

# The Value of

## ORAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Oral nutritional supplements (ONS) provide calories and nutrients to increase nutritional intake and support weight maintenance or weight gain in patients who are malnourished or are at risk of malnutrition and able to eat, but unable to meet their nutritional needs<sup>1</sup>



# ONS CAN ALLEVIATE THE CLINICAL BURDEN AND IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONAL STATUS OF PATIENTS WHO ARE MALNOURISHED / AT RISK OF MALNUTRITION

### **IMPROVE FUNCTIONAL STATUS**

- In elderly patients, appropriate ONS use can improve mobility<sup>2</sup>, activities of daily living (ADL)<sup>3</sup>, muscle strength<sup>4,5</sup>, and help prevent falls and fractures<sup>6</sup>
- ONS can provide nutrients necessary for maintenance of bone structure and bone formation in patients with osteoporosis<sup>7</sup> or recent hip/femoral neck fracture<sup>8</sup>

### EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS NUTRITIONAL NEEDS AND INCREASE NUTRIENT INTAKES

- Increase calories in individuals in hospital<sup>9</sup>, long-term care<sup>10</sup> and community settings<sup>4</sup>
- Increase protein in adult<sup>10</sup> and elderly<sup>11</sup> individuals across healthcare settings
- Increase vitamins and minerals<sup>12</sup>
  - ONS providing > 400 kcal/day can help reduce the high mortality rates in malnourished elderly people<sup>11</sup>
  - Reduce complication rates in older hospitalised patients<sup>11</sup>
  - Reduce incidence of pressure injury<sup>13</sup> and help promote wound healing<sup>14</sup>

#### **ACHIEVE CLINICAL BENEFITS**

### ONS CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN SHOWN NOT TO REDUCE FOOD INTAKE 9,10



### ONS HELP TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

in elderly patients who are malnourished / at risk of malnutrition 15,16

## APPROPRIATE USE OF ONS BRINGS ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BY:

- Reduction in hospital costs, including shorter length of stay (LOS)<sup>17,18</sup>, lower readmission and complications rates<sup>4,15,19</sup>
- Reduced care requirements in non-hospital settings<sup>20,21</sup>





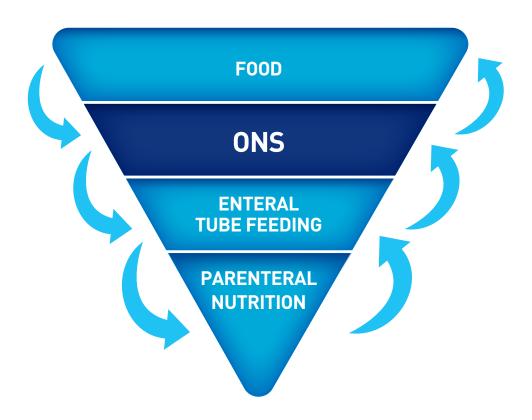
#### **ONS reduce hospital LOS**

by approx. 2 days vs control<sup>17</sup>, 30-day **readmissions** (16.1% vs 22.1%) and **rehabilitation LOS** (26.2 vs 29.9 days) vs hospital diet in elderly patients after hip fracture<sup>19</sup>



ONS help to **reduce** the incidence of **institutionalisation** of patients in stroke rehabilitation<sup>9,10</sup>

## GUIDELINES SUPPORT ONS AS A KEY INTERVENTION IN THE SPECTRUM OF NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MALNUTRITION<sup>22, 23</sup>



## THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL NUTRITION AND METABOLISM (ESPEN) GUIDELINES INDICATE KEY PATIENT GROUPS WHO SHOULD RECEIVE ONS:

(Grade A recommendations)24



## Patients who are undernourished or at risk of malnutrition:

to increase energy, protein and micronutrient intake, maintain or improve nutritional status, and improve survival



Geriatric patients
after hip fracture and
orthopaedic surgery:
to reduce complications



#### Frail elderly:

to improve or maintain nutritional status



## Patients at risk of developing pressure injuries:

high protein ONS can help to reduce the incidence of pressure injuries

### MALNUTRITION IMPACTS CLINICAL AND PATIENT OUTCOMES In a large-scale

multi-national study it was shown that malnutrition remained high across all healthcare settings<sup>26</sup>:



#### REHABILITATION

Malnutrition 50.5%

Risk of malnutrition 41.2%



### **HOSPITALS**Malnutrition

38.7%

Risk of malnutrition 47.3%



Malnutrition 13.8%

Risk of malnutrition 53.4%



### **COMMUNITY**

Malnutrition 5.8% ■

Risk of malnutrition 31.9%

(Risk of) malnutrition is most common in the **elderly**, affecting as many as **69% in hospitals** and other care settings and **30%** in the **community**<sup>26,27</sup>



Risk of malnutrition leads to increased **mortality rates**, compared with well-nourished individuals<sup>28</sup>



Malnutrition increases morbidity, including hospital admissions, complications, infections and pressure injuries<sup>26,27,28,29</sup>



Malnutrition negatively impacts functional status parameters, activities of daily living<sup>30</sup>, muscle mass and strength<sup>31</sup>, frailty<sup>32</sup>, sarcopenia<sup>33</sup>, and falls and fractures<sup>34</sup>



Risk of malnutrition leads to **poor quality of life** 25



### THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF MALNUTRITION IS HIGH<sup>35,36,37</sup>

cost being driven by increased resource use: hospital stays and readmissions, comorbidities (e.g. pressure injuries)<sup>38,39,40</sup>

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