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# Pharmaceutical aspects of PN: Compounding and ready-to-use preparation

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# Learning objectives

- To know the different systems for PN delivery (advantages and limits)
- To know the challenges and risks of compounding / ready-to-use preparation of AiO PN admixtures (responsibilities: GMP, incompatibilities, ME)
- To understand the general advice not to admix drugs to PN AiO admixtures in absence of specific data (physicochemical and microbial instabilities)
- To apply a risk-benefit approach for drug adding to a PN AiO admixture (interactions; compatibility documentation) (quality, efficacy, safety, convenience)



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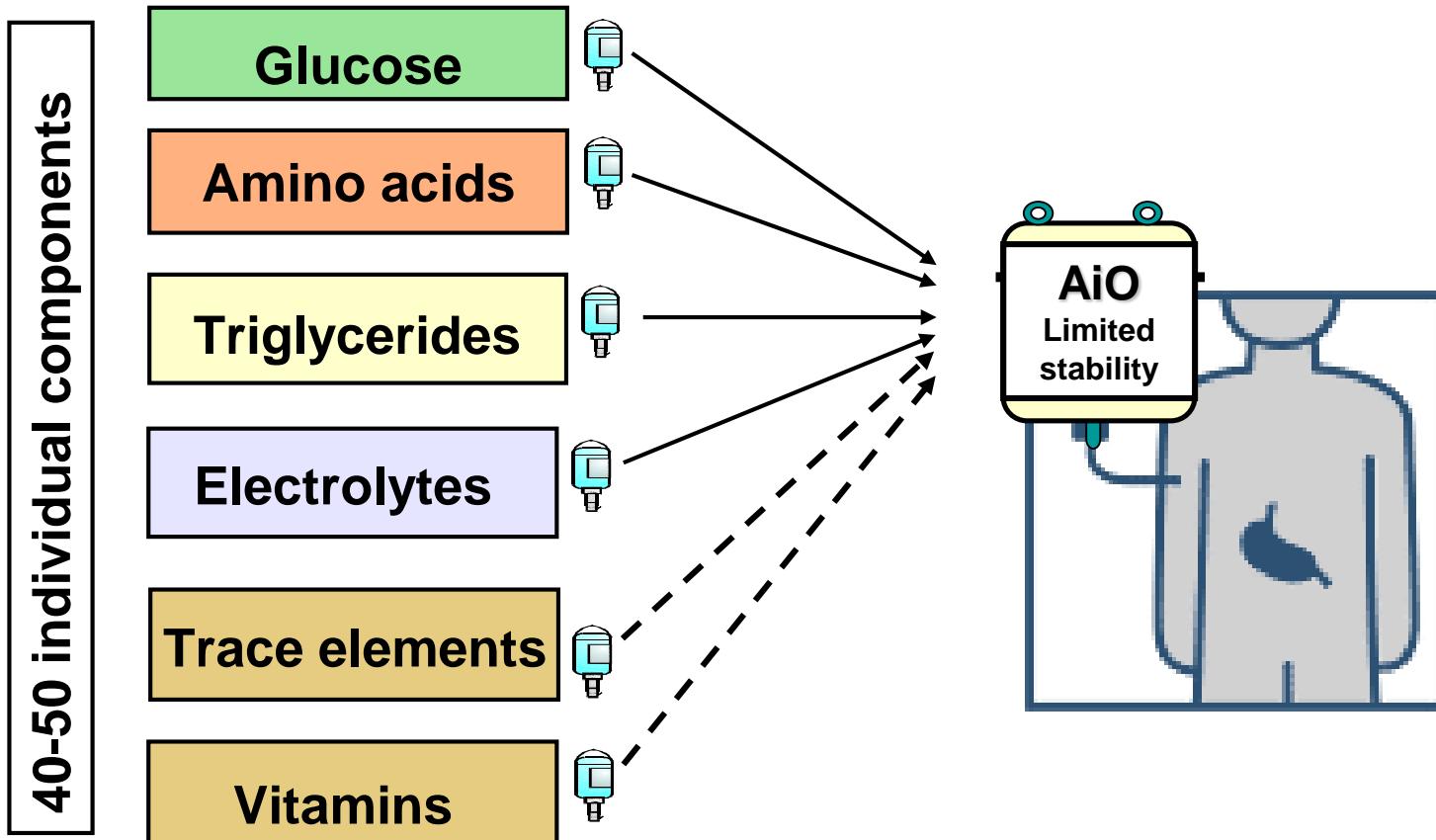
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# The AiO admixture concept (adults)

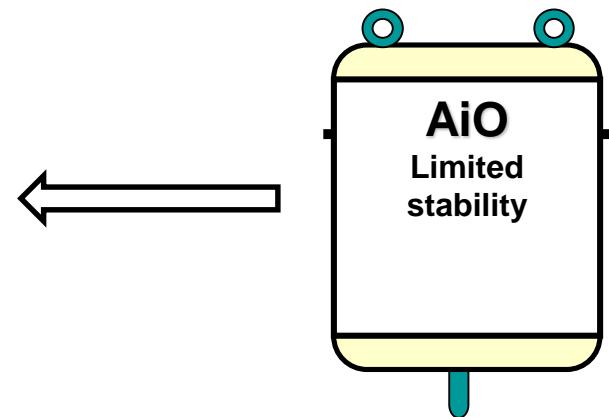


Adapted from Mühlbach  
Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metabol Care, 2005



# The AiO admixture concept (adults)

- Amino acid (AA) - 4 kcal/g
  - Glucose - 3.4 kcal/g (4 kcal/g)
  - Lipid (triglycerides) - 9 kcal/g
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- Energy: 20-25 (-35) kcal/kg/d
  - AA: 0.8-1.5 g/kg/d (100-150 kcal/g N)
  - Lipid: 0.5-1 (-2) g/kg/d (EFA 7-10g/d)
  - Glucose: 3-6 g/kg/d (blood gluc <10mM)
  - Water: 30-40 ml/kg/d
  - Electrolytes
  - Vitamins and trace elements





