

Nutritional support and metabolic care are indispensable parts of patient care. Moreover, they have paramount potential for integration almost all disciplines of medicine through their nutritional and metabolic aspects. The scientific progress in this field is exciting and the latest information transfers and reliable education are essential for their dissemination into broad clinical practice and also for improvement of nutritional and metabolic care standards. This is the principal goal of all editions of the >>Blue Book<< – Basics in Clinical Nutrition.

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Key topics

- Basic concepts in nutrition
- Nutritional physiology and biochemistry
- Indications for nutritional support
- Organisation and legal aspects
- Substrates used for parenteral and enteral nutrition
- Techniques of nutritional support
- Enteral nutrition
- Parenteral nutrition
- Monitoring of nutrition support

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