

# Nutrients and the Innate Immune Response

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## Outline






- Overview of immune response
  - Innate and Adaptive
- Impact of stress on immune function
  - Heat
  - Crowding + Transport
  - Malnutrition
  - **Parturition**
  - Disease
- Nutrient utilization during inflammation
  - **Glucose**
  - Amino Acids
  - Lipids
- Impact of Vitamin/mineral supply on immune response
  - Vitamin E + Selenium
  - **Chromium**
- Take-home messages


## The immune system

- Leukocyte: White blood cells; cells of the immune system
- Innate
  - Non-specific
  - Neutrophils and macrophages
  - Macrophages:
    - Recruit neutrophils (PMN)
    - Phagocytose (i.e. engulf and kill)
    - Antigen presentation
  - PMN:
    - Chemotaxis
    - Phagocytose
- Adaptive
  - Specific
  - Vaccine development
  - Lymphocytes
    - T and B (antibody [Ig] production)

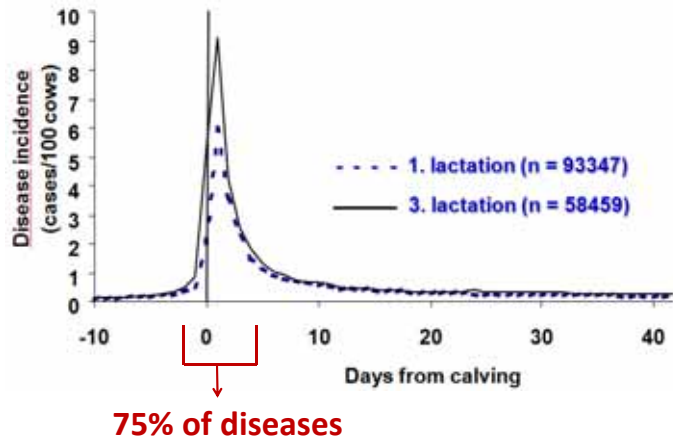
**Leukocytes**

-  Lymphocyte
-  Macrophage
-  Neutrophil
-  Eosinophil
-  Basophil

## Stress the Immune System: Parturition



## Disease incidence relative to calving



Adapted from Ingvarsten, 2006 and Ingvarsten and Moyes, 2013

## Dysfunctions observed in periparturient dairy cows

(Nielsen, 2002 and Ingvarsten, 2005)

Leukocytes	Dysfunction	Reference
Neutrophils (PMN)	↓ Oxidative metabolism <i>in vitro</i>	Detilleux <i>et al.</i> , 1995
	↓ Neutrophil chemotaxis <i>in vitro</i>	Kehrl <i>et al.</i> , 1989b
	↓ Antibody dependent cell-mediated cytotoxic reaction <i>in vitro</i>	Nagahata <i>et al.</i> , 1988
	↓ CD62L and CD18* expression <i>in vivo</i>	Cai <i>et al.</i> , 1994
	↓ Phagocytosis	Kehrl <i>et al.</i> , 1989b
Monocytes/Macrophages	↓ TNF- $\alpha$ production induced by LPS**	Lee & Kehrl, 1998
	↓ TNF- $\alpha$ production	Paape <i>et al.</i> , 1981
Lymphocytes	↓ Number in blood <i>in vivo</i>	Saad <i>et al.</i> , 1989
	↓ Cell division	Sordillo <i>et al.</i> , 1995
	↓ IFN- $\gamma$ production	Røntved, 2000
		Kehrl <i>et al.</i> , 1989a

\* CD62L and CD18: adhesion molecules involved in the migration from blood into tissue.  
 \*\* Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) constitutes a part of the cell surface of gram negative bacteria.

## What causes periparturient immunosuppression?

- Cumulative effect of a multitude of factors, including endocrine changes?
- Cortisol  $\uparrow$  - not a major contributor
- Milk yield?
- Physiological imbalance?
- Nutrition
- Genotype?
- Others?