# PN delivery systems

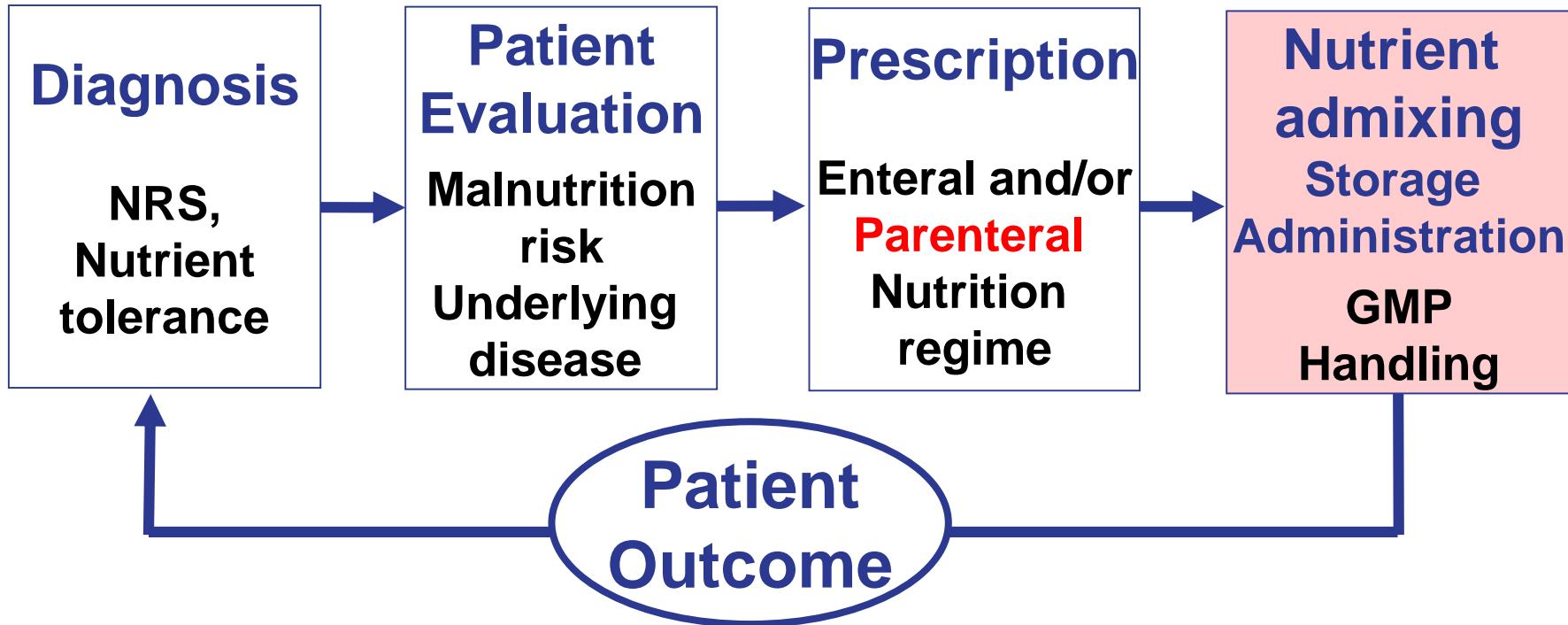


	Containers with single components	Containers with combined components	Two-in-one admixtures	All-in-one admixtures
Amino acids				
Glucose (dextrose)				AiO
Lipids				
Ready-to-use	(-)	(+)	+	++



# Clinical nutrition a multi-professional process

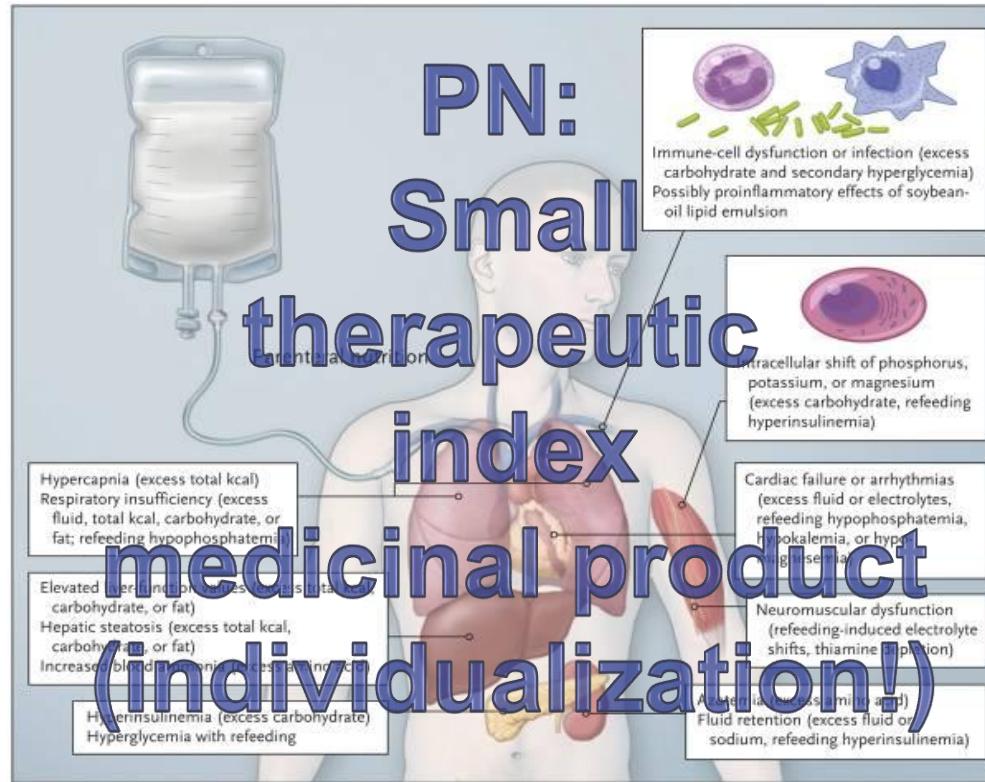
## Nutrition Support Team (NST)



