




# Small bowel tumours

← أي شيء مكتوب عنده **هم** لكون الدكتور أكد عليه آخر المحاضرة  
إنه هاد أهم شيء لازم نعرفه



- ▶ Only 1 to 2 per cent of malignant alimentary tumours.
- ▶ ✓ Equal between man and women
- ▶ 100 times less frequent than in the stomach, oesophagus, or colorectum
- ▶  Benign lesions are more common distal, while Adenocarcinoma is more common proximal.

We mean duodenum ↵



- ▶ Small intestinal tumors may originate in cells of the:
  - ▶ epithelium
    - ▶ adenomas,
    - ▶ adenocarcinomas or
    - ▶ carcinoids
  - ▶ lymphatic tissues
    - ▶ lymphomas
  - ▶ mesenchymal or neural elements
    - ▶ gastrointestinal stromal tumors
    - ▶ leiomyomas
    - ▶ lipomas
    - ▶ hemangiomas
    - ▶ neuromas
    - ▶ sarcomas

# Risk factors



- ① ▶ Familial adenomatous polyposis, → *less common than colon CA*
- ② ▶ Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC),
- ③ ▶ Peutz-Jeghers syndrome,
- ④ ▶ Crohn's disease,
- ⑤ ▶ Gluten-sensitive enteropathy (celiac sprue),
- ⑥ ▶ Biliary diversion (e.g., previous cholecystectomy).

# Presentation



- ▶ Sixth and seventh decades of life
- ▶ Benign **tumours** are found incidentally at laparotomy or autopsy
  - ▶ vague symptoms, absence of clinical signs, the difficulty in investigating much of the **small bowel**
  - ▶ nausea, dyspepsia, epigastric discomfort, fatigue, bloating and weight loss, to haemorrhage or obstruction
  - ▶ Haemorrhage: occult or major bleeding ..
  - ▶ palpable abdominal mass, perforation, fistula formation, intussusception or intraperitoneal haemorrhage

all  
non-  
specific



# CLINICAL PRESENTATION OF PRIMARY SMALL BOWEL TUMORS



Signs and symptoms

Frequency (%)

