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**Learning Objectives**



- Understand general considerations when managing maternal patients with inborn errors of metabolism;
- Discuss case reports relating to maternal inborn errors of metabolism;
- Evaluate application of learnings to one's own clinical practice.

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**What we've learned from pregnancies in MSUD, propionic and methylmalonic acidemia**

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MSUD	16	1	1	2	0
Propionic acidemia	7	2	2	1	0
MMA	13	1	5	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>% of total</b>		<b>11 %</b>	<b>22 %</b>	<b>11 %</b>	<b>0 %</b>
<b>US Stats</b>		<b>2 – 6%</b>	<b>13 %</b>	<b>3 – 10%</b>	

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Mothers appear to be at higher risk than the infants

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**Goals for pregnancy** 

1. Refer to an obstetric clinic specializing in high risk pregnancies

**TEAM EFFORT:**  
 High Risk OB Clinic  
 Metabolic Clinic  
 Local OB  
 Patient

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**Goals for pregnancy** 

2. Maintain normal maternal weight gain during pregnancy

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**Weight gain goals same as general population** 

Pre-pregnancy BMI	Total weight gain (lbs)	Rate of gain in 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimesters (lbs/week)
< 18.5	28 - 40	1 - 1.3
18.5 - 24.9	25 - 35	0.8 - 1
25 - 29.9	15 - 25	0.5 - 0.7
> 30	11 - 20	0.4 - 0.6

First trimester: 1 to 4.5 lbs/week

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**Goals for pregnancy** 

3. Maintain plasma amino acid concentrations within the normal or goal range

4. Anticipate a higher intact protein tolerance as pregnancy progresses

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**Example: MSUD Case Study**



- 23 year old, homozygous for common Mennonite mutation
- Diagnosed at DOL 4 with metabolic crisis
- History of excellent metabolic control: No evidence of delays or other long-term problems associated with poor control
- Presented at 6 weeks gestation with good metabolic control
- Pre-pregnancy BMI = 24

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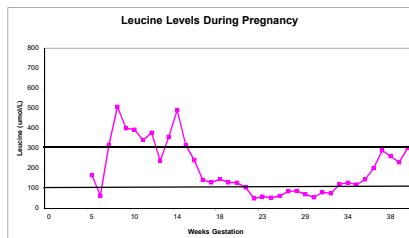
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**MSUD Case Study Cont'd**



Goal: Leucine concentrations established for MSUD, not normal lab concentrations

Same for VAL and ILE



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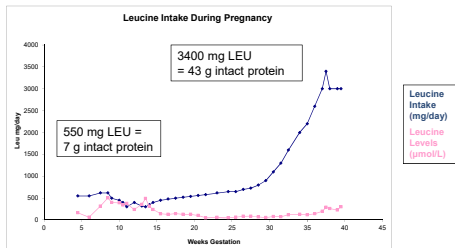
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**Goals for pregnancy** 

5. Avoid over-restriction of intact protein sources to prevent reduced fetal growth

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**Propionic Acidemia: Case Study** 

Pre-Pregnancy History

- Diagnosed at age 4 while in coma
- Self-restricts protein (0.6-0.8 g/kg)
  - ▣ No formula as adult
- Biotin & Carnitine
- Seizure x 1: anti-seizure med; cardiac: long-QT
- PCC-β mutations; 6% enzyme activity
- Two pregnancies: Induced b/c Preeclampsia

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**Maternal PROP: Pregnancy Comparison** 

	1 <sup>st</sup> Pregnancy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pregnancy
Pre-Pregnancy Total Protein (gm/kg)	0.7	1.0
Total Protein @ 20 weeks (gm/kg)	1.1	1.3
Total Protein just prior to Delivery (gm/kg)	1.4	1.6
Week started formula	14	Pre-Pregnancy
Total Wt Gain	15 kg (33 lbs)	13 kg (28 lbs)
Carnitine dose at Delivery (mg/kg)	151	100
Gestational Age (wks)	31 1/7	32 0/7
Birth Weight (g)	1170	1826

