

# **Total Parenteral Nutrition is ...**

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**Totally**  
**AWESOME!!!**

# Objectives

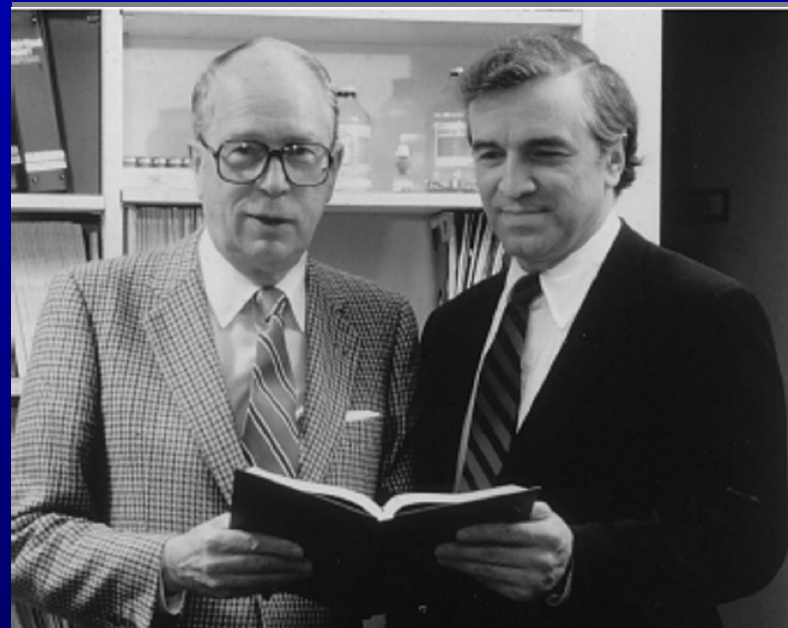
- History of TPN
- Dichotomies of Perception
- Pitfalls of TPN Studies
- Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines
- The Surgical Patient
- Preoperative TPN
- Malnourishment
- Summary and Future Directions

# History of TPN

- William Harvey 1628 – Circulation
- Sir Christopher Wren 1665 – Wine, ale, opiates
- William Courten 1712 – Olive oil
- T. Latta 1831 – Water and salts during cholera
- Claude Bernard 1859 – Glucose and metabolism
- Edward Hodder 1873 – Milk
- Paul Friedrich 1904 – Subcutaneous nutrients

# History of TPN continued

- Whipple, Holman, Madden 1930's – protein
- Robert Elman 1937 – IV infusion of AA's
- Wretling 1961 – Lipid emulsion
- Dudrick 1968 – SVC catheter delivery of “glucose system”



# General Indications

- Patients who can't eat
- Patients who won't eat
- Patients who shouldn't eat

“If the gut works, use it.”

# Dichotomies of Perception

## TPN as a Therapy

- Chemical agent which affects living processes is a drug
- MDs and medical societies view TPN as therapy
- TPN is medical therapy for ill people

## TPN as a Support

- Nutrition “natural” affects living processes (intrauterine PN)
- Nourishment is viewed by relatives as an act of love and care
- Nutrition is essential to both the ill and the healthy

# What about tube feeds?



# Problems with TPN Studies

- No placebo controlled trials
- Those who truly need it cannot be randomized
- Diverse patient populations
- Hyperalimented patients
- Carbohydrates only as nutrition source
- Lack of proper glucose control
- Formulation changes

# Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines for Nutrition Support in the Mechanically Ventilated, Critically Ill Adult Patients

