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**Module 1 – Endoscopy**

Moderators: Gary A Neidich, MD and Jennifer Strople, MD

- 8:00am – 8:20am      Management of foreign bodies  
*David Brumbaugh MD, Children’s Hospital Colorado*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Understand epidemiology, symptoms and management of common gastrointestinal foreign body ingestions in children  
2. Review new poison control guidelines for pre-hospital and in-hospital management of swallowed button batteries  
3. Discuss clinical management of high-powered magnet ingestions
- 8:20am – 8:40am      Advanced endoscopic techniques for gastrointestinal bleeding  
*Petar Mamula MD, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Briefly discuss existing techniques for treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding  
2. Discuss new techniques available for treatment of GI bleeding  
3. Discuss endoscopy training in the these techniques
- 8:40am – 9:00am      Cancer screening top to bottom  
*Srinadh Komanduri MD, Northwestern Medicine*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Recognize current recommendations for screening for CRC in specific populations and identify novel diagnostic tools for screening  
2. Understand the role of Barrett’s Esophagus in development in esophageal adenocarcinoma and the role of screening in GERD  
3. Identify specific populations who need screening for pancreaticobiliary malignancies

**Module 2 – Potpourri**

Moderators: Terry Sigman MD, FRCPC and Maria Oliva-Hemker, MD

- 9:00am – 9:20am      Celiac disease: Beyond diagnosis  
*Alessio Fasano MD, MassGeneral Hospital for Children*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Review current celiac disease diagnostic criteria and critically review the need for an upper endoscopy to confirm diagnosis  
2. Discuss the best approach to monitor compliance with the gluten free diet  
3. Provide an overview of ongoing clinical trials aimed at identifying novel target for treatments alternative/complementary to the gluten free diet
- 9:20am – 9:40am      The role of the gastroenterologist and hepatologist in Cystic Fibrosis (CF) care today  
*Meghana Sathe MD, UT Southwestern Medical Center*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Understand the management of pancreatic replacement enzyme therapy  
2. Become familiar with Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Receptor (CFTR) Modulators and the potential impact on GI manifestations of CF

3. Recognize how to differentiate between Distal Intestinal Obstruction Syndrome (DIOS) and constipation and understand variations in management

9:40am – 10:00am Update on *C. difficile*  
*Sonia Michail MD, Children's Hospital Los Angeles*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Understand the manifestations and risks of development of clostridium difficile infection  
2. Update on treatment of clostridium difficile infection  
3. Understand options in difficult to treat cases

10:00AM – 10:20am What the pediatric GI provider needs to know about cannabis  
*Ed Hoffenberg MD, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Describe how endocannabinoid system modulation may impact GI disorders  
2. Identify complications and risks of cannabis use  
3. Develop your own approach to discussing cannabis use with your patients

### **Module 3 – Functionality/Motility**

Moderators: Anil Darbari, MD and Maria Oliva-Hemker, MD

10:40am – 11:00am Testing for functional disorders: The indispensable, the useless, the dangerous  
*Carlo Di Lorenzo MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital*  
Learning objectives:  
1. When testing is needed in the child presenting with symptoms of IBS/FAP  
2. Emphasize how to effectively provide reassurance in the office setting  
3. Discuss the dangers and relevance of the incidental findings  
4. Address any concerns which may mimic pain predominant functional disorders

11:00am – 11:20am Achalasia  
*Peter Kahrilas MD, Northwestern Medicine*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Review the sub-classification of achalasia and related syndromes  
2. Understand the limitations of pneumatic dilation and Heller myotomy in treating spastic achalasia (type III)  
3. Appreciate the advantages and disadvantages of pneumatic dilation, per oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) and laparoscopic Heller myotomy

11:20am – 11:40am Evaluation and treatment strategies in NERD and functional dyspepsia  
*Julie Khlevner MD, Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Discuss the criteria for diagnosing NERD and functional dyspepsia  
2. Understand the current concepts in pathogenesis of NERD and functional dyspepsia  
3. Review evidence based approach to therapy in pediatric NERD and functional dyspepsia

11:40am – 12:00pm The role in diet in managing IBS  
*Robert J. Shulman MD, Texas Children's Hospital*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Describe mechanisms whereby diet can induce symptoms  
2. Enumerate pros and cons of different diets  
3. Describe limitations of research on diet therapy

1. Challenging celiac disease cases

Moderator: Iona Monterio, MD

Alessio Fasano, MD and Maureen Leonard, MD

2. Comprehensive treatment of functional disorders: Difficult cases

Moderator: Tanaz Danialifar, MD

Carlo Di Lorenzo, MD and Rob Shulman, MD

3. Complicated IBD

Moderator: Jeanne Tung, MD

Anne Griffiths, MD and David Rubin, MD

4. Management of chronic cholestasis

Moderator: Henry Lin, MD, MBA

Saul Karpen MD, PhD and Sanjiv Harpavat MD, PhD

5. Chronic pancreatitis

Moderator: Gary Galante, MD

Sohail Husain, MD and Jaimie Nathan, MD

6. NERD and dyspepsia: real world treatment

Moderator: Kelly Fair Thomsen, MD, MSCI, CNSC

Julie Khlevner, MD and Diana Lerner, MD

7. Foreign body management in practice

Moderator: Alex Koral, MD

David Brumbaugh, MD and Petar Mamula, MD

8. How to approach your patient who wants to use a medical marijuana product

Moderator: Ellen Mitchell, MD

Ed Hoffenberg, MD and Ann Ming Yeh, MD

9. Eosinophilic GI disease

Moderator: Garrett Zella, MD

Edaire Cheng, MD and Nathalie Nguyen, MD

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#### **Module 4 – Liver/Pancreas**

Moderators: Nadia Ovchinsky, MD, MBA and Jennifer Strople, MD

- 1:40pm – 2:00pm      New news in NAFLD  
*Miriam Vos MD, MSPH, Emory University*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Understand current concepts in pathogenesis  
2. Update on diagnostic tools for NAFLD  
3. Discuss clinical management of pediatric NAFLD
- 2:00pm – 2:20pm      New therapies for chronic cholestatic diseases  
*Saul J. Karpen MD, PhD, Emory University School of Medicine/Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Know the array of new agents that target bile acid based hepatotoxicity of cholestatic diseases  
2. Understand the approach to therapy for genetic forms of cholestatic diseases based upon specific genes and variants – chaperones and potentiators  
3. Know the current status of the field regarding treatments for biliary atresia
- 2:20pm – 2:40pm      Diagnosing drug-induced pancreatitis  
*Sohail Husain MD, Stanford Children’s Hospital*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Recognize the burden of drug-induced pancreatitis in children and the commonly associated drugs  
2. Evaluate the causality indices for drug-induced pancreatitis  
3. Review management guidelines for drug-induced pancreatitis in children
- 2:40pm – 3:00pm      Pediatric pancreatic masses: Steroids, surgery or surveillance?  
*Jaimie D. Nathan MD, FACS, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Recognize the presentation of pancreatic masses in children  
2. Understand the workup and evaluation of pediatric pancreatic masses  
3. Recognize the different etiologies and outcomes of pancreatic masses in children
- 3:00pm – 3:20pm      Break

#### **Module 5 – Intestinal Inflammation**

Moderators: Deborah Neigut, MD and Jennifer Strople, MD

- 3:20pm – 3:40pm      Positioning the new IBD therapies: Merging experience with evidence  
*David T. Rubin MD, University of Chicago*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Choose therapies based on prognosis and confirm effectiveness  
2. Identify targets of treatment that are individualized based on patient symptoms and objective measure of disease activity  
3. Understand risks and benefits of considering de-escalation and restart protocols in management

- 3:40pm – 4:00pm      Immunosuppressive therapy in IBD: Can we de-escalate therapy?  
*Anne Griffiths MD, FRCPC, Hospital for Sick Children*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Advise families concerning the likelihood of (and factors predictive of) successful discontinuation of biologic therapies  
2. Utilize therapeutic drug monitoring to plan de-escalation of combination therapy with biologics  
3. Initiate and utilize biologic therapies in a way most likely to allow long-term effectiveness while balancing risks
- 4:00pm – 4:20pm      When it is not IBD ... Rare forms of intestinal inflammation  
*Stacy Kahn MD, Boston Children's Hospital*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Learn to recognize and diagnose intestinal inflammation not due to IBD  
2. Understand the natural history of a variety of rare forms of intestinal inflammation  
3. Learn how to treat rare forms of intestinal inflammation
- 4:20pm – 4:40pm      Eosinophilic inflammation beyond the esophagus  
*Edaire Cheng MD, UT Southwestern Medical Center*  
Learning objectives:  
1. Understanding the diagnostic criteria for eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases (EGIDs)  
2. Recognizing the clinical presentations for eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases  
3. Understanding the relationship between EoE and EGIDs

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# Foreign Body Management Update

David Brumbaugh, MD



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## Objectives

- Understand epidemiology, symptoms, and management of common gastrointestinal foreign body ingestions in children.
- Review new poison control guidelines for pre-hospital and in-hospital management of swallowed button batteries.
- Discuss clinical management of high-powered magnet ingestions.



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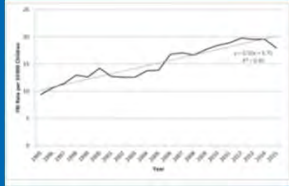
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## Foreign Bodies - Epidemiology

- Estimated 759,000 FB ingestions in children <6yo between 1995-2015. Rate of FB ingestion increased 91% over measurement period.



Orsagh-Yentil, D et al. Pediatrics. 2019.

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## Foreign Bodies - Epidemiology

- Children 1-3yo accounted for two-thirds of FB ingestions.
- 10% of FB ingestions resulted in hospitalization.
- Coins represented 62% of FB ingestions.
- Batteries represented 0.14% of ingestions in 1995 and 8.4% in 2015.



Orsagh-Yentil, D et al. Pediatrics. 2019.

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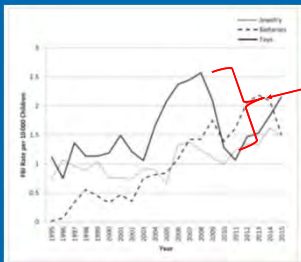
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Consumer Product Safety improvement Act

- Mandated screw closure for batteries.
- Banned small toys representing choke hazards

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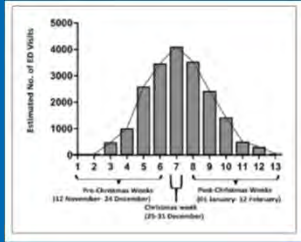
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## When to Not be On-Call



Christmas Decoration Ingestions

Reeves et al.  
Critical Pediatrics 2019.

