

UPPER GI BLEEDING

↳ bleeding upper the ligament of Meirz.

↳ symptoms:

1. Hematemesis ↳ Vomiting Fresh Blood, if the blood stays for a time in the stomach ⇒ Coffee ground Vomitus.

2. Melena ↳ Black stool (offensive smell, loose stool)

↳ result of slow transit of blood.

↳ sign Fowler and upper GI bleeding.

3. Hematochezia ↳ Fresh rectal bleeding.

4. Dizziness ↳ Bleeding and anemia ⇒ Hypotension ⇒ Dizziness (with posture)

5. Abdominal pain and symptoms of Peptic ulcer disease.

6. Pallor: ↳ Hypotension.

8. Orthostasis ↳ Fall in blood pressure when a person transitions from laying down to an upright position (at early stages).

↳ At later stage ↳ The patient will have hypotension no matter what his posture (وضعية) is.

9. jaundice and other stigmata of chronic liver disease (in case of variceal bleeding)

↳ History of NSAIDs use (Ibuprofen, Voltarin, Nopain and Naproxen)

which have a role in every disease (Renal failure, ulcers bleeding..)

↳ causes:

1. Peptic ulcers (80% gastric, 20% duodenal) ↳ Most common cause.

2. Varices ↳ Patients with liver cirrhosis.

3. Mallory Weiss tear ↳ After multiple forceful vomiting ↳ Less common.

4. Rare causes ↳ Neoplasms, AVM/Ectasia, Dieulafoy's stoma ulcers,

esophageal ulcers, Deodentitis, Hemobilia (bleeding from biliary tree)

↳ Adh. ↳ Colon.
↳ Auto-enteric fistulas.

↳ Peptic ulcer disease ↳ Defect in the GI mucosa extending through the muscularis mucosa caused by imbalance between the aggressive and defensive factors.

↳ 95% of duodenal ulcers ↳ 75% of gastric ulcers

↳ Main causes are H. Pylori and NSAIDs (Mainly in the antrum) ↳ Even one

pill can cause peptic ulcer especially in diabetic or elderly patients.

↳ 25% of gastric ulcers are associated with NSAIDs and malignancy.

↳ Acid hypersecretory state, Antral G cell hyperplasia.

↳ Mallory-Weiss ↳

↳ around GE junction.

↳ Classical presentation ↳ episode of vomiting when bleeding (Fam in 50% of cases only)

↳ self-limiting (can give PPI)

↳ Hemobilia ↳ Blood coming out of ampulla of Vater because of stone tumor, ERCP..

↳ Stress ulcers ↳ Extensive burn cutting, head injury crashing or ICU patient. ↳ Same treatment (PPI)

↳ Caused by vagal hyperstimulation and vascular hyperperfusion.

↳ Body and Fundus more affected. ↳ Multiple

↳ Prophylaxis is indicated in clinically ill ICU patients.

↳ Bleeding Esophageal variceal ↳ Dilated tortuous of the lower and mid esophagus.

↳ 2nd to Portal HTN.

↳ one of the most common causes is alcohol.

↳ the most common cause of cirrhosis in Jordan Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) ↳ result of obesity, poorly controlled diabetes and hypertriglyceridemia.

↳ 30% mortality after the first episode

↳ 60% Rebleeding rate.

CHRONIC LIVER DISEASES

(Cirrhosis and Portal hypertension)

↳ Liver cirrhosis is reversible, BUT if we catch it at early stage such as patient with NASH ↳ with weight loss and control of diabetes it could be reversed or st. pres.

↳ Clinical Features (stigmata) of chronic liver diseases:

1. jaundice ↳ Accumulation of bilirubin in the blood stream

causing yellowish discoloration of plasma and heavily perfused tissues (sclera, mucus membranes)

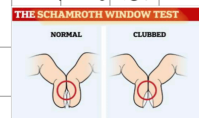
2. Spidal angioma ↳ Dilated arteriole ↳ small, centrally raised bumps and network of dilated capillaries radiated from arteriole.

