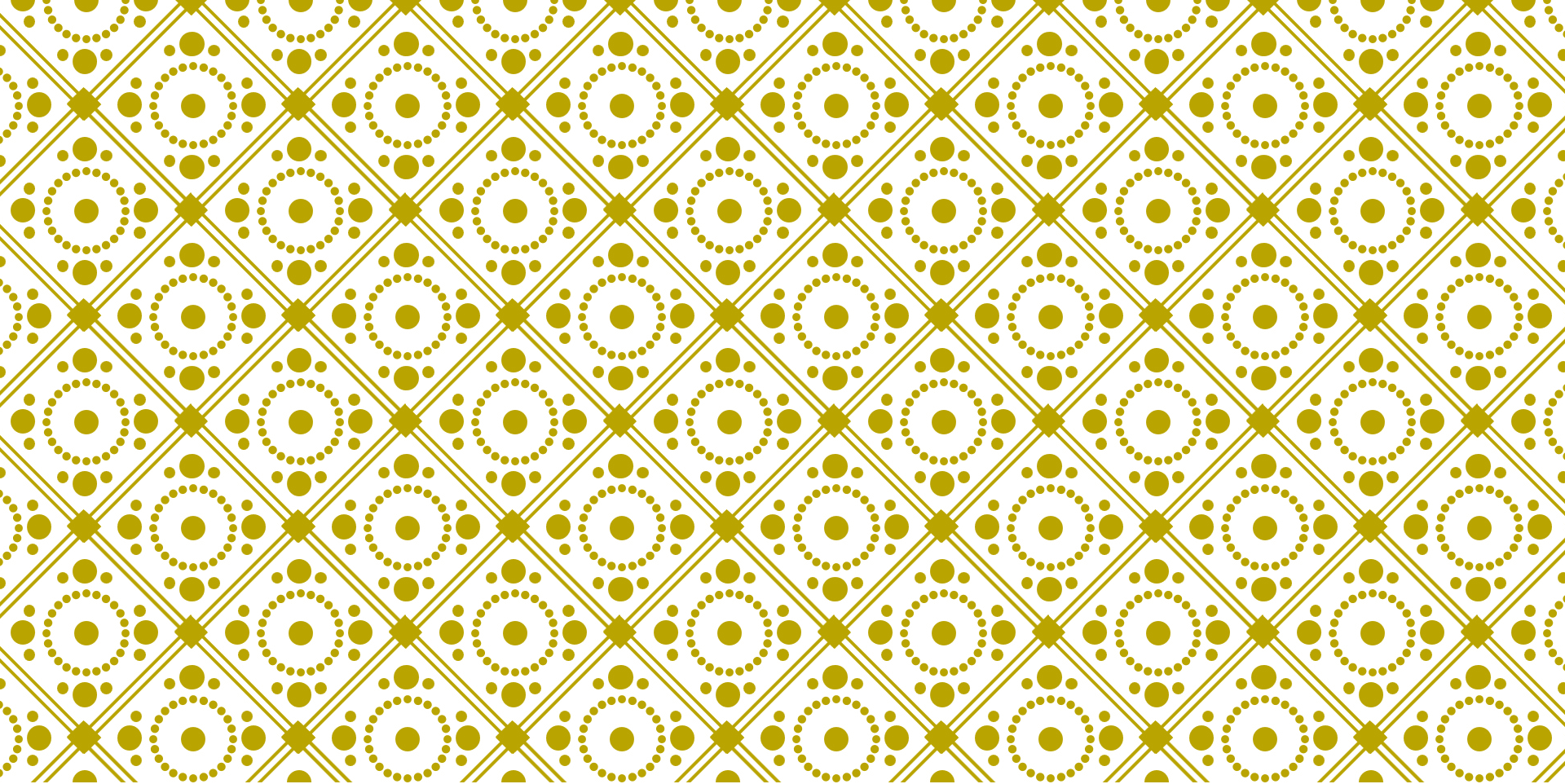


# **NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF METABOLIC DISORDERS: AN OVERVIEW**

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# DISCLOSURES

- ❖ Clinical Trial Research
  - ❖ PTC Therapeutics
  - ❖ BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.

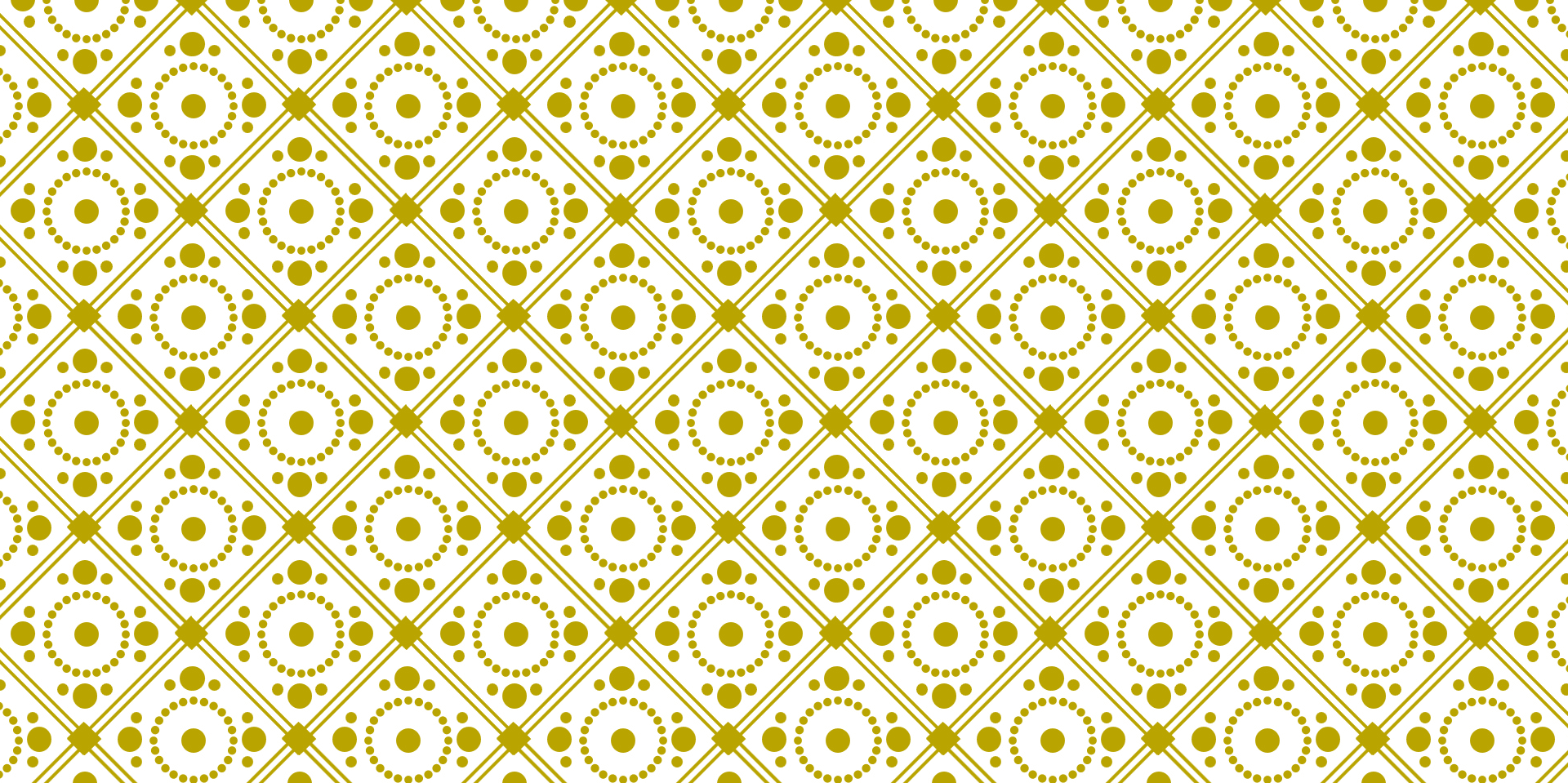
# OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Participants will be able to list three inborn errors of metabolism.
- ❖ Participants will be able to explain the difference between a complete and incomplete protein source in relation to metabolic nutrition.
- ❖ Participants will be able to recognize a metabolic diet in clinical practice.