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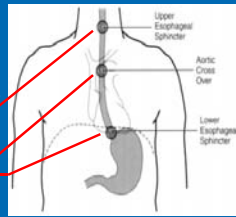
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## Anatomy of Esophageal FB

### Key Anatomic Locations For Impaction

- 60%: UES
- 10%: Aortic Arch
- 30%: LES



Ginsberg. Gastro Endoscopy. 1995 (41)

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## Foreign Bodies – Symptoms

- Many children are asymptomatic!
- Early symptoms
  - Drooling
  - Gagging
  - Chest pain
  - Choking/Spit up
  - Inappetence
- After a week, respiratory symptoms predominate
  - Coughing
  - Wheezing
  - Respiratory distress

Miller RS et al.  
Int. J. Pediatric Otorhinolaryngol.  
2004.

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### Timing of Endoscopic Intervention

Type	Location	Symptoms	Timing
Button Battery	Esophagus	Yes or No	Emergent
	Caecum/SIG	Yes	Urgent
Magnets	Esophagus	Yes	Emergent (if not managing secretions, otherwise urgent)
	Caecum/SIG	Yes	Urgent
Sharp	Esophagus	Yes	Emergent (if not managing secretions, otherwise urgent)
	Caecum/SIG	Yes	Emergent (if signs of perforation then with surgery)
Food Impaction	Esophagus	Yes	Emergent (if not managing secretions, otherwise urgent)
	Caecum/SIG	Yes	Urgent
Coin	Esophagus	Yes	Emergent (if not managing secretions, otherwise urgent)
	Caecum/SIG	Yes	Urgent
Long Object	Esophagus	Yes or No	Urgent
	Caecum/SIG	Yes or No	Urgent
Absorbable Object	Esophagus	Yes	Emergent (if not managing secretions, otherwise urgent)
	Caecum/SIG	Yes or No	Urgent



Emergent (< 30 Min)

Emergent (< 2 hours)

Urgent (< 8 Hours)

Elective (< 24 Hours)

Courtesy Rob Kramer, MD

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### Preparation for FB Removal


- Venue
  - Endoscopy suite, OR
- Team members
- Practice ex-vivo if an unusual foreign body
- Foreign body box


  
Grasping Forceps

  
Multi-Prong Forceps


  
Coin Grasper


  
Rubber-Tipped Forceps


  
Polyp Snare

  
Roth Net

  
Wire Basket

  
Foreign Body Hood

  
Endoscopy Caps

  
Overtube

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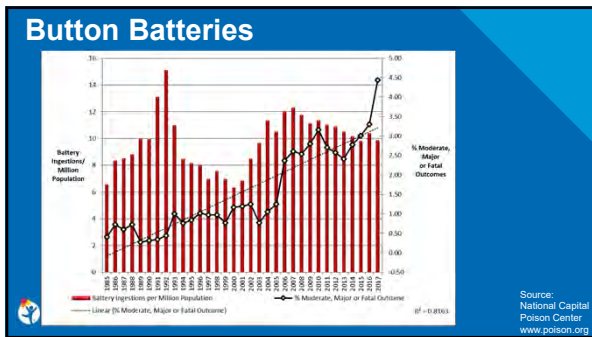
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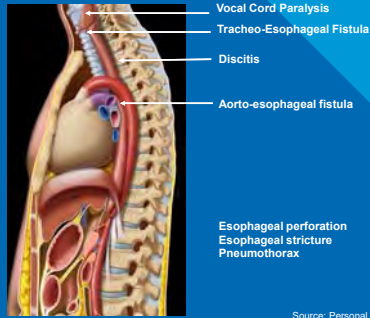
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## Button Batteries – Structures at Risk



Source: Personal files

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## Button Battery Management – Murky Areas

- Can we mitigate injury? **NEW DATA!**
- How do we monitor patients post-ingestion
- What do we do about those gastric batteries?




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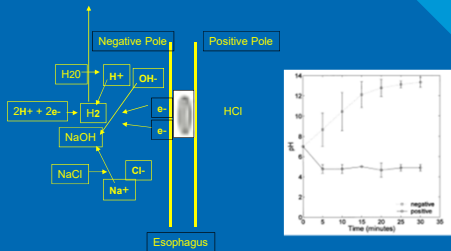
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## Mechanism of Battery Injury



Gadde LA et al. J Clin Monit 2004.

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## Mitigation Strategies



Jatana KR et al.  
Laryngoscope. 2016.

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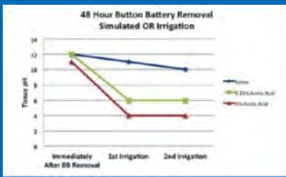
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## Mitigation Strategies



Jatana KR et al.  
Laryngoscope. 2016.

- Series of six patients receiving 150ml irrigation of 0.25% Acetic Acid immediately post-battery removal. No immediate or delayed complications at >4 months.

Jatana KR et al.  
Laryngoscope. 2019.

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## Mitigation Strategies

Product	# of Patients	Time to Removal	Neutralization Efficiency
Homey Mouthwash Very Fine (Bayer)	4.0	8.5	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash (Bo Active Plus Zentaris)	4.0	8.8	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash Original (Bayer)	4.0	9.0	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash (Boon Bionik)	4.0	9.5	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash (Arizona Wildflower Arizona, USA)	4.0	9.5	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash (Garnier Clean Original, USA)	4.0	9.0	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash (L'Oréal Paris)	4.0	9.0	Ideal
Homey Mouthwash (Nature Rose & Unflavored Texas, USA)	4.0	9.5	Ideal
Control	4.0	7.5	None
Multis apple juice	3.7	6.0	Partial
Slurpee brand orange juice	4.2	8.5	Partial
POWERSAC® mountain dew	2.8	10.5	Mixed, no benefit
Sakonak® full lemon	3.1	11.0	Mixed, no benefit
POWERSAC® full lemon	2.7	11.5	Mixed, no benefit
POWERSAC® lemon lime	2.7	11.5	Mixed, no benefit
Sakonak® lemon lime	3.5	11.5	Mixed, no benefit
Slurpee brand peach mango	4.7	11.5	Mixed, no benefit
Sakonak® berry blue	3.0	12.0	Mixed, no benefit
Smackalot berry	4.3	12.5	No benefit
3.9% sodium chloride control	3.8	12.0	No benefit

Antfang RR et al.  
Laryngoscope. 2018.

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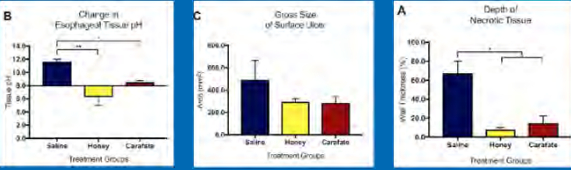
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## Mitigation Strategies



Live piglet model – Button Battery in place x 60 mins



Anfang RR et al. *Laryngoscope*, 2018.

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## Our Expert



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## New Poison Control Recommendations For Witnessed/Suspected BB Ingestion



- Administer 10ml honey every 10 minutes until reaching ED.
  - Children >12 months of age.
  - Max doses: 6



- Continue honey or sucralfate 10ml every 10 minutes.
- Immediate x-ray to confirm location.
- If esophageal, remove emergently (rapid sequence intubation).
- Post-removal, irrigate area of impaction with 50-150ml of 0.25% acetic acid. Suction fluid from stomach.
  - only when low suspicion of perforation



Sources: National Capital Poison Center [www.poisson.org](http://www.poisson.org)

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## Post-Ingestion Monitoring

- What are structures at risk?
  - Based on location and orientation of battery, duration of impaction.
  - Post-removal imaging? MRI versus other modalities
  - Follow-up endoscopy/direct laryngoscopy?
- How long do we keep in the hospital?



Source: Personal Files

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## Gastric Batteries – What to do?

- Serious outcomes are rare.
- Gastric erosions and superficial ulcers are commonly seen. Are these dangerous?
- Could battery have injured esophagus during transit?
- Symptomatic patients with gastric batteries: always remove.
- Asymptomatic patients with gastric batteries: is battery likely to pass?
  - Consider esophageal assessment and prompt removal if patient <5yo and battery >20mm
  - If observing, repeat x-ray in 2-4 days for batteries >20mm and 10-14 days for batteries <20mm. Remove if still intragastric.



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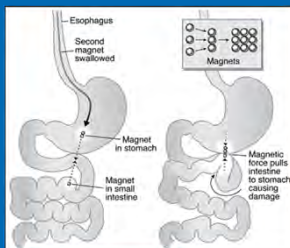
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## Rare Earth Magnets



- Complications:
- Entero-enteric fistulae
  - Volvulus/obstruction
  - Perforation/abscess

<https://www.texaschildrens.org/blog/2012/08/rare-earth-magnets-causing-serious-injuries-death-children>



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## Rare Earth Magnets

Consumer Product Safety Commission Intervention

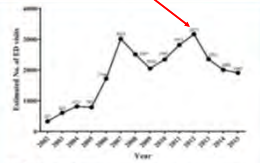
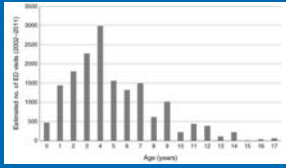


FIGURE 1. National estimated number of pediatric magnet ingestion emergency department visits in the United States from 2002 to 2015.

Abbas M et al. JPGN. 2013.  
Reeves PT et al. JPGN. 2018.

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## Rare Earth Magnets - Approach

- Single magnet
  - Be certain there is one. 2 views are mandatory.
  - Observation OK if low risk for subsequent ingestion.
- Multiple magnets
  - Remove immediately if accessible in stomach
  - If beyond stomach and asymptomatic, serial x-rays to ensure progression.
  - If symptomatic OR failure to progress, consult pediatric surgery
  - Consider balloon enteroscopy or elective laparoscopy for removal if failure to progress.

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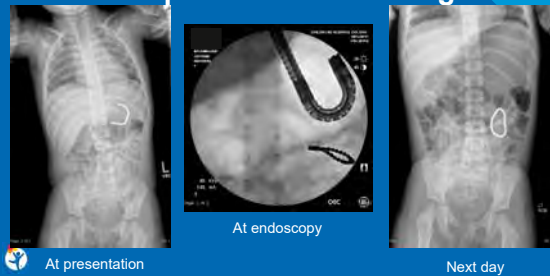
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## Case Example – Rare Earth Magnets




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## Case Example – Rare Earth Magnets



Small Bowel Enteroscopy with Magnet Removal



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## An Emerging Hazard



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/440086194817808305/>

<https://www.soscene.com/large-ip-silicone-ear-gauges/>



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## Gauge Earrings

- 9 month old with recurrent croup-like presentation.
- Repeat x-rays did not show a radio-opaque FB



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## Summary

- The incidence of foreign body ingestion may be increasing in the United States.
- New Poison Control recommendations for pre-hospital and pre-removal management of button batteries include administration of honey/sucralfate. Dilute acetic acid irrigations can be used post-removal for faster normalization of tissue pH.
- Neodymium magnets are again widely available for purchase. Immediate removal of multiple magnets is recommended. If past stomach, serial x-rays to follow passage. If stuck - remove using advanced endoscopic techniques or laparoscopy.



