

## 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, gastro-paresis, 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?

