

# selenase®

a chance for your intensive care patients

very well tolerated

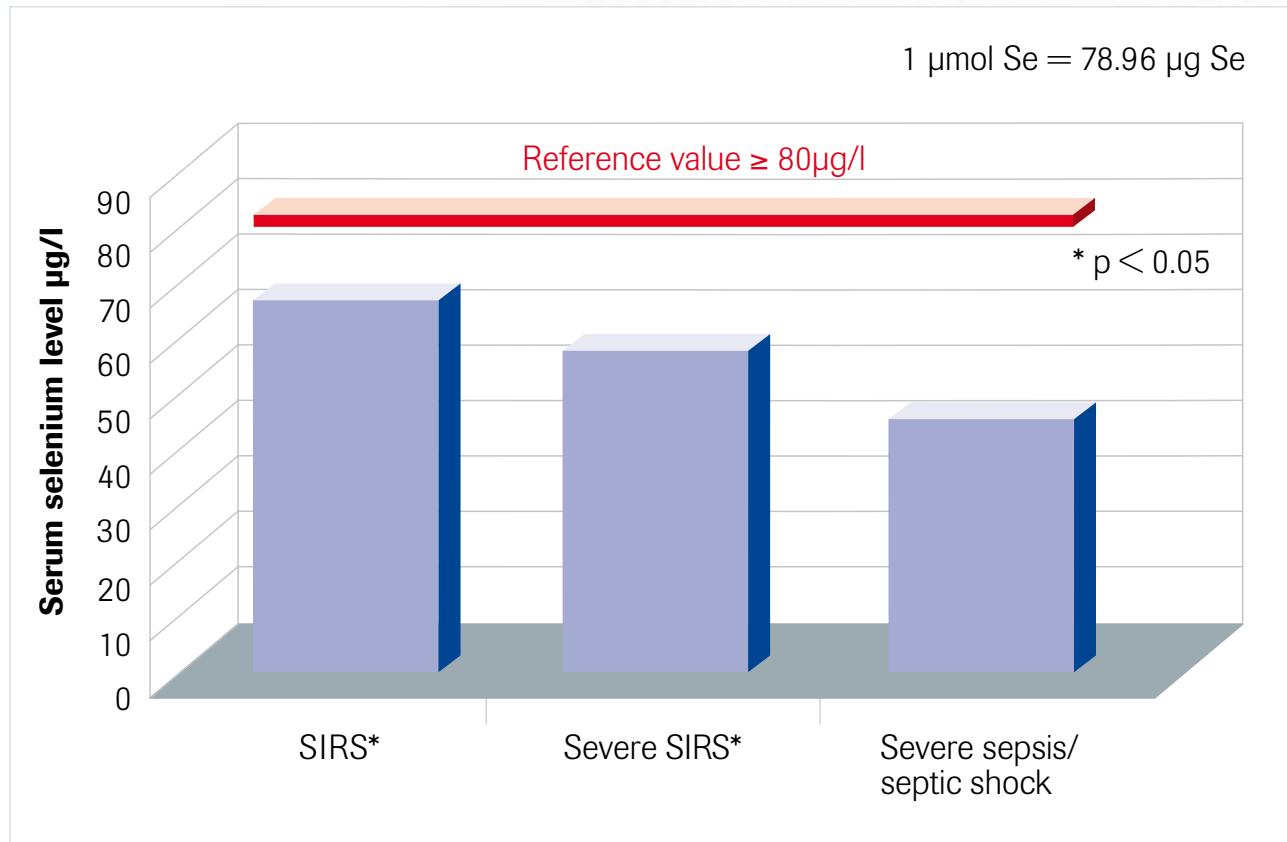
modulates inflammatory and  
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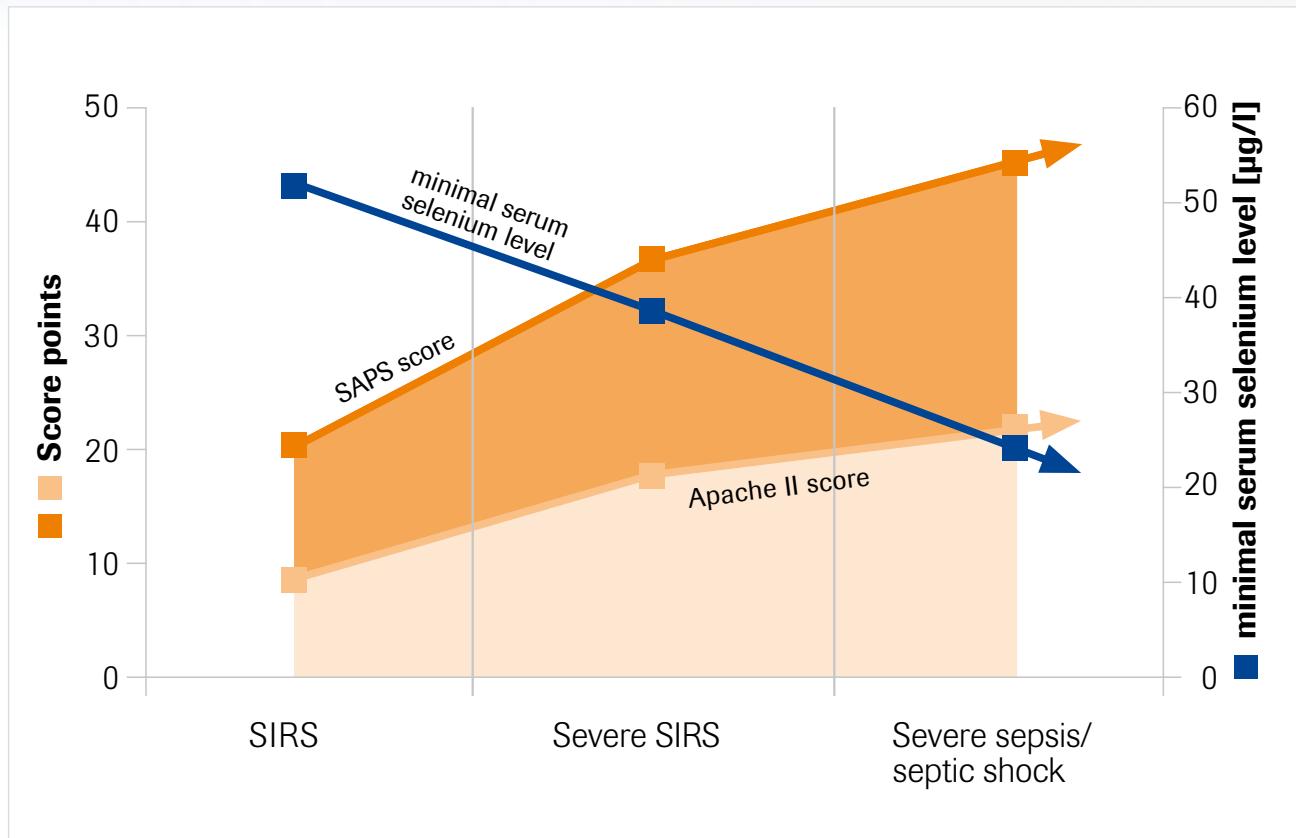