Adapted from Ingvarsten, 2005

## Major Diseases During the Periparturient Period: Mastitis

- An *inflammation* of the mammary gland
- Most costly of all diseases in the dairy industry

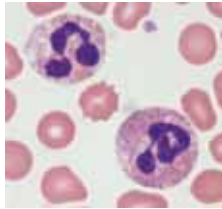
— > \$2 Billion annually (Cha *et al.*, 2011)



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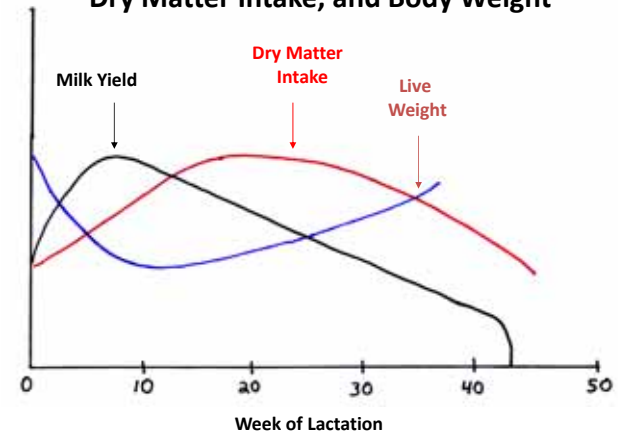
## Neutrophils (PMN) and the Immune Response

- Macrophages detect + recruit PMN
- ↑ somatic cells (SCC) indicator of mastitis
- During mastitis, 90% PMN in milk
  - Released from bone marrow
  - Short half-life
  - Few mitochondria
  - Utilize little oxygen
  - 1° phagocytose + kill
- Improving Macrophage + PMN function vital



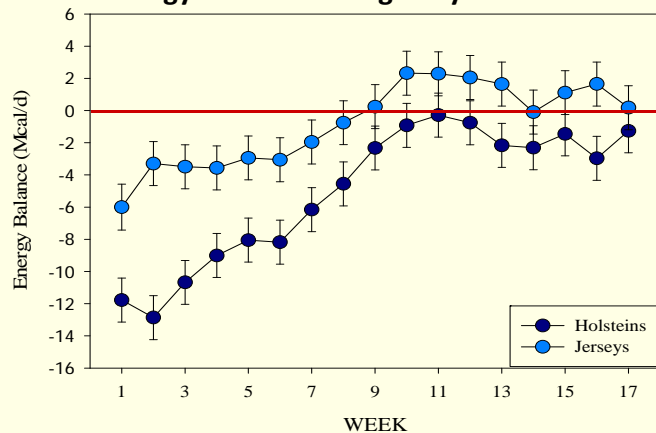
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## Relationships between Milk Yield, Dry Matter Intake, and Body Weight



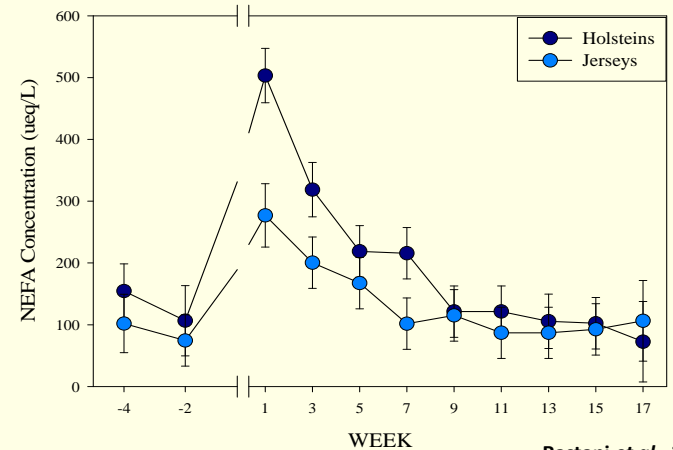
Garnsworthy, 1988

## Energy Balance During Early Lactation



Rastani et al., 2001

## Non-Esterified Fatty Acid (NEFA) Concentrations During the Transition Period



Rastani et al., 2001

## Major Diseases During the Periparturient Period: Ketosis and Fatty Liver

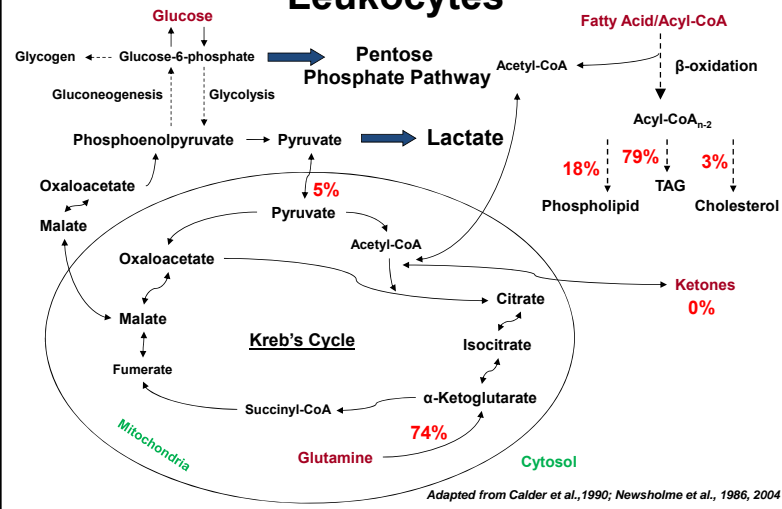
- **Ketosis**
  - ↑ ketones (i.e. BHBA); >1.2 mM
- **Fatty liver (i.e. hepatic lipidosis)**
  - NEFA uptake >>> oxidation + export
  - Liver triacylglyceride (TAG)

