All adult patients with a first episode of predicted severe acute pancreatitis

Exclusions
- Not meeting inclusion criteria
  - Predicted mild acute pancreatitis
- Meeting exclusion criteria
  - History of acute or chronic pancreatitis
  - Admitted to hospital > 24 hours
  - Onset of symptoms > 96 hours (4 days) before admission
  - Other exclusion criteria (post-ERCP pancreatitis)
- Declined to participate

208 patients to be randomised

104 Assigned to very early start of enteral nutrition
  100 Received allocated treatment
  4 Received enteral nutrition > 24 hours after randomisation
  1 Lost to follow-up
  103 Analyzed

104 Assigned to normal start of enteral nutrition
  103 Received allocated treatment
  1 Received enteral nutrition < 72 hours after randomisation
  1 Lost to follow-up
  103 Analyzed