## Initial serum selenium levels in sepsis compared to reference values



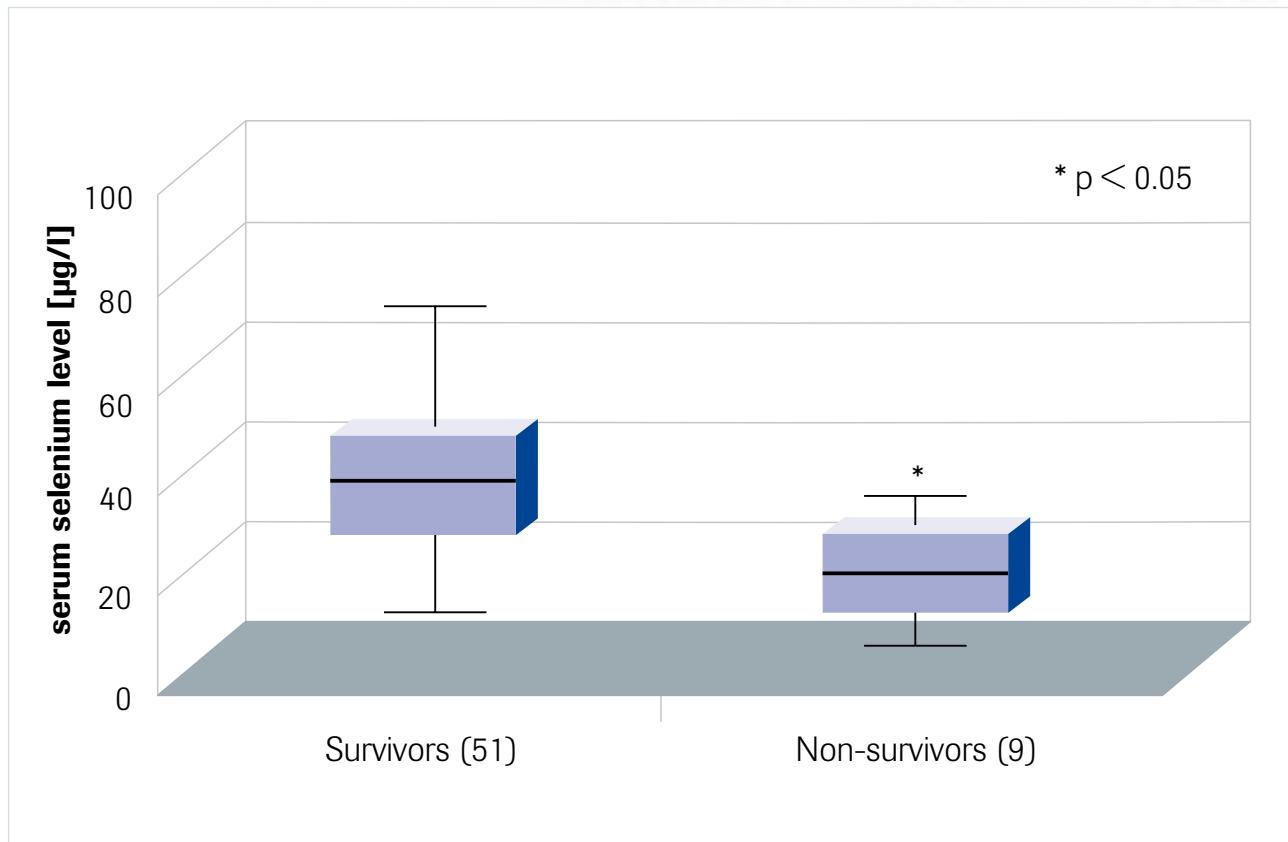
→ **Patients with SIRS and sepsis have low selenium levels**

# Minimal serum selenium levels in intensive care patients compared to APACHE II and SAPS score



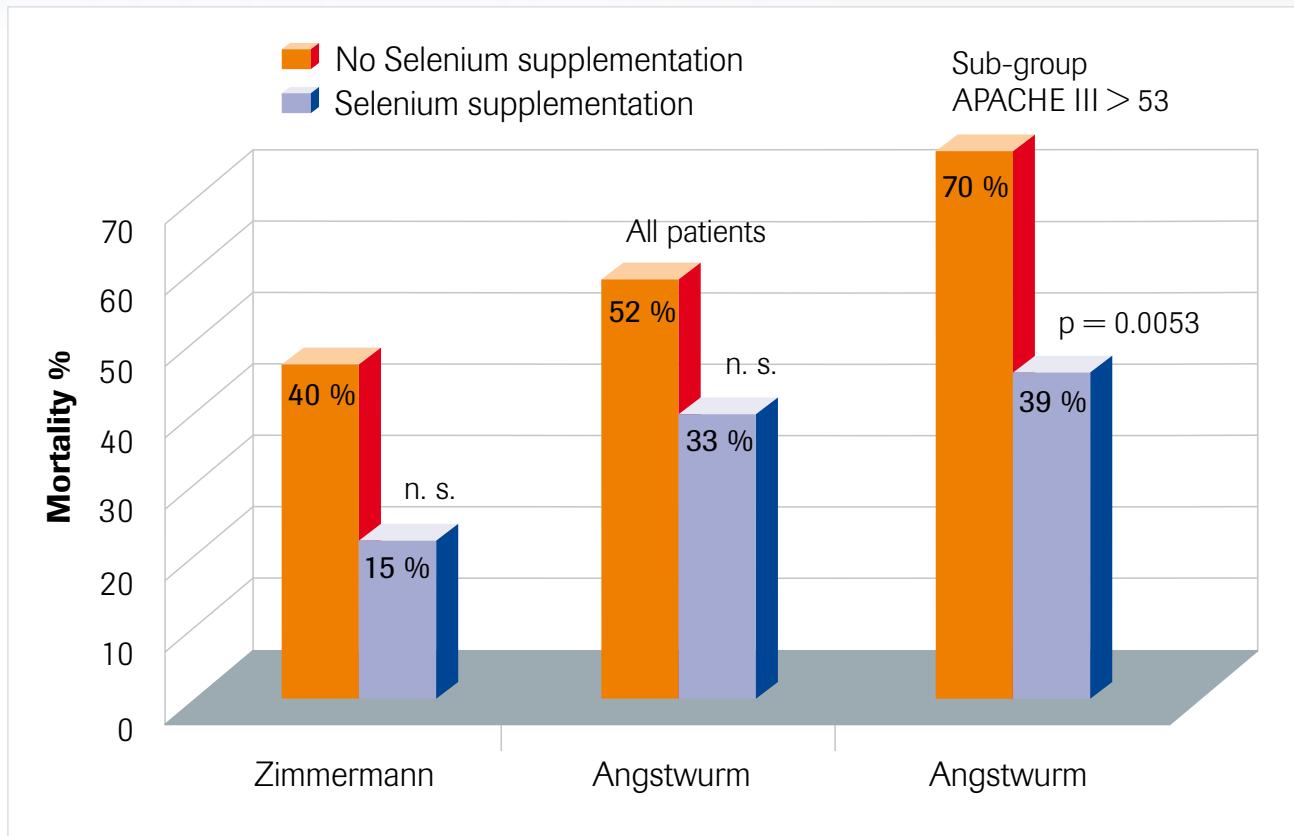
→ **Selenium levels correlate inversely with severity of disease and risk of mortality**