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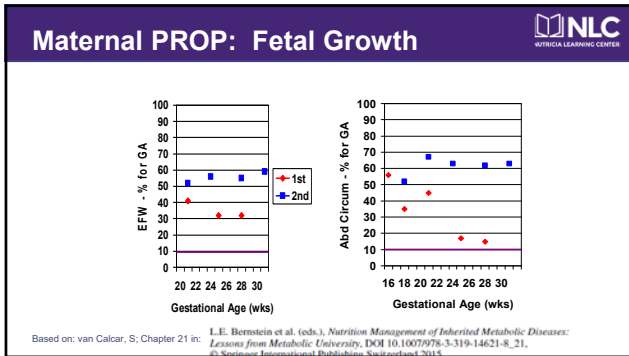
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### Goals for pregnancy

6. Anticipate protein catabolism during delivery and postpartum period

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### Delivery Plan

Provide IV energy source:

- Most deliveries include IV dextrose (10%)
- More aggressive options include protein equivalents

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**Postpartum Catabolism** 

- MSUD: 7 of 16 pregnancies with increased LEU levels
- Decompensation: Day 3 to 14
- Why?
  - Metabolic stress with changes postpartum
  - Protein catabolism with involution of uterus
    - Begins day 2 after delivery, First week: 50% reduction
    - We're aggressive with calories first 48 hours, then back off.
- To return to pre-pregnancy metabolism: 6 to 8 weeks

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**Delivery and Postpartum Plan for MSUD pregnancy** 

- C-section planned
- PICC line placed with maintenance fluids:
  - 7% BCAA-free AA soln, NS @ 50 ml/hr
  - 20% Dextrose @ 35 ml/hr
  - 20% Intralipid @ 15 ml/hr
  - 2300 kcals, 4.5 mg/kg/min glucose, 1 g/kg lipid
- Monitor electrolytes and glucose; insulin if needed
- Gradual decrease line with increased oral
- Breastfeeding planned

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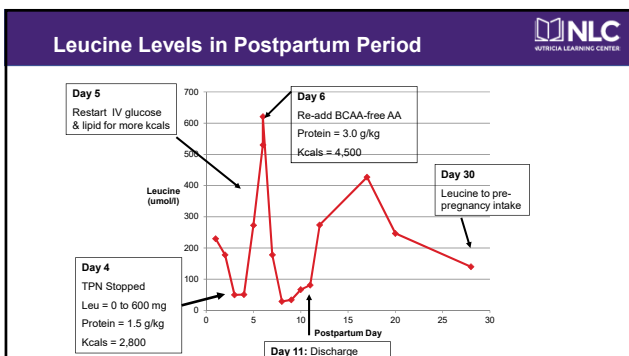
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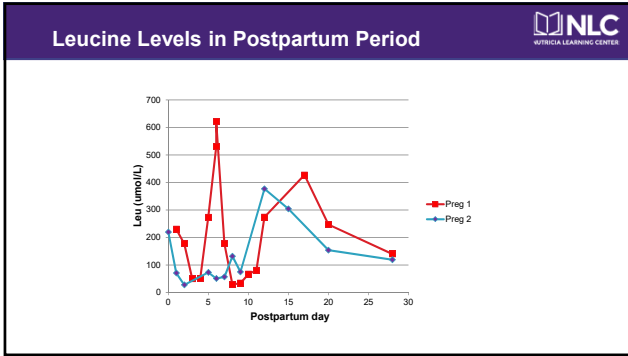
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**Benefits of Breastfeeding**

- Can breastfeeding be “protective” against elevated leucine in postpartum period?
- Consider
  - 100 ml breastmilk = 95 mg leucine
  - 1.2 g protein
  - 70 kcals
- 3.5 kg infant @ 110 kcal/kg = 385 kcals = 580 ml = 550 mg leucine

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**Infant Outcomes**

- No microcephaly, cardiac defects, abnormal facial features have been reported
  - Despite some cases of poor maternal metabolic control
- No overt developmental delays noted
  - Many report only neonatal outcomes
  - Some as adolescents and young adults are normal functioning
- Need systematic follow-up

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**Case report TYR**  
**Maternal Tyrosinemia Type 1**

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### Review

- ❑ Tyrosinemia type 1 is an autosomal recessive disorder caused by a deficiency of the enzyme Fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase (FAH)
- ❑ **Tyrosinemia type 1 management**
  - Phe + Tyr restricted diet
  - +
  - Nitisinone (NTBC)

