

# Gastrointestinal Surgery

## Esophagus: (retroperitoneal)

\* Note: naturally esophagus is always collapsed & opens only when we swallow food.  
\* normal eso. pH: 6-7 (alkaline).

**Physiology:** function = swallowing.

- ① UES: cricopharyngeus muscle (upper esophageal sphincter) → it's a true sphincter cuz it's formed by a muscle (skeletal).
- ② Body: peristalsis
- ③ LES: not a true sphincter. 3-5 cm length. Tone 10-30 mmHg (it's always contracted = Tonic contraction).  
↳ pressure formed from contraction.

## Anatomy:

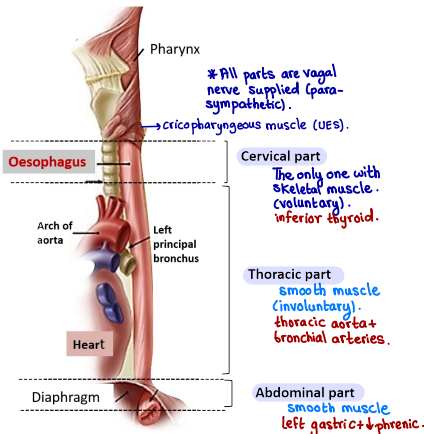
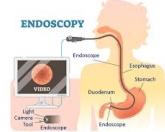
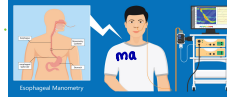
- ① Length: 20-25cm (10 inches)
- ② Blood supply: upper 1/3: inferior thyroid, middle 1/3: aorta and bronchial, lower 1/3: left gastric and inferior phrenic.
- ③ Nerve supply: Vagus nerve: excitatory.
- ④ Upper 1/3 is skeletal, distal 2/3 is smooth muscle (involuntary).

\* Dysphagia: difficulty swallowing

- ⑤ **Mechanical/obstructive**: to solids initially then progresses to liquids. DDX: Cancer, strictures, diverticula, webs, rings, esophagitis, foreign body.
- ⑥ **Motility/functional**: both solids and liquids. DDX: achalasia (no peristalsis, unrelaxed LES), DES (synchronous non-peristaltic contraction, normal LES), scleroderma (no peristalsis and low tone in LES).

## Imaging of esophagus: 'Bum'

- ① **Barium swallow**: contrast and X-ray to see lumen anatomy and some function. If suspected perforation: use water-soluble contrast. Never use if risk of aspiration.  
↳ if can't use Barium. cuz Barium can leak to other anatomies of the body.
- ② **Upper endoscopy**: see anatomy, take biopsies, interventions, EUS?
- ③ **Manometry**: diagnose motility disorders. (physiology).



## Dysphagia

**mechanical/obstructive:**  
anatomical malfunction.

In solids only (initially)  
but later progresses to liquids.

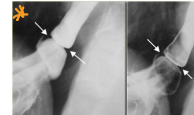
ex: cancer,

**dysmotility/dysfunctional:**  
physiological malfunction.

In solids & liquids.

ex: spasm.

\* **Stricture** = fibrosis in lower 3rd due to reflux esophagitis.



\* esophagitis can  
disrupt tissue &  
cause rings & webs.

esophageal rings.

**GERD:** (opposite of dysphagia). gastroesophageal reflux disease.

- Excess reflux or loss of anti-reflux mechanisms. (causes).

**Anti-reflux mechanisms:** (organized according to impl.)

- 1- **LES** (normally always toned & relaxes intermittently)  
(if over-relaxed → insufficiency) ① tone < 6 mmHg / ② length < 2cm
- 2- **Hiatal crura** (phrenic muscle).

3- Intra-abdominal portion ideally > 2cm

\* intra-abdominal part of eos. =  
● → +ve p that closes it.  
● → -ve p that opens it.  
\* if ● is shorter than ● then ↑ risk of GERD

4- Phreno-esophageal membrane: lax in **hiatal hernia**



5- Angle of **(His)** angle between esophagus and fundus, should be acute. Underdeveloped in infants.



**Clinical:**

**Symptoms:** ① substernal ② water brash ③ heartburn, regurgitation, acidic taste in mouth, dysphagia. ④ Respiratory (reflux reaches larynx). ⑤ hoarseness, cough, wheeze, and aspiration. Increased with certain foods, lying flat, and stress. Relieved with sitting upright, acid reducing agents: **PPI**, **anti-H2**, and **antacids**.

**Signs:** minimal. Can see dental erosions.

Physical exam

(we use them when history has something atypical/  
ared flag that can suggest cancer (bleeding/wei-loss...)).  
but normally we diagnose without them.

**Investigations:**

① **Barium swallow:** hiatal hernia? (always used as 1st test in eosophageal disease).  
↳ don't

② **Endoscopy:** erosions, strictures, hiatal hernia, Barret (salmon-colored mucosa, do biopsy) (pre-malignant).  
↳ for GERD complications

③ **24-hour pH monitoring:** confirm GERD. Positive if > 6% of time (1.5 hours) has pH < 4. Stop H2 blockers 3 days prior and PPIs 1 week prior. **diag nos.**  
↳ of eos.

④ **Manometry:** if abnormal peristalsis, may do partial wrap instead of Nissen. If no peristalsis, reconsider surgery for GERD. LES abnormal if: < 6 mmHg tone, length < 2cm and intra-abdominal part < 1 cm. (it can diagnose motility disorders).

(not diagnostic of GERD).  
but can diag. motility disorder).

⑤ **Gastric emptying:** nuclear medicine to rule out gastroparesis (N/V, bloating, early satiety). **diagno SLIC**  
↳ nausea/vomiting.

⑥ **Impedance monitoring:** can detect non-acidic reflux which cause similar damage. **diagno SLIC**



\* Barium swallow doesn't indicate GERD  
it shows us its complications: strictures,  
hiatal hernia or shows causes: scleroderma...

\* The only problem with 24hr pH moni. is that it  
can only monitor acids (Sometimes reflux is alk-  
aline/neutral). [Impedance testing can monitor  
all pHs].

\* gastric emptying → you eat a little meal  
that has a radioactive material, & we follow  
it to see how much time it takes for it to  
be digested.

\* gastroparesis → weakness in stomach muscles  
leading to slow digestion & some similar symptoms  
to GERD.

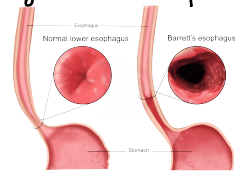
esophageal hiatus is the area  
where esophagus leaves thorax  
through diaphragm, esophagus  
there is supported by the phrenic  
muscle (hiatal crura). ↳ if it loses  
its support from that area, it will  
cause = hiatal hernia.

- foods that trigger it:  
spicy foods + fatty foods +  
chocolate + coffee + smoking
- foods that relieve it:  
- salt crackers

**Barrett's esophagus:** (salmon coloured mucosa) = Adenocarcinoma.

- Intestinal metaplasia. Do serial endoscopy and biopsy.
- Seen in 10% of GERD. 30-40x risk of cancer if with high-grade dysplasia.
- GERD therapy can prevent Barret. but do not reverse it if already happened.
- Treat with ablation radiofrequency or cryotherapy, /endoscopic mucosal resection.

\* Barrettes: (pre malignant) metaplasia of cells lining & esophagus. (caused by chronic acid exposure).