# Minimal serum selenium levels in intensive care patients correlate with outcome



→ **Survivors have higher selenium levels**

# Change of mortality during selenase® supplementation



→ **selenase® administration improves prognosis**

## Significant reduction of:

- inflammatory reaction (Zimmermann et al. 1997)
- free radical burden (Zimmermann et al. 1997)
- acute renal failure (Angstwurm et al. 1999)

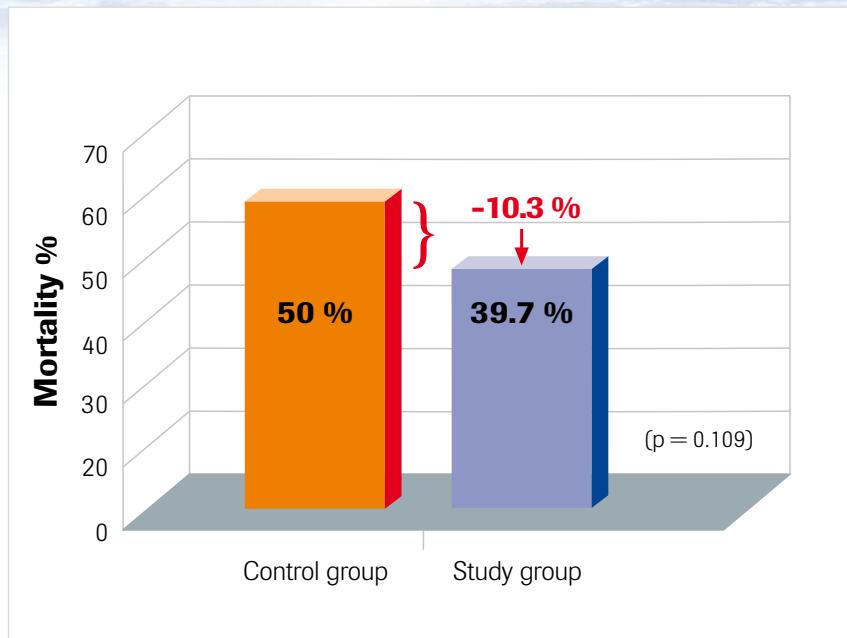
# Selenium in Intensive Care (SIC)

Prospective, randomised, double-blind, Phase III multi-centre study in patients with SIRS/Sepsis

28-day mortality

Intention-to-treat analysis

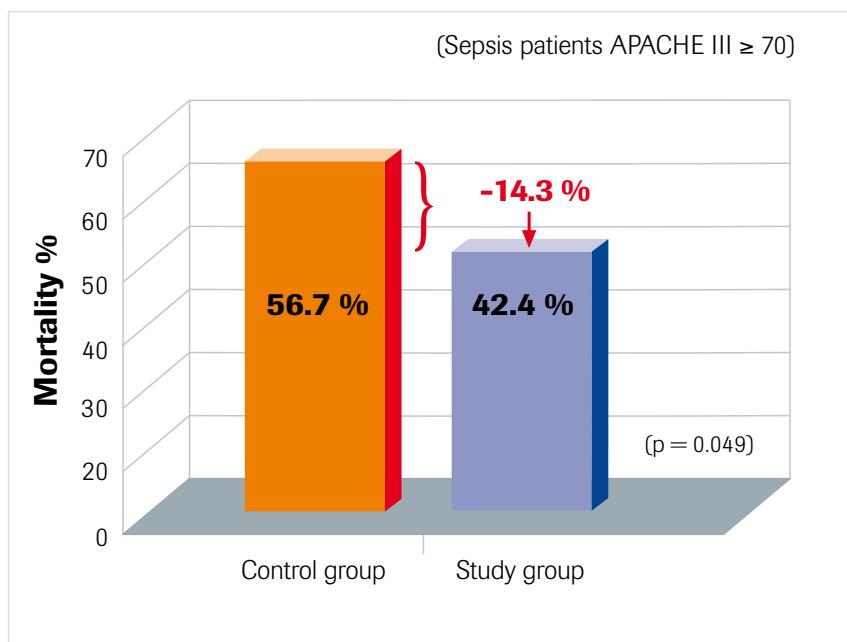
Angstwurm et al. 2007



28-day mortality

Per-protocol group

Angstwurm et al. 2007



**selenase® significantly reduces mortality**

# SIC-Study Subgroups

## Reduction of mortality:

**SIC in total:** **– 14.3 %**  
( $p = 0.049$ )

## NNT

(Number needed to treat)



Defined sub-groups:

**Septic shock:** **– 26.1 %**  
( $p = 0.018$ )



**APACHE III ≥ 102:** **– 25.9 %**  
( $p = 0.040$ )



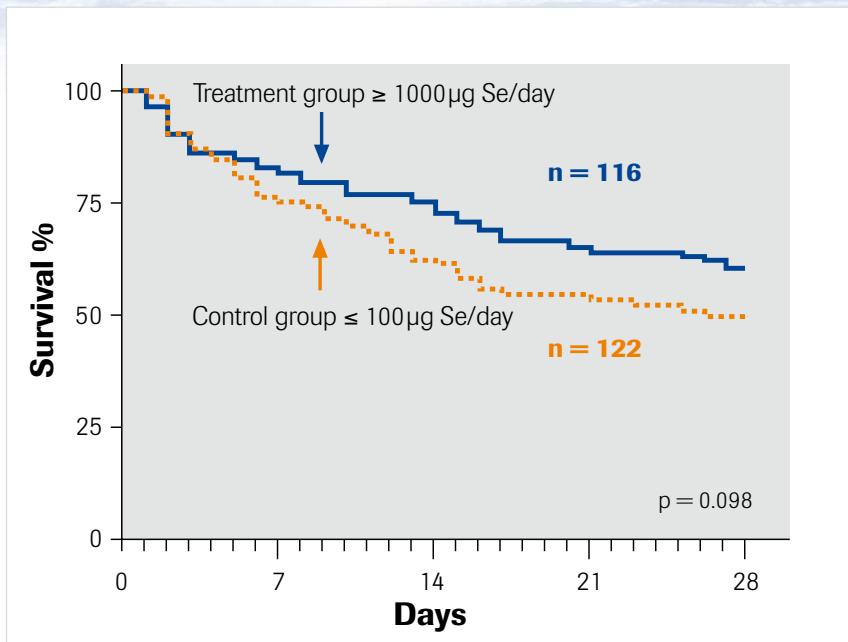
**> 3 Organ failures:** **– 22.6 %**  
( $p = 0.039$ )