Tyrosine degradation pathway

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### Patient History

- ❑ Patient was born in 1988
- ❑ Homozygous for French Canadian mutation (IVS12 + 5G>A)
- ❑ Detected by neonatal screening
- ❑ Managed by a restricted phenylalanine + tyrosine diet
- ❑ Nitisinone (NTBC) was started at age 5
- ❑ Asymptomatic
- ❑ Pregnancy planning at age 28

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### Pregnancy in Nitisinone-treated patient

- ❑ What do we know ?
  - ❑ First reported human experience in 2011
  - ❑ Only a few reported cases in literature
- ❑ **BUT**
  - ❑ Phe + Tyr restricted diet must be strictly followed
  - ❑ Nitisinone must not be stopped

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**What do we know (cont'd)** 

- High tyrosine plasma levels during pregnancy
  - Can affect fetal development
  - Mental deficiency
  - Microcephaly
  - Low birth weight
- Nitisinone
  - Crosses the placenta
  - No breastfeeding

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**Pregnancy course – Before pregnancy** 

- Good metabolic control prior to pregnancy (except formula drinking)
  - Tyrosine levels : mostly between 200 and 400µmol/L
  - Normal phenylalanine levels
- Diet
  - 850 mg Phe +Tyr /day (34 equivalents)
  - Total protein intake of 35g/day ( 12g of natural protein) → Not optimal
  - Calories :1600 kcal/day
- BMI : 28

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**Pregnancy course – 3 months before pregnancy** 

- Prenatal vitamins
  - Folic Acid and multivitamin
- Formula ↑
  - ≈70g of total protein , 50g from amino acid mixtures
- Monitoring
  - Amino acid profile each month
  - Adjust protein intake
  - Adjust formula
- Nitisinone
  - 0.5 mg/Kg/day

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**Pregnancy course – Pregnancy** 

- Monitor amino acid profile each week
- Clinic visit every 2 weeks
  - Adjust protein intake
  - Adjust formulas ( 3 to 4 different types of formula each day)
  - Weight
  - Others ( protein , albumin, iron,...)
- Regular pregnancy monitoring

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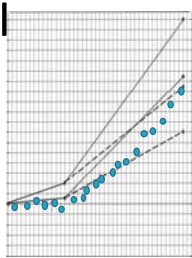
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**Weight gain** 

BMI : 25-29.9  
 Total weight gain 7-11.5 kg (15-25lbs)  
 BMI : <18.5  
 Total weight gain 12.5-18 kg (28-40 lbs)  
Patient total weight gain : 11.2 kg (24.6 lbs)




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**Phe + Tyr intake** 

Phe + Tyr intake increased from 850 mg/day to 1550 mg/day (34 to 62 equivalents)  
 Total protein : 65 g to 85 g/day (natural protein 12-20 g/day)  
 Mean energy intake : 1800 kcal/day (1600-2700 kcal/day)

*\* At delivery, 1000 mg Phe+Tyr/day and 850 mg 48 hours post delivery*




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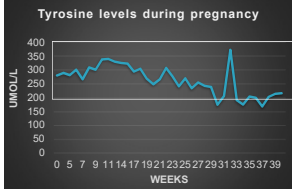
**Tyrosine levels** 

Tyr and Phe levels were monitored each week

Tyr levels in the normal range throughout the pregnancy

Mean Tyr level : 263µmol/L

Mean Phe level: 38 µmol/L




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**Other measured parameters** 

- Maternal α-fetoprotein increase within the expected range
- Mean nitrosinone levels : 54.4 ( normal range :40-60 µmol/L)
- Protein and albumin in normal range until 35 weeks of gestation
- Uneventful pregnancy

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**My baby boy !** 

- Born after 41 weeks of gestation
  - Weight: 4.250 Kg (97<sup>th</sup> percentile)
  - Height : 53 cm (97<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- Tyrosine in cord blood : 483µmol/L
- Tyrosine at day 5 ( in plasma ) : 791 µmol/L

} Normal within one month

- Phenylalanine levels in normal range from birth
- Nitrosinone was also elevated at birth → undetectable after 14 days
- No breastfeeding

**He is now 11 months old with good development (85<sup>th</sup> percentile for weight and height)**

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**Maternal HCU Case Report**

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**HCU Case Study: Pre-Pregnancy** 

- History of non-compliance, picked up at 10 years of age
- No medical food
- 35-40 grams of protein daily (not tracking)
  - 0.7-0.8 g/kg

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**HCU Case Study: Pre Pregnancy** 