Adapted from Mühlebach,  
Aktuel Ernaehr Med 2002



# PN-related complications (often avoidable ME)



**Nutrient effect (qual., quant, dose over time):**

**-Metabolic (electrolyte and water imbalances), clinical and immunologic effect**

**-Physico-chemical reactions (stability, safety, drug interactions)**

**-Infection risk**



# Challenges in PN (history)

Type	Issue
✓ Parenteral formulation of nutrients	Pharmaceutical
✓ Hypertonic solutions for volume reduction	Pharmaceutical
✓ Long-term (central) venous access and material tolerance (catheters)	Technical
✓ Practicability/convenience, efficacy, safety of (long-term) PN	Medical, Patient care
➤ Strict asepsis during compounding, ready to use preparation/administration	Pharmaceutical
➤ Prevention/correction of metabolic, physicochemical adverse effects	Pharmaceutical
	Medical
	Pharmaceutical

Adapted from Dudrick, JPEN, 2003

# Risks associated with PN

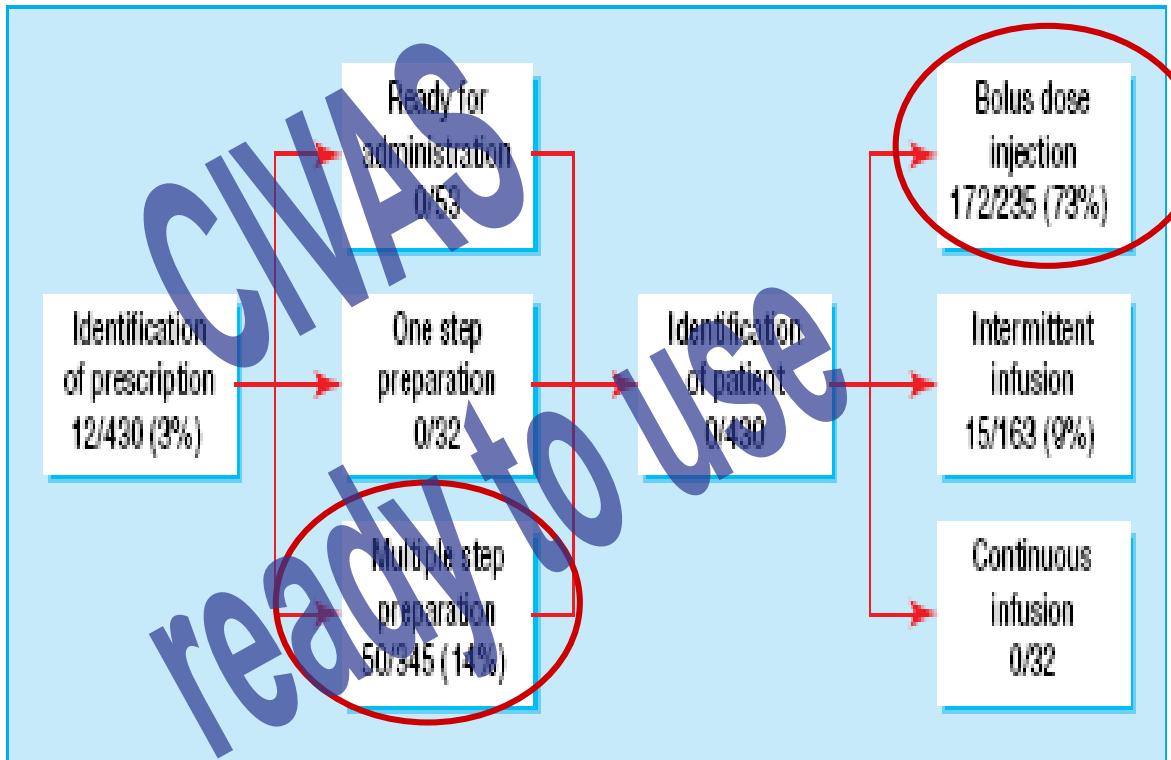
- Infective: Microbial contamination, infections  
aseptic compounding/admixing: GMP
- Metabolic: Nutrient administration / intolerance  
PN-associated hyperglycaemia, refeeding syndrome,  
bone loss...
- Mechanical: Catheter occlusions,  
Compounding/admixing errors: incompatibilities:  
precipitations...



- **Toxic:** Harmful (reactions) products:  
Fat emulsion deterioration; PUFA: liver dysfunction, oxidative stress; lipid peroxidation
- **Incorrectness:** (Avoidable!) Medication Errors:  
Ready-to-use preparation: Incorrect components/dosing/timing. Handling, patient care (QoL): Number of IV accesses, stop cocks, (home) PN management, social integration, mobility
- **Economical:** Indication and use, cost effectiveness  
Regimes: Standard MC bags vs. tailor-made AiO admixtures...



# Medication safety: Good practices



Stages and errors in preparation and administration of intravenous drugs (numbers of errors/number of observations of each stage)