**Treatment of GERD:**

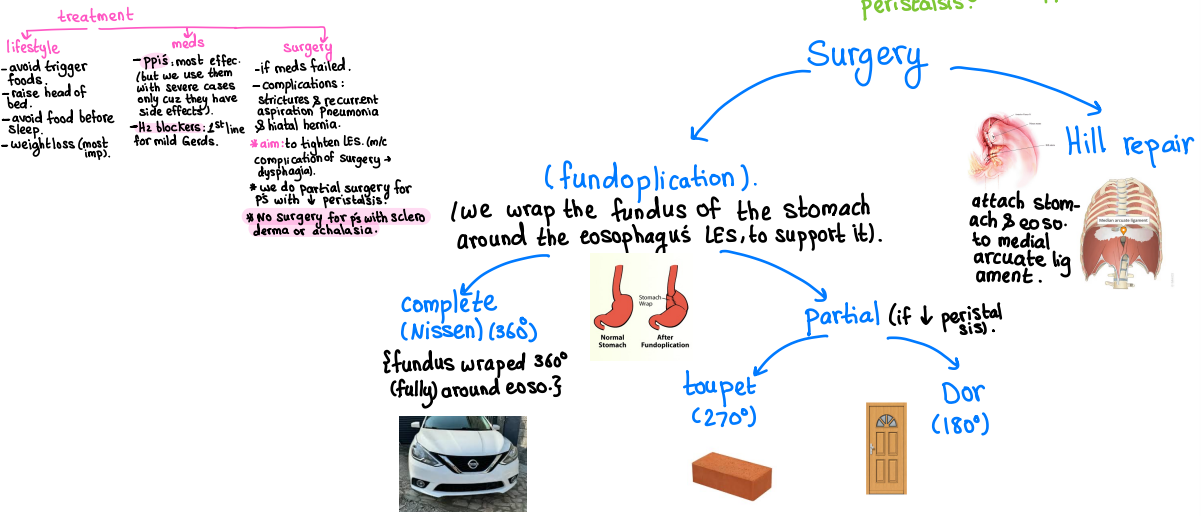
- 1 Lifestyle modification: weight loss. Avoid chocolate, caffeine, smoking, avoid food before bedtime. Elevate head of bed.
- 2 PPI and H2 blockers: reduce symptoms by reducing acidity. do not stop reflux itself. (prophylaxis not treatment)

**Surgical therapy:**

- 1 Indications: failure of medical, hiatal hernia, complications (stricture, recurrent aspiration).
- Surgery mainly reduces GI symptoms.
- 2 Complications of surgery: Dysphagia and failure are MC. Wrap migration (if onto stomach: slipped Nissen). from making LES too tight.
- 3 Nissen fundoplication (laparoscopic) Complete wrap (360 degrees) of fundus onto distal esophagus. → ppl with normal peristalsis.
- 4 Toupet fundoplication: 270-degree posterior wrap of fundus. Used if motility issues.
- 5 Dor fundoplication: 180-degree anterior wrap. Used if motility issues.
- 6 Hill repair: attach stomach and esophagus to median arcuate ligament.

people with abnormal peristalsis (but present)

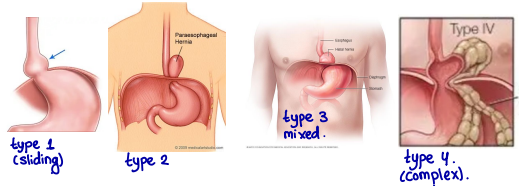
\*no surgery for ppl with no peristalsis.



## Hiatal hernia:

Types: \* happens due to laxity of phreno-esophageal membrane.

- ① **I: Sliding** GEJ in chest, fundus in abdomen. (20% of people have it, mostly asymptomatic. (it increases risk of Gerd's).
- ② **II: Para-esophageal** GEJ in abdomen, fundus in chest.  
↳ next. ↳ less common than 1.
- ③ **III:** Both GEJ and fundus in chest. (mixed)
- ④ **IV:** III plus another organ in chest (usually colon) (complex)



Most commonly presents with reflux.

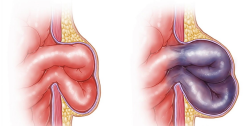
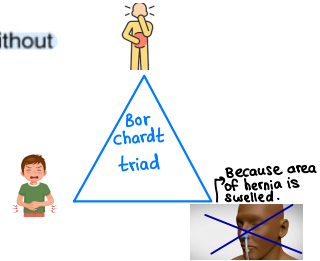
### Complications:

- ① - Bleeding: MC of type II and III. (cuz eso is squeezed).
- ② - Cameron ulcer: ischemia from hiatal ring.  
↳ in mucosa.
- ③ - Obstruction (squeezed).
- ④ - Gastric volvulus/incarceration: **Borchardt triad** severe epigastric pain, retching without vomiting, inability to place NG.  
↳ nasogastric tube.

Type 2:  
↑ risk of complications  
(ex. dysphagia & obstruction + ischemia + ulcer + ischemia (m/c) of eso. cuz it's squeezed by stomach).  
gastric volvulus to stomach.

### Imaging:

- ① - **CXR**: AF level in chest (air fluid level). (it indicates presence of fluid in chest = due to eso. perforation, pneumothorax, pleural effusion....).
- ② - Barium swallow: confirms and tells type.
- ③ - Manometry: to rule out motility disease.
- ④ - Endoscopy: can show complications and other abnormalities.



### Treatment:

\* mostly no treatment.

#### Surgical:

- ① - Emergency in volvulus and obstruction
- ② - Elective in most type II, III and IV. (patient gets to choose).
- ③ - Add anti-reflux procedure: Nissen usually, do partial wrap if motility disorder. (if type 1/Gerd's).

\* when diagnosing it we don't depend much on symptoms because they vary "it's an anatomical disease".

- Type 1: symptoms of Gerd's.
- T2: dysphagia & eso. bleeding.
- others: shortness of breath/chest pain.



## Esophageal perforation:

- More likely to happen due to lack of serosa. (other organs have serosa) = mesothelium = last outer layer (found in visceral organs)
- MCC is iatrogenic (50%) EGD (esp if rigid) mostly at UES. Other cause: Pill-induced (tetracycline, KCl, NSAID, iron bisphosphonate), and infectious esophagitis & malignancy.
- Boerhaave syndrome: post-emetic perforation. Distal third with longitudinal mucosal tear (Mallory-Weiss). (severe vomiting mainly due to alcoholism). (Boerhaave is a complication of Mallory Weiss. Mall is a tear, Boer is a perforation in Boer)

- Upper 1/3: limited spread of infection in neck. Lower 2/3: more spread due to negative chest pressure > infectious mediastinitis. Mid-esophageal perforation is associated with right pleural effusion, lower esophageal with left effusion. (cuz mid is closer to right side). بطلع شوي اليمين وهو نازل من الرقبة.

- (presentation).
- Signs: Altered vital signs, subcutaneous emphysema, Hamman's sign, pleural effusion (typically left).
  - ①  $\uparrow$ HR &  $\downarrow$ Bp
  - ② air under skin in neck (air escaped from eso). felt with palpation.
  - ③ crunching sound with heart beat due to pneumomediastinum.
  - ④ when fluids of eso leak through mediastinum to lungs pleura. (↓ breath sounds & dullness on percussion).
  - + fever + pain & dysphagia + vomiting.
  - Imaging:

- ① Do PA/Lateral CXR and upright abdomen (post. anterior). (supine & sitting) pneumomediastinum, subcutaneous emphysema, left pleural effusion.
- ② Water-soluble esophagram if unstable. CT with water-soluble contrast if stable. (to confirm diagnosis). (Similar to Barium swallow but H<sub>2</sub>O).

### Treatment:

- ① Non-surgical: if stable and contained perforation. NPO + NGT + IV Abx. Follow-up CT/esophagram after 1 week (it'll resolve alone). (No food (nil per os) nasogastric tube. iv broad spectrum antibiotics).
- ② Surgical: NPO + NGT + IV Abx. Remove dead tissue, use drainage (2-3 tubes), establish feeding. If delayed presentation or malignancy may do partial/complete esophagectomy. May use endoscopic stents if cannot use surgery. (laparoscopic)

\*Note: if the perforation was in the cervical portion; it's usually contained & not fatal (cuz neck is a small compressed area) however if it was in the thoracic area it's fatal because of ↑ pressure (+) in that area → mediastinitis → death.