- Diet recall:
  - Calories: 1450 (REE x 1.2)
  - Protein: 33 grams protein (0.67 g/kg)
- Anthropometrics:
  - Weight: 49.1 kg
  - Height: 163.8 cm
  - BMI: 18.3 (underweight)
- Labs:
  - Total Homocystine: 181.1 nmol/L
  - Free Homocystine: 13 (<2); Methionine: 64
  - Vitamin D, 25 OH: 6 ng/mL (>30)

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**HCU Case Study: Pre Pregnancy** 

- Medications/Nutritional Supplements:
  - 500 mg Calcium 4 times daily
  - 2000 units Vitamin D
  - 3.5 gm Betaine BID (7 gm daily)
  - Vitamin B6, 500 mg BID
  - Hydroxocobalamin (B12) injections Q 3 months
  - 1 mg folic acid

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**1st Trimester (~11-12 wks)** 

- Hyperemesis
- 24 hour diet recall:
  - 31.5 grams of protein (0.6 g/kg)
  - 650 kcal (REE x 0.5)
- Goal = maintain 40 grams of protein from food
- Start medical food
  - 40 gram protein equivalents

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**1st Trimester (~11-12wks)** 

- Medications:
  - Vitamin B6: 500 mg, oral, twice daily.
  - Folic acid 2.5 mg, oral, daily.
  - Baby aspirin 81 mg daily, oral, daily.
  - Resume 1 mL B12 injections IM, every 3 months
  - Continue 3.5 gm Betaine BID

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**Nutrition Recommendations:** 

- Weight gain goal: BMI < 19.8
  - 12.5 – 18 kg (28-40 lbs) (0.5 kg/~1lb every week after 12 weeks)
- Calorie goal:
  - 1 trimester = EER x PA + 0 (= 1459 kcal/day)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester = EER x PA + 340 kcal (=1800 kcal/day)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester = EER x PA + 452 kcal (=1911 kcal/day)
- Protein goal:
  - 1 trimester = 40 grams protein
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester = 40 gm protein from food + 40 gm protein from medical formula + additional 20 gm protein from medical food near end of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester = 40 gm protein from food + 60 gm protein from medical food

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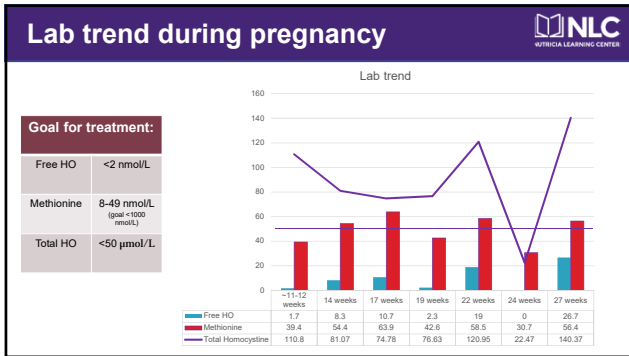
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### Protein intake during pregnancy

Weeks	Complete protein (g)	Calorie intake	Medical food (g)	Total Homocysteine (nmol/L)	Methionine	Free Homocysteine
~11-12 weeks	31.5	650	0	--	--	--
12-13 weeks	--	--	--	110.8	39.4	1.7
14 weeks	No diet record	--	0	81.07	54.4	8.3
17 weeks	32	1305	40	74.78	63.9	10.7
19 weeks	46	1758	0	76.63	42.6	2.3
22 weeks	Did not see in clinic	--	--	120.95	58.5	19
23 weeks	46	1376	12	--	--	--
24 weeks	40	1390	20	22.47	30.7	0
27 weeks	46	1880	35	140.37	56.4	26.7

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### Weight gain throughout pregnancy

- Gain of 12.1 kg (26.6 lbs) x 107 days (15.3 weeks)
  - Gain from ~11-12 weeks till ~27 weeks
  - 0.79 kg/week (1.7 lbs/week)

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**Delivery Recommendations** 

- Risk for clots, thromboembolic precautions were taken
- Administer Continuous IV Fluids of D5% with NS @ 1.5x maintenance
- Labs: PAA, Total Homocysteine (upon admission and 24 hours post partum)

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**Postpartum** 

- No clinic/lab follow up between 27 weeks till 2 months postpartum
- Induced at 39 weeks
- Delivered a healthy baby girl with no reported complications despite overall poor control throughout pregnancy

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