

PLIOPLYS 1998¹ SURVIVAL RATES

ARE AN UNDERESTIMATE

Data 1985-1996, average 1990

As of October 2004, data is on average 14 years old

No truly comparable studies since 1998

Since 1995 no prolonged naso-gastric (NG) tubes

Prolonged NG tube feedings produce aspiration pneumonia and death¹

Since 1995 no child with seizures > 1 per day

New medications

Ketogenic diet²

Since 1995 improvement Rx osteoporosis and prevention fractures^{3, 4}

Since 1995 improved Rx spasticity

New medications

IT Baclofen pump

Since 1995 prevention aspiration of saliva

Botox injections into the salivary glands and salivary gland duct ligation

Since 1995 marked improvement in prevention of pneumonias

With vest therapy, pneumonias have been decreased by 48%

and hospitalizations for pneumonia by 77%^{5, 6}

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