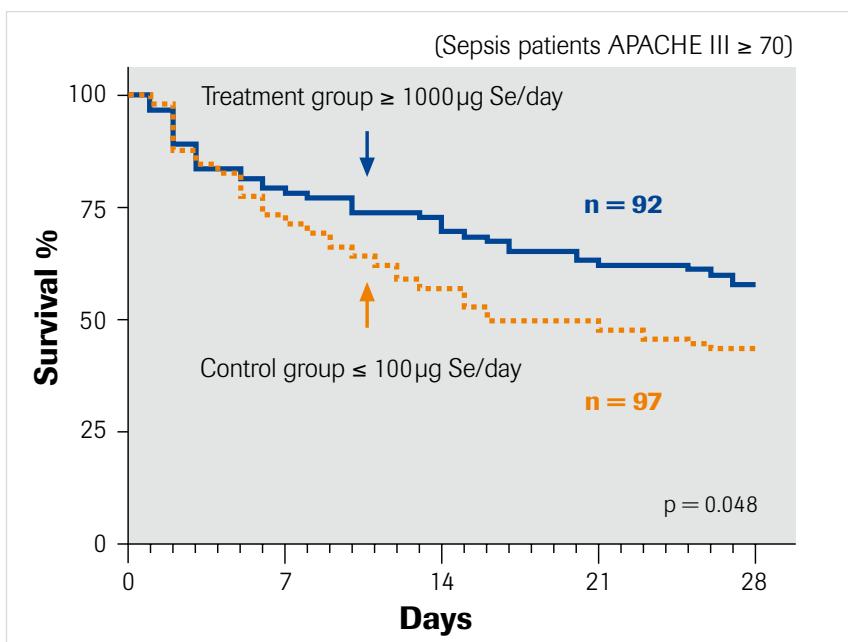
→ **selenase® is efficacious**

# Duration of survival according to Kaplan-Meier

Intention-to-treat analysis  
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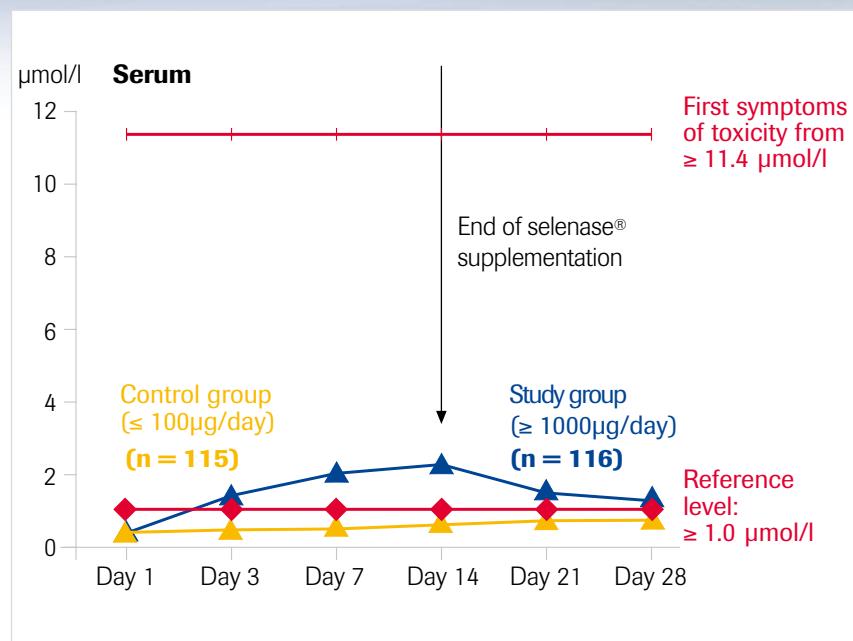
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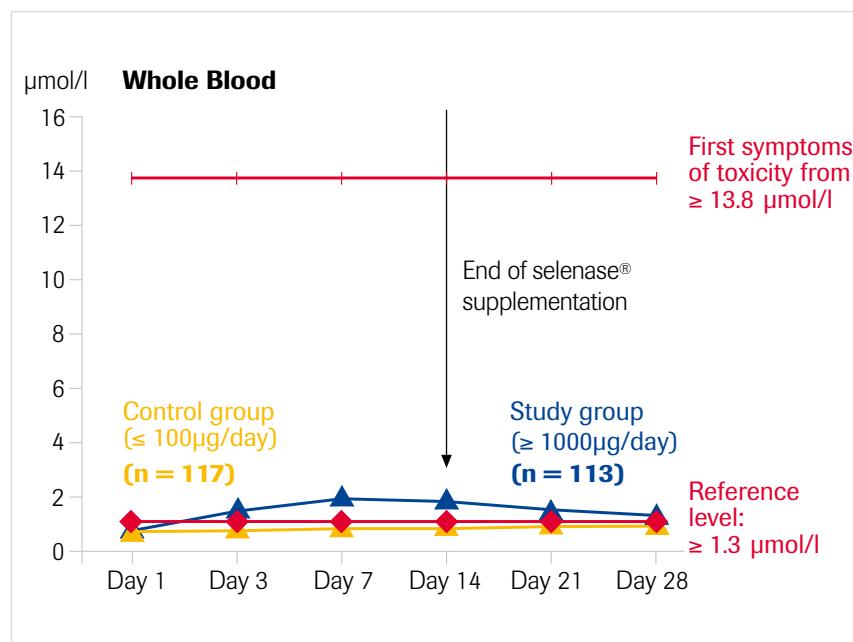
→ **selenase® significantly prolongs survival**

# Course of selenium levels

Selenium consumption is particularly high in the acute phase of sepsis/SIRS



Intracellular selenium concentration (whole blood) is the decisive factor for its action