## BENIGN NEOPLASMS

Asymptomatic

47–60

Abdominal pain

24–50

Acute gastrointestinal hemorrhage

29–44

Anemia

28–58

Intermittent obstruction

12–28

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

\* Asymptomatic

6–12

\* Abdominal pain

62–83

\* Weight loss

38–55

Nausea/vomiting

23–64

Acute gastrointestinal hemorrhage

6–31

Anemia

12–38

Abdominal mass

5–32

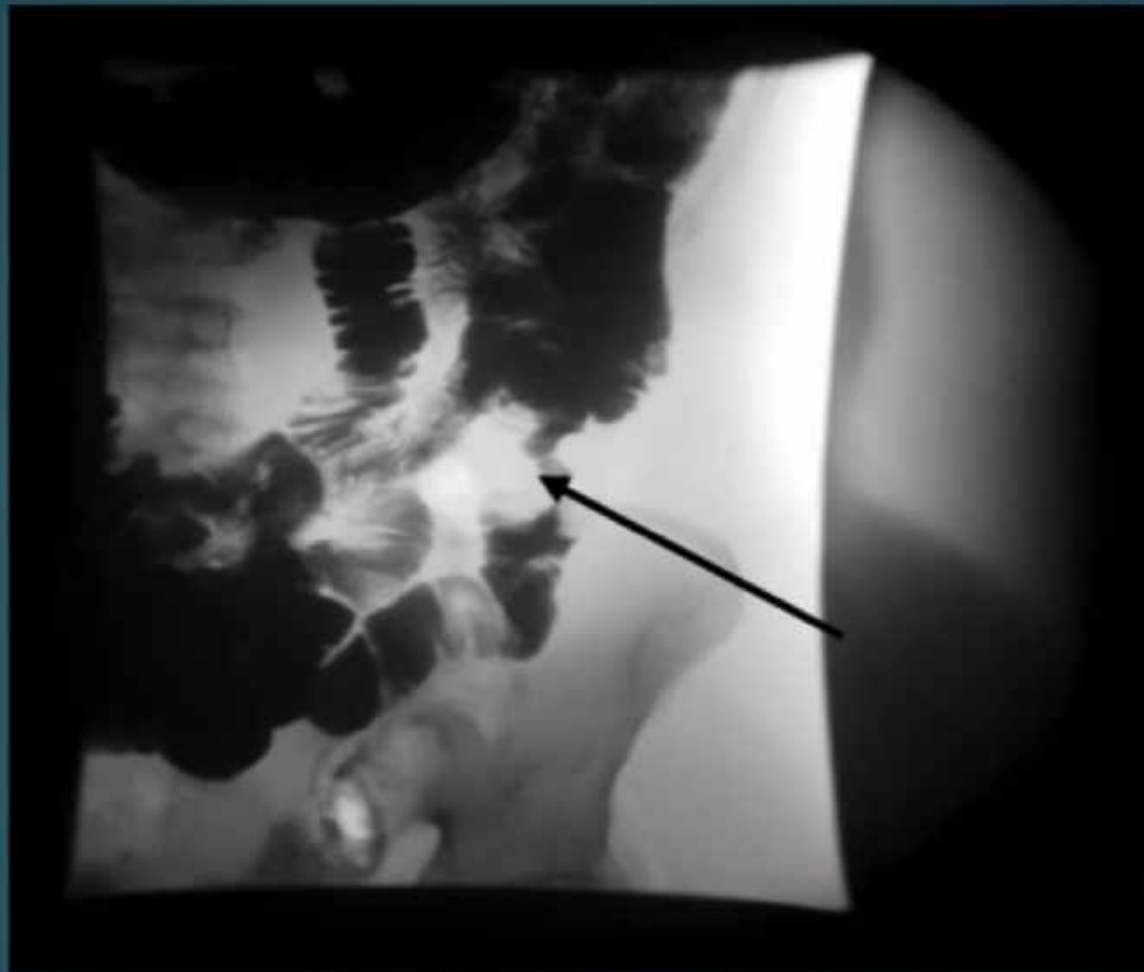
# Investigation



- ①
- ▶ Contrast Studies : small bowel follow through
- ▶ ② Endoscopy
- ▶ ③ CT / MRI
- ▶ ④ Angiography → through the vessels
- ▶ ⑤ Capsule endoscopy  
↳ small capsule with a camera

