



Medicare Criteria for TPN Coverage

1. Patient has a condition that significantly **impairs absorption** of nutrients **OR** has a **severe motility disorder**.

2. The condition is permanent (or anticipated to last for **at least 3 months**).
 - A. Massive small bowel resection leaving less than 5 feet of small bowel, and surgery occurred within the last 3 months.
 - B. Short Bowel Syndrome
 - enteral losses exceed 50% of oral/enteral intake- requires further testing
 - C. Patient requires bowel rest for at least 3 months
 - severe pancreatitis
 - severe enteritis
 - enterocutaneous fistula; unable to place FT below fistula
 - D. Complete small bowel obstruction and surgery not an option
 - Provide scans, reports to support this
 - E. Severe Malabsorption
 - 10% weight loss in past 3 months
 - albumin <3.5
 - 72-hr Fecal fat test
 - F. Motility disorder
 - 10% weight loss in past 3 months
 - albumin <3.5
 - maximum doses of motility meds not effective enough
 - daily n/v
 - diagnostic test, i.e. small bowel follow through
 - G/H. Less severe conditions (absorption/motility/obstruction)
 - 10% weight loss in past 3 months
 - albumin <3.5
 - changing diet/enteral formula not effective enough
 - changing med not helpful enough to maintain wt/strength
 - failed feeding tube trial

***Patient must meet Criterias 1 and 2, and one of the lettered criteria.**