

# Review of: "Knowledge, Perception and Challenges of Implementing Nutrition Screening: A Survey of Healthcare Professionals"

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1. Abstract Background: Not certain what "short practices to screen..." is referring to. Please rephrase.
2. **Malnutrition is a common problem, affecting a high percentage of surgical patients; it is frequently observed in 60-85% of surgical patients undergoing common medical procedures.** I cannot find this easily at the reference provided ([https://www.who.int/health-topics/malnutrition#tab=tab\\_1](https://www.who.int/health-topics/malnutrition#tab=tab_1)), so a more detailed citation is needed; firstly, but secondly, I find this statistic hard to believe on a global scale, although I may be wrong. Nonetheless, the geographic and temporal context for this statement should be included.
3. What bothers me even more about the opening sentence of the article listed above is its near word-for-word correspondence with this sentence from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4240570/> :  
  
"Malnutrition is a common problem, affecting a high percentage of cancer patients, it is frequently observed in 60-85% of surgical patients with an upper gastrointestinal cancer (21)."

Furthermore, the second sentence of this paper:

**Malnutrition in the pre-operative period is associated with increased morbidity, mortality, length-of-stay, and healthcare costs [2]**

corresponds almost verbatim with <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8390283/> :

"Malnutrition in the perioperative period is associated with increased morbidity, mortality, length-of-stay and healthcare costs (Weimann et al. 2017)" Reference 2 for this paper is Weimann, as with the paper it is sourced from.

The third sentence of this paper:

**These patients are at particular risk due to inadequate oral intake, cancer cachexia, muscle protein depletion, and gastrointestinal inflammation**

corresponds to <https://perioperativemedicinejournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13741-021-00196-2> :

"These patients are at particular risk due to inadequate oral intake, cancer cachexia, muscle protein depletion and

systemic inflammation (West et al. [2017](#); Arends et al. [2017](#); Bozzetti et al. [2007](#); Correia et al. [2001](#))” Note that references 3, 4, and 5 in this paper are respectively Arends, Bozzetti, and Correia. West is not referenced.

The fourth sentence of this paper:

**Optimising nutrition pre-operatively has been shown to improve outcomes after surgery [6] and may impact long-term health outcomes [7].**

Corresponds to <https://perioperativemedicinejournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13741-021-00196-2> :

“Optimising nutrition pre-operatively has been shown to improve outcomes after surgery (Pan et al [2013](#); Vaid et al. [2012](#)) and may impact long-term health outcomes (Horowitz et al. [2015](#)).” Note that Vaid is reference 6 in this paper's reference list, and Horowitz is reference 7. Pan is not referenced.

This opening paragraph is a serious indication of plagiarism, and as such, I am refusing to review the paper any further, and request that the paper be removed from Qeios.