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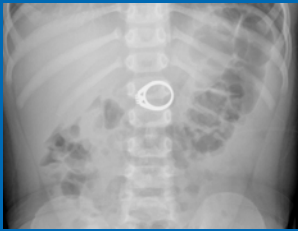
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## Would you go after it?



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**ADVANCED ENDOSCOPIC  
TECHNIQUES FOR  
GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING**

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**Objectives**

- To discuss endoscopy training for treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding
- To discuss existing GI bleeding treatment techniques
- To discuss new techniques

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## Epidemiology

- GI bleeding requiring treatment in pediatrics is uncommon
  - Hematemesis accounts for only 5% of EGD indications in children  
(Bancroft et al. Gastrointest Endosc, 2003)
  - PICU setting – 6% with UGI bleeding  
(Chaibou et al. Pediatrics, 1998)

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## Epidemiology

- Retrospective 6-year study of 12,737 EGDs
- Variceal bleeding represented 2.5% of cases
- Non-variceal bleeding only **0.1%** of cases



Banc-Husu et al. JPGN. 2016.

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## How good are we when it comes to GI bleeding treatment?

- Survey of 20 tertiary pediatric GI training centers in UK
- 80% responded and only 19% felt that all consultants are capable of treating GI bleeding
- 19% felt that none of the consultants had these skills
- 50% were able to provide off hours service, but 69% of those were covered by surgeons

Thomson et al. J Peds Surg. 2016.

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## How about available training?

### Challenges in Meeting Fellowship Procedural Guidelines in Pediatric Therapeutic Endoscopy and Liver Biopsy

<sup>1</sup>Diana G. Lerner, <sup>2</sup>RL Li, <sup>3</sup>Pyar Mamtia, <sup>4</sup>Douglas S. Fishman, <sup>5</sup>Robert Kramer, <sup>6</sup>Lee Guh, <sup>7</sup>Khalid Al-Chammas, <sup>8</sup>Scott P. Pentak, <sup>9</sup>Robert Rothbaum, <sup>10</sup>Bhaskar Ghoshal, <sup>11</sup>Riad M. Khalil, <sup>12</sup>Prasen S. Ghatak, and <sup>13</sup>Bernadette Vainla

- 2009-11 study based on CPT codes for therapeutic procedures
- 12 centers with 81/296 (27%) fellows in training
- NASPGHAN training guidelines (15 bleeding cases)

Lerner et al. JPGN, 2014

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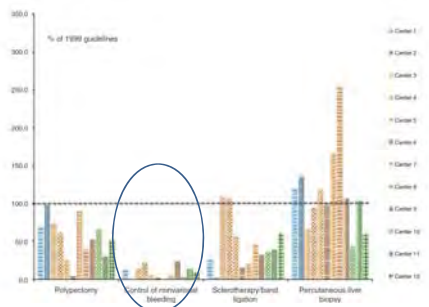
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## How about available training?



Lerner et al. JPGN, 2014.

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## Additional training options

- Simulators (mechanical and virtual reality)
- Hands-on Courses (animal models)
- Educational materials (print and videos)
- Additional training at an adult GI program

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How does one predict who will need an endoscopy?

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### Scoring system

- Retrospective pediatric case series at a tertiary care center during a 3-year period
- 69 cases of upper GI bleeding
- Wide range of clinical parameters- statistical modelling

Thomson et al. JPGN, 2015.

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### Sheffield scoring system

History taking  
Significant preexisting condition: 1  
Presence of melena: 1  
History of large amount of haematemesis: 1  
Clinical assessment  
HR >20 from the mean HR for age: 1  
Prolonged capillary refill: 4  
Laboratory findings  
Hb drop of >20 g/L: 3  
Management and resuscitation  
Need for a fluid bolus: 3  
Need for blood transfusion (Hb of <80 g/L): 6  
Need for other blood product: 4  
Total score 24, cutoff 8

Interventional group: true-positive = 31, false-negative = 4  
Noninterventional group: true-negative = 31, false-positive = 3  
Sensitivity: 88.57%, 95% CI 73.24-96.73  
Specificity: 91.18%, 95% CI 76.30-98.04  
PPV: 91.18%, 95% CI 76.30-98.04  
NPV: 88.57%, 95% CI 73.24-96.73

Thomson et al. JPGN, 2015.

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Who will need therapy during endoscopy?

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### Forrest classification

Forrest Classification		
Stage	Characteristics	Re-bleeding
Ia	Spurting Bleed	60 - 100 %
Ib	Oozing Bleed	50%
IIa	Non-Bleeding Visible Vessel	40 - 50 %
IIb	Adherent Clot	20 - 30 %
IIc	Flat Spot in ulcer crater	7 - 10 %
III	Clean Base Ulcer	3 - 5 %



Alzoubaidi et al. BMJ, 2018.

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### GI Bleeding Therapies

- Endoscopic
  - If two attempts failed, move on to next level therapy
- Interventional Radiology
- Surgery

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## Endoscopic Therapy Techniques

- Injection therapy
- Thermal devices:
  - Contact: Heater probe, Mono-, Bi/Multi-polar electrocautery, Hemostatic grasper
  - Non-contact: Argon plasma coagulator
- Ligation devices: Clips and loops
- Hemopowders
- Stents and endoscopic suturing devices (OverStitch, Apollo Endosurgery, Austin, TX,)

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## Equipment

- Whenever possible use therapeutic-size endoscope:
  - large working channel (2.8 - 6 mm) or two channels available
  - allows for simultaneous cleaning/suctioning
- In neonates and small infants:
  - injection therapy and cautery catheter fit 2.0 mm working channel

Barth et al. GIE. 2012.  
Parsi et al. GIE. 2019.  
ASGE Tech Talks

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## Injection therapy (video)

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### Single vs. Combination Therapy

- Epinephrine alone provides suboptimal efficacy
- No single therapy is superior to another
- Clips or thermal therapy should be used in high-risk lesions in combination with epinephrine injection

Gralnek et al. Endoscopy, 2016.

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### Thermal Therapy- Coaptive Coagulation (video)

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### Hemoclips Active bleeding (video)

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## Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC) (video)

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## New Techniques

- Over-the-scope-clip (OVESCO<sup>®</sup>, Ovesco Endoscopy USA Inc, Cary, NC, and Padlock Clip<sup>®</sup>, US Endoscopy, Mentor, OH)
- Hemopowders
- Doppler probe

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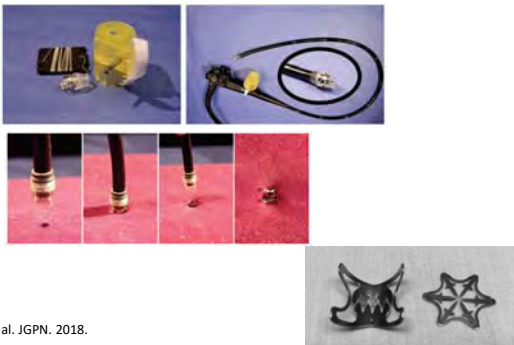
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## Over-the-scope-clip (OTSC)



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## OTSC

- Retrospective pediatric case series of both upper and lower GI bleeding
- 10 patients (5 ulcers, 2 polypectomy site bleedings, 1 post-sphincterotomy, 2 anastomotic ulcers)
- All achieved hemostasis
- Anastomotic ulcers required repeat therapy

Tran et al. JGPN. 2018.

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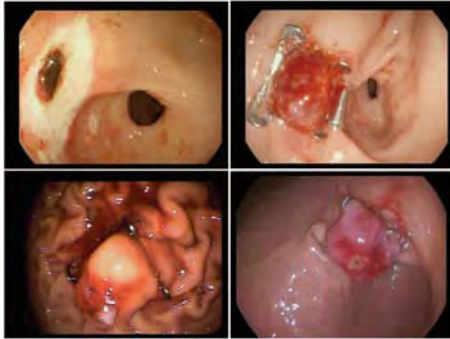
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## OTSC



Tran et al. JGPN. 2018.

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## OTSC (video)

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## OTSC

REVIEW ARTICLE  
**Over-the-scope clip system: A review of 1517 cases over 9 years**  
HISAKI Kobara,\* Hirohito Mori,\* Nobuko Kashiwajima,\* Shinzaro Fujiwara,\* Kazuhiro Okano,\* Yasuyuki Suzuki,\* and Tsutomu Masaki\*  
Departments of \*Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Faculty of Medicine, and †Gastroenterological Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

- Literature search between 2010 and 2018 with 1,517 cases identified
- 559 cases for bleeding with 85% clinical success rate

Kobara et al. J Gastro Hepatol. 2019.

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## Hemopowders

- Hemospray® (Cook Medical, LLC, Bloomington, IN)
  - Inorganic powder
  - FDA approved for hemostasis of non-variceal GI bleeding
- Ankaferd Blood Stopper (Erkan Medikal, Turkey)
  - Plant extract
- EndoClot® (EndoClot Plus Inc, Santa Clara, CA)
  - Polysaccharide
  - FDA- 510(k) clearance- device is substantially equivalent to legally marketed predicate devices

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## Hemospray®

- Inorganic biologically inert powder when placed in contact with moisture in the GI tract becomes adhesive serving as a mechanical barrier for hemostasis
- It may provide a scaffold, enhancing platelet aggregation and possibly activating clotting factors

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### Hemospray®

- Prospective study assessing need for hemostatic intervention with pediatric Sheffield AUGIB score >8/24
- A follow up endoscopy occurred in those deemed to have clinical need pre-discharge
- Comparison group of patients who received conventional hemostatic treatment in the preceding 24 months

Thomson et al. JPGN, 2018.

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### Hemospray®

- A total of 20 applications of hemospray in 17 patients (age range 2 days-18 y)
- 29 patients were enrolled in group two
- 100% initial hemostasis with 18% re-bleeding rate and 6% failure after re-application of hemospray
- In the conventional group, 24% re-bleeding rate with 7% failure necessitating surgical intervention

Thomson et al. JPGN, 2018.