Taxis et al, BMJ, 2003

## What this study adds

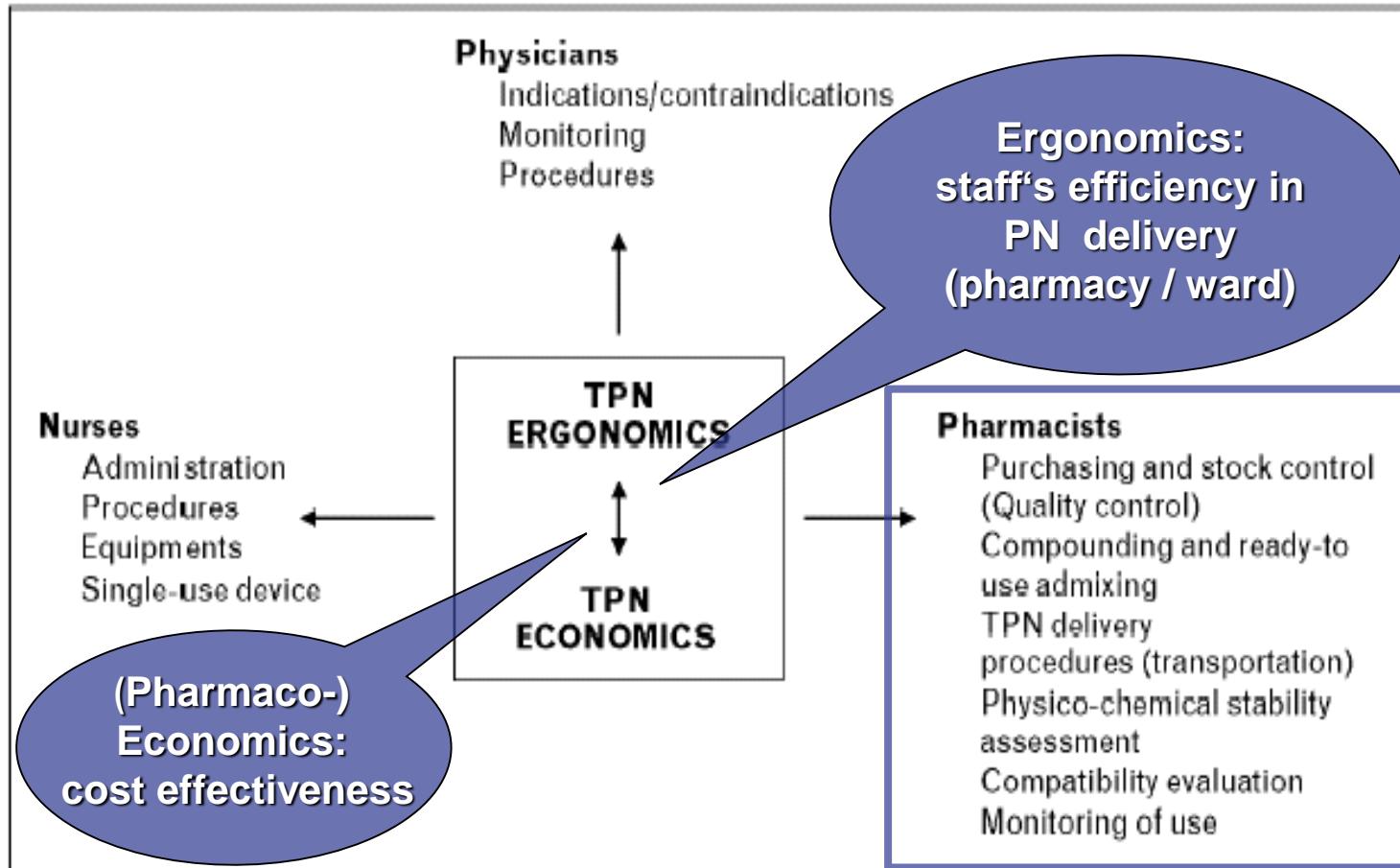
Errors occurred in about half of the intravenous drug doses observed

Errors were potentially harmful in about a third of cases

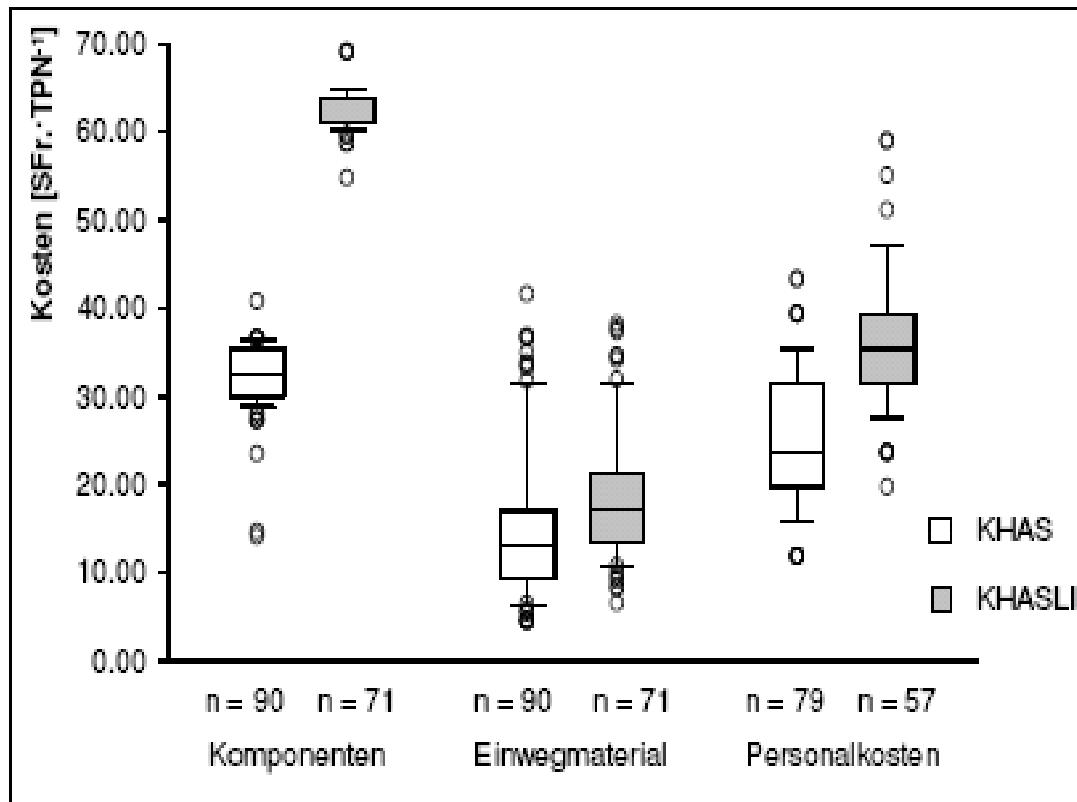
The most common errors were giving bolus doses too quickly and mistakes in preparing drugs that required multiple steps



# NST: roles / responsibilities in PN



# Compounding cost of PN in neonates



**Mean cost  
(min-max)**

CH-AA    □    CHF 68.95  
(CHF 36.75-109.10)

CH-AA-LI    □    CHF 114.55  
(CHF 92.90-140.75)



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# In favour of AiO PN admixtures