\*in any body part perforation → sudden ↑HR & ↓Bp (due to body's response to either bleeding/spread of infection) (can lead to sepsis & death).

\*Endoscopy is contraindicated in diagnosis, but allowed in treatment.



PA CXR.

**Mallory-Weiss tear:** (it's a tear not a perforation).

cause: ① - Repeated vomiting and high gastric pressure > longitudinal mucosal laceration at GEJ > **UGIB** (gastroesophageal junction, upper GI bleeding)  
②  
- Risk factors: ① alcoholism, ② NSAIDs, ③ portal hypertension, ④ hiatal hernia, ⑤ cough, ⑥ Bulimia & Anorexia.  
① causes vomiting (m/c), ② weakness of wall, ④ causes ↑ pres. Vomiting.

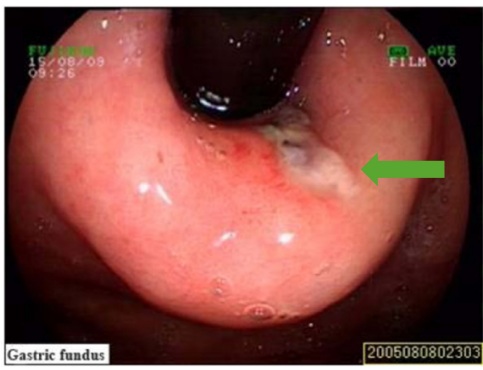
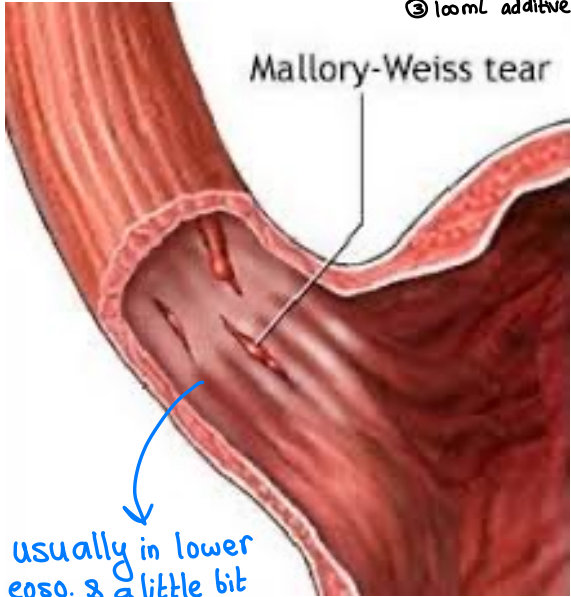
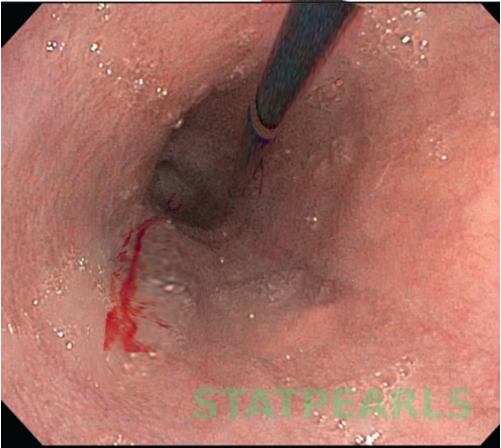
Treatment: as in any UGIB: (ABCs) airway, breathing & circulation.  
① - NPO, get IV access, type and crossmatch **PRBCs** and transfuse if needed, lavage stomach (NG). (in many pt's bleeding stops spontaneously).  
② signs that locate bleeding vessel.  
⑤ nasogastric tube empties stomach content.

After initial stabilization  
① **Endoscopy** operate if visible vessel with adherent clot or active bleeding. Options: epinephrine, heat coagulation, electric coagulation, clipping, band ligation, **sclerotherapy**. (if failed) (vasopressin)

② **Angiography** inject vasopressin or embolize vessel .if failed to stop bleeding,

③ **Surgery** if endoscopy and angiography fail or needing >6 units of PRBCs. (big) within 24 hrs.

1 unit PRBCs = 330ml  
① 200ml RBCs.  
② 30ml plasma.  
③ 100ml additive.



usually in lower eso. & a little bit extending to stomach.

- presentation: ① hematemesis
- ② /melena ③ w/out ↓Bp if sudden.
- ④ Anemia (if happened slowly). (same as any ↑ GI bleedings symptoms).

## Achalasia: (a motility disorder)

**Etiology** mostly idiopathic (autoimmune, infectious, congenital?), **Chagas disease** (infection with *trypanosoma cruzi* parasite). (less common).  
(motility neurons in esophagus are dysfunctional).

### Pathophysiology:

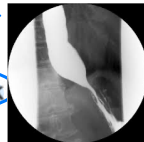
1. Aperistalsis (neural disruption)
2. Failure to relax LES (inflammation, fibrosis, and loss NO releasing neurons).

### Presentation:

- Progressive motility dysphagia (but worse with solids) + heartburn, regurgitation, and weight loss. (dysphagia is gradual).  
(liquids + solids).

### Imaging:

1. Barium swallow: distal narrowing (LES) and proximal dilation (aperistalsis): Bird's beak deformity.



2. Endoscopy: to rule primary or surrounding malignancy (pseudo-achalasia). *same presentation of achalasia but cause is cancer.*

3. Manometry: gold-standard aperistalsis + incomplete LES relaxation. Tone >30 mmHg.

*If tone was very high >120 mmHg = Nutcracker esophagus.*

### Treatment:

*to expand LES.*

1. Non-surgical: Botox (temporary response). Balloon dilation (risk of recurrence, less effect if young).  
*needed every 6 months, this may cause fibrosis due to continuous injections.*  
*because wall is stiff.*

2. Surgical: Myotomy: esp in young. May need to add anti-reflux (partial wrap) to reduce secondary GERD. (fundoplication).  
*(myotomy → cut parts of smooth muscle in LES).*

Heller Myotomy cut longitudinally then do Dor or Toupet fundoplication.

## motility disorders

<u>Achalasia</u>	<u>scleroderma</u>	<u>diffuse E spasm.</u>
<u>aperistalsis</u>	<u>aperestalsis</u>	<u>non-peristaltic synchronous contractions</u>
<u>failure of relaxation of LES.</u>	<u>↓ LES tone</u>	<u>normal LES.</u>
<u>Dysphagia.</u>	<u>mimic Gerds</u>	<u>chest pain</u>
<u>Gold standard for all = manometry</u>		
<u>myotomy of LES (removal).</u>	<u>Anti reflux drugs, no other treatment. (fundoplication can't be done).</u>	<u>smooth muscle relaxants. (Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel Blo. Nitrates ....) if severe long myotomy.</u>

\* scleroderma has Gerd's symptoms + systemic symptoms like raynauds/other organ involvement.

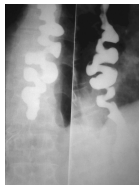
\* Achalasia may have similar symptoms to Gerd's, but dysphagia is very severe (can't swallow water + has to tilt his head upwards & backwards to assist swallowing) + weight loss.



## Other motility disorders:

### Diffuse esophageal spasm:

- Repeated simultaneous non-peristaltic contractions.



③ MC presentation is substernal chest pain. Treat with smooth muscle relaxants: CCB, nitrate,

PDEi. May require long myotomy (if not relieved by meds).

↳ phosphodiesterase inhibitor.

**Nutcracker esophagus:** very high amplitude distal contractions  $>180$  mmHG.

(type of achalasia).

**LES hypertension:** normal peristalsis + high LES tone. Treat with CCB, Nitrate, PDEi +- myotomy.

**Scleroderma:** sclerosis of smooth muscle: reflux more than dysphagia. Low LES tone,

decreased peristalsis, normal UES. No role for fundoplication.

