

Malnutrition Screening Tool (MST)

STEP 1: Screen with the MST

1 Have you recently lost weight without trying?

No	0
Unsure	2

If yes, how much weight have you lost?

2-13 lb	1
14-23 lb	2
24-33 lb	3
34 lb or more	4
Unsure	2

Weight loss score:

2 Have you been eating poorly because of a decreased appetite?

No	0
Yes	1

Appetite score:

Add weight loss and appetite scores

MST SCORE:

STEP 2: Score to determine risk

**MST = 0 OR 1
NOT AT RISK**
Eating well with little or no weight loss

If length of stay exceeds 7 days, then rescreen, repeating weekly as needed.

**MST = 2 OR MORE
AT RISK**
Eating poorly and/or recent weight loss

Rapidly implement nutrition interventions. Perform nutrition consult within 24-72 hrs, depending on risk.

STEP 3: Intervene with nutritional support for your patients at risk of malnutrition.

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Ferguson, M et al. Nutrition 1999 15:458-464