

Newsflash VITA-TRACE for ESICM

Over the last weeks, the ESICM MEN section conducted the VITA-TRACE on-line survey. Thanks to enthusiastic input by many ESICM members this became a true success! An e-mail blast with targeted reminders by the ESICM Research Department and some additional promotional work by the MEN section members (*see slide below*) resulted in more than 300 on-line surveys completed until now! The survey will be closed soon. Thank you very much to all participants!



This 20 questions-survey aims at better understanding how ICU physicians and allied health care professionals monitor, prevent and treat micronutrient deficiencies. The content of the survey has been discussed in several interactive meetings of the MEN section and fine-tuned by section members *Michael Casaer MD PhD* and *Jan Gunst MD PhD*. It was translated into a 21st century-style attractive and user friendly digital questionnaire by *Wouter Vankrunkelsven MD*, who conducted and monitored the on-line survey. The results will allow the MEN section members to elaborate research priorities and may identify areas where immediate improvement can be advocated today.

Investigating a potential role of micronutrient deficiencies in the pathophysiology of prolonged critical illness will not be straight forward but may make a true difference for patients and their proxies.

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