# OUTLINE

- Phenylketonuria
- Urea Cycle Disorders
- Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders
- Glycogen Storage Diseases
- Galactosemia



# PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU)



# NUTRITIONAL THERAPY FOR PKU

- Definition: inherited disorder that increases the amount of phenylalanine (PHE) in the blood

## Detected on NBS

- Classification
  - Severe (Classic):  $>19.8$  mg/dL
  - Non-PKU:  $<2$  mg/dL

## Goals:

- Treatment range: 2-6 mg/dL
- Growth & Development



<https://globalgenes.org/raredaily/rhode-island-adds-immune-deficiency-newborn-screening-test/>

# NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF PKU

## ❖ Diet:

- Washout Period upon diagnosis
- Complete (“intact”) protein
  - <25% of protein requirements from food
- Incomplete protein – PHE-free
  - Medical food - formula
- Calorie intake

## ❖ Tracking Phe levels

- Infants: weekly
- Children: weekly to monthly
- Adults: monthly
- Pregnancy: weekly



# NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF PKU

## ❖ Adjusting PHE prescription

- Frequent monitoring is needed
- +/- 10%
- +/- up to 25% if levels are  $<1$  or  $>9.9$  mg/dL

## ❖ Alternative Therapies

- Sapropterin
- Pegvaliase
- Clinical Trials
  - Oral Medications
  - Gene therapy



<https://www.amazon.com/BRISTOL-MYERS-NUTRITIONAL-INT-30087310035/dp/B006A918D0>



<https://shop.medicalfood.com/product/374/phenylade-essential-drink-mix>



<http://www.cambrooke.com/products/glytactin/rt/15-chocolate/>



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<https://www.pkugolike.com/product-information>



<https://galenmedicalnutrition.com/products/pku-easy-microtabs/>

# PKU Formulas

# Simplified PKU Diet

## Free Fruits

- Apples – fresh and dry
- Apricots – fresh and dry
- Bananas
- Berries (all varieties)
- Cherries
- Cranberries – fresh and dry
- Grapefruit
- Grapes
- Kiwi
- Lemons
- Limes
- Mango
- Melon (all varieties)
- Olives
- Oranges
- Papaya
- Peaches
- Pears – dry and fresh
- Pineapple
- Plantains
- Plums
- Pomegranates
- Prunes

## Free Vegetables

- Acorn Squash
- Butternut Squash
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Chayote Squash
- Cucumber
- Green Beans
- Eggplant
- Jicama
- Leeks
- Lettuce
- Onions
- Parsnips
- Peppers (all varieties)
- Pumpkin
- Radishes
- Rutabaga
- Sauerkraut
- Spaghetti Squash
- Summer Squash (zucchini and yellow)
- Tomatoes
- Turnips
- Yuca (Cassava Root)

Please remember your NO foods are still NO foods

For any questions on specific items, please contact your metabolic dietitian.

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# Simplified PKU Diet

## Measure and Count Phe/Protein

- Dried Fruit (except apples, apricots, craisins, pears, prunes, raisins)
- Artichokes
- Arugula
- Asparagus
- Avocado
- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Corn
- Kale, mustard greens, Swiss chard
- Mushrooms
- Peas
- Potatoes
- Seaweed/Nori
- Sundried Tomatoes
- Spinach
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes

## Do Not Measure and Count Phe/Protein

- All other fruits and vegetables (see separate sheet for specific list)
- Low protein foods less than 20 mg of phe per serving from low protein food companies

