

# Use of parenteral nutrition in general and surgical pediatric wards: indications and complications

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## Introduction

Parenteral nutrition (PN) is used to treat children that cannot fully feed by oral or enteral route. Nutrition support with PN in childhood is highly variable depending on the age and pathology of inpatient.

## Aim

The aim of our retrospective study was to evaluate the current clinical practice concerning the use of PN in our General Pediatric and Surgical Wards.

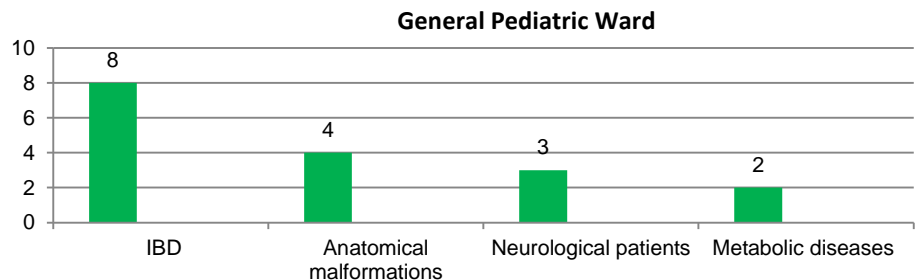
## Materials and Methods

Clinical records of inpatients admitted on the General and Surgical Pediatric Wards from January 2012 to December 2016 were retrospectively analyzed. Indications for PN, route of administration and complications were evaluated.

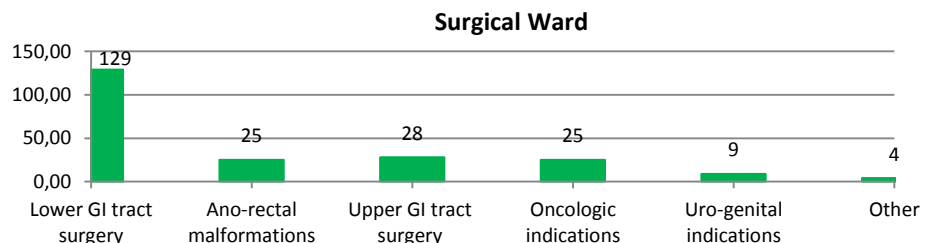
## Results

From 2012 to 2016: 21 patients on the General Pediatric Ward and 292 patients on the Surgical Pediatric Ward required PN. In all cases PN was administered via internal jugular vein or a Broviac line.

On General Pediatric Ward, the most frequent indication for PN was inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), followed by malnutrition in children with anatomical malformations, neurological patients and metabolic diseases. Figure 1. Mean duration was 11,46 + 17,37 days.



On Pediatric Surgical Ward, the most frequent indications for PN were..... Mean duration was 9,6 + 10,9 days.



Complications	(%)
Catheter related (obstruction and infection)	2,2
Metabolic (electrolyte and glycaemic alterations)	1,6
Cholestasis	0,9

## Conclusions

PN has been safely used for a wide range of indications and with a low rate of complications.