Liver Category	Liver TAG (% wet wt)
Normal	< 1%
Mild	1-5%
Moderate	5-10%
Severe	>10%

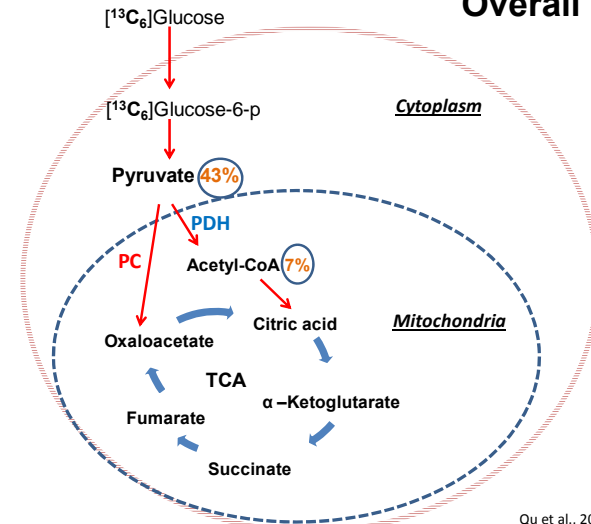
*Adapted from Bobe et al., 2004*

## Nutrient Utilization During Inflammation

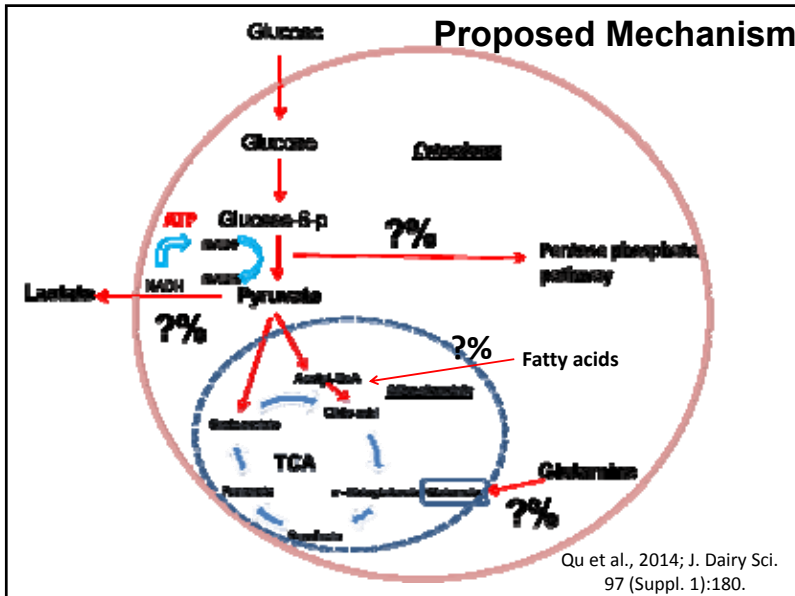
## Fates of Energetic Fuels in Leukocytes