**Zenker's Diverticulum:** = pharyngoesophageal diverticulum.

- MC esophageal diverticulum. Typically, in older men.

- **False** diverticulum (pulsion/acquired).

\* esoph diverticula is usually due to ↑ pressure due to motility problem. (usually false).

- **Killian triangle:** between cricopharyngeus and thyropharyngeus. Potentially due to high UES pressure. (above cricopharyngeus muscle)

① Dysphagia, food regurgitation, ② halitosis, ③ aspiration, ④ audible swallowing. Can have neck swelling. ⑤

↳ cuz of ↑ UES tonicity.

↳ cuz food is stuck up.

- Compare with **epiphrenic diverticula:** distal third, due to high LES tone.

(in LES).

### Imaging:

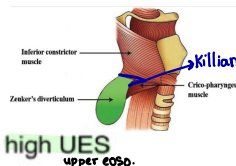
- **Barium swallow:** gold standard. **Avoid Endoscopy.**

**Treatment:** Surgical: ① diverticulectomy and ② diverticulopexy + myotomy of cricopharyngeus. ③

له نصبت ما تبقى من الجدار.

↳ to avoid recurrence

\* physical exam insignificant. but if too large may show lat. neck mass.



## Diverticula

(it's when a bulge forms in a wall of a visceral organ).

### Diverticula

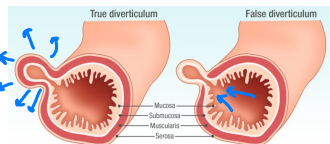
#### True

bulge is caused by an external force, forcing all layers of wall out (Traction)



#### false

Bulge caused by a force inside lumen pushing only mucosa & submucosa out. (pulsion).





# Esophageal neoplasia <sup>benign.</sup> <sub>malignant.</sub>

Benign: MC is leiomyoma (smooth muscle) → appear as smooth filling defect | causing ↓ mechanical dysphagia.

① Epithelial: MC is esophageal cysts.

② Non-epithelial: <sup>①</sup>leiomyoma, <sup>②</sup>fibroma, <sup>③</sup>lipomyoma, etc.

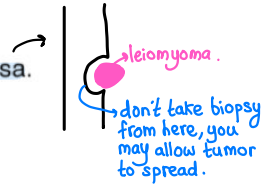
Presentation: dysphagia, pain

Imaging:

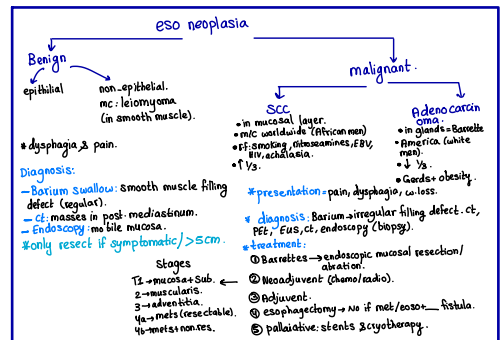
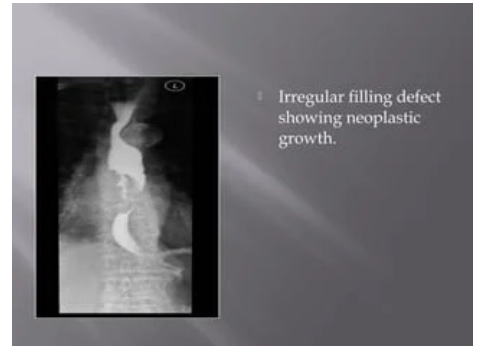
① Barium swallow: smooth filling defect well-demarcated, non-ulcerated.

② CT scan: posterior mediastinal mass. (if tumor is in thoracic part).

③ Endoscopy: very mobile submucosal mass. Do not biopsy of intact mucosa.



Remove if symptomatic or larger than 5 cm.



\*malignancy → men > women

\*adenocarcinoma → cancer in glandular tissue lining an organ ex: mucosa.

\*mucosal layer in eso. is made of squamous cells.

\*so both adeno & scc are in mucosa, but one is in the glands & one in squamous cells.

<sup>①</sup> Malignant <sup>②</sup> SCC is MC worldwide adenocarcinoma became MC in the US.  
↳ Barrette.



- Usually locally advanced at presentation.

### Risk factors:

- types
- <sup>①</sup> SCC: alcohol, smoking, nitrosamines, achalasia, HIV and EBV. More in African, more in men. (in ↑ 2/3).  
<sup>②</sup> Adenocarcinoma: Barret/chronic GERD and obesity. More in White, more in men. (in ↓ 1/3).

<sup>①</sup> Presentation: dysphagia, pain, weight loss. (usually locally advanced in lymph nodes/regional invasion)  
(progressive).

### Imaging:

- <sup>①</sup> Barium: filling defect, irregular. 
- <sup>②</sup> Endoscopy: biopsy, brush cytology for Dx 
- <sup>③</sup> EUS: for depth and nodes. (endoscopic ultrasound).
- <sup>④</sup> CT: for mets (metastasis).
- <sup>⑤</sup> PET: for occult mets. (+ve emission tomography).  
↳ unknown 1<sup>st</sup> origin metastasis.

SCC	Adenocarcinoma
in mucosal layer	mucosal layer
squamous cells	mucosal glands.
African males	white males
mc worldwide.	mc america.
upper 2/3 of eso.	lower 1/3 of eso
Alcohol, smoking, achalasia HIV, EBV & nitrosamines.	Gerds, obesity

Staging T1 (mucosa and submucosa), T2 (muscularis), T3 (adventitia), T4a (pleura/pericardium/diaphragm: resectable), T4b (aorta, vertebra, trachea: unresectable).

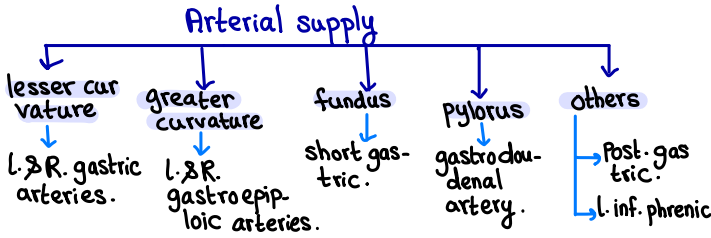
### Treatment:

- <sup>①</sup> - Barret's: ablation or endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR).
- <sup>②</sup> - Surgery: esophagectomy, contraindicated if mets, LN not in field of excision, bronchesophageal fistula. Look out for leak.   
↳ No point in opening his body & removing organ if cancer has already metastasized.
- <sup>③</sup> - Use neoadjuvant chemo-radio if locally advanced (high T or high N) to make resection more complete.   
↳ to ↓ size of tumor so it becomes easily resectable.   
↳ no. of lymph nodes affected.
- <sup>④</sup> - Adjuvant: chemo or radio → after surgery.
- <sup>⑤</sup> - Palliative: stenting, laser or cryotherapy to reduce symptoms only.   
↳ if we can't do excision surgery we do palliative (things that help with symptoms).

# The stomach

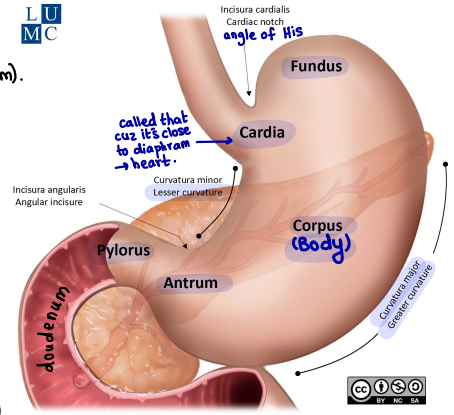
**Anatomy:** it's in the left upper quadrant. (intraperitoneal + connected to omentum).

LU  
MC



**Left gastric vein** (also known as coronary vein) communicates with azygous and is site of esophageal varices in portal hypertension. (dilated eso. veins).  
 ↳ it communicates with portal & esophageal veins.