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# PKU: EXAMPLE DIET

10 year old

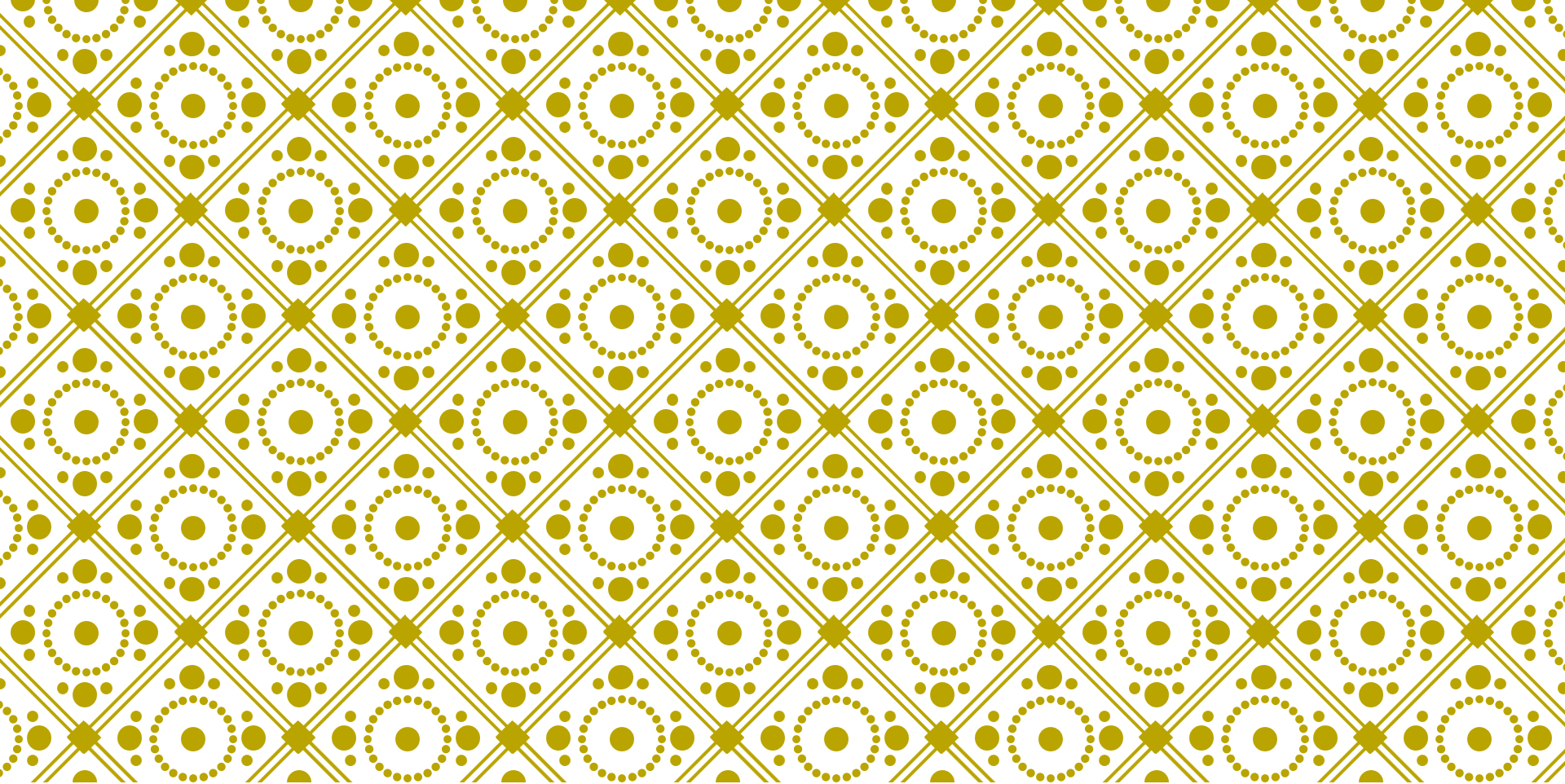
30 kg (66#)

RDA Protein: 36-45 g PRO (120-150% of 1 g/kg/d)

RDA Calories: 2100 kcal/d (70 kcal/kg/d)

## Diet Rx:

|                                   | PRO (g)  | ENERGY (kcal) |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Formula:                          |          |               |
| Glytactin RTD 15<br>(3 cartons/d) | 45 g PE  | 600           |
| Food Allowance:                   | 5 g      | 1500          |
| Total:                            | 50 g     | 2100          |
| Weight: 30 kg                     | 1.7/kg/d | 70/kg/d       |