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### Hemospray® (video)

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### Ankaferd Blood Stopper (ABS)

- Herbal extract derived from 5 different plants (*Thymus vulgaris*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, *Vitis vinifera*, *Alpinia officinarum*, and *Urtica dioica*)
- Mechanism of action unclear
- Limited data
- Available in Turkey
- Not FDA approved

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### EndoClot®

- Hemostatic polysaccharides derived from plant starch
- Adhesive and ultra hydrophilic
- Induces hemostasis by rapidly absorbing water from blood and thereby concentrating red cells, platelets, and coagulation factors at the bleeding site
- Limited data

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### Polysaccharide hemostatic powder

- 70 patients with acute GI bleeding
- 83% percent (58/70) of the patients had upper and 17% (12/70) had lower GI bleeding
- In the upper GI tract treatment success was achieved in 64% (30/47) after primary use and in all patients, when used after established techniques failed

Chen and Barkun, Gastrointest Endosc Clin N Am, 2015.

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## Doppler Endoscopic Probe

- Tangential probing of the ulcer bed in 4 directions used to detect blood flow and predict re-bleeding risk



Jensen et al. Gastro, 2017.

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## Doppler Endoscopic Probe

- Single-blind randomized controlled trial
- 148 patients with non-variceal GI bleeding randomized to standard hemostasis or Doppler
- Primary outcome- re-bleeding at 30 days with 26% control vs. 11% Doppler group (odds ratio for re-bleeding with Doppler 0.35 with 7 NNT)

Jensen et al. Gastro, 2017.

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## Future (video)

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### Summary

- Non-variceal GI bleeding in pediatrics is uncommon
- Exposure to therapeutic endoscopic techniques for GI bleeding during fellowship is limited and additional training requires multi-faceted approach
- There are several new endoscopic techniques available which may significantly improve our ability to treat life-threatening GI bleeding

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Thank you

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**M Northwestern Medicine**

*GI Cancer Screening  
"From Top to Bottom"*

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**GI Cancer Screening**  
 The Crossroads of Childhood and Adulthood

- Esophagus
  - Achalasia (SCC)
  - Barrett's Esophagus (AdenoCa)
- Stomach
  - H. Pylori
  - Hereditary Gastric Cancer
- Small Bowel
  - Hereditary Cancer syndromes (FAP)
  - Celiac Disease
- Colon
  - Early onset CRC
  - IBD
- Pancreaticobiliary
  - Pancreas Cancer Screening
  - Choledochal Cysts
  - PSC

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### Screening Program Success

- The target disease should be a common form of cancer
- The target disease should have a high associated morbidity and mortality
- Screening should decrease incidence and mortality of the disease being screened
- Cost effective
- Safe

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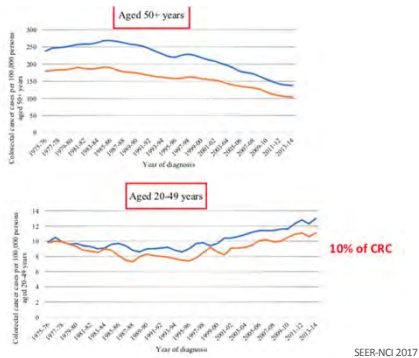
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### Colorectal Cancer: Disturbing Trends




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### CRC Screening 2016 USPSTF Recommendations

Test	Interval if negative
<b>Stool-based tests</b>	
1. Fecal Immunochemical test (FIT)	Annual
2. FIT-Stool DNA	1 or 3 years
<b>Structural Exam of Colon</b>	
1. Colonoscopy	10 years
2. Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (FS)	5 years
	10 years if combined with FIT
3. CT colonography (CTC)	5 years

\* United States Preventive Services Task Force

JSPSTF 2016, JAMA 2016

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### What has changed over time?

- Obesity/Metabolic Syndrome
- Increased use of childhood antibiotics
- Food Industrialization
- Increased processed food and chemicals
- Inflammation
- Radiation exposure
- Environmental Exposures

JSPSTF 2016, JAMA 2016

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### CRC Screening Modalities

- Colonoscopy
- FOBT
- Fecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT): measures hemoglobin in the stool
  - Suggested q yr
  - Data suggests reduction in mortality from CRC (dependent of f/u)
  - Pooled sensitivity: 79%, Specificity: 94%
- Multitarget stool DNA tests (Cologuard)
  - Suggested q 3yrs
  - Comprehensive molecular analysis (k-ras, methylation markers...) along with a fecal immunochemical test (FIT) to test for hemoglobin from blood that may have been shed by colorectal lesions
  - Comparative study with FIT:

TEST	Sensitivity	Specificity
FIT	74%	95%
MT-sDNA	92%	85%

Imperiale TF et al., NEJM 2014  
Lee JK et al., Ann Intern Med 2014

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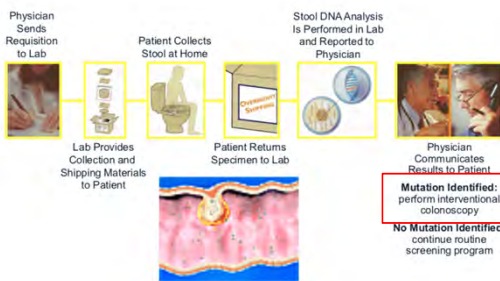
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### Novel CRC Screening Tools




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## Colon Cancer

- The target disease should be a common form of cancer
  - Lifetime risk is 4.5% -YES
- High associated morbidity and mortality-YES
- Screening decreases incidence and mortality of the disease- YES
  - Death rates falling on average 2.7% /yr. (2004-13)
  - New cases falling 3.2%/yr. ( 2004-2013)
- Cost effective-YES
- Safe- YES

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## IBD and Colorectal Cancer

- Mean age of CRC is 40-50
- Odds of CRC is increased with OR of 7.0
- Risk Factors
  - Disease duration
  - Extent and severity of UC or CD
  - PSC (Earlier onset CRC)
  - Family history of CRC
- Most CRC from Polyps (adenoma or DALM (flat dysplasia)
- Colonoscopy with chromoendoscopy utilized for early dysplasia detection
- Screening for CRC 8-10 years after disease onset

Clarke WT et al, WJG 2019

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## IBD and Surveillance

Table 1. Societal recommendations for colorectal cancer surveillance.

Society	Surveillance intervals
ACC (UC) 2016 <sup>11</sup>	Every 1-3 yr UC of any extent beyond the rectum Every year PSC <b>Adjust intervals</b> Based on previous colonoscopies and combined risk factors: Duration of disease, younger age at diagnosis, greater extent of inflammation, first-degree relative with CRC
AGA 2016 <sup>12</sup>	Every 1-2 yr Extensive or left-sided colitis Every 1-3 yr After two negative exams <b>More frequent surveillance</b> Ongoing endoscopic or histologic inflammation or History CRC in first degree relative or Anatomic abnormality (i.e., fore-shortened colon, strictures or inflammatory pseudopolyps) Every year PSC
ASGE 2015	Beyond every 3 yr Endoscopically and histologically normal on two or more surveillance colonoscopies Average risk Every 1-3 yr Every year PSC or Active inflammation or History of dysplasia or History CRC in first degree relative or Anatomic abnormality (i.e., strictures, multiple pseudopolyps)

Clarke WT et al, WJG 2019

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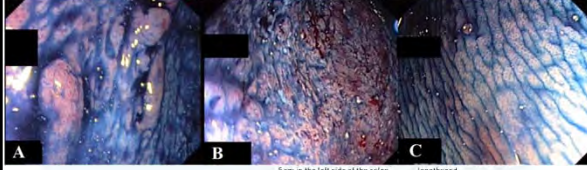
## IBD and Endoscopic Surveillance Techniques

ASGE & AGA - SCENIC international consensus statement on surveillance and management of dysplasia

Chromendoscopy with methylene blue or indigo carmine

No consensus regarding random biopsies  
45% spread and 30% dysplasia

N/A



If chromendoscopy is not available or if the yield of chromendoscopy is reduced

Random biopsies plus targeted biopsies of any suspicious appearing lesions

5cm

in the left side of the colon

lengthened.

Clarke WT et al, WJG 2019

## Hereditary Cancers Bridging Pediatric to Adult GI Care

### Common Hereditary Cancer Syndromes, Features and Associated Genes

BREAST CANCER SYNDROMES	CANCERS/FEATURES	GENES
Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer	Breast, ovarian, male breast, prostate, melanoma, pancreatic	BRCA1, BRCA2
Cowden Syndrome	Breast, thyroid, uterine, colon, renal	PTEN
Li-Fraumeni Syndrome	Breast, sarcoma, brain, adrenal cortical	Tp53
Diffuse Gastric Cancer	Lobular breast, diffuse gastric	CDH1
COLON CANCER SYNDROMES	CANCERS/FEATURES	GENES
Lynch Syndrome	Colon, uterine, ovarian, gastric, esoph, kidney, hepatobiliary, duodenal	MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, EP300
Familial Adenomatous Polyposis	Colon, >100 polyps, thyroid	APC
Attenuated Familial Adenomatous Polyposis	Colon, 10-100 polyps	APC
MFH-Associated Polyposis	Colon, up to 500 polyps	MUTYH
Juvenile Polyposis	Colon, hamartomatous polyps	SMAD4, BMPRTA
Juvenile Polyposis/Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia	Colon, hamartomatous polyps, HHT symptoms	SMAD4
Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome	Colon, testicular, breast, uterine	STK11

## Polyposis and Cancer Risk

Hamartomatous	Peutz-Jeghers syndrome (PJS)	STK11 / LKB1	80%–94%	1 in 250 000	1 ≥ 2 histologically confirmed Peutz-Jeghers polyps 2 any number of Peutz-Jeghers polyps in an individual with a positive family history of PJS 3 presence of characteristic mucocutaneous pigmentation in an individual with a positive family history of PJS 4 any number of Peutz-Jeghers polyps in an individual with characteristic mucocutaneous pigmentation	15%–57%	[7–9, 27, 28]
	Juvenile polyposis syndrome (JPS)	SMAD4, BMPRTA	40%–60%	1–1.6 in 100 000	1 ≥ 5 juvenile polyps are present in the colon/rectum or in other parts of the gastrointestinal tract 2 any number of juvenile polyps in a patient with one or more relatives affected with JPS	39%–68%	[10–13]
Serrated	Serrated polyposis syndrome (SPS)	No germline mutation identified	NA	31–80 in 10 000 in FIT screening 42 in 10 000 in colonoscopy screening	1 ≥ 5 serrated polyps proximal to the sigmoid with ≥ 2 being >10 mm 2 ≥ 20 serrated polyps of any size distributed throughout the colon	15%–30%	[14–22]

FIT, fecal immunochemical test; NA, not applicable.



### Polyposis and Endoscopic Surveillance

► **Table 2** Summary table of colonoscopy surveillance statements.