**Lymphatics:** spread of cancer to **esophagus** is more common than to **duodenum**.



**Note:** arterial supply of stomach comes from around the curvatures.

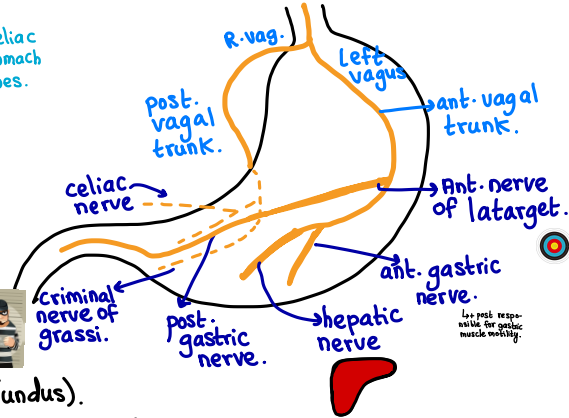
\* Left vagus nerve goes ant. → anterior vagal trunk, Right vagus, goes to the back → post. vagal trunk.

\* hepatic & celiac don't supply stomach, only gastric does.

\* Ant. nerve of Latarjet → Antrum & pylorus (sensory) (it allows opening of pylorus → gastric emptying). if it's cut; food will stay in stomach (obstruction).

\* Criminal nerve of Grassi → supplies body of the stomach (motor). (it supplies parietal cells, so if it's cut → ↓ acidity).

- Criminal is usually left in vagotomy causing ulcer recurrence



## 2 function:

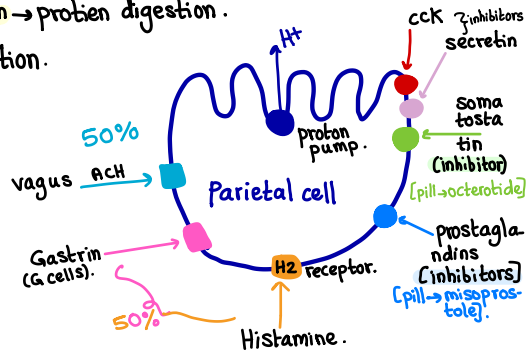
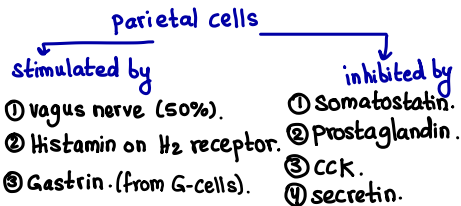
\* to secrete acids. (by parietal cells in body + fundus).

\* parietal cells are stimulated by vagus nerve (it's responsible for 50% of acidity. (Vagus **ACh** → parietal)).

\* parietal cells also secrete intrinsic factor for B12 absorption.

\* Chief cells → in body make pepsinogen → with acidity → pepsin → protein digestion.

\* mucus cells → in distal stomach →  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  & mucus for protection.



**Note:** NSAIDs ↓ prostaglandins → ↑ acidity.

# Peptic ulcer disease

- **Ulcer**: a mucosal defect that reaches submucosa. (if it was only in mucosa → erosion) it can be in duodenum or stomach.
- **m/c location** → post. wall of upper part of duodenum.
- **peak age**: 55-65.

\* remember: gastroduodenal art. passes behind post. wall of 1st part of duod. so duodenal ulcers have ↑ tendency of bleeding.

• m/c cause of UGIB is duodenal ulcers.

## Pathophysiology:

- ① ↑ acidity = due to: ↑ vagal stimuli / ↑ gastrin / ↓ prostaglandin.
- ② ↓ protection against acidity → ↓ mucous production / direct damage to mucosa / **ischemia**

→ **causes**

**mc**

- ① 80% *Hpylori*
- ② 12% NSAIDs.

**other risk factors.**

- ① Gastrinoma. ② ZES. ③ Smoking.
- ④ Alcohol. ⑤ Tsp. ⑥ Burns.
- ⑦ stress ulcers (multiple, superficial infundus from ischemia).

\* if acidity ↑ it'll usually cause duodenal ulcer & ↓ protection → gastric

**Types:** (of gastric ulcers) (ulcers above antrum → loss of protection, below → ↑ acidity).

**Type I:** Gastric (70-80% of which): lesser curvature towards antrum. Due to loss of protection.

Blood type **A**.

\* gastric ulcers' mc site is 'incisura angularis' in the lesser curvature between body & pylorus. (it's a weak spot → ↑ risk of perforation).

**Type II:** Gastric and duodenal: lesser curvature and duodenum. **Excess acid.** Blood type **O**

**Type III:** Gastric (2<sup>nd</sup> MC in stomach): **antral** (prepyloric). Due to excess acid. Blood type **O**

→ antrum usually has ↓ protection than other parts of stomach that's why ulcers in it form due to ↑ acidity.

**Type IV:** Gastric (<10%): lesser curvature close to **GEJ**. Due to **loss of protection**. Blood type **O**.

**Type V:** Diffuse. NSAIDs. (any ulcer in any part of stomach if it was caused by NSAIDs).

## *H pylori*

- *H. pylori* → G<sup>-ve</sup> spiral bacteria, it produces enzyme = **Urease** which transforms urea to ammonia (alkaline). *H.* usually lives in antrum causing an infection called **antral gastritis** → lowers stomach's protection → ulcers + ammonia stimulates gastrin → acidity

\* *H. pylori* is ↑ in ↓ socioeconomic class (cuz of ↓ food hygiene)

\* ↑ risk with age (peak 55-65 yrs).

**presentation:**

① peptic ulcer. ② dyspepsia ③ nausea & vomiting. ④ early satiety.

⑤ abdominal pain → epigastric & either radiates to the left or back.

food relieves pain if duodenal ulcer (cuz it ↓ acidity) & increases pain if gastric.

\* food ↑ gastric ulcer pain mechanically + cuz it ↑ acid production, but as food reaches duodenum it will have buffered the acid → decreases duodenal ulcer pain. (also food increases HCl secretion by parietal cells in the stomach & alkaline secretion in duodenum from pancreas).

**\* dyspepsia:**

Belching, early satiety, nausea, heartburn, abdominal pain, uncomfortable fullness, bloating

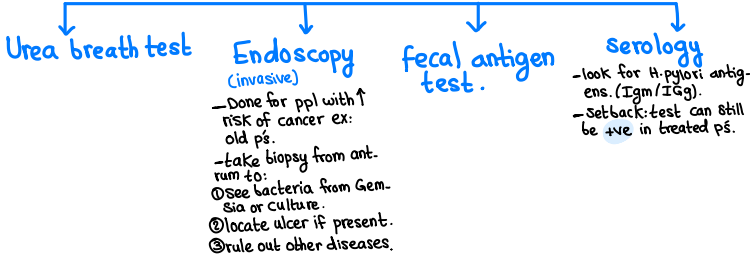
\* **Note:** *H. pylori* can cause gastritis → inflammation → disrupt stomach lining → disrupts nerves responsible for gastric muscles → slow down digestion.



# Diagnosing H. pylori:

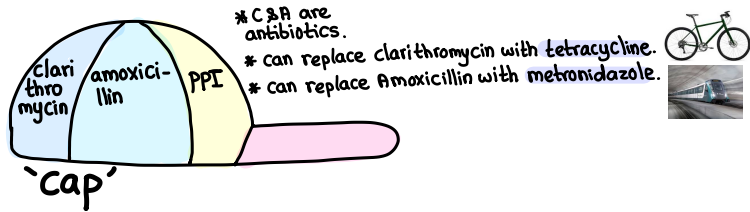
① physical exam: insignificant.

② Tests



③ H. pylori treatment:

① Triple therapy for 2 weeks.



② Gold standard: Quadruple therapy:

- Triple + Bismuth (antibacterial).
- used when triple doesn't work.