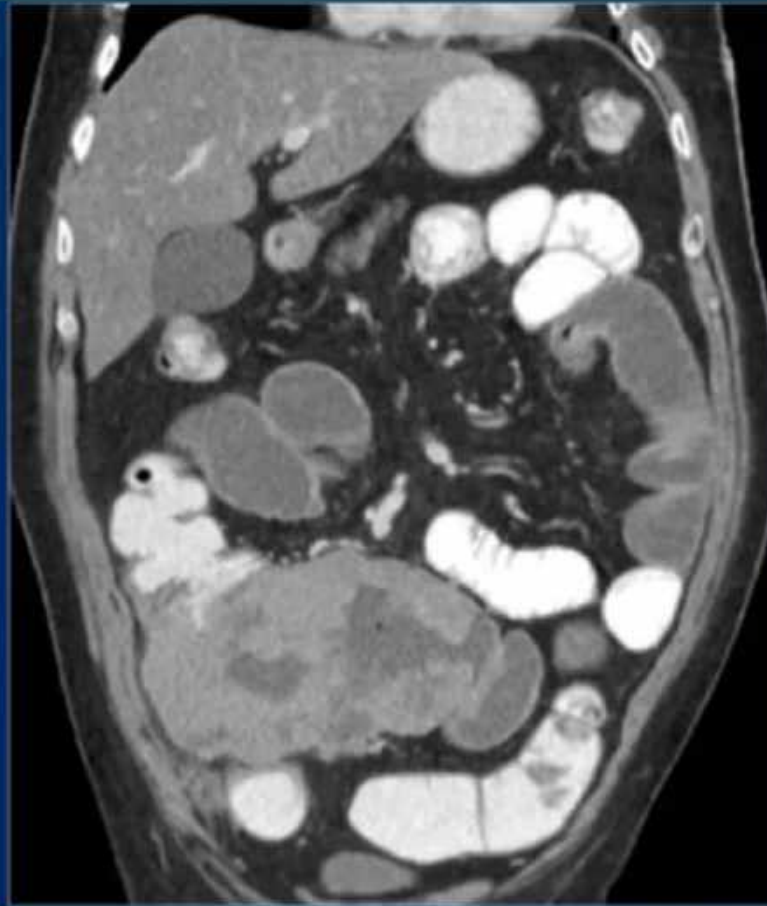


# small bowel follow through

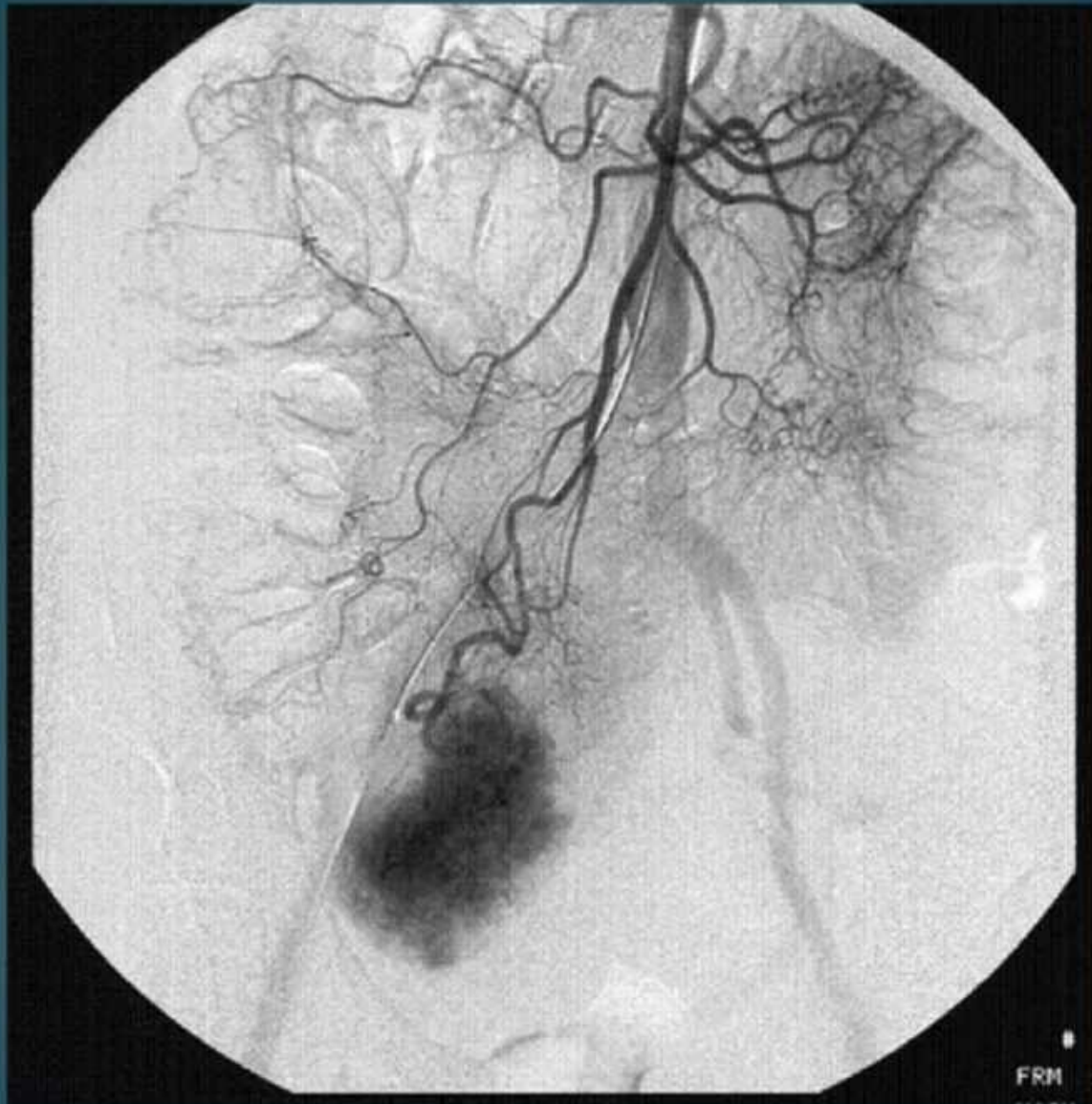




# CT entorography



thickening  
of the wall  
of the small  
bowel



tumor in the  
right iliac  
fossa

Angiogram



villi



Capsule endoscopy

# Pathological classification



- ▶ Not straightforward (*not very clear*)
  - ▶ **Benign neoplasms**
  - ▶ **Malignant Tumours**





# Adenoma → benign and originating from the epithelium

- ▶ True adenoma, Villous adenoma and Brunner gland adenoma.
- ▶ 20% in duodenum, 30 % in jejunum and 50% in **ileum**.
- ▶ Villous adenomas more common in Duodenum and less common in distal small bowel.
- ▶ Most common presentation is asymptomatic, Abdominal pain, obstruction, and occult (or overt) haemorrhage Obstructive jaundice.
- ▶ Malignant change increases with the **size, site**, and **number** of lesions as well as with the histological type (**tumours** situated in the **periampullary** region are more prone to malignancy)



around the ampulla →  
↑ risk of malignancy





lesion in the 2nd part of  
the chordendum

# Familial Polyposis syndromes



- ▶ Familial polyposis coli
- ▶ Autosomal-dominant inheritance of the mutated APC gene
- ▶ Thousands of adenomas in the colorectum
- ▶ polyps occur within the **small** intestine in 24 to 93 per cent
- ▶ only 2 to 12 per cent develop duodenal cancer
- ▶ Treatment : excise polyps / biopsy / follow up

\* you can't excise the SB for all patients → short bowel syndrome

# Other Benign neoplasms



- ▶ **Brunner's gland adenoma ( duodenum)**
- ▶ **Lipoma**