## Overall Effect



*Qu et al., 2014; J. Dairy Sci. 97 (Suppl. 1):180.*



### Nutrients and Leukocyte Function

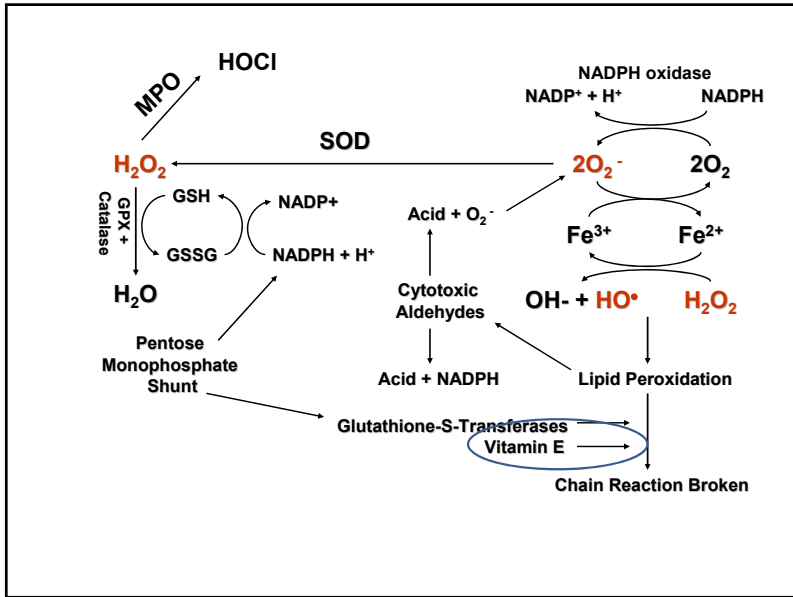
Nutrient	Effect on Immunity	
	Inhibitory (-)	Stimulatory (+)
Glutamine		Cytokine and ROM production; phagocytosis; CD4 T cell adherence
Glucose		Proliferation, survival, differentiation; chemotaxis/ phagocytosis
Free fatty acids (NEFA) (Saturated vs. unsaturated)	Phagocytosis; IgM secretion; cytokine production; cell viability; diapedesis; antigen presentation	Phagocytosis; oxidative burst; cytokine and ROM production; TLR activation
Ketones (BHBA)	Chemotaxis; phagocytosis; PMN trap formation; oxidative burst; ROM production; IgM secretion	
Energy Balance	Chemotaxis; phagocytosis; diapedesis; antigen presentation; acute phase response; oxidative burst; cytokine production	Diapedesis; antigen presentation; acute phase response; cytokine production; TLR signaling

*Adapted from Ingvarsen and Moyes, 2013*

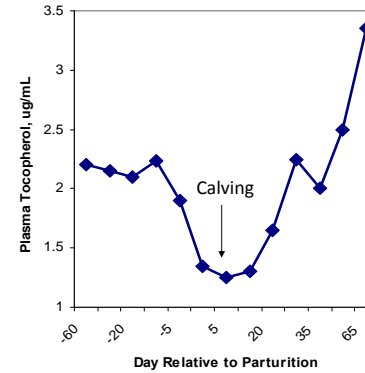
## Vitamin/Mineral Supply and the Immune Response

## Vitamin E (alpha-tocopherol)

- **General Aspects:**
  - Most important fat-soluble antioxidant
  - Protects membrane lipids from oxidative damage



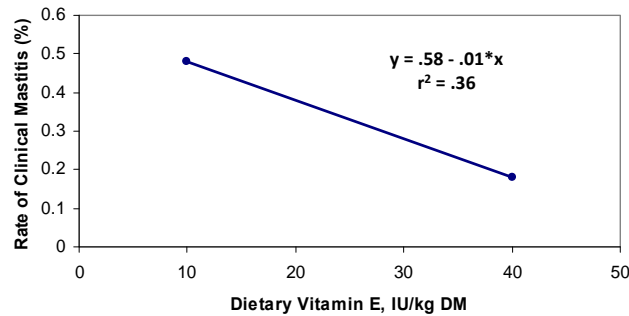
## The Effect of Vitamin E on Mammary Gland Health During the Transition Period



- Plasma Vitamin E suppression coincides with **↑** incidence of disease around calving
- Reducing the suppression of plasma vitamin E may help **↓** incidence of disease during transition period

Adapted from Weiss et al., 1990

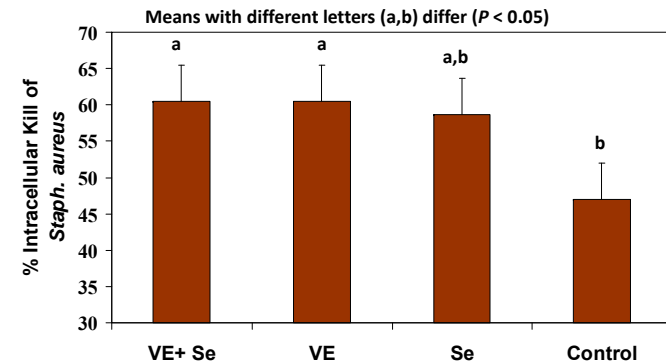
Dietary vitamin E **↓** the rate of clinical mastitis<sup>1</sup> ( $P < .09$ ).



<sup>1</sup>Rate of clinical mastitis = [(# cases/305) + .001]

Adapted from Weiss et al., 1990

Percent intracellular kill of *Staph. aureus* in blood PMN **↑** with vitamin E (VE), Selenium (Se) or both.