\* Note: antibiotic → not specific for a bacteria. antibacterial → specific.

\* Repeat EGD after 6-8 weeks to check H. pylori, if still present → give triple again for 2 weeks then at 6-8 weeks EGD, if still there 2 weeks of triple again, then 6-8w EGD if still → surgery.

④ Antisecretory therapy: (given in addition to H. pylori treatment or for ppl who have ulcers but no H. pylori).

- ① Antacids: Mg and Al compounds. (many side effects).
- ② H2 blockers: safe and cheap.
- ③ PPI: irreversible, require acid environment. (most effective).
- ④ Sucralfate creates a protective layer on ulcer. (protects stomach wall).
- ⑤ Bismuth: unclear, has anti-H pylori effect.
- ⑥ Prostaglandins: misoprostol, inhibits acid.

• other causes of ulcers & their treatment:

- ① NSAIDs: stop them.
- ② Alcohol / smoking → cessation.
- ③ stress ulcers → usually appear in fundus due to shock/ischemia.
- ④ Tip → called Cushing ulcer (due to vagus stimulation → acid → ulcer).
- ⑤ Burn → called Curling ulcer. (reduced blood flow to stomach).

H pylori complications →

- ① Acute gastritis.
- ② Chronic antral gastritis (causes peptic ulcer).
- ③ Chronic atrophic gastritis → increases risk of gastric cancer & gastric lymphoma.

# Complications and Surgery:

## Surgical techniques: (for peptic ulcers)

① **Vagotomy** to cut around 50% of acid secretion. ① **Truncal** cut all vagal trunks (including hepatic and celiac branches). ② **posterior trunk** is commonly missed. ② **Highly selective vagotomy** (HSV, parietal cell vagotomy): preserves antrum, almost normal motility. Keeps the anterior nerve of Latarjet supplying antrum.

- Vagotomy leads to loss of gastric motility, needs **pyloroplasty** to allow emptying, may cause **dumping syndrome**. (truncal).

① **Antrectomy** remove ulcerated part and G cells. Two types of anastomosis: ① **Billroth I** stomach to duodenum. ② **Billroth II** stomach to jejunum. ↳ if we had to remove duodenum.

## Complications: (of ulcers).

① **Perforation**: MC indication for surgery in gastric ulcers. (m/c in gastric ulcers).

**Diagnose** upright AXR showing free air. Perforation is ① gastric or ② anterior duodenal.

**Treatment**: ① **conservative** if stable patient and contained: NPO, NG, IVF, Abx, **PPI** (antibiotic). **Surgery** do base of ulcer biopsy and do Graham patch (omental patch). If ② low-risk patient: may do highly selective vagotomy (parietal cell vagotomy). If patient already on PPI, consider truncal vagotomy + pyloroplasty or HSV or vagotomy and antrectomy.

② **Bleeding**: MC indication for surgery in duodenal ulcers. (typically, posterior duodenal ulcer, bleeding from GD artery).

**Treatment**: get ① IV access and blood. ② PPI IV. If >6 units in 24 hours of hypotensive this needs intervention. **Endoscopy** look for active bleed, vessel, visible clot. Treat **Surgery** to ① ligate GDA. If patient already on PPI, consider ② truncal vagotomy and pyloroplasty or HSV. If larger ulcer: vagotomy and antrectomy.

③ **Obstruction**: least common complication. Usually in chronic and **GOO** (gastric outlet obstruction).

**Treatment**: Diagnose with upper GI series or ① CT scan. NG decompression, NPO, IVF, start PPI. Can do ② endoscopic serial dilation. **Surgery** antrectomy (Billroth II) + vagotomy.

④ **Recurrence**: incomplete surgery, ZES, H pylori or cancer.

## \*symptoms of gastric obstruction:

- vomiting
- ↓ Bowel motion.

(diagnosis requires imaging).

↳ AXR / ct / ugi series.

(Treatment → NPO, NG, IVF (wait till it resolves) if not → Endoscopy (open it) if not surgery).

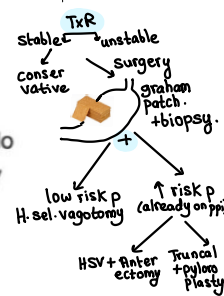
\*Note: ulcers can cause obstruction through:

- inflammation → edema
- inflammation → scarring → strictures.
- inflammation → muscle spasms.

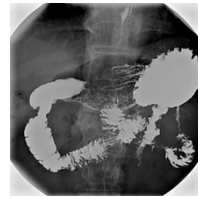
① Truncal vagotomy: cut all branches of vagus including hepatic & celiac.  
② Selective: x cut hepatic & celiac.  
③ Highly selective: only cut branches of vagus going to parietal cells.

• **Pyloroplasty**: cutting pyloric sphincter to hide effect of cutting n. of Latarjet.  
# dumping syndrome:  
- rapid gastric emptying

\* **AirR** = air under diaphragm (air escapes a perforation).  
↳ happens only if gastric or ant. duodenal.  
↳ sometimes part of perforation



\*upper gi: series  
Same idea of esophagogram (Barium), but for esophagus + upper small intestines.

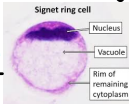


# Gastric neoplasia

## Cancers (Gastric carcinoma)

### Adenocarcinoma (95%)

- Intestinal (60%)**
  - due to Environmental
  - m/c with age + men
  - antrum & pylorus.
  - either looks like an ulcer (ulcerative type) / mass → exophytic.
  - called intestinal cuz stomach lining cells look like intestinal cells.
  - Hematogenous spread.
- Diffuse (30%)**
  - hereditary.
  - diffuse.
  - young + women (m/c).
  - worst
  - poorly differentiated signet ring cells.
  - spread:
    - transmural (through stomach wall).
    - lymphatic.



eventually causes thick walled stomach by fibrosis we call the wall:

"linitis plastica"

\* loss of E-cadherin in stomach wall is linked to adenocarcinoma.

### Others

- lymphoma (5%)
- gastrinoma.
- GIST (gastrointestinal stromal tumor).  
↳ ct, nerves, vessels, ducts.

\* Note: gastric cancers are 40% antral.

### Environmental risk factors:

- Risk factors: more in Japan/Korea, possibly due to high salt and high nitrate food. Low socioeconomic status. Family Hx. Smoking. Males. Blood groups A and O. H. pylori. Gastric ulcers (10% risk). Chronic gastritis. Gastric surgery. Villous polyps. Adenomatous polyps >2cm.

\* Note: ↑ inflammation → Atrophic gastritis → intestinal metaplasia = intestinal gastric adenocarcinoma.

### Presentation:

**History:** pain, anorexia, weight loss, etc. (postprandial pain).

**Physical:** Virchow's node (left supraclavicular), Sister Mary Joseph's nodule (umbilical mets), Irish's nodes (axillary LN), acanthosis nigricans, Leser-Trelat sign + mets to uterus

**Imaging:** Do CT abdomen/chest. Endoscopy with US and biopsy: diagnose, and determine T and local N. May do staging laparoscopy.

**Stage:** must sample at least 15 nodes. T1 (mucosa and submucosa), T2 (muscularis propria), T3 (serosa), T4 (adjacent organs). N: LN count. M: distant mets.

T = tumor = size & extent.  
N = Nodes = involvement.

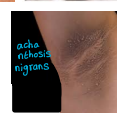
### \* staging laparoscopy:

- it increases stage that's why it's imp.
- (you can estimate the stage of cancer for ex. 2 from other techniques, but when you do staging lapro. it might discover new metastasis & stuff → increase stage to 3) (this happens in 25% of cases).

### Surgery:

- **Distal tumors:** radical subtotal gastrectomy + Billroth II: radical = first part of duodenum, hepatogastric lig and greater omentum. Surrounding LNs. remove all surrounding tissues & lymph nodes.
- **Proximal tumors:** total gastrectomy + Roux-en-Y.
- **Unresectable:** if peritoneal mets, liver mets, LN remote (if we can't remove them; we do palliative txr).