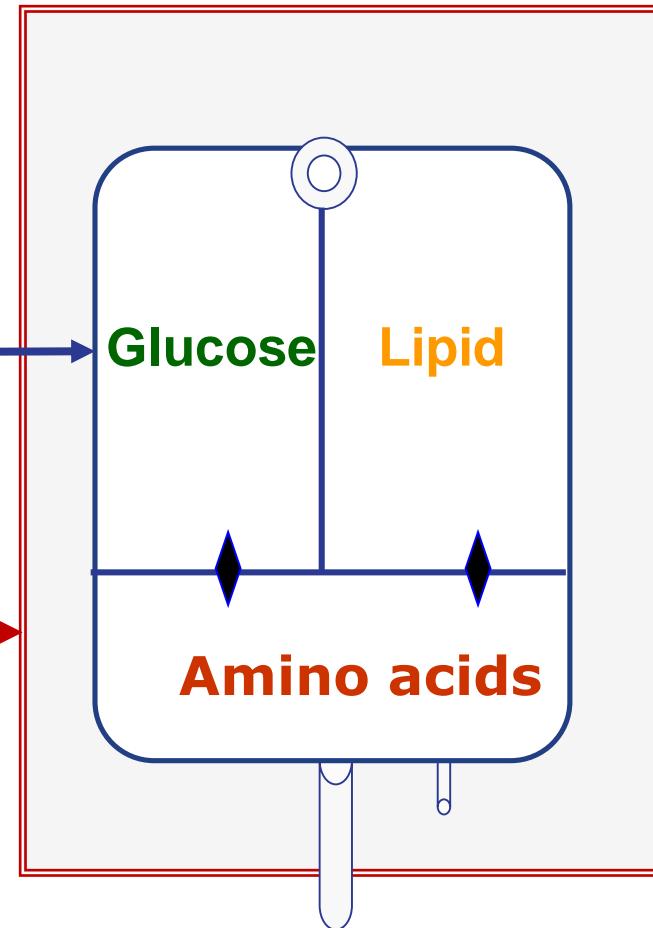
- **Safe:** daily requirements properly compounded (GMP), documented stability
- **Efficient:** simultaneous administration of nutrients (metabolic tolerance) in acute and long-term (home) treatment
- **Convenient:** single container and single line (less handling and risks)



# Industrial PN (shelf live): Multi-Chamber (MC) bag

**Container polymer**  
(multi-layered container  
foil allows sterilization)

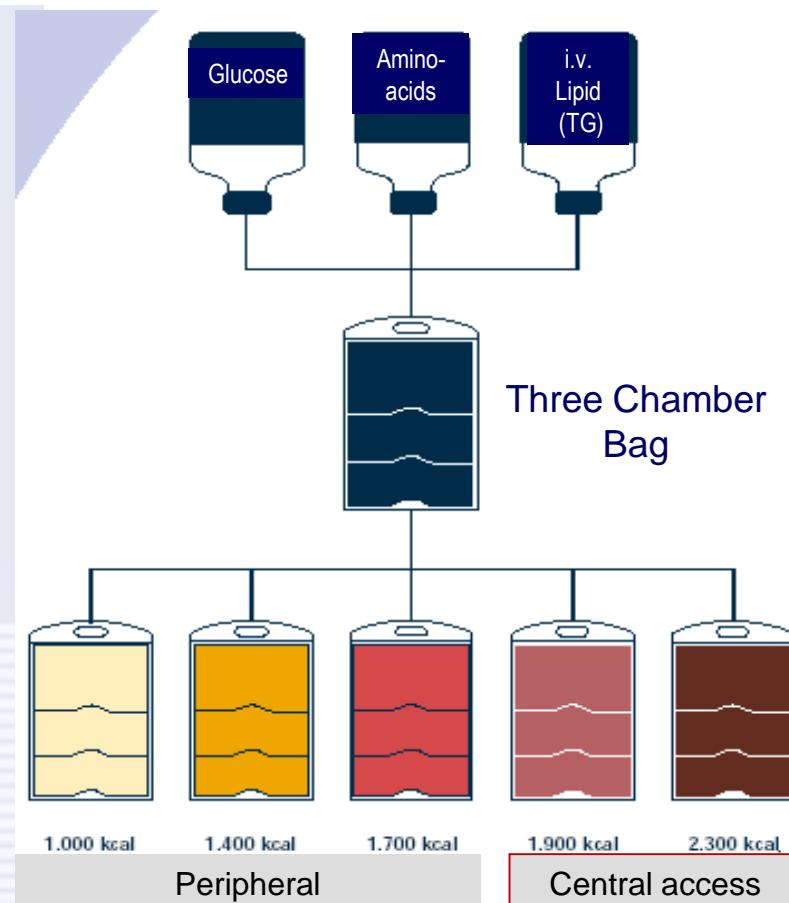
**Cover wrap**  
(oxygen protection)



- Injection port
- sealing
- Infusion port



# Commercial 3-C bags (not yet complete!)





# PN osmolarity increase by electrolytes (central IV access needed if > 800 mosm/kg!)

Electrolyte	Standard PN (mmol/day)	Salt form	Daily dosage mosmol (theoretical)
Na <sup>+</sup>	80–100	NaCl	160–200
K <sup>+</sup>	60–150	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	180–450
		KCl	120–300
Ca <sup>++</sup>	2.5–5	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	7.5–15
		Ca (organ.)	2.5–5
Mg <sup>++</sup>	8–12	MgSO <sub>4</sub>	16–24

Adapted from PN guidelines DGEM, Ger Med Sci, 2009



# Correct PN labelling

- Patient's name
  - Day of administration
  - Rate / duration of administration [ml/hr]
  - Composition (dose vs. conc.!)
  - Lot identification
  - Expiry date (hanging time)
  - Storage condition
  - Any other specific requirements
- ✓ The right product
  - ✓ To the right patient
  - ✓ At the right time
  - ✓ In the right manner (storage, administration)
  - ✓ Traceable

Adapted from Pharmaceutical aspects in PN support, Chap. 6.2.3  
ESPEN Basics in Clinical Nutrition 4<sup>th</sup> edition, 2011