- ▶ Neurofibromas
- ▶ **Fibroma**
- ▶ **Vascular tumours**
- ▶ **Leiomyoma**



# Malignant Tumours of Small Intestine

(more likely to produce symptoms)

- ▶ Malignant neoplasms almost always produce symptoms
- ▶ The most common: pain and weight loss
  - ▶ Obstruction in 15- 35% of patients ( adhesions and infiltration)
  - ▶ Diarrhoea and excess mucus
  - ▶ GI bleeding , anaemia





# Carcinoid tumours

- ▶ Originate in **enterochromaffin cells (argentaffin cells)**
- ▶ 0.7 per 100 000
- ▶ These **tumours** may occur in the
  - ▶ **foregut** (including the duodenum),
  - ▶ **midgut** (including the jejunum),
  - ▶ **the hind gut.**
- ▶ Midgut carcinoids characteristically secrete large amounts of 5-hydroxytryptamine (**5-HT; serotonin**), whereas foregut carcinoids secrete **small** amounts of this peptide





# Carcinoid tumours cont.

- ▶ Most common in ileum (last two feet)
- ▶ Multi-centric in 30 – 40 % of cases
- ▶ yellow in colour and appear in a submucosal or serosal position
- ▶ \*slow-growing **tumours**
- ▶ fifth decade, and both sexes are affected equally.
- ▶ Most common presentation is **pain**. (chronic pain)
- ▶ Most patients will have metastasized to LN / Liver
- ▶ Doudenal carcinoid can cause ulceration, obstruction, and jaundice



# Carcinoid **tumours** malignant potential

- ▶ Metastasis is related to size of tumor,
  - ▶ Less than 1 cm tumor : 20 – 30 % risk of mets to LN and liver
  - ▶ 1–2 cm tumor: 60-80% LN and 20% Liver
  - ▶ More than 2cm : 80% LN and 40-50% liver
- ▶ Lesion less than 1 cm can be adequately treated with local excision.