\* Note: in colon cancer if there was liver mets, it's still resectable, but if gastric it's not.



poorly differentiated (↑ grade)	well-differentiated (↓ grade)
act diff from normal cells.	act similar to normal cells.
spread & ÷ more	grow slowly.
more aggressive.	less aggressive
responds better to adjuvant therapy	doesn't respond to adjuvant.

\* mc organ for stomach cancer to spread in:

- ① liver ↑↑↑
- ② peritoneum ↑↑
- ③ lungs ↑
- ④ bones ↑.

# Other neoplasia

## ① Gastric lymphoma (5%): (benign).

— 90% of cases are Maltoma = malt lymphoma = caused by H. pylori.

\* If we have ↓ grade lymphoma we can treat it with H. pylori triple therapy.

\* If high grade → chemo/radio

Note: it's a non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

## ② GIST:

gastrointestinal stromal lymphoma. (originated from intestinal cell of Cajal)

\* CKIT & CD34+ are markers of GIST (they're cell surface proteins that are overexpressed in GIST).

\* imatinib (ckit inhibitor) can be used for therapy.

## ③ Gastrinoma: (benign/malignant).

— 50% malignant, 50% multiple. classified as neuroendocrine tumors cuz they're similar in characteristics to pancreatic cancerous cells.

tumor of the G-cell that produces very ↑ levels of gastrin → parietal cell hypertrophy → ↑ gastric acidity → atypical peptic ulcer & ↑ secretory diarrhea.

- Atypical peptic ulcer:
  - ① Unusual loci: esophagus, jejunum
  - ② multiple
  - ③ refractory to therapy.
  - ④ ↑ complication.

\* Zollinger Ellison Syndrome (ZES): when p. has Gastrinoma + Atypical peptic ulcer.

\* Gastrinoma can be familial: MEN 1 syndrome → 3p's: pituitary tumor, hyperparathyroidism (↑Ca), pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor (Gastrinoma)  
(so if a p. has gastrinoma I check cat levels to see if it's Men 1 syndrome).

\* Gastrinoma is mainly a pancreatic tumor, but it can happen in any part of gastrinoma triangle (includes: duodenum, pancreas & pylorus & antrum). m/c duodenum.

### • Diagnosis of Gastrinoma:

① Gastrin >1000. (normal 0-180 adults & 125 children).

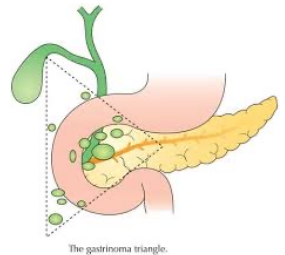
② If secretin stimulates stomach acidity (it normally ↓ it).

③ Acidity test. pH <2. (normal empty stomach pH 1.5-3, here it has to be <2 + other symptoms, it's not diagnostic alone).

④ Imaging to locate tumor.

\* Treatment is surgery, but if we can't we give meds to ↓ acidity like somatostatin/ppis.

• Note: Somatostatin ↓ Diarrhea & acidity.





**Bariatrics: (weightloss science).**

- BMI: 25-29.9 is overweight 30-39.9 is obese 40-49.9 is morbid (18.5-24.9 normal). (super obesity >50).
- Comorbidities of obesity: endocrine: T2DM, hyperlipidemia, PCOS. Cardiac: CAD, HTN, venous stasis. Respiratory: OSA <sup>Obstructive Sleep Apnea</sup> GI: GERD, FLD, hernias. Neuropsychiatric: depression, IHH. (idiopathic intracranial HTN). Urinary: stress incontinence. Skeletal: <sup>Osteoarthritis</sup> OA. Several cancers: endometrial, colorectal, RCC, etc.


**Medical treatments:**

- Less successful (non-surgical).
- LSM: diet, exercise, etc.

**Medications** ① orlistat, ② phentermine-topiramate, ③ liraglutide, ④ bupropion-naltrexone, etc.

**Bariatric surgery:**

- Criteria: morbid obesity: BMI >40 or >35 + comorbidity. Failed other approaches.

① **Laparoscopic adjustable gastric band**  → stomach used. → Band.

- A band creates a proximal small pouch, restrictive. 30-40% weight loss, low mortality. <sup>hof excess weight.</sup>
- More bands are removed now than placed.

- **Complications** ① slipped band, ② obstruction, ③ band erosion, ④ adjusting device malfunction, ⑤ pouch/esophageal dilation. <sup>↳ scar stomach.</sup> <sup>↳ device connected outside to adjust band side.</sup>

⑥ **Sleeve gastrectomy**  (fundus & body are removed) + also laparoscopic.


- Resection of part of stomach, leaves antrum and pylorus intact, restrictive. 60-70% weight loss, low mortality. (80% of stomach is removed) \* It's good because grelin receptors on stomach are removed with the resected part, so p doesn't feel that hungry.
- **Complications:** leak, stricture.

⑦ **Biliopancreatic diversion and duodenal switch** (old malabsorptive procedure). **Roux en y + sleeve**

- Stomach resected as in sleeve, duodenum diverted, duodeno-ileal anastomosis proximally, ileo-ileal anastomosis distally. Causing malabsorption, + restrictive.

- 70-90% excess weight loss, but higher mortality. Consider in high BMI >50.

- **Complications:** ① protein malnutrition, ② risk of biliary cirrhosis. (liver cirrhosis cuz bile goes back to liver).

⑧ **Roux-en-Y gastric bypass** (Best).  <sup>rest of stomach</sup> <sup>Stomach we cut jejunum.</sup>

- **Alimentary limb:** esophagus to small gastric pouch to gastro-jejunal anastomosis.
- **Biliopancreatic limb:** rest of stomach to duodenum to jejuno-jejunal anastomosis. Causes both restriction and malabsorption.

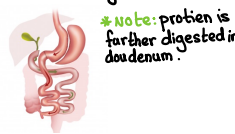
- 60-80% weight loss.

- **Complications:** ① internal hernias (from mesenteric defects), ② anastomotic strictures, ③ fistulas and leaks. Marginal ulcer. PE. Metabolic disorders. <sup>↳ cuz we made perforations in it when we cut small intestine.</sup> <sup>↳ 2 parts of intestine that join → narrowing in joining point.</sup>

**surgeries**  
**restrictive**  
↓ size of stomach.  
↓ food intake.  
**malabsorptive.**  
↓ absorption of food.  
(more effective).

\* it ↑ risk of Gerd's due to ↑ pressure in LES.

\* we do a gastric sleeve, but we also remove duodenum (where bile for digestion is secreted) & we join stomach to ileum, so food isn't digested until it reaches terminal ileum (small amount only).



## Complications of stomach surgery:

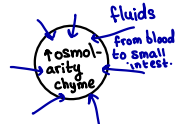
### ① Dumping syndrome:

#### ① Early dumping (75%).

- Minutes after meal. Rapid gastric emptying of hyperosmolar chyme > osmolar fluid shift in small bowel > sympathetic stimulation + diarrhea.

↳ ↓ fluid in blood = ↓ BP.

↳ digested food in stomach.



• Symptoms:  
after eating in a few mins  
→ ↑ HR, ↑ RR, diarrhea

- 75% of patients after surgery. More in Bill than BI.



#### ② Late dumping

- Hours after meal. Hyperosmolar chyme causes increased insulin > hypoglycemia > sympathetic stimulation + neuroglycopenic symptoms (dizziness, blurring of vision).

(insulin & sugar in blood)

Diagnosis of dumping UGI series.

### Treatment

- Mostly resolve with conservative measures: diet (small meal, no liquids, less sugars), medical (somatostatin slows transit time and reduces diarrhea) (octerotide).

(liquids → emptying faster).

- Surgery convert Billroth to REY: reduce emptying by increasing size of jejunal pouch or slow transit with reversal of jejunal loop.

