

Top Ten Questions to Ask When Your Patient Has a Low Serum Albumin



Are kinetics demonstrating adequacy of dialysis?



Is there a current or suspected infection?



Has inflammation been ruled out by checking the CRP level?



Has there been a recent hospital or rehab stay?



Has there been a metabolic insult, such as surgery or non-healing ulcer?



Has a G.I. condition such as celiac disease, gastroparesis, malabsorption, liver disease or difficulty swallowing been investigated?



Have the social worker and dietitian investigated adequacy of the patient's finances and ability to obtain/prepare meals?



Has the possibility of domestic abuse been considered?



Has the patient been evaluated for depression, an eating disorder, or loss of appetite?



Does the patient have ill fitting dentures or missing teeth making chewing difficult?