# UREA CYCLE DISORDERS (UCD)

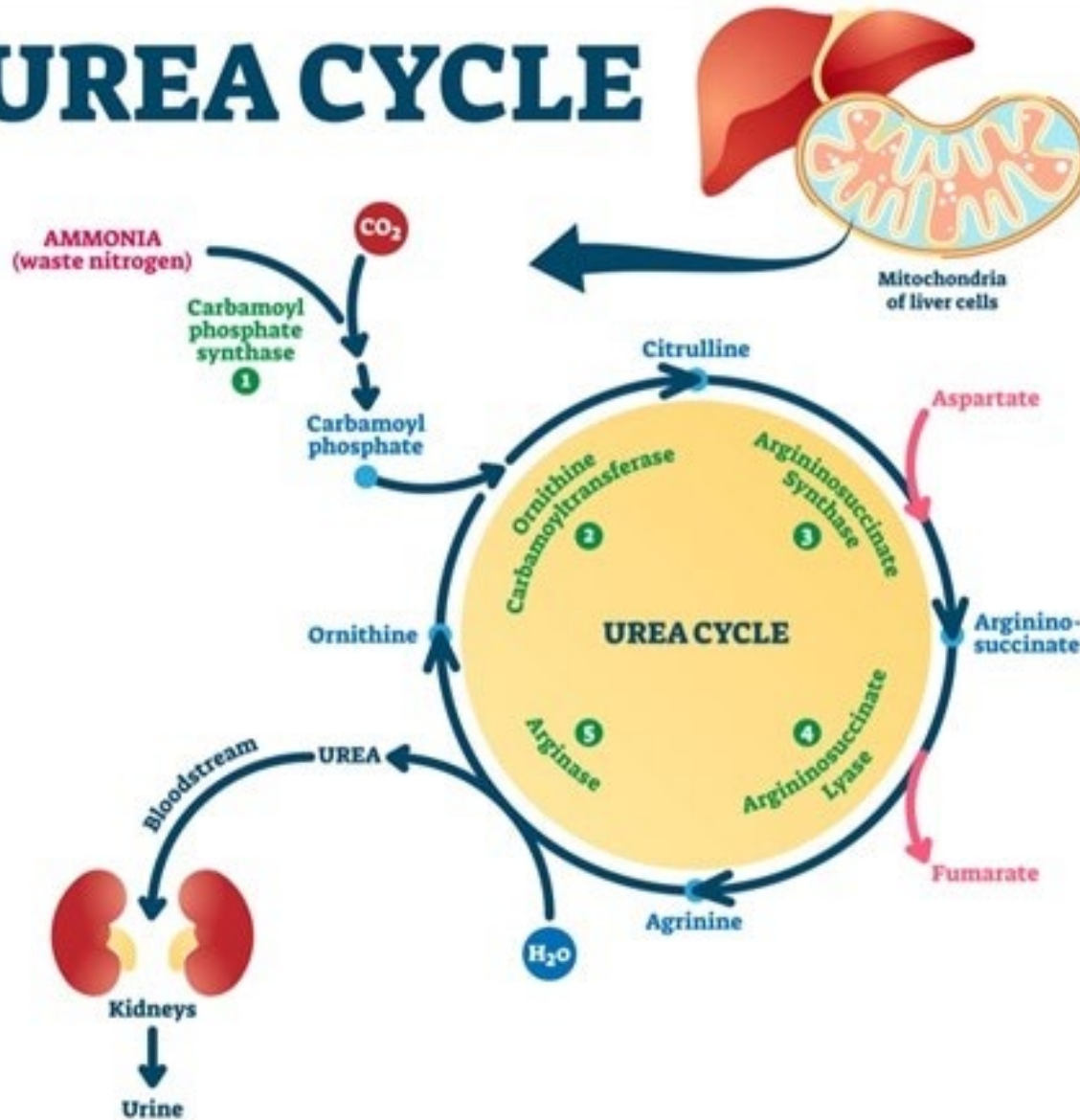
# UREA CYCLE DISORDERS

Definition: genetic disorder caused by a mutation that results in a deficiency of one of the six enzymes in the urea cycle

Enzymes:

- NAGS – N-Acetyl Glutamate Synthetase
- CPS I – Carbamoyl Phosphate Synthetase
- OTC – Ornithine Transcarbamoylase
- ASS – Arginosuccinic Acid Synthetase (Citrullinemia)
- ASL – Argininosuccinate Lyase (Argininosuccinic Aciduria)
- ARG - Arginase

# UREA CYCLE





# NUTRITION THERAPY FOR UCDS

Limit Protein

Prevent  
Catabolism

Supplement  
Amino Acids

Use  
Medications

# NUTRITION THERAPY FOR UCDS

## ❖ Limit Protein

## ❖ Essential amino acids (EAA)

- From formula
- ~ 50% of total protein
  - Difficult to get EAA from food alone
  - Promotes normal growth

## ❖ Prevent Catabolism

## ❖ Amino Acid Supplementation

- L-citrulline used in CPS and OTC
- L-arginine used in ASA and ASL

| Age (years) | Total Protein (g/kg/d) for UCD |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 0-1         | 1.2-2.2                        |
| 1-7         | 1.0-1.2                        |
| 7-19        | 0.7-1.4                        |
| >19         | 0.5-1.0                        |



<https://abbottnutrition.com/cyclinex-1>



<https://www.nestlehealthscience.us/vitalto-usa/monitor-errors-of-metabolism/protein-metabolism/urea-cycle-disorders/amino-trio>