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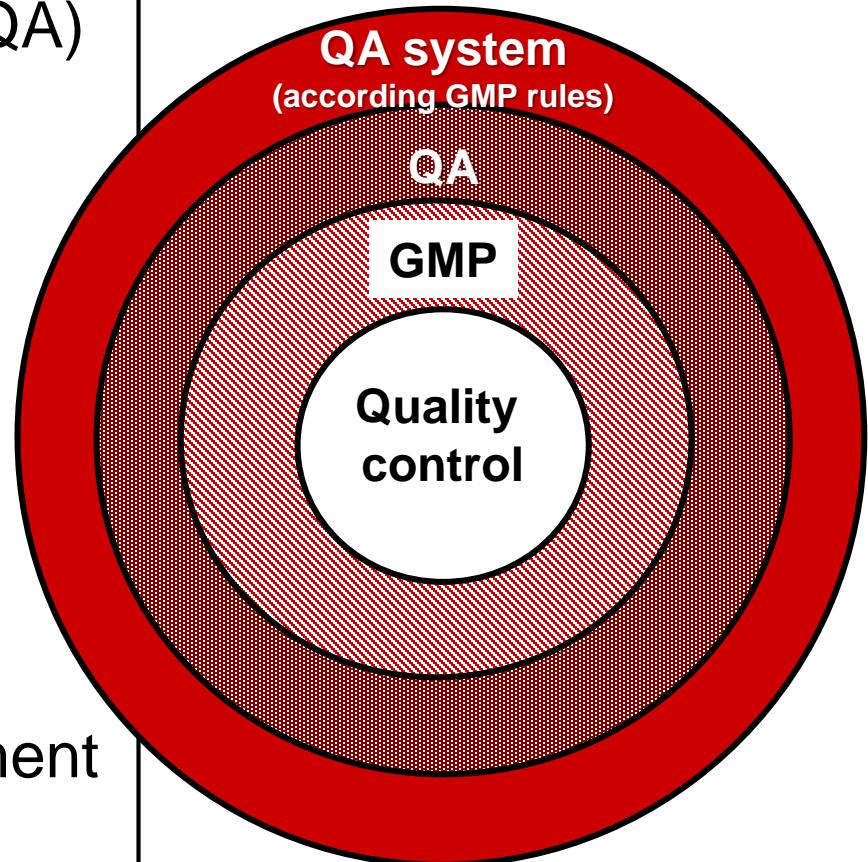


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# GMP chapters (WHO, Pharmacopoeias)

1. Quality assurance (QA) system
2. Personnel / staff
3. Rooms / equipment
4. Documentation
5. Production process
6. Quality control (QC)
7. Commissioned manufacture
8. Complaint management
9. Self inspection



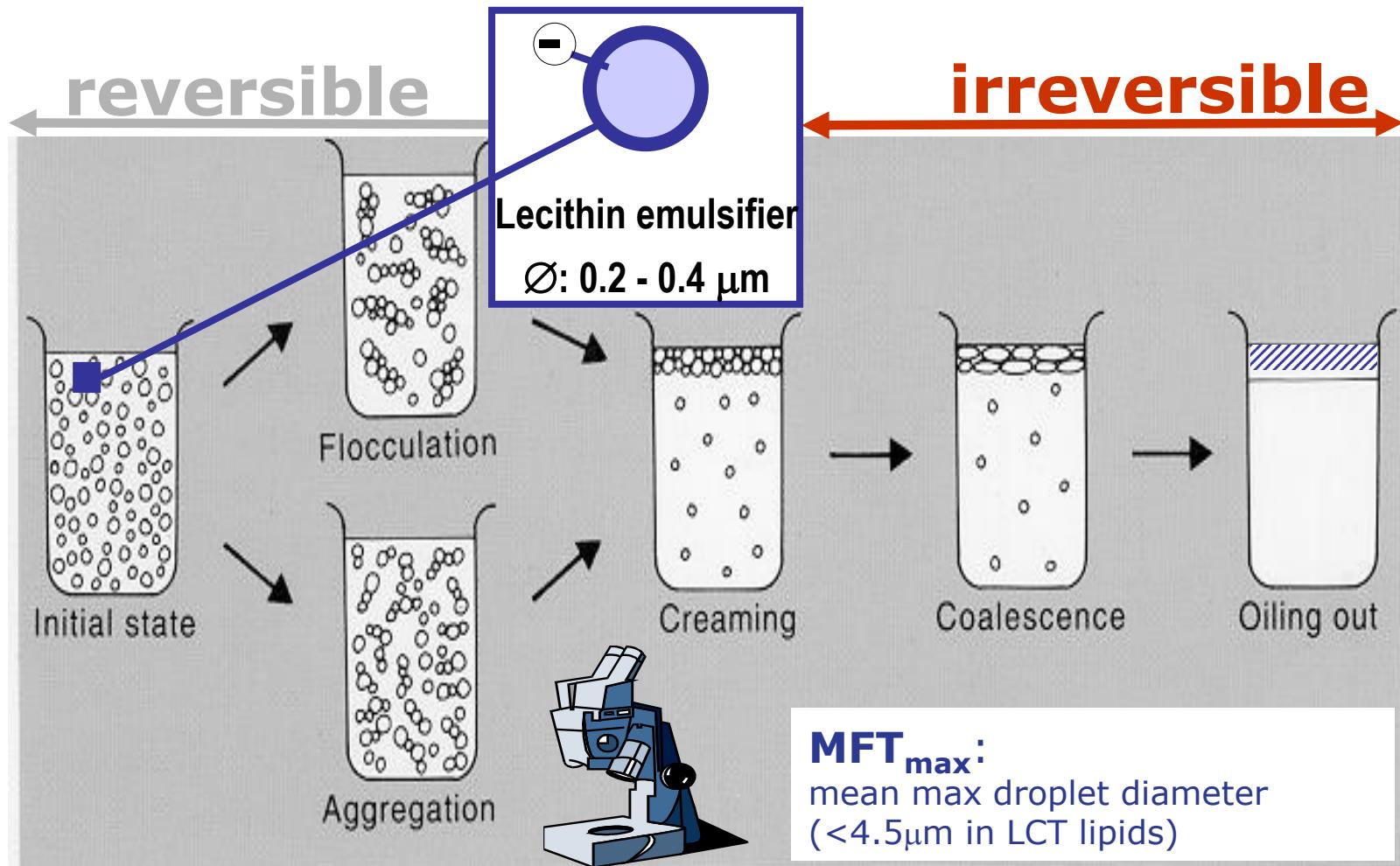


# Aseptic compounding using a filling machine





# Lipid emulsion destabilisation



Mühlebach et al, in: Basics in Clinical Nutrition, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2011