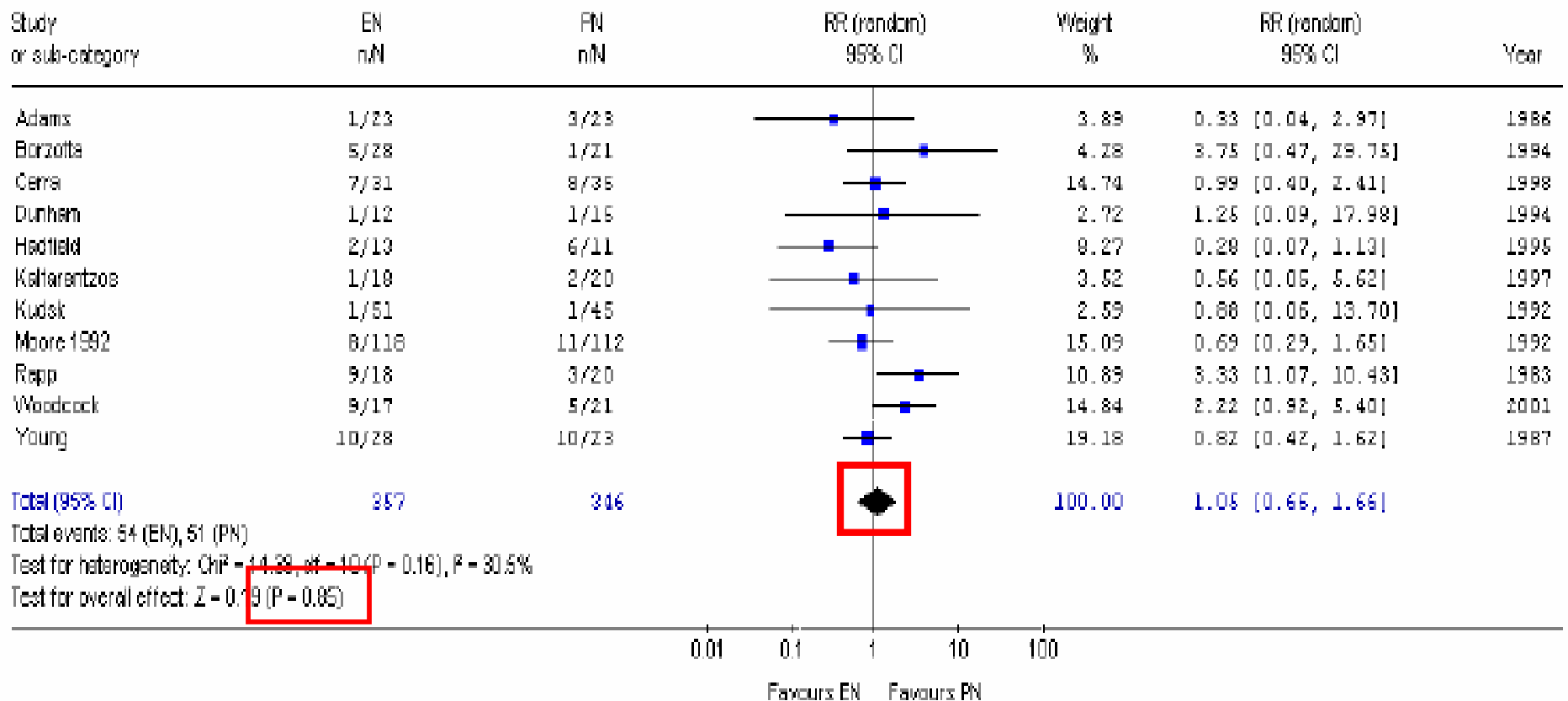
- Meta-analysis
- 12 level 2, one level 1 study
- EN vs PN is **NOT** associated with a reduction in mortality
- EN vs PN associated with fewer infectious complications
- No difference in LOS or ventilator days