<https://shop.medicalfood.com/product/120/essential-amino-acid-mix>



<https://www.healthproductsexpress.com/89202600-89202600-Infant-Toddler-Formula-WND-2-1-lb-Can-Powder.html>

## UCD Formulas

# ACUTE NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF UCDS

- Sick day diet plan
  - Diet plan is given to each family
    - No protein diet
    - Half protein diet
    - Usual Diet
- Hyperammonemia
  - Reverse catabolism
  - Medications

# UCD: EXAMPLE DIET

2 month old with Citrullinemia

4.56 kg (10#)

RDA Protein (if unaffected): 2.2 g/kg/d

RDA Calories (if unaffected): 108 kcal/kg/d

## SICK DAY DIET PLAN:

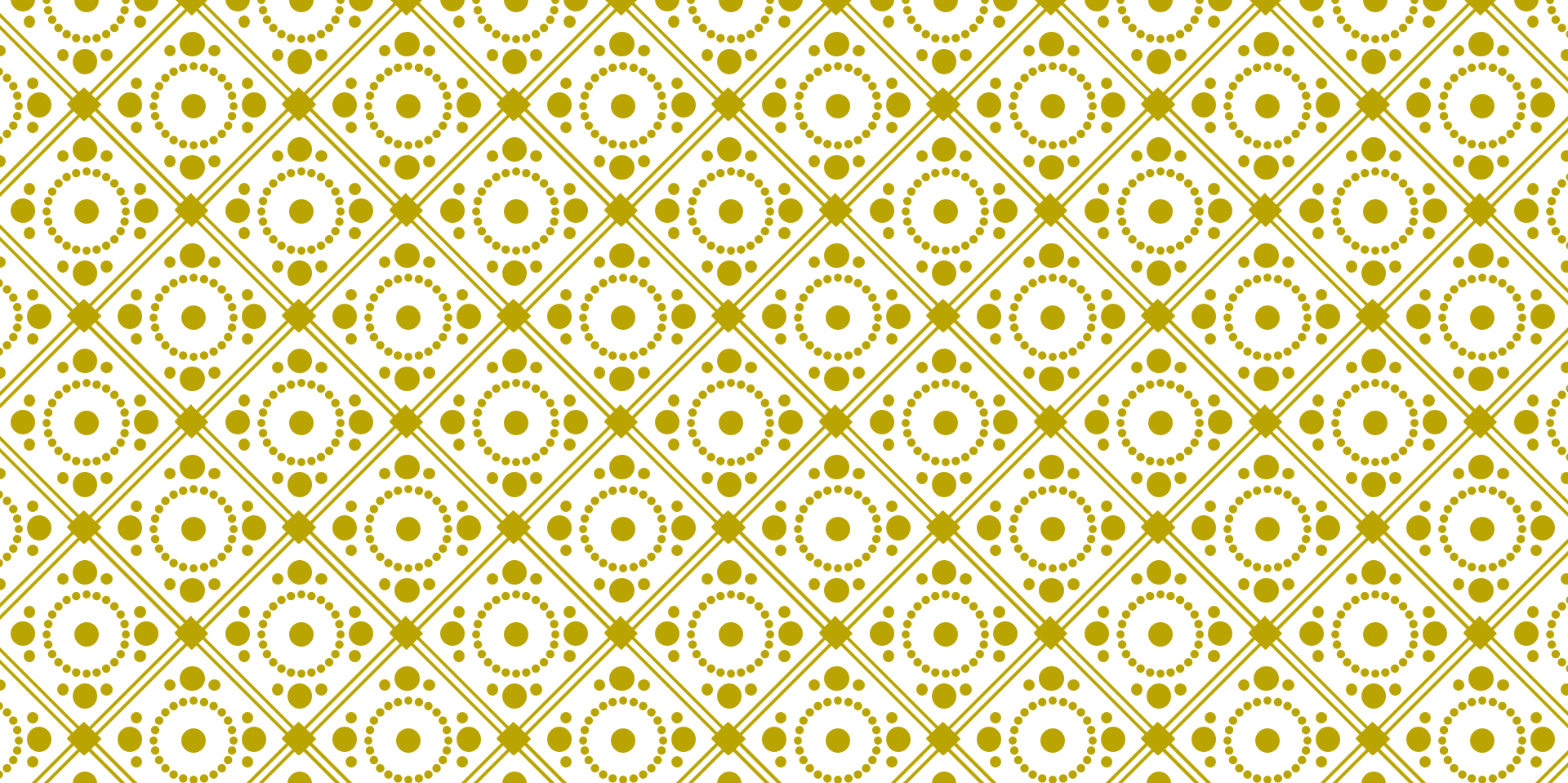
| Step | ProPhree(g) | WND 1 (g) | Enfamil Infant Powder(g) | total vol (mL) | total cals | cals/kg | Cc/kg | cal/oz | total Pro (g) | Pro/ kg |
|------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|---------------|---------|
| 1    | 126         | 0         | 0                        | 800            | 642.6      | 140.6   | 175.1 | 24.1   | 0             | 0.00    |
| 2    | 78          | 29        | 19                       | 800            | 639.7      | 140.0   | 175.1 | 24.0   | 3.804         | 0.83    |
| 3    | 32          | 57        | 38                       | 800            | 642        | 140.5   | 175.1 | 24.1   | 7.543         | 1.65    |