Polyposis syndrome	Starting age	Surveillance interval	Treatment indication
(Attenuated) familial adenomatous polyposis	12–14 years	Every 1–2 years	Pre- and post-colectomy: remove all polyps > 5 mm
MUTYH-associated polyposis	18 years	Every 1–2 years	Pre- and post-colectomy: remove all polyps > 5 mm
Peutz-Jeghers syndrome	Baseline: 8 years Routine: 18 years	Baseline: if polyps found, every 1–3 years Routine: every 1–3 years	Elective polypectomy
Juvenile polyposis syndrome	12–15 years	Every 1–3 years	Elective polypectomy for polyps > 10 mm
Serrated polyposis syndrome	NA	1 year; after a 1 advanced polyp or ≥ 5 non-advanced clinically relevant polyps 2 years; after no advanced polyps or < 5 non-advanced clinically relevant polyps	Cleaning/surveillance phase: remove all polyps > 5 mm and all polyps of any size with optical suspicion of dysplasia

NA, not applicable.

Van Leerdam M et al. *Endoscopy* 2019

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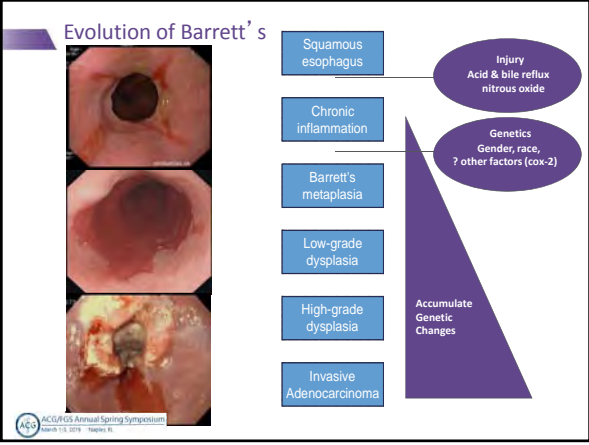
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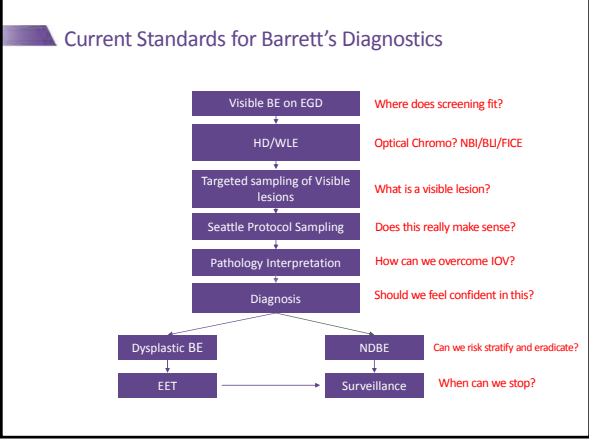
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### Imaging and Barrett's Esophagus

- Surface Imaging
  - HD-WLE
  - Chromoendoscopy
  - Virtual Chromoendoscopy (NBI, FICE, iScan)
  - Magnification Endoscopy (Zoom, Near focus)
  - Endocytoscopy (methylene blue, crystal violet)
  - Autofluorescence Imaging (AFI)
- Subsurface Imaging
  - EUS
  - Confocal Endomicroscopy
  - Optical Coherence Tomography
  - Molecular Markers (WATS<sup>3D</sup>)




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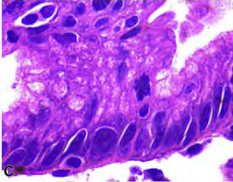
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### Beyond Seattle Protocol The Next Generation of Tissue Sampling in BE

- RCT of 16 centers of 160 patients to WATS then biopsy vs. Biopsy then WATS
- The addition of WATS to biopsy sampling yielded an additional 23 cases of HGD/EAC (14% increase)
- Of these 23, biopsies showed NDBE (n=11), LGD or IFD (n=12)
- Mean time of WATS procedure 4.5 min

Vennalaganti P et al., GIE 2018

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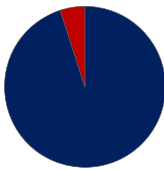
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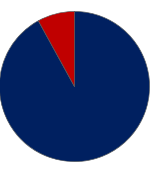
### You cannot cure a disease we cannot find...

Proportion of EAC Patients with Known BE



■ No BE  
■ BE

Proportion of EAC Patients with Known BE



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Dulai GS. Gastroenterology 2002.  
Cooper GS, GIE, 2009.  
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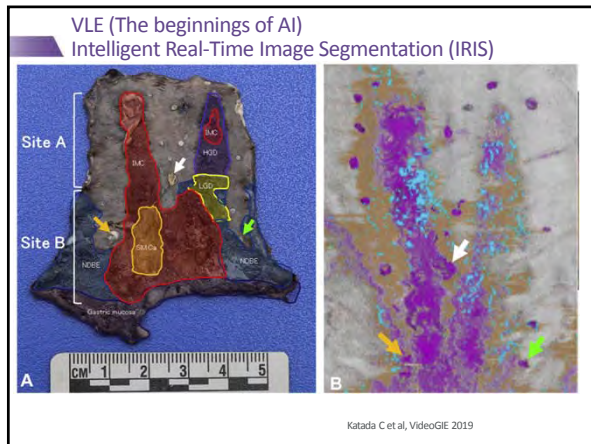
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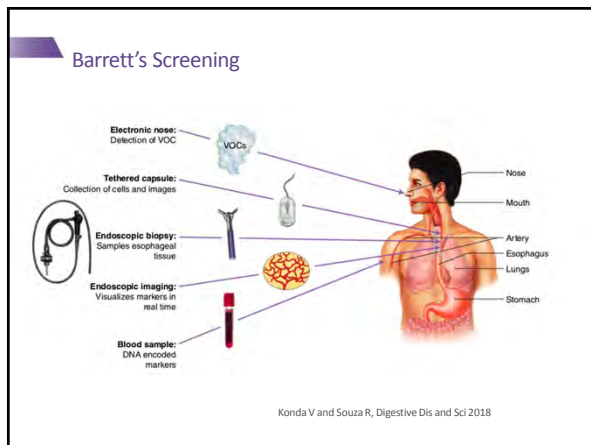
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- Pancreatic Cancer
- Risk factors
    - Smoking
    - Diabetes
    - Chronic Pancreatitis
    - Hereditary pancreatic cancer syndromes
    - Familial pancreatic cancer (FPC)
- Gangji A et al, Pancreas 2018

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## Pancreatic Cancer Screening Risk of Susceptibility Genes

High-risk patient population	Mutation	Risk for developing PDAC
Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer	BRCA1	HR 2.55 (95% CI, 1.03-5.31) <sup>14</sup>
	BRCA2	HR 2.13-4.1 <sup>10,13,14</sup>
	PALB2	Increased <sup>17</sup>
Peutz-Jeghers syndrome	STK11	SIR 132 (95% CI, 44-261) <sup>24</sup>
Ataxia telangiectasia	ATM	RR 2.41 (95% CI, 0.34-1.71) <sup>8</sup>
Familial atypical multiple mole and melanoma syndrome	CDKN2A	SIR 13-38 <sup>31</sup>
Lynch syndrome	MLH1	HR 7.5 (95% CI, 2.4-23.0) <sup>4,3</sup>
	MSH2	HR 10.9 (95% CI, 5.5-21.9) <sup>4,3</sup>
	MSH6	NA
	PMS2	NA
Hereditary pancreatitis	PRSS1	SIR 53 (95% CI, 23-105) <sup>34</sup>
	SPINK1	

Lo, W et al., J Surg Onc 2019

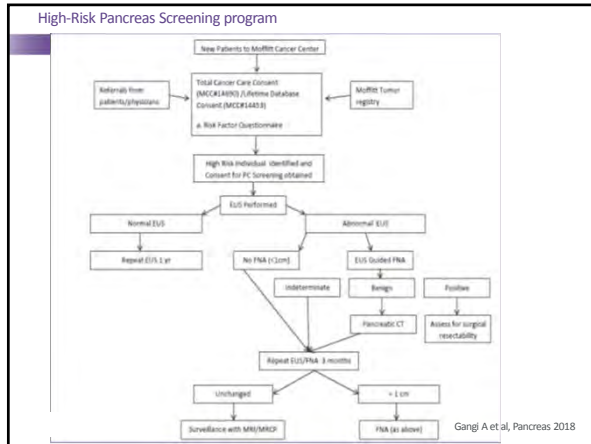
## Pancreas Screening Studies

- 12 studies from 2002-12
- Diagnostic yield - precancerous changes or pancreatic cancer range from 1.3%-43%
  - Largest US study was the CAPS 3 study that enrolled 225 high-risk patients – CT/MRI/EUS
    - 84 cysts, 3 Neuroendocrine tumors and 5 with dilated PD in 91 patients (42%)
    - No adenocarcinomas
    - 3/5 who underwent surgery had HGD in less than 3cm either main duct or SB-IPMN's
  - Study conclusion - Screening efforts should focus on and removing high-risk precancerous changes of the pancreas not on detecting cancer

## Pancreatic Screening Guideline

Who to screen*	When to screen	How to screen
Familial pancreatic cancer†	Start 10 y before youngest PDAC patient was diagnosed	Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) MRCP
Genetic predisposition syndromes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer</li> <li>• Peutz-Jeghers syndrome</li> <li>• Ataxia telangiectasia</li> <li>• Familial atypical multiple mole and melanoma syndrome</li> <li>• Lynch syndrome</li> </ul>	Start at age 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal pancreas → annual surveillance</li> <li>• Nonsuspicious cyst → q6-12 months</li> <li>• Solid lesions → q3 months</li> <li>• Main pancreatic duct stricture → q3 months</li> </ul> Worrisome features present → q3 months Stop screening based on medical status, life expectancy
Hereditary pancreatitis	Start at age 40	
Known mutation carriers with 1+ affected first-degree relatives	Start at age 45-50	

Lo, W et al., J Surg Onc 2019




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**Take Home Points**

- Detection of GI cancers related to pediatric and adult genetic predisposition remains a dilemma
- Effective screening is dependent on incidence of disease
- Screening needs to demonstrate a reduction in mortality
- Endoscopic Techniques for GI cancer screening are improving and becoming minimally invasive
- Implementation of such tools across a primary care setting is a challenge but essential
- Collaborative efforts across pediatric and adult GI programs is needed to overcome and face the rising incidence of GI Cancers in younger age populations

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# Celiac Disease: Beyond Diagnosis

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Viome	SAB	Role of microbiome in CID
Mead Johnson Nutrition	Speaking Agreement	Role of Nutrition on CID
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## Objectives

