**Nutritional management of children with cancer**

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Leukaemia

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Infants, metastatic disease, rare leukaemias, brain and spinal tumours

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Diagnosis occurs in crucial growing time

4. When would you consider enteral nutrition support?

Functioning GIT tract

LOW >5%

Mild to moderate GI symptoms

Poor oral intake and loss of appetite

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Obesity, behavioural eating problems, gastrointestinal recovery, oral hypersensitivity, dysphagia, lower bone density