**Goal Recipe (Step 3):** 32 g ProPhree + 57 g WND 1 + 38 g Enfamil Infant + water to 800 mL total volume

**Goal regimen:** 100 ml q 3 hrs - Offer PO x 30 minutes then give remainder via G-tube.






# Medical Low Protein Food



# FATTY ACID OXIDATION DISORDERS (FAOD)

# FATTY ACID OXIDATION DISORDERS

Definition: metabolic conditions where the body has the inability to produce or utilize enzymes that oxidize fatty acids

| # of Carbons | Category          | Where oxidation occurs   | Associated Disorders  |
|--------------|-------------------|--|---|
| 2-4          | Short chain       | Mitochondria<br> carnitine    | Short chain acyl Co-A deficiency (SCADD)  |
| 6-12         | Medium chain      | Mitochondria<br> carnitine   | Medium chain acyl Co-A deficiency (MCADD)   |
| 14-20        | (Very) Long chain | Mitochondria<br> carnitine | Very long chain acyl Co-A deficiency (VLCADD)<br>Long chain hydroxy-acyl Co-A deficiency (LCHADD) |



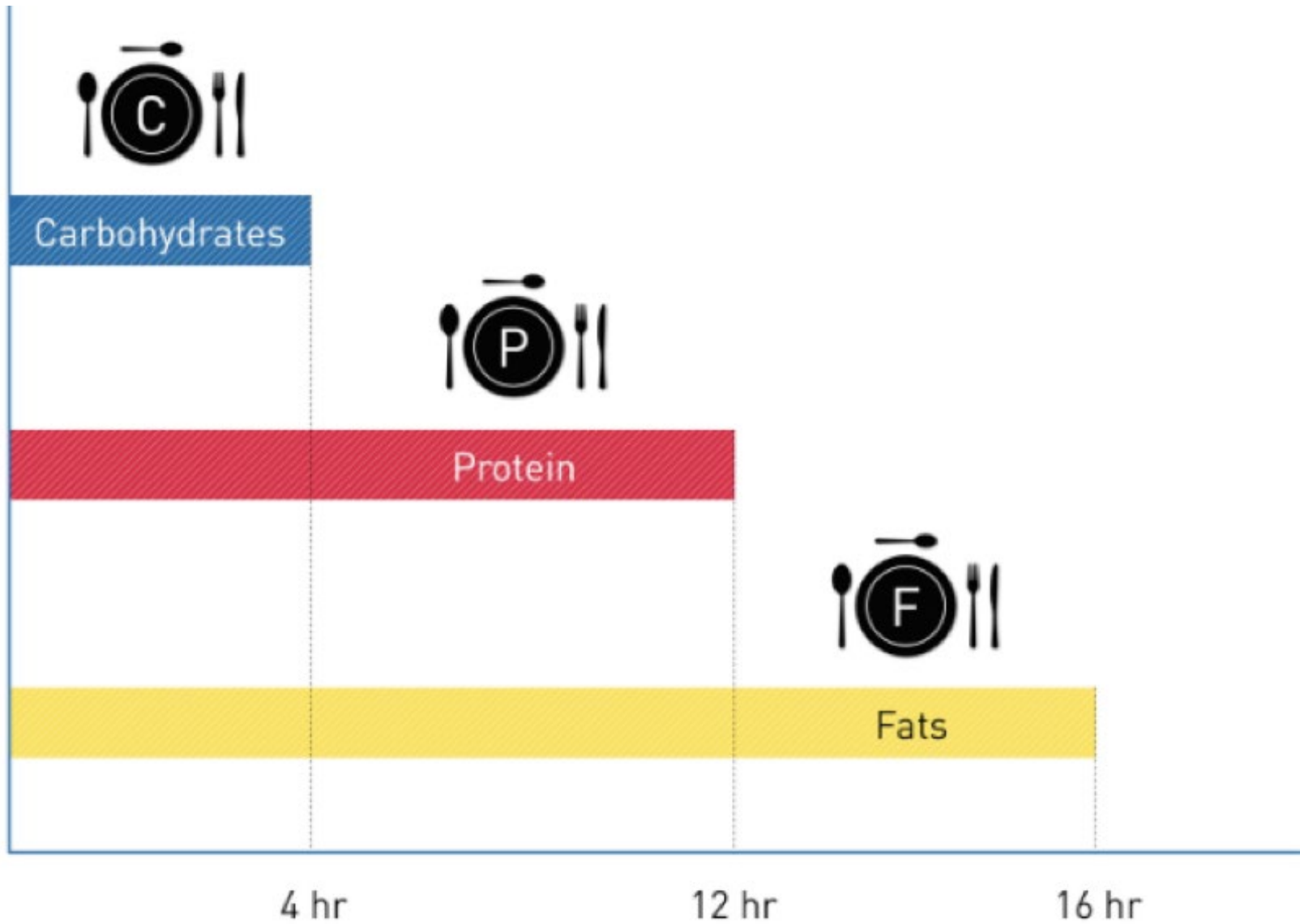
# NUTRITION THERAPY FOR FAODS



Avoid long chain fats as an energy source

- Avoid prolonged fasting
- Modify diet composition
  - Provide alternative energy sources
  - Supplement with Medium Chain Triglycerides (MCT)

# Avoid Prolonged Fasting



# MODIFYING DIET COMPOSITION FOR LCHADD AND VLCADD

- ❖ Restrict long chain fat (LCT)
- ❖ Supplement with MCT
- ❖ Total fat: 30% of diet
  - LCT: 10%
  - MCT: 20%



<https://www.nestlehealthscience.com/vitalfo/conditions/mctprocal-hcp>



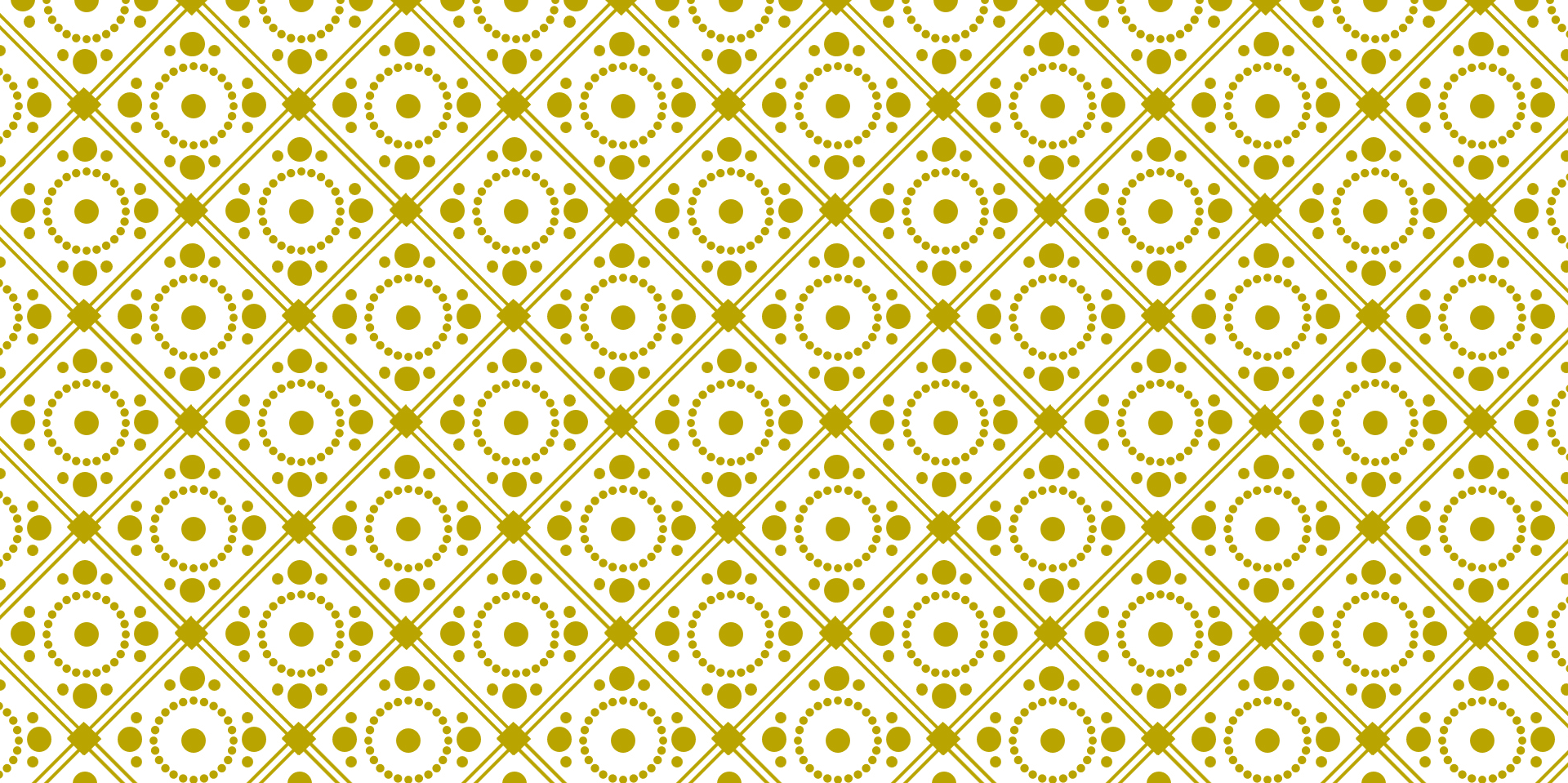
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# GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASES (GSD)

# GSD

Definition: a metabolic disorder caused by enzyme deficiencies which impair the synthesis or degradation of glycogen

## Symptoms:

- Liver affected genetic defect:
  - Hypoglycemia
- Muscle affected genetic defect:
  - Weakness
  - Difficulty with exercise

# NUTRITIONAL THERAPY FOR GSD TYPE I

- Frequent feedings to avoid fasting
  - Infants: every 2 hours
  - Children/Adults: every 4 hours
- Limit/exclude sucrose, fructose, and galactose
- Cornstarch Therapy
  - Mixed in sucrose-/lactose- free drink
    - 1g CS: 2-3 mL fluid
  - By mouth or via G-tube
  - Glycosade
  - Individualized dosing



<https://www.hy-vee.com/grocery/PD6244209/Argo-100-Pure-Corn-Starch>



<https://www.vitaflousa.com/products/glycosade>

# GSD 1A: EXAMPLE DIET

6 year old  
22 kg (48.4#)