- Review current celiac disease diagnostic criteria and critically review the need for an upper endoscopy to confirm diagnosis;
- Discuss the best approach to monitor compliance with the gluten free diet;
- Provide an overview of ongoing clinical trials aimed at identifying novel target for primary prevention and treatments alternative/complementary to the gluten free diet

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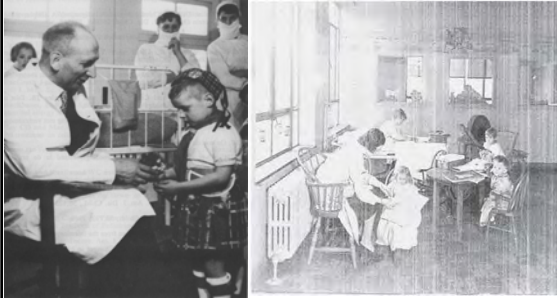
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## The Banana Babies



WK Dicke, 1905 - 1962

1<sup>st</sup> case of CD at UMB: 1938

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## Celiac Disease as a Unique Model of Autoimmunity

- The only autoimmune disease in which specific MHC class II HLA (DQ2 and/or DQ8) are present in >95% of patients;
- The auto-antigen (tissue Transglutaminase) is known;
- The environmental trigger (gluten) is known;
- Elimination of the environmental trigger leads to a complete resolution of the autoimmune process that can be re-ignited following re-exposure to gluten

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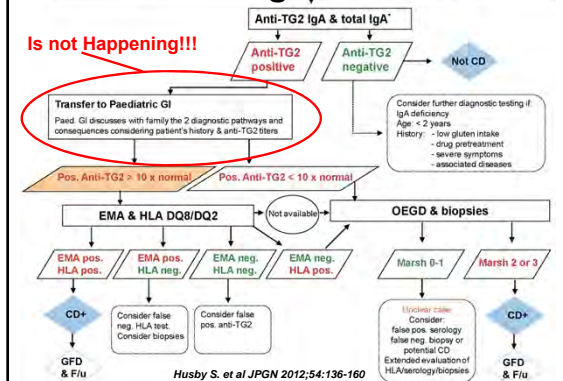
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## Revised Diagnostic Criteria




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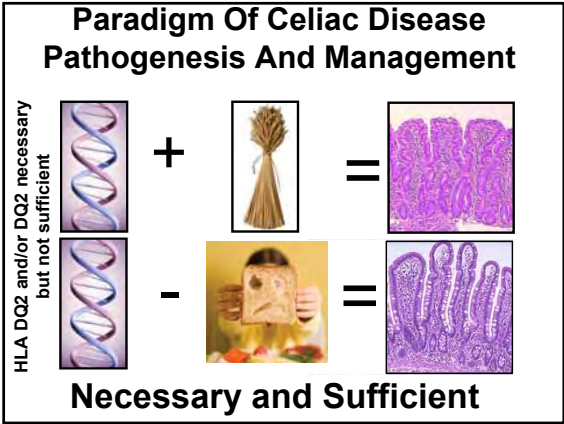
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- ### Current Management: Follow Up
- Follow up 6 months after diagnosis to check:
    - Symptoms;
    - Serology (not validated for monitoring but recommended by current guidelines);
    - Compliance/difficulties with the implementation of the GFD;
    - Check for Hep B Ab;
    - Check thyroid function (T4 and TSH);
    - If problems, follow up in 3 months, otherwise:
  - Follow up 12 months after diagnosis to check:
    - Symptoms;
    - Serology(not validated for monitoring but recommended by current guidelines);
    - Compliance/difficulties with the implementation of the GFD
- Currently a repeated endoscopy is not routinely recommended in Pediatrics unless patients still experience CD-associated symptoms despite good compliance to the GFD

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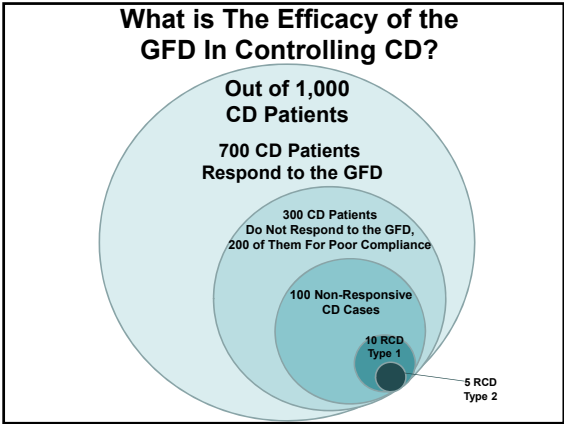
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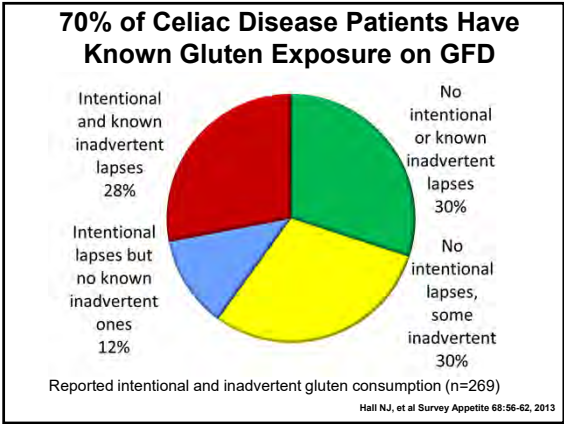
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### Current Management : Compliance to the GFD

One of the most challenging issues related to the treatment of CD is proper compliance to strict gluten free diet for life.



Beside facing the same issues that adult CD patients experience, including risk of cross-contamination while traveling, vacationing, eating out, etc, pediatric patients have unique challenges that make the compliance to the GFD extremely difficult




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### Unique Challenges for Compliance to the GFD in Pediatrics

- Birthday parties
- School lunch
- Sleepovers
- Peer pressure
- Lack of appreciation for long term consequences for specific behavior;
- Transitioning to college lifestyle




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## Is Persistent Villous Atrophy in Children an Issue?

- More than 40% of adults with CD on a gluten free diet have persistent villous atrophy after 2-5 years;
- 4%-19% of children with CD have persistent villous atrophy after a median of 1.4-2.4 years

Bannister, *AM J Gastro*, 2014.  
 Vecsei, *BMC Gastro*, 2014.  
 Ghazzawi, *JPGN*, 2014.  
 Leonard, *JPGN*, 2017.  
 Rubio-Tapia, *AM J Gastro*, 2010.  
 Lebowitz, *AP&T*, 2015.  
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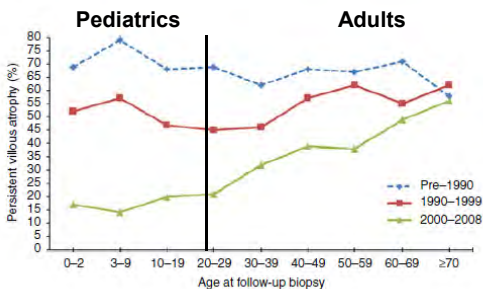
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## Age and Persistent Villous Atrophy



Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2014;39:488-95.

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## Factors Not Correlated with Persistent Villous Atrophy:

- **Adults:**
  - Symptoms
  - Celiac Serology
- **Children:**
  - Symptoms
  - Celiac Serology



Tronccone, *JPGN*, 1995.  
 Vahedi, *Am J Gastro*, 2003.  
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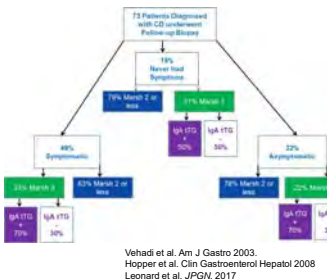
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## Serology Cannot Predict Compliance or Remission Status

### Adult Data

- tTG and EMA do not correlate with dietary compliance
- Hopper et al.
  - 7/16 of Adult pts on a GFD >1 year
  - Normal tTG and EMA
  - Persistent villous atrophy

### Pediatric Data




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## Serology Tests Are Accurate At Diagnosis But Not Follow-Up

Table 1. Serum Tests for the Diagnosis of Celiac Disease.<sup>a</sup>

Test	Sensitivity (Range)	Specificity (Range)	Comments
IgA anti-tTG antibodies	>95.0 (73.9-100)	>95.0 (77.8-100)	Recommended as first-level screening test

TABLE 3. Test performance of immunoglobulin A tissue transglutaminase in predicting marsh 3 histology at repeat biopsy

Group	N	Se	Sp	PPV	NPV	Accuracy
Overall	71	0.43	0.68	0.25	0.83	0.63

Fassano et al. NEJM, 2012  
Leonard et al. JPGN, 2017

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## Factors Associated with Persistent Villous Atrophy

- Adults
  - Risk Factors
    - Males
    - Older age
    - Use of PPI, NSAIDs, SSRIs
  - Protective Factors
    - Longer period of time on a GFD
    - Higher educational level



- Children

Lebowitz, AP&T, 2013  
Mahadev, AP&T, 2017

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**Controversy and Mucosal Recovery #1:  
What Is The Treatment Endpoint?**

- Symptom Improvement
  - 30% of patients may be asymptomatic at diagnosis
  - Studies show symptoms do not correlate with mucosal damage
- Normalization of Serology
  - Negative tests poorly correlate with mucosal outcome and GFD adherence
- Mucosal Recovery
  - Only objective marker is endoscopy\*

McGowan, *Pediatrics*, 2009.  
Troncone, *JPGN*, 1995  
Vahedi, *Am J Gastro*, 2003  
Mahadev, *AP&T*, 2017  
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**Controversy and Mucosal Recovery #2:  
What are the Clinical Consequences of  
Persistent Villous Atrophy?**

- Morbidity:
  - Increased rates of osteoporosis
  - Increased hypothyroidism
  - Lower BMI
  - Nutritional deficiencies
  - Increased Lymphoma+Persistent VA
  - Increased risk of developing other autoimmune disease
- Mortality:
  - No increase in mortality in undetected CD compared to the general population (US, UK)
  - 4-fold increased risk of death
  - Persistent VA has been linked to increased mortality

Choung, *Gastro*, 2017      Lebwohl, *Ann Intern Med*, 2013.  
Canavan, *AP&T*, 2011      Rubio-Tapa, *Am J Gastro*, 2009.  
Godfrey, *Gastro*, 2010.      Coombs, *Clin Gastro & Hep*, 2008.  
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**Controversy and Mucosal Recovery #2A:  
Are there Any Clinical Consequences to  
Persistent Villous Atrophy in Children?**

- Growth failure
- Nutritional Deficiencies
- Other
  - School performance;
  - Cognition and attention level;
  - Peripheral neuropathy;
  - Dental enamel defects.

McGowan, *Pediatrics*, 2009.