- ▶ <sup>\*</sup> Small bowel obstruction, <sup>\*</sup> mesenteric fibrosis and <sup>\*</sup> ischaemia.

↳ patient presents with pain

# Carcinoid syndrome.



- ▶ Carcinoid syndrome refers to **vasomotor**, **gastrointestinal**, and **cardiac** manifestations induced by systemic circulation of a variety of peptides elaborated by carcinoid tumor

- ▶ *Diarrhoea, flushing, wheezes, abdominal cramps, cardiac (Rt heart failure)*

- ▶ *Most likely liver metastases or large tumor bypass the liver*

- ▶ **Elevated** urinary levels of **5-HIAA** measured over 24 hours with high-performance liquid chromatography are highly specific but not sensitive



# Carcinoid Tumours Cont.



- ▶ Treatment
- ▶ Local disease : resection including draining Lymph nodes
- ▶ Metastatic disease:
  - ▶ Tumour debulking, resection, cryotherapy, radiofrequency ablation, hepatic artery embolization, or chemoembolization.
- ▶ Systemic therapy
  - ▶ Somatostatin analogs. Octeriotide, Long-acting octreotide, lanreotide. *palliative*
- ▶ **Cytotoxic chemotherapy: ineffective.**

# Adenocarcinoma



- ▶ Adenocarcinoma accounts for about 35% of **small bowel tumors**
- ▶ **More common in proximal small bowel than distal.** *and minimally in the jejunum*
- ▶ median age at presentation of **60 years**
- ▶ Presentation according to site:
  - ▶ Non-specific, vomiting, pain, jaundice, obstruction, perforation. *→ late presentation because of non-specific symptoms*
- ▶ Jejunal and ileal **tumours** are best treated by segmental resection including the regional lymph nodes
- ▶ The overall 5-year survival rate for jejunoileal carcinomas is **20 to 30** per cent. If **there is no nodal involvement at operation, survival is increased to 50 to 70** per cent
- ▶ Chemotherapy is of little help.



# Adenocarcinoma cont.



- ▶ Adenocarcinoma developing with ~~crohn's~~ <sup>CD</sup> **crohn's disease** is more common in ileum
- ▶ 20 years younger
- ▶ male preponderance of about 70 per cent
- ▶ prognosis is very poor

# Gastrointestinal lymphoma



- ▶ 1 to 4 per cent of all primary gastrointestinal cancers
- ▶ 50 to 55 per cent of **tumours** occur in the stomach, 30 to 32 per cent in the **small bowel**
- ▶ ~~✖~~ Present with; obstruction, bleeding , anorexia and weight loss .
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> decade
- ▶ Most common in **ileum**
- ▶ Increase incidence in patients with **Celiac disease / immunodeficiency states** (e.g., AIDS).
  - ▶ Worsening diarrhea, pyrexia, and local obstructive symptoms.
- ▶ Treatment is usually medical unless surgical complication.

# Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours (GIST)



- ▶ Arise from Connective tissue cells
- ▶ Most common mesenchymal tumour of the GI Tract.
- ▶ Benign or malignant. Size increase risk of malignant potential.
- ▶ Usually stomach followed by small bowel ( jejunum > ileum)
- ▶ 50-70 years of age.

# GIST cont.



- ▶ <sup>\*</sup>Lymphatic spread is not common (just resect the tumor)
- ▶ Metastasis to liver or peritoneum
  
- ▶ Prognosis
  - ▶ Worse than in stomach and oesophagus
  - ▶ Tumour size : less than 2 cm diameter → low risk
  - ▶ Mitotic rate: less than 5 HPF → low risk





▶ Treatment

▶ Surgery . Excision with negative margin

\*\*\* Tyronise kinase inhibitor ( imatinib) in **advanced cases** 50% tumours shrinkage.

▶ Radio-resistant

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# End of notes