# Mortality

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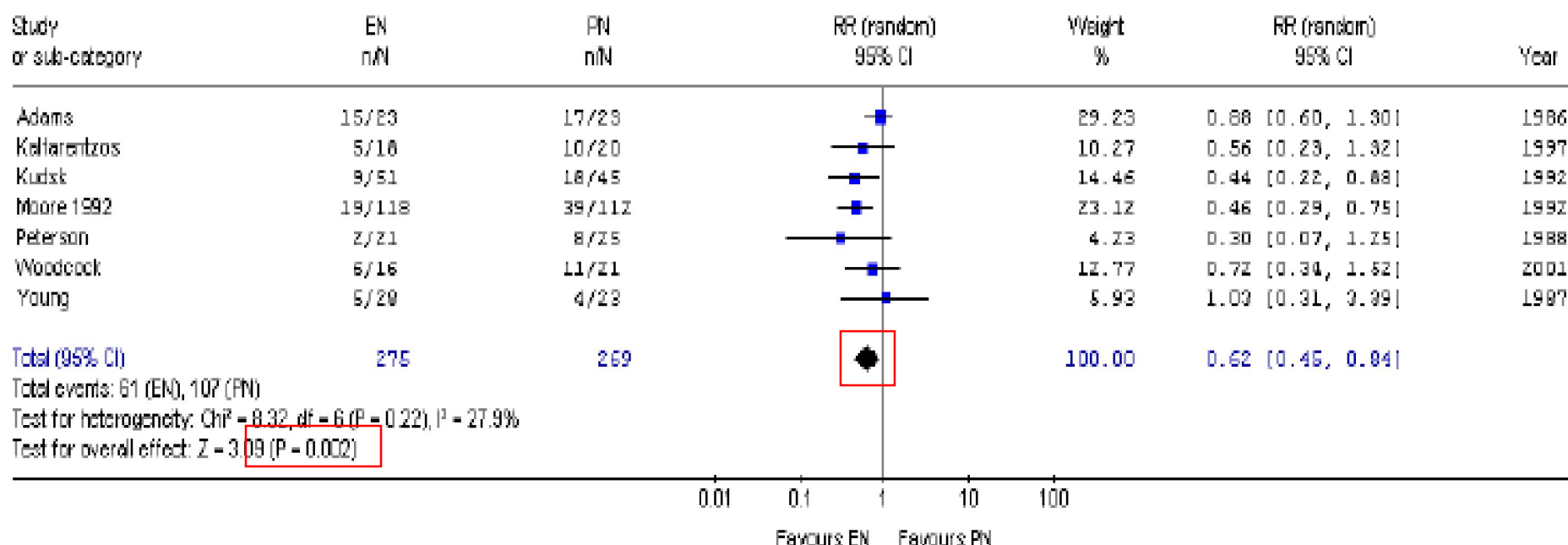
Comparison: 01 EN vs PN

Outcome: 02 Mortality



# Infectious Complications

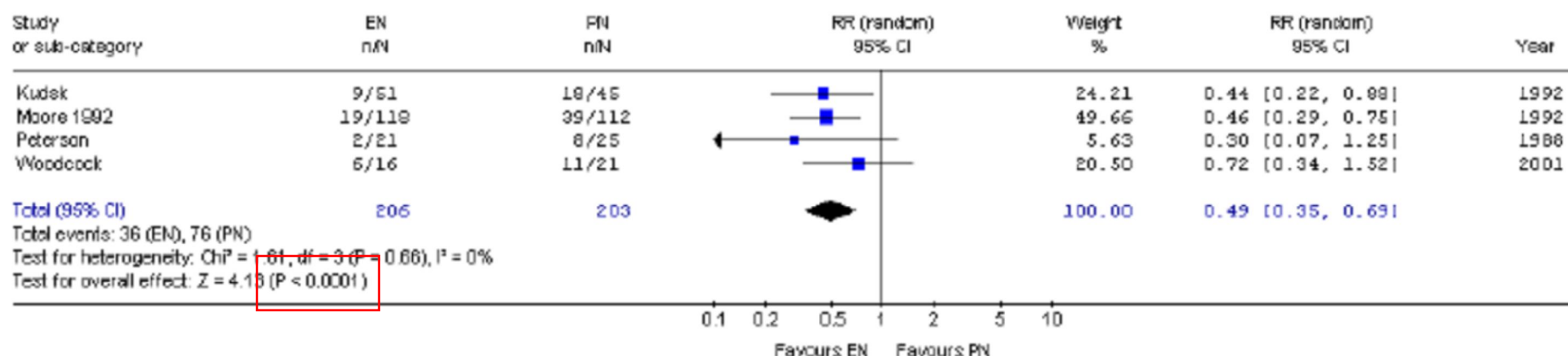
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 Comparison: 01 EN vs PN  
 Outcome: 01 Infectious complications