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### Controversy and Mucosal Recovery #3: Why Diagnose Persistent Villous Atrophy If There Are No Treatment Options?

- Patient reported treatment burden is high compared to other chronic diseases
- >65% of Patients with CD want alternative treatments

#### Currently Available Treatment Options

- Gluten Contamination Elimination Diet
- Budesonide

#### Possible Future Treatment Options

- Polymeric Binder
- Enzymes
- Zonulin Inhibitor
- Induction of Tolerance

Shah, Am J Gastro, 2014.  
Branchi, Digestion, 2016.  
Tomai, Minerva Gastro, 2016.  
Hollon, BMC Gastro, 2013.  
Castillo, Elsevier, 2016.

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### Alternative/Integrative Approaches To The Gluten Free Diet

#### Prevention

- Primary Prevention (Microbiome Modification)

#### Alternative Treatments

- Development of genetically modified grains
- Inhibitors of tissue transglutaminase
- Cytokines and/or cytokine receptors inhibitors
- Detoxification of immunogenic gliadin peptides via oral peptidase supplementation
- Oral, parenteral, or intra-nasal celiac vaccines to induce tolerance
- Inhibitors of the effects of zonulin on intestinal permeability

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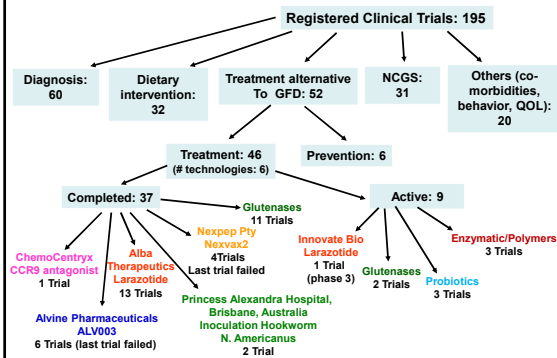
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### Alternative/Integrative Treatment To The GFD

[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) (Updated August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019)




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**Primary Prevention**  
**Celiac Disease Genomic Environmental Microbiome and Metabolomic Study**



[www.CDGEMM.org](http://www.CDGEMM.org)




Aspetti un bambino?  
 Hai un familiare di primo grado con celiachia?

**Aiutaci a prevenire la celiachia.**  
 In collaborazione con l'Università di Harvard, il Centro di riferimento per la celiachia e per le malattie glutine-sensibili del Dipartimento di Scienze 2008 di Bari coordinato dal Prof. R. Francavilla mette a disposizione il primo specialista per il follow-up dei nostri casi

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**Take Home Messages:**

- The diagnosis of celiac disease is based on the presence of suggestive clinical symptoms and/or belonging to risk groups, positive celiac disease serology screening, and confirmatory EGD with histology showing typical celiac enteropathy;
- Based on revised ESPGHAN criteria, EGD can be avoided if specific criteria are satisfied (with many caveats);
- Celiac disease serology remains a robust tool for initial screening, but its performance for monitoring the disease is poor;
- Despite good compliance to the GFD, there are several patients showing persistent celiac enteropathy. Persistence of symptoms and/or positive celiac disease serology do not correlate with celiac enteropathy;
- Ongoing studies for primary prevention or treatment complementary to the GFD may open new paradigms for celiac disease management.

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**Key Open Questions:**

- Best diagnostic strategies?
- Endoscopy yes/no for diagnosis?
- How to properly follow up CD patients?
- Should CD patients be actively screened for other autoimmune diseases?
- How to manage CD patients with discrepancies between serology and histology?
- Are POC tests useful/appropriate for diagnosis and/or management of CD?
- Is the GFD highly effective in controlling CD?
- How to properly check for gluten cross-contamination?
- Are there any alternative/complementary treatments to the GFD at the horizon?

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# Complications of Cystic Fibrosis

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## Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to :

- Describe the state of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) disease in 2019
- Diagnose and manage Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency in patients with CF
- Understand the spectrum of liver disease in CF
- Recognize other common gastrointestinal manifestations of CF including Gastroesophageal Reflux (GERD), Distal Intestinal Obstruction Syndrome (DIOS), Constipation, and Small Bowel Bacterial Overgrowth (SBBO)

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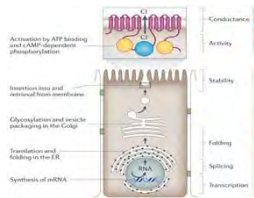


## Genetic of Cystic Fibrosis

- Autosomal Recessive
- Located on chromosome 7

### Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Regulator (CFTR)

Affected populations	Risk of CF Mutation	Risk of child with CF
Caucasian	1 in 25	1 in 2,500
Ashkenazi Jewish	1 in 29	1 in 3,364
Hispanic	1 in 46	1 in 9,600
African-American	1 in 65	1 in 15,300
Asian e.g. Indonesian, Indian etc.	1 in 90	1 in 32,000



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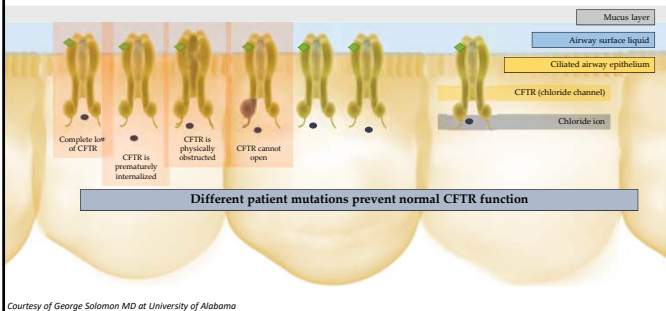
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## Loss of CFTR Function




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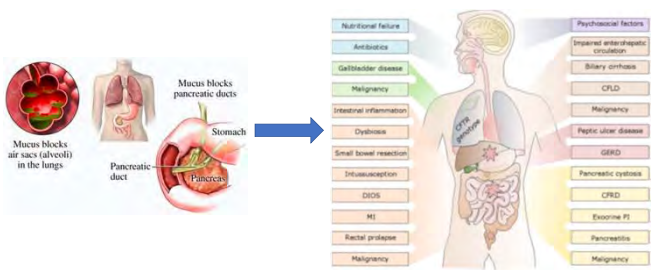
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## Classic Clinical GI Manifestations of CF




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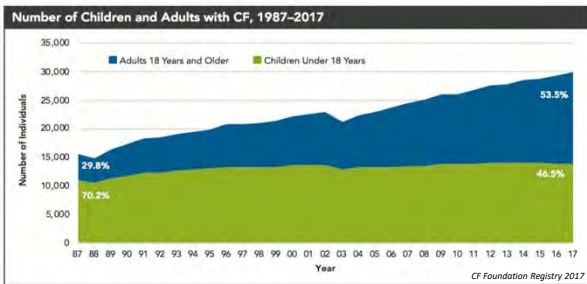
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## The Evolution of CF Care and Survival




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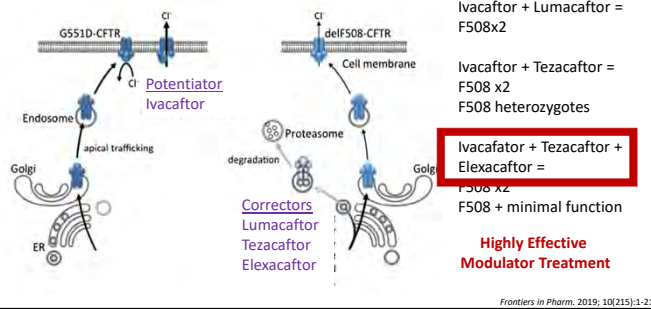
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## Modulators




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## Diagnosis of CF

- Newborn screening: Immunoreactive trypsinogen (IRT)
  - 70% of infants screen positive
  - False positives: Prematurity, stressful delivery, **meconium ileus**
- GOLD Standard follow-up testing: Sweat chloride
  - >/= 60 mmol/L positive
  - >/= 30-59 mmol/L intermediate
  - < 30 mmol/L negative
- Genetic testing: Modulator qualification
  - >2000 CFTR mutations
  - CFTR2.org (ICF, Johns Hopkins, Sick Kids)

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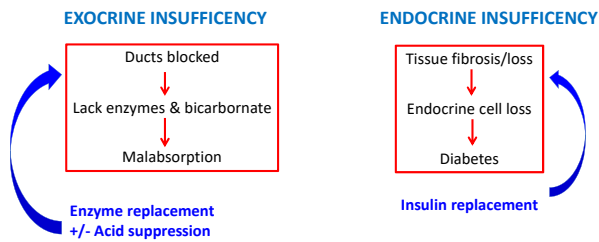
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## Pancreatic Insufficiency



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## Diagnosis of Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (PI)

- Diarrhea – specifically steatorrhea, poor weight gain, gas and bloating
- **Fecal elastase (FE) <200mcg/gm stool**
  - Inaccurate in the setting of liquid stool
  - If normal < 6 months of age, should be repeated between 6-12 months of age and then annually in pancreatic sufficiency (PS)
- Other less common measurement tools
  - Pancreatic stimulation test
  - Fecal fat balance studies (>7gm/day)
  - Serum Immunoreactive trypsinogen (<20ng/ml)
- Deficiencies in fat-soluble vitamins and essential fatty acid deficiency can be supportive

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## Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement (PERT)

- Oral enzyme replacement therapy (PERT) – extracts from porcine pancreas (pancrealipase)
  - Dependent on availability of pigs
  - Do not 100% mimic native enzymes
- Enteric coated microspheric preparations or non-coated
  - pH sensitive (Readily dissolve in a pH >5.5 to 6)
  - Nonenteric coated preparation are activated immediately

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\*All enzymes were required to be FDA approved between 2009-2012\*

Enzyme Brand	Commonalities	Differences
Creon, Zenpep, Pancreaze	Lipase, amylase, protease	Variations in size of beads
Pertyze	Lipase, amylase, protease	Ursodiol binder and Bicarbonate 4000s FDA-approved for 14 Fr+ Gtube
Viokase	Lipase, amylase, protease	ONLY tablet Not enteric coated Recommend use of proton pump inhibitor (PPI) in conjunction
Relizorb	Lipase only	Lipase ONLY in-line cartridge for enteral tube feeding

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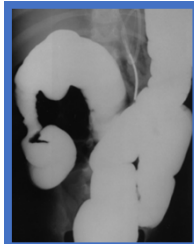
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### CFF Consensus Guidelines for PERT Dosing

Lipase units/kg/meal	Lipase units/kg/g of fat eaten
<4 years of age: 1000-2500 lipase units/kg/meal ½ for snack	Infants on breast milk or formula: 2000-4000 lipase units/120 ml
>4 years of age: 500-2500 lipase units/kg/meal ½ for snack	Beyond infancy: 500-4000 lipase units/g of fat



*Lancet. 1994; 343: 85-86.*

Above 10,000 lipase units/k/day increasing risk of fibrosing colonopathy

Adapted from CF Foundation Consensus Guidelines 1995.