↳ pressing cause redness to disappear, and then return rapidly when the pressure is lifted.

↳ Dilation is because hyperstrogenemia (↑ estrogen) in patients with liver cirrhosis.

↳ They are normally present on the chest of pregnant woman.

3. Finger Clumping ↳ Enlargement of the terminal end of the digit over the distal phalanx.



↳ usually symmetrical.

4. Gynecomastia ↳ Breast development in men and breast atrophy in females.

5. Dupuytren's contractures ↳ joint contractures (could be associated with diabetes)

↳ complication of Cirrhosis:

1. Portal hypertension ↳ causes ↳ 2. variceal bleeding.

3. Hepatic encephalopathy ↳ Ammonia or NO ↳ accumulation

↳ cross B/B ↳ ↓ consciousness.

4. Ascites ↳ Fluid accumulation in the abdomen.

↳ complication of Ascites ↳ SBP (spontaneous bacterial peritonitis)

5. Hepatorenal syndrome.

↳ Caput Medusae ↳ Dilation of superficial abdominal veins.

↳ Distended and engorged umbilical veins which are seen radiating from the umbilicus across the abdomen to joint systemic veins.

↳ manifestation in patients with liver cirrhosis.

↳ Some patients have ascites with paraumbilical hernia.
 ↳ Asthenia (patients with liver cirrhosis) ↳ Flapping tremors, quick and rhythmic movement in background tonic muscle contraction.
 ↳ Stages of Encephalopathy ↳ Confusion and reversal of the sleep/wake cycle → Drowsiness → Somnolence → Coma.

Hepatitis (A-E) viruses

Viruses	Source	Route of Transmission	Chronic infection	Prevention
↳ D, B, C	blood/blood derived body fluids	percutaneous per mucosal (blood, sexual or vertical)	Yes	↳ Day 0/Post exposure immunization, risk behavior modification ↳ Pre/Post-exposure immunization. ↳ blood donor selection risk behavior modification
↳ A, E	Feces	Fecal-oral	No Acute infection.	↳ Pre/Post-exposure immunization ↳ safe drinking water

↳ Hepatitis D can't cause infection by itself (need presence of B)
 ↳ we have vaccines against A+B → Every child in Jordan gets it. Patients with chronic liver disease.

↳ No vaccine against Hepatitis C (RNA), but it has a very effective treatment (99%)

↳ Hepatitis A Virus ↳ Possibility of developing symptoms is directly proportional with age.

- jaundice ↳ <6 yrs ↳ <10% / 6-14 yrs ↳ 40-60% / >14 yrs ↳ 70-90%

↳ Incubation period = Range 15-50 days, Average 30 days.

↳ complications: 1. Fulminant (severe acute) hepatitis. 2. Cholestatic hepatitis. 3. Relapsing hepatitis.

↳ Transmission ↳ close personal contact (household, child day care centers) contaminated food or water (raw shellfish), blood exposure (Rat)

↳ Diagnosis ↳ Acute infection ↳ HAV-IgM by EIA.

↳ Past infection ↳ HAV-IgG by EIA.
 ↳ Fecal HAV is higher before the appearance of symptoms.

↳ Hepatitis B Virus ↳ Incubation period ↳ Range 45-180 days, Average ↳ 60-90 days.

↳ Clinical illness (jaundice) ↳ <6 yr ↳ 10% / 5 years ↳ 30-50%

↳ Acute case-fatality rate ↳ 0.5-1%

↳ chronic infection ↳ <5 years ↳ 30-90% / 5 years ↳ 2-10%

↳ Mortality from chronic liver disease ↳ 15-25%

↳ if a pregnant woman has hepatitis, it will be transmitted to the baby during delivery ↳ this baby will have no symptoms, but 95% he will be a chronic carrier. ↳ because of immune tolerant phase.

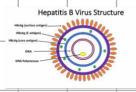
↳ when his immune system recognize the virus (immune active phase) he will show symptoms.