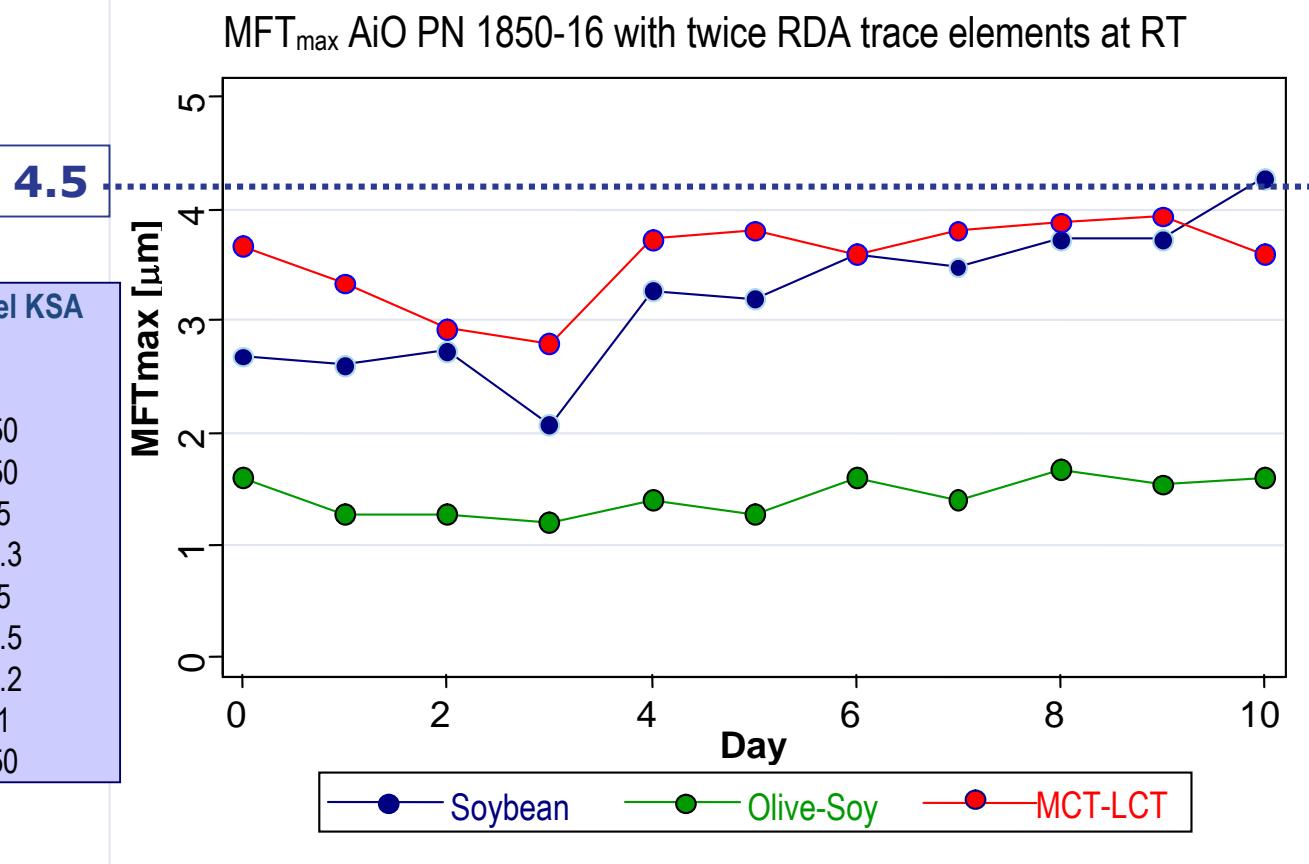
# IV Lipid emulsions for PN (FFA profile)

- LCT (soybean oil): Intralipid®, Lipovenös®
  - high  $\Omega$ -6 PUFA content (linoleic acid)
- LCT-MCT mixture: Lipofundin®
  - reduced PUFA content
- LCT (olive oil): Clinoleic®
  - rich in MUFA ( $\Omega$ -9 oleic acid) reduced PUFA content
- Structured TG (LC-PUFA, MC): SMOFlipid
  - reduced  $\Omega$ -6/ $\Omega$ -3 ratio (fish oil)





Trace element	RDA i.v. [ $\mu$ Mol]	Spur-el KSA
Zn	50-100	50
Fe	20	50
Cu	5-20	5
Se	0.4-0.8	0.3
Mn	3.5	5
Cr	0.2-0.4	0.5
Mo	0.4	0.2
J	1	1
F	0-50	50



Adapted from Eichenberger et al. e-SPEN, 2006

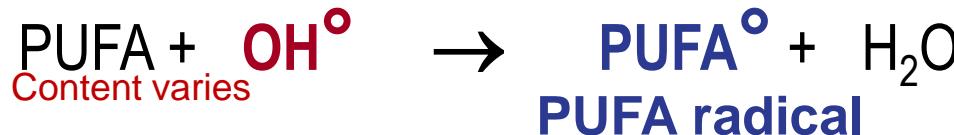
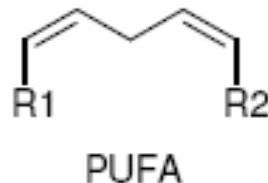


# Lipid peroxidation (LPO)



Singlet oxygen

Hydroxyl radical



PUFA radical





# Ca phosphate precipitation



# Avoidable

RDA IV  
[mmol/kg]