Note: VE = 90 mg/kg concentrate DM; Se = 0.45 mg/kg concentrate DM

Adapted from Hogan et al., 1990

## Mechanistic Action of Chromium (Cr)

- Cr and glucose metabolism
  - Modulates tissue response to insulin (Vincent, 2004)
- Cr and stressors
  - Stress reduces Cr excretion + Cr status (Yasui et al., 2014)
    - Gestation
    - Lactation
    - Infection
- Unclear role Cr supplementation for periparturient cows

## Cr supplementation in lactating dairy cows

- ↑ Improves insulin sensitivity during periparturient period (Subiyatno et al., 1996) and glucose tolerance (Hayirli et al., 2001)
- ↑ DMI (Smith et al., 2005; Hayirli et al., 2001)
- ↑ Milk yield + components (Hayirli et al., 2001; Smith et al., 2005; Vargas-Rodriguez et al., 2014)
- Improves energy metabolism during early lactation
  - ↓ NEFA (Bryan et al., 2004; Soltan, 2010; Yasui et al., 2014)
  - ↓ Loss in body condition (Hayirli et al., 2001; Soltan, 2010)
  - ↑ Energy balance (Soltan, 2010)
  - ↓ Cytological endometritis (Yasui et al., 2014)
    - Improves reproductive performance (Bryan et al., 2004; Soltan, 2010)
- Role of Cr on mammary epithelial cells in vitro (Garcia et al., unpublished)

## Chromium Modulates Innate Immune Response

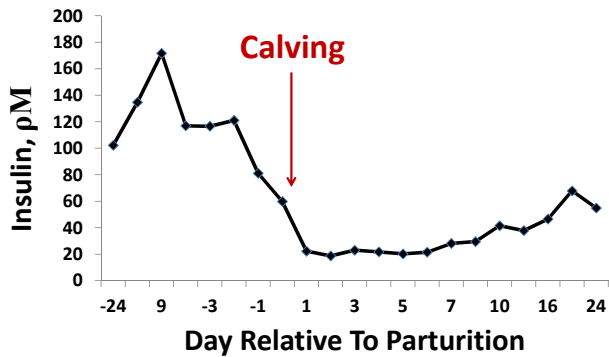
- Circulating monocytes
  - ↑ Antibody response around calving (Burton et al., 1993)
  - ↓ TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-2 production during peak lactation (Burton et al., 1996)
  - ↑ monocytes, glucose, *IGF1* and *SLC2A3*; ↓ TNF- $\alpha$  production; Primi- > multi-parous cows mid-lactation (Garcia et al., 2016 under review)
- Circulating PMN
  - ↑ *TNFA* during peak lactation (Yuan et al., 2014)
  - ↑ % PMN in early lactation (Yasui et al., 2014)
- Cr improves anti-inflammatory response for heat-stressed cows in mid-lactation
  - ↑ IL-10 and I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  (Zhang et al., 2014)

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## Serum concentration of insulin around calving

(Adapted From Ingvarthsen et al., 1995)



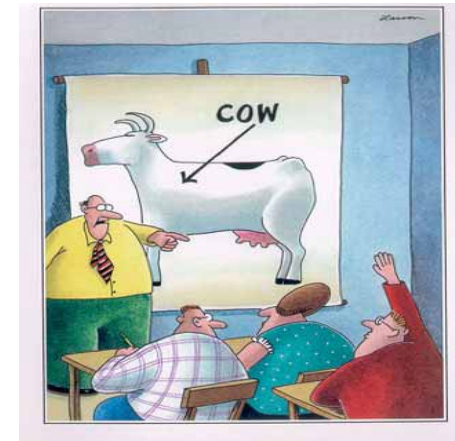
## Insulin receptors on leukocytes in cows

- Leukocytes use insulin-independent receptors (GLUT-1 and GLUT-3) for glucose uptake
- Insulin receptors are present on bovine monocytes with low expression on PMN (Nielsen et al., 2003)
  - Insulin receptors stimulate leukocyte functions (Spagnoli et al., 1995)
  - Suggests insulin plays a role in PMN recruitment???
- Cr supplementation improve bovine monocyte insulin response?

## Take-Home Messages

- Most cows immunosuppressed around calving
- Major nutrients that change around calving alter immune response
  - Glucose + glutamine = ↑
  - Ketones = ↓
  - Fatty acids = ???
- Vitamins/Minerals alter immune response
  - VE + Se = ↑
  - Chromium = ↑ ??
    - Altered by age, physiological state, stage of lactation, other stressors

## Questions?



"Yes...I believe there is a question in the back"