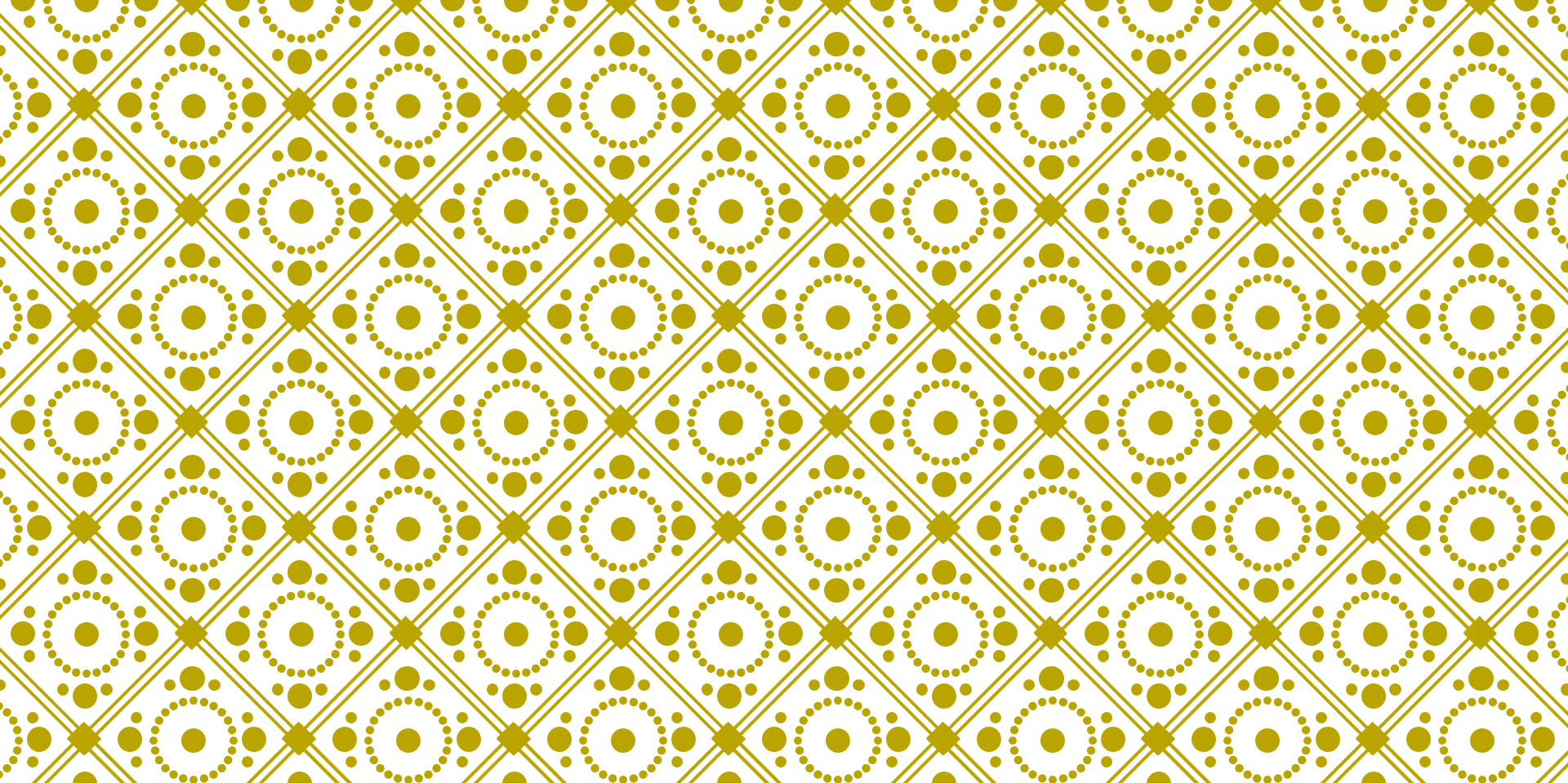
Diet Rx (prior to starting Glycosade):

16g UCCS Q4H (6am, 10am, 2pm, 6pm, 10pm, 2am)

Current Diet Rx (with Glycosade):

20 g Glycosade Q8H (6am, 2pm, 10pm)

\*\*UCCS = uncooked corn starch



# **GALACTOSEMIA**





# Current Diet Restrictions for Galactosemia

| Allowed Foods and Ingredients  | Menu planning ideas  |
|--|--|
| *Soy-based infant formulas containing soy protein isolate, amino acid-based elemental infant formulas  |  |
| *All fruits, vegetables and their juices, pickled fruits and vegetables  | Fruit salad, smoothies, herbed vegetables, pickled cucumbers   |
| *All legumes (e.g. navy beans, kidney beans, garbanzo beans, soybeans)   | Hummus, chili, burritos, black bean soup   |
| *Soy-based products that are not fermented (soy milk, tofu, textured soy protein, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, soy protein concentrate, meat analogs)   | Veggie burgers, tofu stir-fry, soy cheesecake  |
| *Aged Cheeses: <a href="#">Jarlsberg</a> , <a href="#">Emmentaler</a> , Swiss, Gruyere, <a href="#">Tilsiter</a> , Parmesan aged > 10 months, 100% Parmesan cheese powder, sharp cheddar cheese    | Grilled cheese sandwich, spaghetti sauce topped with parmesan, Caesar salad  |
| *Sodium and calcium <a href="#">caseinate</a>  |  |
| *All cocoa products except milk chocolate  | Hot chocolate, brownies, chocolate cake  |
| *Additional ingredients: natural and artificial flavorings, all gums including carrageenan   | Herbs, spices, extracts, even if the flavoring sounds like it might be made from milk. Given the extremely small amounts of flavorings added to foods, restriction is not necessary. |
| Restricted Foods and Ingredients   | Examples of foods to avoid   |
| Breast milk, all milk-based infant formulas  |  |
| All milk-based foods and beverages except for <a href="#">caseinates</a> and aged cheeses, listed above  | Sour cream, puddings, ice cream, yogurt  |
| All milk-based ingredients including buttermilk solids, casein, dry milk protein, dry milk solids, hydrolyzed whey protein, hydrolyzed casein protein, lactose, <a href="#">lactalbumin</a> , whey | Butter, whipped toppings, many packaged baked goods  |
| All cheese and cheese-based products except those listed above   | Soft cheeses such as ricotta, cottage or cream cheese  |
| Organ meats, meat-by-products  | Hot dogs (Kosher all-beef hot dogs are o.k.), some lunch meats, liver  |
| Soy products that are fermented (e.g. miso, <a href="#">natto</a> , <a href="#">tempeh</a> , <a href="#">sufu</a> ) <sup>1</sup>   | Miso soup  |
| Soy sauce <sup>2</sup>   |  |

\*Indicates foods or ingredients that were previously restricted or considered questionable by some clinics.