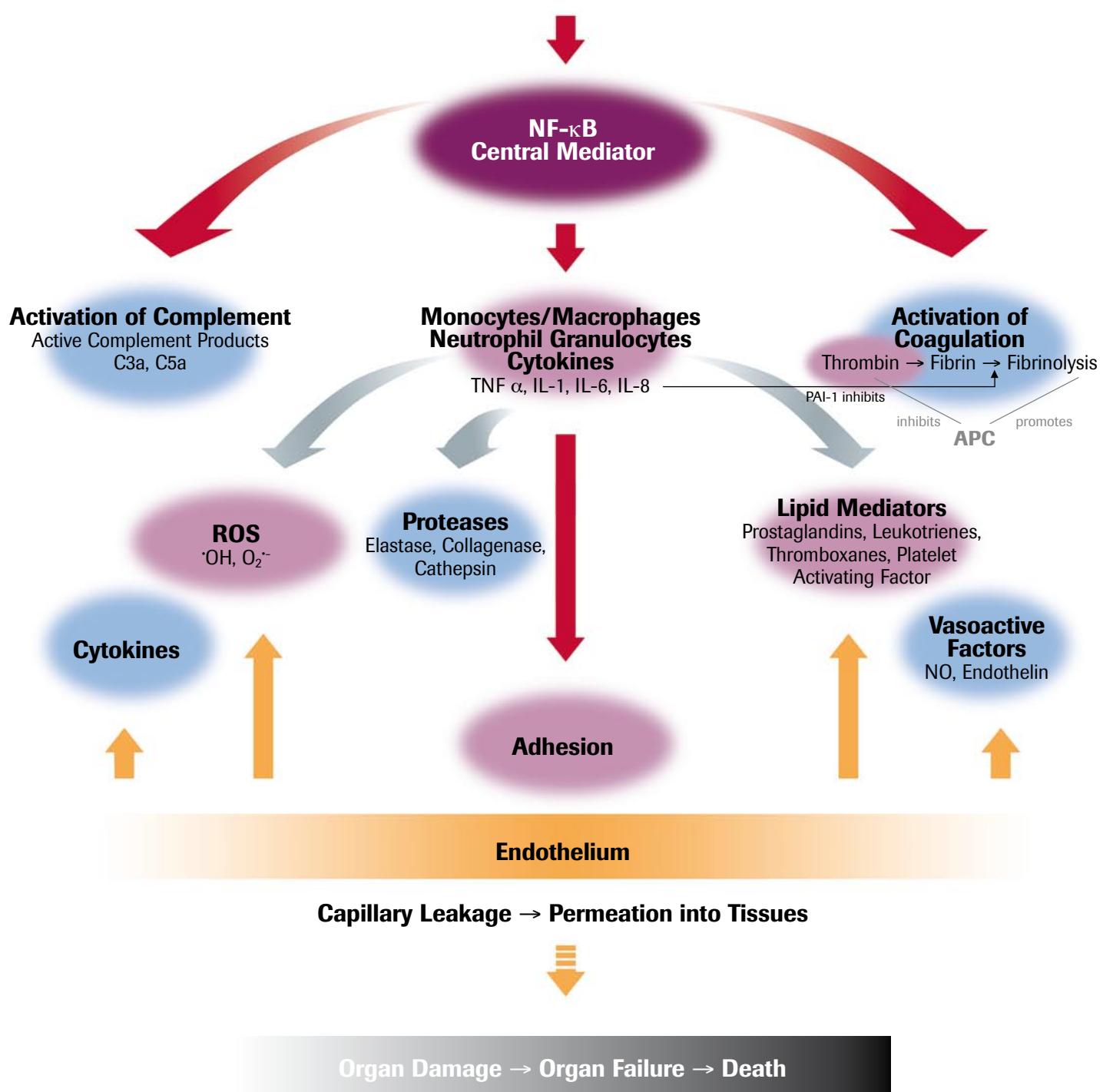
→ **High dose selenase® supplementation is safe**

# selenase®

## affects Central Metabolic

### Pathophysiology of SIRS/Sepsis

#### Invasion of Bacteria and Toxins



# Mediators

## NF-κB

As well as increasing GPx-1 and GPx-4 activity selenite reduces NF-κB activation.

(Brigelius-Flohé et al. 1997, 2003; Kretz-Remy et al. 1996)

## Complement

Selenite reduces complement activation.

(Hou 1997)

## Cytokines

Selenium is essential for the immune system, acts as an immune modulator (antioxidant and anti-inflammatory).

(Ferencik und Ebringer 2003; Rovensky et al. 2002)

## ROS

(Reactive Oxygen Species)

As well as GPx-1, -2, -3, -4 and TR selenite reduces peroxides and regulate the cellular redox state.

Oxidative stress induces the expression of GPx and TR.

(McKenzie et al. 2002)

## Lipid mediators

The presence of selenium and thus an adequate GPx-3 and GPx-4 activity inhibits thromboxane synthesis in favor of prostacyclin synthesis: vasodilation ↑ coagulation ↓.

(Brigelius-Flohé et al. 2003)

## Adhesion

Selenite inhibits TNF $\alpha$  induced expression of endothelial adhesion molecules (ICAM-1, VCAM-1, ELAM-1, E-selectin, P-selectin).

(Zhang et al. 2002, Horvathova et al. 1999)

## Endothelium

1. Endothelial cells produce GPx-1, GPx-4 and TR. These regulate vascular tone (maintenance of O $2^-$ /NO $^\bullet$  balance), cell adhesion (control of expression of cell adhesion molecules), apoptosis (inhibition/promotion of apoptosis-signal-regulating kinase 1), and eicosanoid production (control of activity of cyclooxygenases and lipoxygenases).

2. An acidic milieu (inflammation) promotes recruiting of SelP into the endothelium (protection against formation of peroxy-nitrite (ONOO $^\bullet$ ) from superoxide anion (O $2^-$ ) and nitric oxide radicals (NO $^\bullet$ )).

(Brigelius-Flohé et al. 2003)

## Hydrocortisone

TR stabilizes glucocorticoid receptors  
→ better glucocorticoid response.

(Grippo et al. 1985)

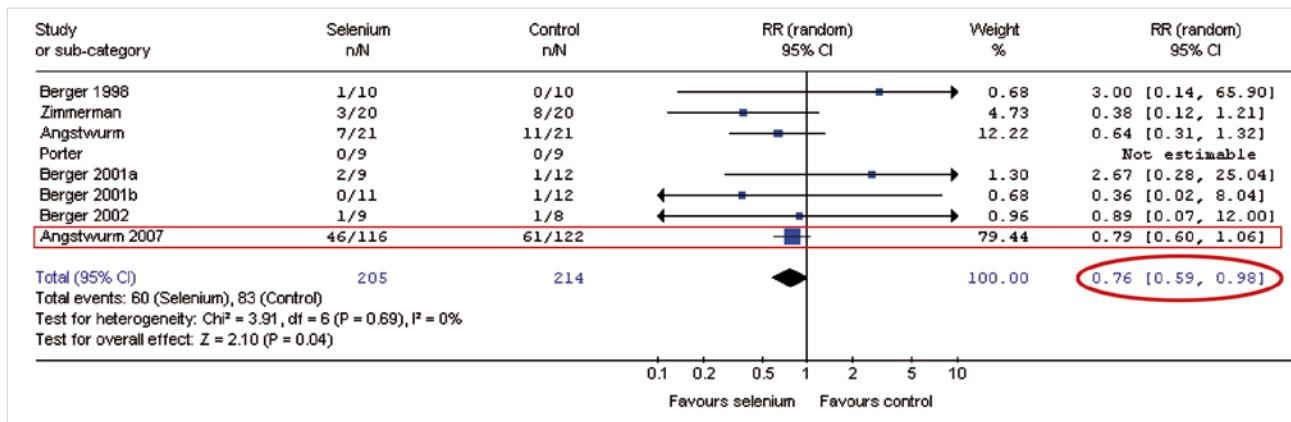
## Insulin

Selenium stimulates the insulin signaling cascade, it has an insulin-like effect → improved control of glucose levels.

