Predicted severe pancreatitis

Randomisation

Group A
Very early start of EN

< 24 h of admission:
- Nasojejunal tube
- Start EN

Group B
Normal start of EN

First 72 h of admission:
- Nil per mouth and no artificial nutrition
- Exception: patients spontaneously requesting food

At 72 h of admission:
Organ failure?
(cardiovascular/pulmonary/renal)

Yes

No

Offer hospital food
(liquid or solid) as preferred by patient
Does patient tolerate this?

Yes

No

Offer food again next morning

If food is tolerated
Increase diet

If food is not tolerated at 96 h (4 days) after admission

- Nasojejunal tube
- Start EN