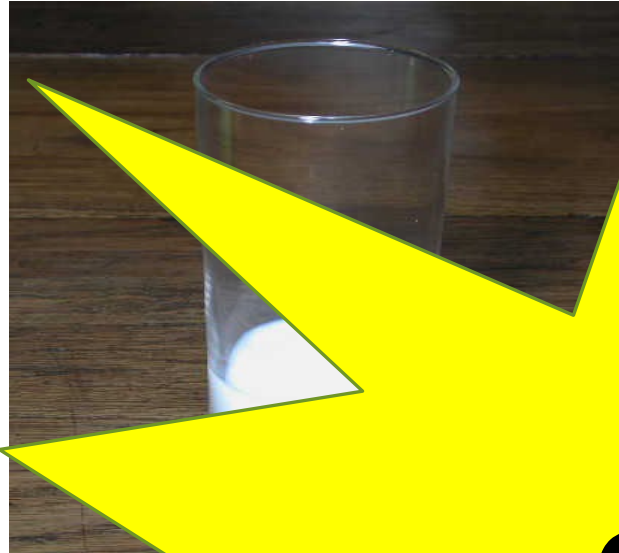
<sup>1</sup>These products are restricted until further analysis becomes available.

<sup>2</sup>Fermented soy sauce contains approximately 400 mg galactose/100 mL; the amount of soy sauce used in foods needs to be considered when determining acceptability.

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**25 mL milk**

**5.5 lbs tomatoes**

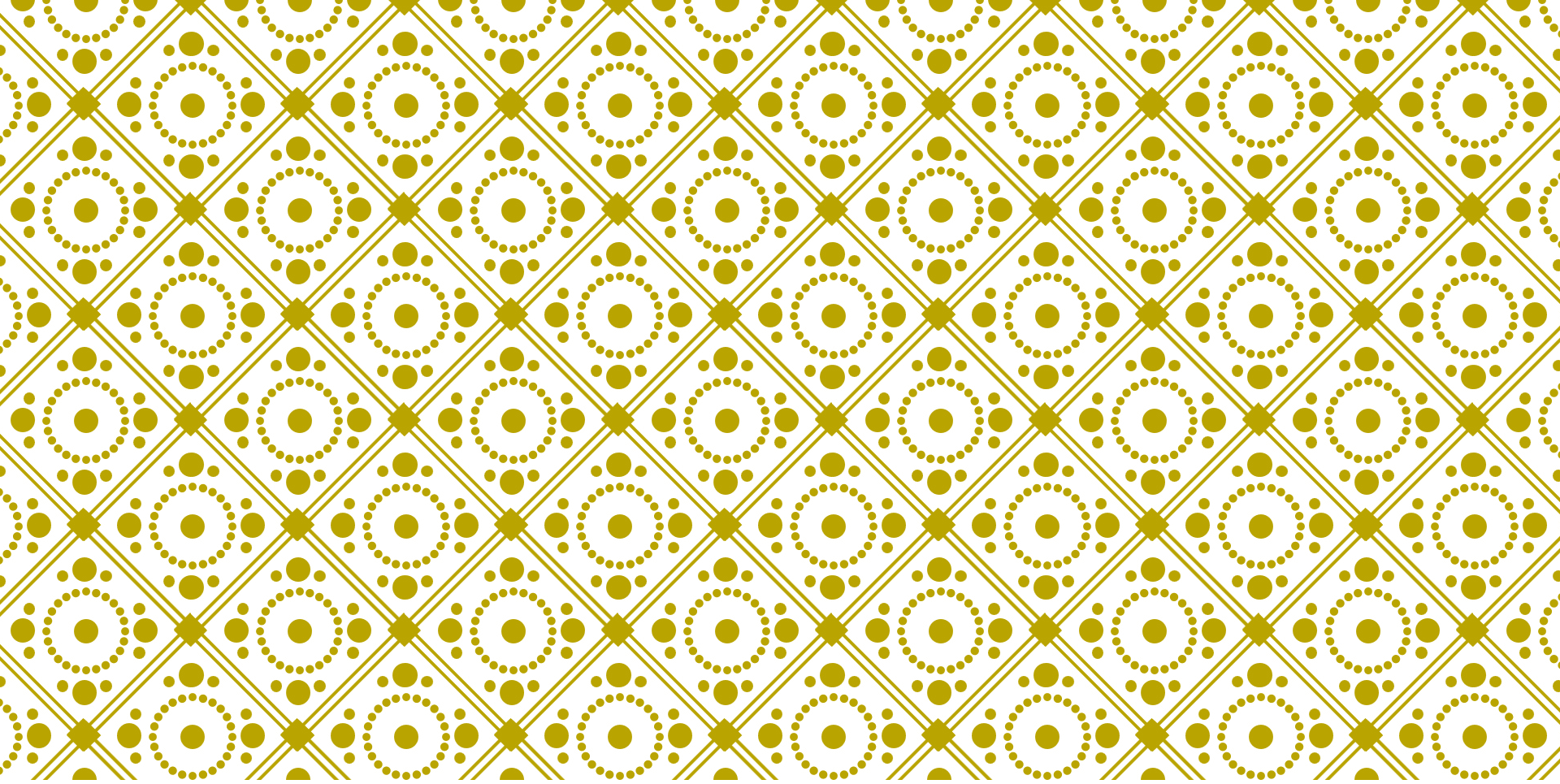


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**600 mg  
galactose**

**16.5 lbs**





# FUTURE

- Clinical trials
  - New therapies
    - Gene therapy
    - Medications
- Adding to NBS
- At home monitoring

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# CEU Evaluation