(Hei et al. 1998, Pillay u. Makgoba 1992, Stapleton et al. 1997).

# Meta-analysis: selenium in intensive care patients

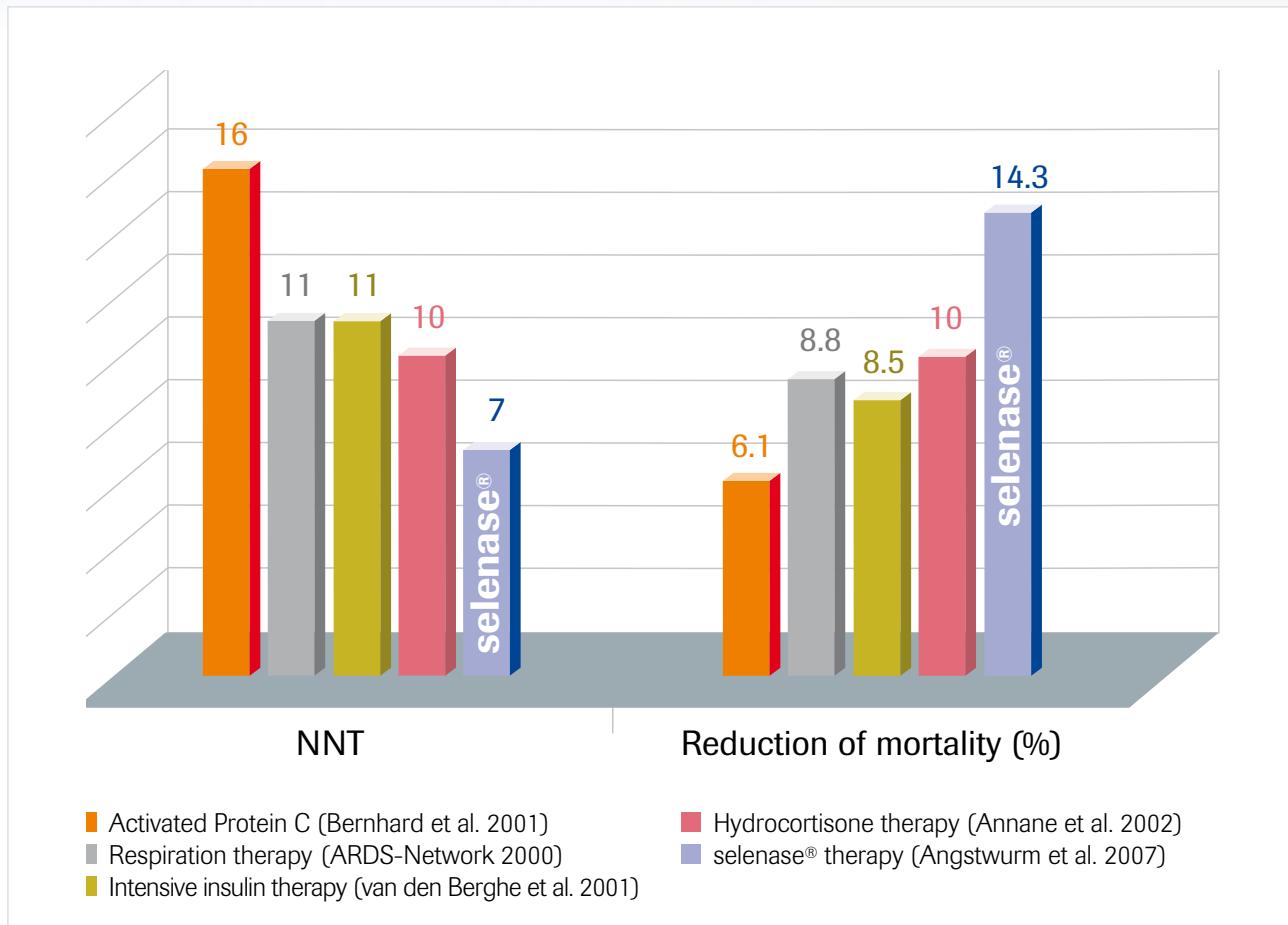
Heyland et al. 2007\* (exkl. Kuklinski 1991)



\*Daren K Heyland, Kingston, Canada: ISICEM 2007, [www.criticalcarenutrition.com](http://www.criticalcarenutrition.com)

→ The benefit from selenium is evident

# Comparison of therapeutic options



→ **selenase®:**  
**progress in sepsis therapy**

# Guidelines for Selenium

	Adults	Low birth weight neonates	infants (term and pre-term)	Burns patients	Sepsis patients	Intensive care patients in general
<b>Guidelines on Pediatric Parenteral Nutrition</b> Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition 41: S39-S46 November 2005 ESPGHAN		X				
<b>ESPEN Guidelines on Enteral Nutrition</b> Intensive Care 2006 Clinical Nutrition (2006) 25, 210-223.	X			X		
<b>DGEM* 2007 Guideline for Parenteral Nutrition</b> Biesalski HK et al.: Wasser, Elektrolyte, Vitamine und Spurenelemente. Aktuel Ernaehr Med 2007; 32, Supplement 1:S30-S34.	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines for Nutrition Support in Mechanically Ventilated, Critically Ill Adult Patients</b> Heyland et al. 2007 <a href="http://www.criticalcarenutrition.com">www.criticalcarenutrition.com</a>						X
<b>Nutrition Support for Adults Oral Nutrition Support, Enteral Tube Feeding and Parenteral Nutrition</b> National Institute for Clinical Excellence Feb 2006, UK	X					

