

Appendix 8: TPN (Total Parenteral Nutrition)

For Dogs and Cats with Pancreatitis

1. Some nutritionists begin with amino acids and dextrose only, then add lipids gradually with time.
2. Others advocate lipids added from the outset if no lipemia.
3. Patients with pancreatitis may be prone to hyperglycemia.
4. Monitoring of blood glucose and lipemia is done daily to multiple times daily, and TPN adjusted accordingly.
5. If TPN is prolonged more than 10-14 days, strongly consider jejunostomy tube to prevent severe intestinal atrophy

Resources for TPN Formulation:

UC Davis offers a nutritional consultation service and will formulate a diet. (530-752-1307). The service is for veterinarians.

The University of Tennessee also offers diet formulations (utvns@utk.edu). This service is for veterinarians.

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This service will work directly with the client on homemade diets, but should probably work with the veterinarian for TPN.