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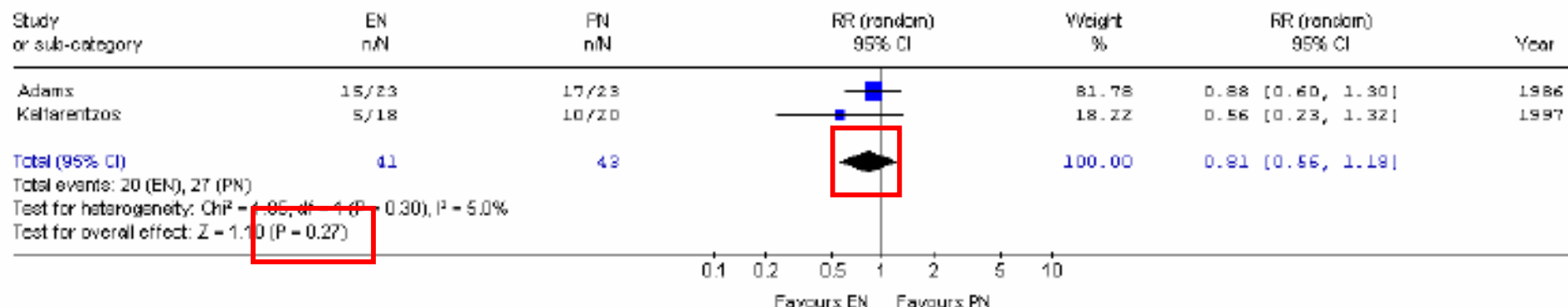
## Infections in studies where the PN group received more calories than the EN group

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 Comparison: 01 EN vs PN  
 Outcome: 01 Infectious complications



## Infections in studies where the PN group received similar calories to the EN group

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**What About  
the Surgical  
Patient?**

**ESPN**

# **ESPEN**

**(European Society for  
Clinical Nutrition and  
Metabolism)**



# ESPEN Guidelines on Parenteral Nutrition: Surgery

- Preoperative TPN is indicated in severely undernourished patients who cannot be adequately orally or enterally fed
- Postoperative TPN is beneficial in undernourished patients in whom enteral nutrition is not feasible or tolerated
- Postoperative TPN is beneficial in patients with postoperative complications impairing GI function for at least 7 days