\* usually after ingesting ↑ sugary meals.

\* ↑ HR, ↑ RR, ↓ blood sugar + dizziness & blurry eyesight.  
\* remember → insulin helps cells absorb glucose from blood.

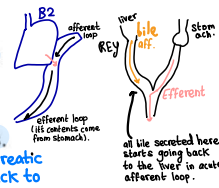
\* hypoglycemia → sympathetic stimulation → ↑ epinephrine & nor. → inhibits insulin secretion. (this keeps sugar in blood so it's easier to access by muscles) also symp. ↑ gluconeogenesis in liver.

\* Note: normal blood sugar level → before meal: 70-100.  
→ 2hrs after meal less than 140.

(↑ after meals because sugar in carbs is absorbed to blood which stimulates insulin, but insulin takes time to work).

## ② Afferent loop syndrome:

- Incidence around 1%. Only in **Bill** or **REY** intestinal secretions into afferent loop that is obstructed lead to distention > **bacterial stasis**.



① **Acute:** obstruction of bile flow: obstructive jaundice, ascending cholangitis, pancreatitis.

② **Chronic:** SIBO > loss of bile aids > steatorrhea, B12 deficiency.

Small intestinal Bacterial overgrowth.

- **Treatment:** endoscopy or surgical (Both chronic & acute).

\* In chronic → obstruction is slow so it doesn't go back to organs, but it causes stasis & bacterial overgrowth (SIBO). Bacteria causes: ① deconjugation of bile salts (fat malabsorption → steatorrhea). ② Eat v B12 → deficiency + megaloblastic anemia.

↳ biliary & pancreatic secretions go back to pancreas.

if bile secreted here starts going back to the liver in acute afferent loop.

③ **Alkaline reflux gastritis:** same as dumping but the opposite way

5% of patients with Billroth or pyloroplasty.

- Bile salt reflux to stomach causes damage, presents with **bilious vomiting** (green/yellow).

- **Treatment:** ① metoclopramide (prokinetic antiemetic) and ② sucralfate. **Surgery** convert to REY with large jejunum.

\* Bile & pancreatic secretions secrete in duodenum, due to removal of pylorus.

↳ it separates bile from stomach.

③ **Postvagotomy diarrhea:** vagus: xmmc + ↑ bile when p eats.

- Excess postprandial migrating motor complexes (should be only in fasting), pushing bile salts to **colon** resulting in **diarrhea**.

- **Treatment:** ① octreotide (inhibits MMCs and diarrhea) + ② cholestyramine (bile salt binding resin).

## **Metabolic derangements** (m/c in Bariatrics).

① Vitamin **B12** deficiency due to loss of IF → **megaloblastic anemia**.

② **IDA** (iron deficiency anemia). (iron absorption → duodenum).

③ **ADEK** vitamin deficiency (lipid soluble vitamins). (cuz they're absorbed in duodenum, also Bariatrics ↓ fat absorbed by small intestine (ex. ↓ pancreatic lipase, Bile emulsification...)).

## \* **migrating motor complexes (MMC)**:

wave of peristalsis that happens along GI tract during fasting when we eat vagus inhibits MMC so digestion can start & it ↑ bile release. when vagotomy → MMC stays on & at the same time bile is released when p. eats. (normally bile doesn't reach colon, but due to MMC it does → bile induced diarrhea).

\* **obstruction of bile flow** → jaundice, because bile has **bilirubin** (a result of RBC death), in obstruction bilirubin (yellow) stays in blood.

\* Bile is made in liver & stored & secreted from gallbladder to duodenum.

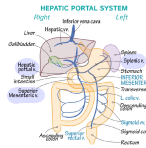
\* Bile components: 98% water + Bile salts & phospholipids (for fat emulsification) + Bilirubin + Electrolytes (to maintain its alkaline pH).

**The Small Intestines:** (midgut). (only upper 1/2 of duodenum → foregut → celiac artery).

**Anatomy:** (intraperitoneal) but part of duode is retro.



① **Arterial supply** upper half of duodenum: via celiac artery (foregut), distal half of duodenum, jejunum, ileum: via SMA (midgut). **Veins** same as arteries. (SMV) and splenic vein join behind neck of pancreas to form portal vein. <sup>↳ doesn't drain SI.</sup>

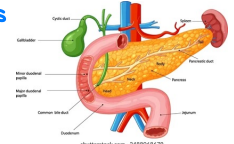


② **Innervation:** vagal secretomotor. Sympathetic: vasoconstriction, reduced secretion and motility, and sensory fibers.

- Layers: **mucosa:** epithelium (villous cells: absorption and digestion, microvilli increases surface area and contain brush border enzymes plus some receptors for absorption), in addition to crypt cells inside crypts of Lieberkuhn (regenerate epithelium), goblet cells (mucus secretion), Paneth cells (defense), enteroendocrine cells (secrete gastrin, secretin, CCK, somatostatin, motilin, and others). Lamina propria: loose CT with immune cells and layer of muscularis mucosae. Mucosa forms folds known as plicae circularis (folds of Kerckring, valvulae conniventes) that start at distal duodenum and diminish in distal ileum. **Submucosa:** fibroelastic CT for strength (important in anastomoses), contains Meissner plexus of ENS, and vascular supply. **Muscularis:** thick inner circular layer and thin outer longitudinal, innervated by Auerbach plexus. **Serosa:** visceral peritoneum. **mucosa → submucosa → muscularis → serosa.**

\* **Note:** duodenum has the widest lumen.

\* plicae circularis: mucosa forms circular folds from distal duodenum to prox. ileum.

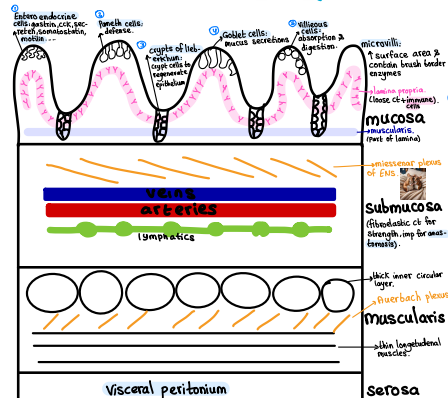


**Function:**

vagus + hormones.

① **Motility** the pacemaker is in the duodenum. Peristalsis is stimulated by vagal cholinergic input and other neurohormones. Migrating motor complexes are waves of peristalsis during fasting that are mediated by **motilin** MMC (prevents bacterial overgrowth + cleans int.).

② **Digestion and absorption:** fat (mainly via pancreatic lipases with help from bile salts, absorbed as chylomicrons mainly via lymphatics). Protein (starts in stomach via acidity and pepsin, then in duodenum via pancreatic peptidases (need alkaline and enterokinase to be activated); ex. trypsin. absorbed via portal vein). Sugar (starts via amylases, disaccharides digested via brush border enzymes, absorbed via portal vein). Water and vitamins most water in small intestine. Calcium, iron and folate mainly in proximal intestine, B12 through terminal ileum. <sup>↳ it binds to IF in stomach then gets absorbed in ileum.</sup>



\* **Note:** villi contain cells for digestion & absorption of food.

\* **Meissner nervous system.** Auerbach nervous system.

\* **Note:** in surgery it's ok to suture small intestine anastomosis parts, cuz it's regenerable. Can't do that in colon).

imp + distal duod.

\* in jejunum & terminal ileum there are special folds of mucosa called plicae circularis

\* **Note:** bile does emulsification of fat (dissolve fat).

\* fats absorbed by intestines go to lymphatics first not blood (chylomicrons = fat in lymph).

\* in duodenum enzymes like trypsin & chymotrypsin help digest proteins (they are released from pancreas), they are secreted inactive to avoid degrading pancreas, then get activated in duodenum by alkaline environment & by enterokinase (aka enteropeptidase) in villi of SI. \* amylases secreted by saliva & pancreas.