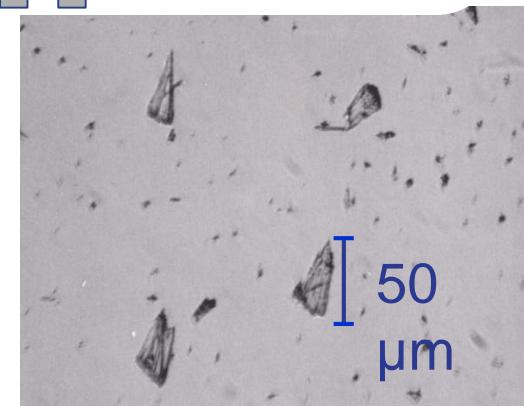
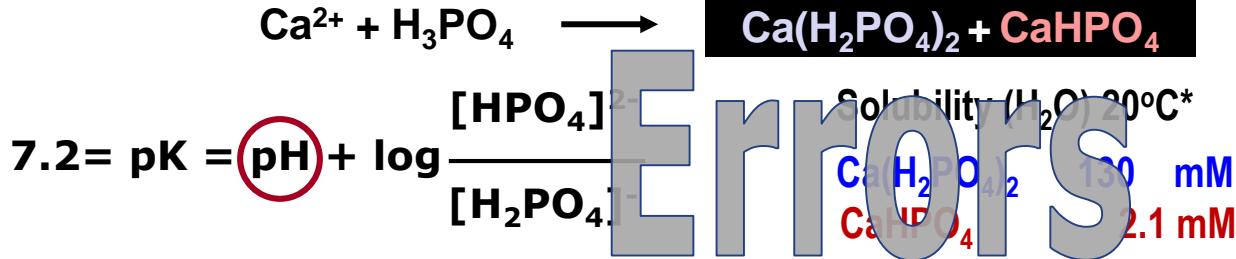
# Medication

**Neonates**

0.5-1.5  
0.6-1.3  
Fluid [ml/kg]: 120

**Adults**

0.1-0.2  
0.1-0.5  
25 - 30



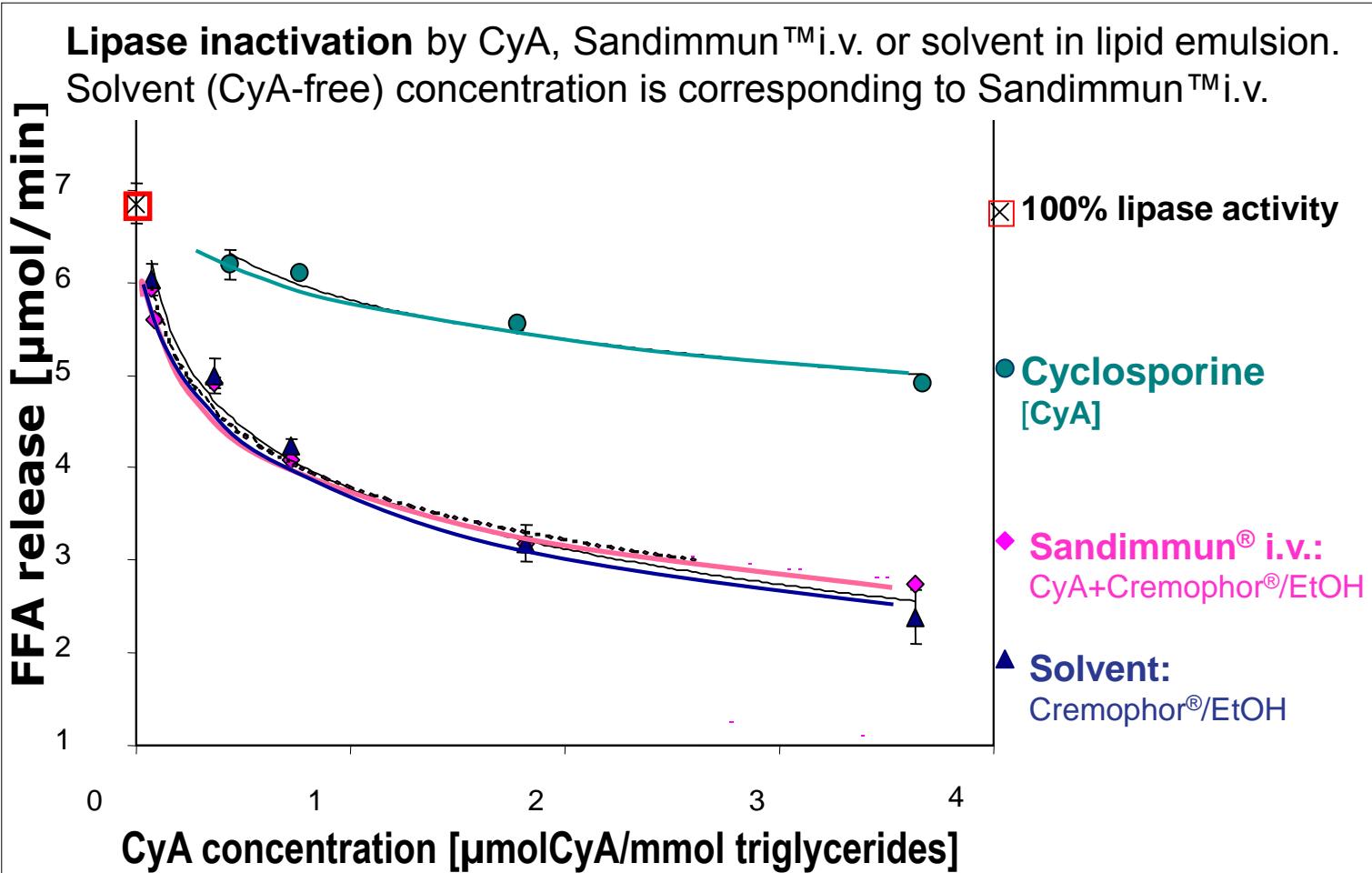
Beware of alkaline solutions (pH > 7.2)

\*solubility higher at 2-8°C!



# Drug nutrient interaction

Cyclosporine (Sandimmun®) admixed to i.v. Intralipid®





# Guide for PN drug admixing

1. Is there a need for this IV drug?
2. Is there an alternative administration possible outside AiO admixing?  
(different formulation, different administration)
3. Drug profile / characteristics  
(therapeutically, physicochemically)
4. Compatibility documentation / test  
(pharmaceutical expertise)
5. Check for stability and efficacy upon administration



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- AiO admixtures are the preferred form of PN (safe, efficient, convenient)
- Still need for compounding of tailor-made PN and ready-to-use preparation of commercial MC bags pharmaceutical expertise / responsibility
- GMP and good handling/storage practice are key for safe & efficacious PN
- When drug admixing to PN is necessary, pharmaceutical advice, risk assessment and documentation are mandatory.