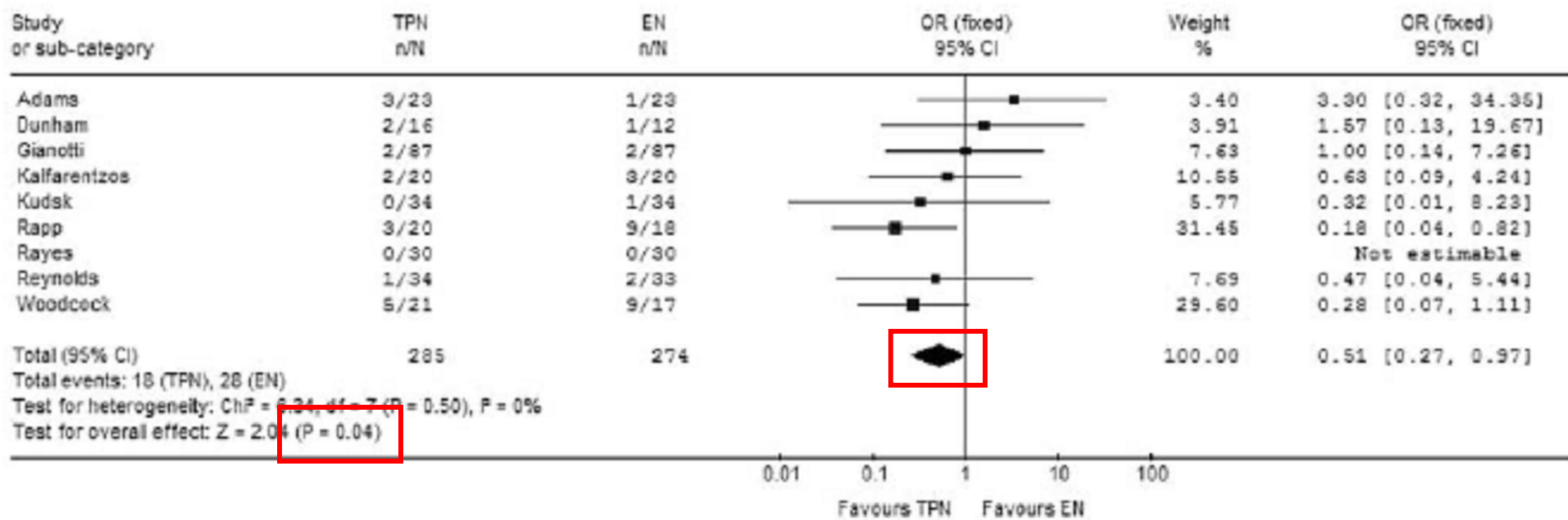
# Parenteral vs Enteral Nutrition in the Critically Ill Patient: A Metaanalysis of Trials Using the Intention to Treat Principle

- 465 papers reviewed, 11 accepted
- 9 out of 11 trials had surgical patients
- PN vs early EN – NO Mortality difference ( $p=0.89$ )
- PN vs late EN – **Favored PN** ( $p=0.006$ )
- PN associated with more infectious complications ( $p<0.05$ )

“Clinical importance of this finding is open to interpretation”

