

Certainty assessment							N ₂ of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
N ₂ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Early PN	Late PN	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
ICU mortality												
2	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	227/2993 (7.6%)	241/3010 (8.0%)	RR 0.95 (0.80 to 1.13)	4 fewer per 1,000 (from 16 fewer to 10 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	CRITICAL
Hospital mortality												
2	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	391/2993 (13.1%)	393/3010 (13.1%)	RR 1.00 (0.88 to 1.14)	0 fewer per 1,000 (from 16 fewer to 18 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	CRITICAL
60-day mortality												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	serious ^b	none	145/678 (21.4%)	155/680 (22.8%)	RR 0.94 (0.77 to 1.15)	14 fewer per 1,000 (from 52 fewer to 34 more)	⊕⊕○○ Low ^{a,b}	IMPORTANT
Any new infection												
2	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	679/2993 (22.7%)	609/3010 (20.2%)	RR 1.12 (1.02 to 1.24)	24 more per 1,000 (from 4 more to 49 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	CRITICAL
LOS of ICU												
2	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	serious ^c	none	2993	3010	-	MD 0.15 higher (1.52 lower to 1.81 higher)	⊕⊕○○ Low ^{a,c}	CRITICAL
LOS of hospital												
2	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	2993	3010	-	MD 0.75 higher (0.59 higher to 0.92 higher)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	IMPORTANT
Hypoglycemia												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	45/2312 (1.9%)	81/2328 (3.5%)	RR 0.56 (0.39 to 0.80)	15 fewer per 1,000 (from 21 fewer to 7 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	IMPORTANT
Nutrition-related complication												
1	randomised trials	serious ^a	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	434/2312 (18.8%)	423/2328 (18.2%)	RR 1.03 (0.92 to 1.17)	5 more per 1,000 (from 15 fewer to 31 more)	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate ^a	IMPORTANT

Supplement Fig. 26. GRADE Summary of Findings generated using GRADEpro GDT for early versus delayed parenteral nutrition in critically ill adult patients (KQ14). CI, confidence interval; MD: mean difference; RR: risk ratio. ^aThe blinding was not clearly defined; ^bThe absolute range spans −5.5% to +3.2%, encompassing both a clinically meaningful reduction and a clinically meaningful increase in mortality; ^cGiven the wide range of the 95% CI from −1.5 to +1.8 days