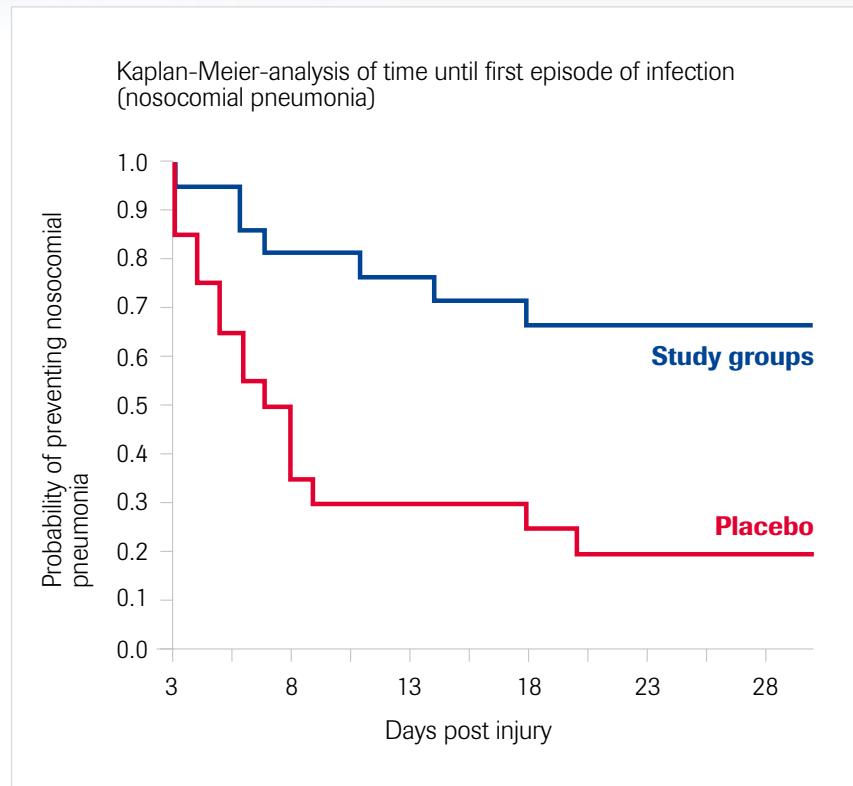
\*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ernährungsmedizin

→ „Selenium is a must“

(M. Berger, Lausanne 2007, ISICEM)

# Selenium in burns patients

- 41 patients with thermal burns (BSA > 20 %)
- Supplementation in the study group 8-21 days
- **Study 1: 315 µg Se/d,**  
2.5 mg Cu/d, 26.2 mg Zn/d
- **Study 2: 380 µg Se/d,**  
3.1 mg Cu/d, 31.4 mg Zn/d



Berger et al. 2006:  
Meta-analysis of 2 studies (1993-1996 and 1998-2003)  
Randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled

→ **Lower incidence of nosocomial pneumonia**

# Selenium in burns patients

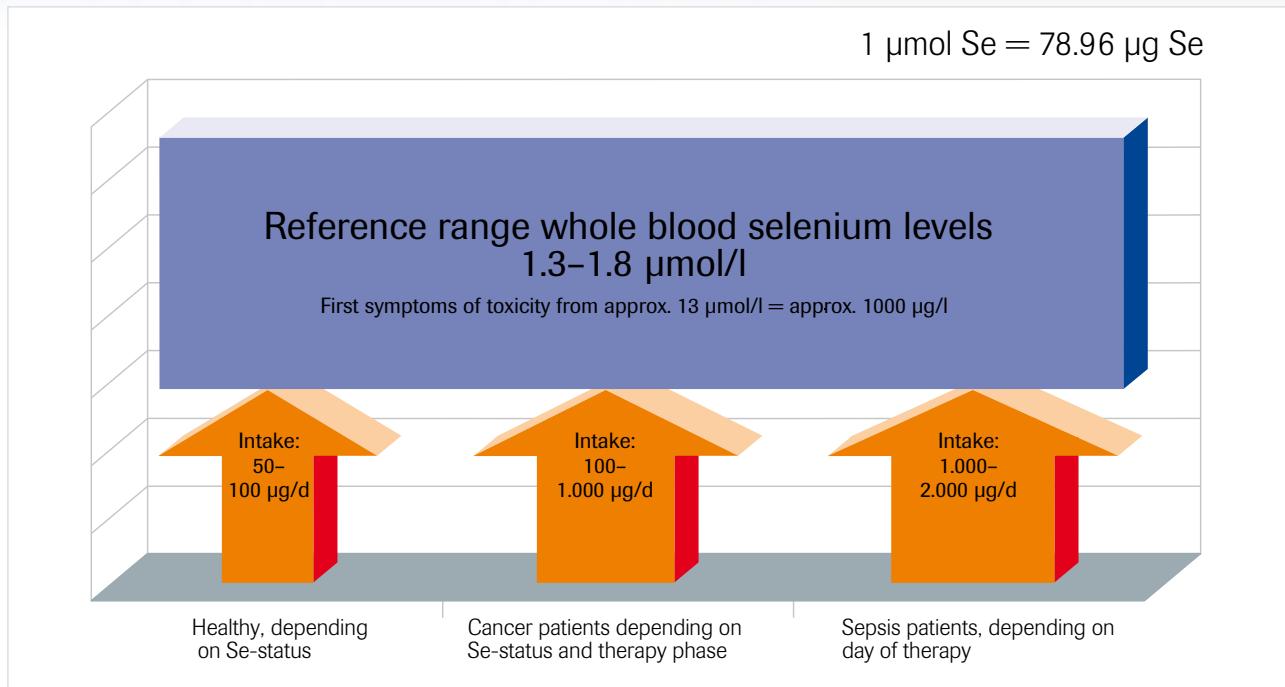
## Individual results: significant reduction of

- Number of nosocomial pneumonias
- Number of infectious episodes
- Duration of antibiotic therapy
- Duration of ICU stay

Berger et al. 2006: meta-analysis of 2 studies (1993-1996 and 1998-2003)  
Randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled

→ **Selenium reduces costs**

# Tolerability of selenium



## Information for healthy individuals

### Selenium intake

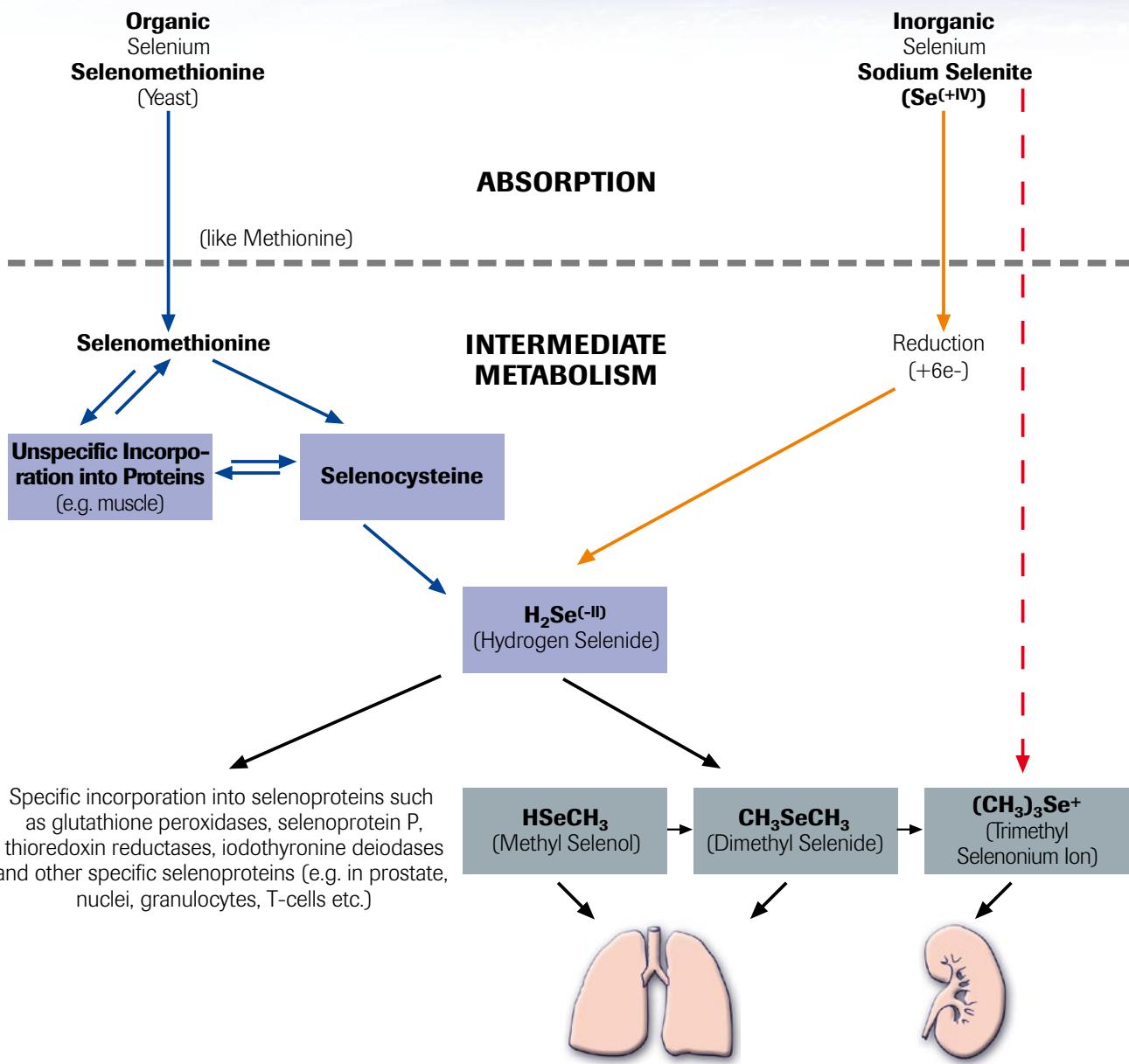
**400 – 800  $\mu\text{g/day}$**   
= maximum chronic intake  
(years)

**1,000 – 7,000  $\mu\text{g/day}$**   
= first reversible symptoms of  
toxicity with chronic intake

**70,000 – 350,000  $\mu\text{g}$**   
= lethal as a  
single dose

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# Selenium Metabolism (Simplified)



→ **selenase® has optimal bioavailability**

# Dosage Recommendations\*

## SIRS/Sepsis

Daily Dose	Adults	Children
<b>Start of Therapy Day 1</b>	<b>2000 µg selenium =</b> 4 x selenase® 500 micrograms solution for injection (4 x 10 ml)	 <b>20 µg selenium/kg bw</b> as selenase® 100/500 micrograms solution for injection
<b>From Day 2 until Clinical Improvement</b>	<b>1000 µg selenium =</b> 2 x selenase® 500 micrograms solution for injection (2 x 10 ml)	 <b>10 µg selenium/kg bw</b> as selenase® 100/500 micrograms solution for injection

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## Multiple Trauma, Cranial Trauma, Burns, Acute Pancreatitis, Acute Myocardial Infarction

Daily dose	Adults	Children
<b>Start of therapy Day 1-5</b>	<b>1000 µg selenium =</b> 2 x selenase® 500 micrograms solution for injection (2 x 10 ml)	 <b>10 µg selenium/kg bw</b> as selenase® 100/T pro injectione solution for injection
<b>From Day 6 until Clinical Improvement</b>	<b>500 µg selenium =</b> 1 x selenase® 500 micrograms solution for injection (1 x 10 ml)	 <b>5 µg selenium/kg bw</b> as selenase® 100/500 micrograms solution for injection

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## Total Parenteral Nutrition

Daily Dose	Adults	Children
<b>Continuous Therapy</b>	<b>200 µg selenium =</b> 2 x selenase® 100 micrograms solution for injection	 <b>2 µg selenium/kg bw</b> as selenase® 100 micrograms solution for injection

Recommendation for the administration of selenase®:

- separately from other infusions, if the pH is lower than 7
- at least 1 hour apart from administration of vitamin C

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## Reference Values

	Selenium	Decreased	Normal Range in Health	First Symptoms of Toxicity
Whole Blood	µg/l µmol/l	< 100 < 1.3	100 – 140 <sup>1)</sup> 1.3 – 1.8 <sup>3)</sup>	≥ 108 <sup>7)</sup> ≥ 13.8 <sup>3)</sup>
Serum	µg/l µmol/l	< 80 < 1.0	80 – 120 <sup>1)</sup> 1.0 – 1.5 <sup>3)</sup>	≥ 900 <sup>2)</sup> ≥ 11.4 <sup>3)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) biosyn, <sup>2)</sup> Yang et al. 1989, <sup>3)</sup> calculated from <sup>1)+2)</sup>

# selenase® corrects selenium deficiency



## selenase®

- protects from endothelial and organ damage
- modulates inflammatory and coagulation pathways
- is very well tolerated

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### Abbreviated Prescribing Information

#### selenase® 100 micrograms, solution for injection (50micrograms/ml)

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Active ingredient: sodium selenite pentahydrate. Composition: Each 2ml ampoule/10ml injection vial contains 100micrograms/500 micrograms selenium as 333 micrograms/1.66mg sodium selenite pentahydrate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3 \times 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), corresponding to 50 micrograms/ml. Excipients: Sodium chloride, hydrochloric acid, Water for Injections. Indication: Proven selenium deficiency that cannot be offset from food sources. Posology and Administration: selenase® solution for injection is administered as an intramuscular or intravenous injection at a daily dose of 100 - 200 µg (1.27 - 2.53µmol) selenium. If necessary, this dose can be increased to 500 µg (6.33 µmol) for a typical adult. No dosage adjustment is required for paediatric, renal or hepatic impairment patients. Contraindications: Selenosis. Interactions: Ensure that the pH value does not fall below 7.0 and that the solution is not mixed with reducing substances (e.g. vitamin C). Pregnancy and Lactation: There are no data from the use of selenase in pregnant or lactating women. Undesirable Effects: None known to date when used as directed. Overdose: Counter measures include gastric lavage, forced diuresis, dialysis or administration of high doses of vitamin C. Pharmaceutical Precautions: Store below 25°C. Legal Category: POM. Presentation: Cartons containing 10 x 2ml ampoules / 10 x 10ml glass vials for single use. MA Numbers: PL 20437/0003, PL 20437/0004. MA Holder: biosyn Arzneimittel GmbH, Schorndorfer Str 32, D-70734 Fellbach, Germany. Date of Preparation: November2004

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