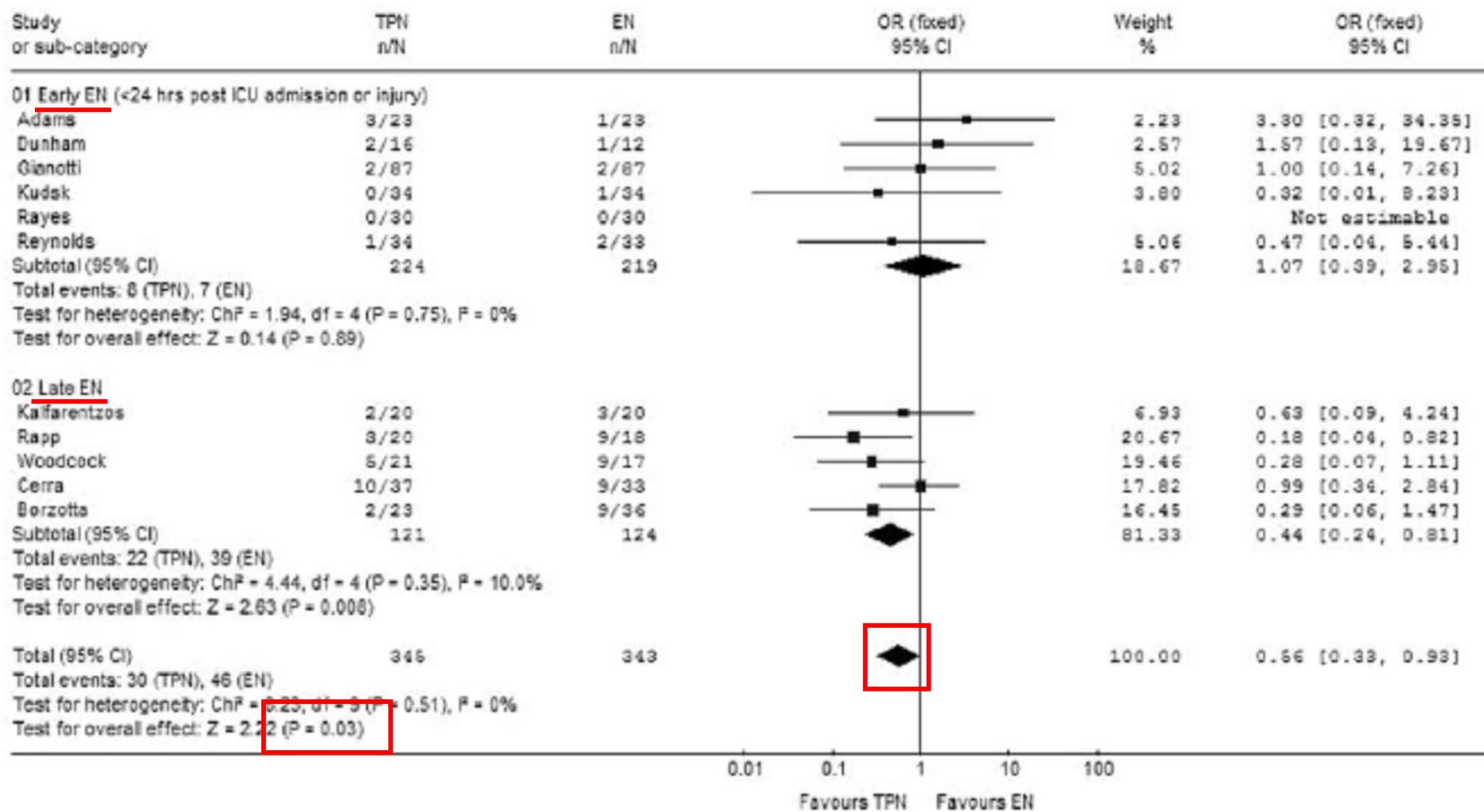
# Mortality

Review: TPN vs EN  
Comparison: 03 TPN vs. EN Intention to Treat Trials  
Outcome: 01 Mortality



Simpson F. Intensive Care Medicine 2005; 31:12-23

Review: TPN vs EN  
 Comparison: 01 TPN vs. EN Sensitivity Analysis  
 Outcome: 01 Mortality



# **Grade B+ Evidence-Based Recommendation:**

Parenteral nutrition use in patients in  
whom enteral nutrition cannot be  
initiated within 24-hours of ICU  
admission or injury

# **Perioperative Total Parenteral Nutrition in Malnourished, Gastrointestinal Cancer Patients**

- Randomized control trial
- 90 patients with gastric or colorectal carcinoma
- >10% wt loss in past 6 months, elective operation
- 2 groups:
  - 1- TPN (10 days pre op + 9 days post op)
  - 2- Standard diet with parenteral solution (940 kcal nonprotein, 85 g AA)
- Equally matched in demographics

# Results

	TPN	Control	Statistics
<b>Overall Complications</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>p = 0.03</b>
Infectious Complications	33%	45%	p = 0.22
<b>Mortality</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>p = 0.05</b>

- No line infections
- Length of post-operative hospital stay same (p=0.98)

# Degree of Undernourishment?

- Von Meyenfeldt et al. 1992<sup>1</sup>  
Decrease in septic complications from 18.8% to 5.5% ( $p < 0.05$ ) in 29 patients with weight loss  $>10\%$
- Veterans Affairs TPN Cooperative Study<sup>2</sup>  
Decrease in noninfectious complications from 42.9% to 5.3% ( $p = 0.03$ ) in 33 severely undernourished patients

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**Is there an ideal  
BMI/nutrition  
status for TPN?**

# Which Patient is Malnourished?





# Future Directions

- “Optimal candidate”
- Glutamine
- Omega-3 fatty acids
- Zinc
- Selenium
- Lipid Delivery
- Insulin and glucose control

# Summary

- TPN plays a critical role in surgical patients
- When the gut does not work...
- No mortality difference
- How significant are the infections?
- Undernourished benefit the most
- Nutrition is NOT an after thought

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