↳ Adults will show more symptoms (their immune system will recognize the virus)

↳ Chronic Hepatitis B Disease

1. Chronic Persistent Hepatitis (Asymptomatic)
2. Chronic Active Hepatitis (Symptomatic)
3. Cirrhosis
4. Carcinoma

↳ Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) ↳ then Anti-HBs (Antibody)
 ↳ Window period ↳ when the HBsAg has disappeared and the anti-HBs hasn't appeared yet ↳ we have IgM anti-HBc ↳ core.



↳ Transmission ↳ 1. sexual. ↳ 2. Parental ↳ IVDA, Health workers.

↳ 3. Perinatal ↳ Mothers with HBsAg positive are more likely to transmit the virus. ↳ The main means of transmission in high prevalence population.

↳ concentration of virus in body fluids ↳ High ↳ blood, serum, wound exudates.

↳ Moderate ↳ semen, vaginal fluid, saliva. ↳ Low ↳ urine, feces, sweat, tears, breastmilk.

↳ Diagnosis ↳ Serological tests for both acute and chronic.

↳ HBsAg ↳ general marker (we use it in acute infection)

↳ HBsAb ↳ Recovery of immunity to HBV infection.

↳ Anti-HBc IgM ↳ Marker of acute infection at the window period.

↳ Anti-HBc IgG ↳ Part of chronic infection.

↳ HBcAg ↳ Active replication of virus and therefore infectious.

↳ Anti-HBe ↳ virus no longer replicating, but can be still positive for HBsAg.

↳ HBV-DNA ↳ Active replication of virus, it's more accurate than HBcAg especially in cases of escape mutants, mainly for monitoring response to therapy.

↳ Prevention

↳ Highly effective recombinant vaccines (universal vaccination for neonate).

↳ Antibody titer should >10 to be protective.

↳ HB Immunoglobulin ↳ For persons who are exposed, efficacious within 48 hours of the incident.

↳ may be given to neonates at increased risk of the virus they should given the vaccine in arm and leg in the other.

↳ Hepatitis C Virus

↳ Incubation period ↳ Range 2-26 weeks / Average 6-7 weeks

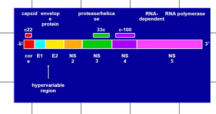
↳ Clinical illness ↳ 30-40% (20-30%)

↳ Chronic hepatitis ↳ 70%

↳ Persistent infection ↳ 85-100%

↳ Same as chronic hepatitis B infection.

↳ Risk factors ↳ 1. Transfusion of transplant from infected donor. ↳ 2. Injected drug use. ↳ 3. Hemodialysis.



↳ 4. Accidental injuries with needles/sharps. ↳ 5. sexual/household exposure to positive contact. ↳ Birth to HCV-infected mother.

↳ Diagnosis -

~ HCV antibody \rightarrow Not useful in acute phase (it takes 4 weeks (at least) after infection \rightarrow produce antibody).

~ HCV-RNA \rightarrow by PCR and branched DNA.

↳ may be used to diagnose the infection in acute phase.

↳ mainly used in monitoring the response of therapy.

~ HCV-antigen \rightarrow EIA for HCV antigen is available.

↳ same capacity as HCV-RNA but it is much easier.

~ HCV antibody \rightarrow Positive \rightarrow RNA \rightarrow Positive \rightarrow chronic
Negative \rightarrow previous infection.

no Hepatitis D

1. coinfection

↳ severe acute disease.

↳ low risk of chronic infection.

2. Superinfection

↳ usually chronic infection.

↳ may present as a acute hepatitis.

↳ high risk of severe chronic liver disease.

↳ Transmission \rightarrow Percutaneous or per mucosal exposures, sex contact and injecting drug use.

no Hepatitis E

↳ incubation period \rightarrow Range 15-60 days / Average 40 days.

↳ case-fatality rate \rightarrow overall 1-3% / pregnant women 15-25% (high risk)

↳ serology \rightarrow \uparrow with age.