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### Do Modulators Eliminate Need For PERT?

- Ivacaftor for gating mutations
  - Stallings et al.
    - Improvement in weight due to change in REE (Resting Energy Expenditure), gut inflammation, and fat malabsorption
    - Improvements in FE improved most in PS.
  - Rosenfeld et al. in ARRIVAL study evaluating 12 to <24 months old children
    - Improvements in FE, IRT, amylase and lipase → suggesting potential may preservation or improve pancreatic function if started early enough in life.
- Not as promising results with other modulators
- PROMISE study will show what happens with HEMs



**Rule of thumb:  
Check FE before stopping PERT**

**Nutritional counseling:  
Focus healthy fats  
Monitor need to decrease  
calorie goal**

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Lancet Respir Med 2018;6(7):545-53.

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### Spectrum of CF Liver Involvement

- Elevated liver enzymes: 30% by 20 years of age
- Elevated GGT: 20% by 20 years of age
- Imaging abnormalities on US: 18%
- Fatty steatosis: US Imaging 25%, Liver biopsy 23-75%
- Focal biliary cirrhosis: 10-50% (autopsy reports)
- Multilobular cirrhosis: 7%**
- Neonatal cholestasis: often associated with MI
- Cholangiopathy: more commonly adult onset

**PATHOGENESIS**  
 Impaired secretory function  
 Direct cholangiocyte injury  
 Immune response

**LIVER INJURY**  
 Mucins  
 Altered intestinal microbiome  
 Toxic bile acids  
 Circulating cytokines  
 Stellate cell activation  
 Steatosis

**MODIFIER GENE**  
 Z allele of SERPINA1  
 (encoding  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin)

JCF. 2017;16:550-61. and Liver Disease in Pediatrics, 4th edition.

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### The New Kids on the Block for Diagnosis of CFLD

**BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS**

- Asparate Aminotransferase-to-Platelet Ratio Index (APRI) Hepatology 2015;62:1576 – 83.
- Persistently elevated GGT JPGN. 2015;61: 113–8.
- Decreasing platelet count
- Investigational: microRNAs and biomarkers of intestinal bile salt absorption JPGN 2015;60:247 – 54. and JCF 2015;14:169 – 77.

**IMAGING**

- Heterogeneous increased liver echogenicity at ultrasound JCF. 2008;7:215 – 21. and J Pediatr. 2015;167(4):862–868.e2.
- Fibroscan JPGN. 2017;64(4):505-511.
- Liver Elastography
  - Ultrasound
  - Magnetic Resonance

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### Complications of CFLD

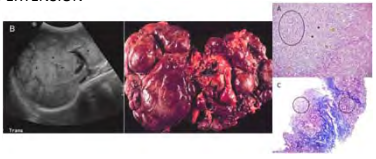
PORTAL HYPERTENSION

DECLINE IN LUNG FUNCTION

VARICES – GI BLEEDING

ASCITES

WORSE FAT-SOLUBLE VITAMIN DEFICIENCIES



PORTOPULMONARY HYPERTENSION

INCREASED RISK CF-RELATED DIABETES

HYPERSPLENISM (THROMBOCYTOPENIA)

SPLENOMEGALY

MALNUTRITION

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### Management of Complications of CFLD

- Ursodeoxycholic Acid (UDCA)
  - Inadequate data
- GI Bleeding
  - Acute: Octreotide, endoscopic variceal band ligation – followed by secondary prophylactic banding or consideration of  $\beta$ -blocker use, emergent transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS)
  - Preventive = controversial
- Shunts – TIPS, Splenorenal
- Liver Transplantation +/- Lung Transplantation

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### DILI – Antibiotics & Modulators

#### LIVER INJURY

- Labs: Hepatocellular (elevated transaminases) +/- cholestatic (elevated alkaline phosphatase and bilirubin)
- Pathology: Steatohepatitis, fibrosis, vascular injury, autoimmune phenotype, and others

#### MEDICATIONS IMPLICATED

- Amoxicillin-clavulanate, nitrofurantoin, isoniazid, sulfa, and azithromycin fluoroquinolones
- Herbals and nutritional supplements
- Antidepressant or ADHD drugs
- **MODULATORS**

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### Monitoring Liver Enzymes with Modulators

#### ROUTINE

- Liver enzymes are evaluated at baseline
- Every 3 months for the 1<sup>st</sup>
- Then annually

#### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

- Use with caution in patients with pre-existing liver disease, especially cirrhosis
- Stop if ALT >5 times ULN (use lower ALT if bilirubin is also elevated)
- Use caution to resume use of drug – consider starting 1/2 dose and then working up slowly
- Monitor reintroduction closely
- Metabolism via cytochrome P450 – be familiar with drug-drug interactions
  - May require stopping temporarily when used with certain antibiotics
  - Contraindication with certain seizure medications

Vertex modulator package inserts for ivacaftor, lumacaftor/ivacaftor, tezacaftor/ivacaftor

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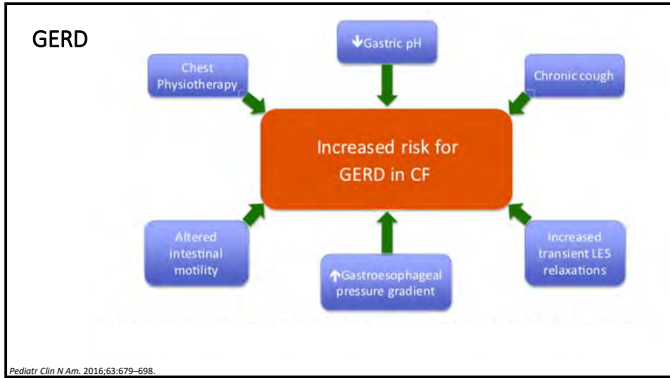
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**Diagnostic Considerations & Treatment Options**

- Clinical symptoms vs pulmonary exacerbations due to presence of Enteric flora on CF culture
- Acidity
  - Empiric Treatment vs pH probe or impedance study
  - Histamine blockers, Proton pump inhibitors
- Motility
  - Gastric emptying scan
  - Azithromycin (often drug of choice due to Pseudomonas treatment), Erythromycin, Metoclopramide, Bethanechol
- Surgical options
  - Reserved for medical management failure: Nissen fundoplication

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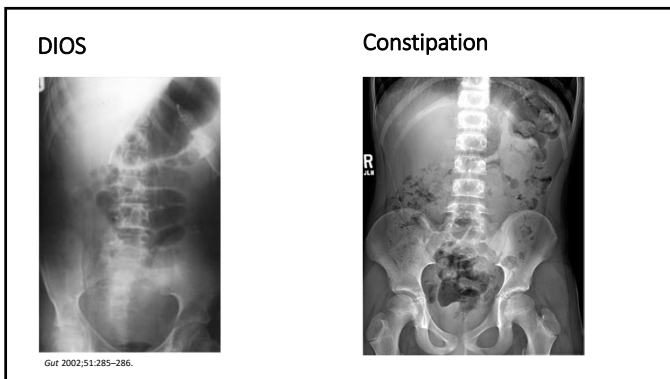
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## Management of DIOS

For partial obstruction:

- Polyethylene glycol – clean out
- Gastrograffin
  - \*Hyperosmolar solution via enema refluxing into terminal ileum (TI)
  - \*Surgical consult
  - \*Oral preparation

For complete obstruction:

- Decompression with sump and surgical consult
- Once improving → treatment as noted for partial obstruction
- Most important – if not resolving with traditional management – consider alternate etiology

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## DIOS Differential Diagnosis

- Constipation (most common)
- Appendicitis
- Appendicular abscess
- Mucocele of the appendix
- Intussusception
- Crohn's disease
- Adhesions
- Volvulus
- Fibrosing colonopathy
- **Malignancy**
- *Anastomotic stricture (previous history of meconium ileus or DIOS surgery)*

CF 2011;10(2):S24-8

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## Management of Constipation

- Adequate PERT
- Hydration
- Stool softners
  - Juice
  - Polyethylene glycol
  - Lactulose
  - Magnesium
- Stimulants
- Fiber?
- Medications
  - Lubiprostone – Adult CF Pilot study with only 7 patients
  - Linactolide and Plecanatide
  - **CFTR modulators**

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## Colon Cancer Risk

### High Risk

- F508 x2 or severe functional mutation
- Male
- >30 years of age
- Lung transplantation

### Other contributing factors

- Inflammatory
  - Intestinal microbiome
  - Disease influence
  - Antibiotic influence

- Non-inflammatory
  - Intestinal cell turnover
  - Alteration in mucin gene expression
  - Bile acid composition and exposure
  - Nutritional deficiencies
  - Immunosuppressive medications (transplant)
- CF-specific risk factors
  - Role of CFTR as oncogene?

CFR 2017;16:540-9.

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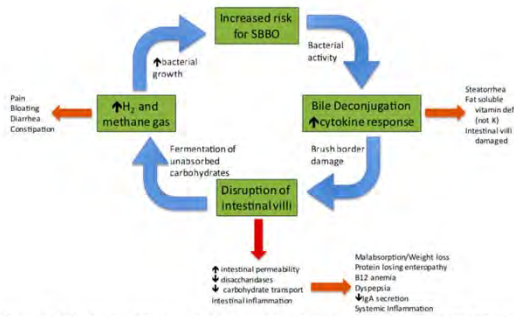
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## SBBO



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## Diagnosis & Management of SBBO

### DIAGNOSIS

- 30-40% of CF patients
- Empiric treatment – most common
- Breath test – challenging due to chronic antibiotic use
- Luminal sampling of small bowel fluid +/- intestinal biopsies – uncommonly done as invasive

### TREATMENT (for 10-14 days)

- Metronidazole
- Rifaximin
- Sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim
- Amoxicillin/clavulanate

Pediatr Clin N Am. 2016;63:679-698.

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### Take Home Points

- CF care has significantly evolved significant in the era of modulator therapy
- Traditional nutritional counseling practices will need to be altered
- Measurement of FE should continue to determine need for PERT
- CFLD is becoming better recognized with the acceptance of new biochemical markers and imaging modalities (elastography)
- DIOS and Constipation continue to be challenging to differentiate
- The risk of GI cancers in CF is significant and deserves recognition as the longevity is achieved

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### Opportunities and Studies in CF GI

**DIGEST** (Developing Innovative Gastroenterology Specialty Training)  
• Training its 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of pediatric and adult gastroenterologist

GALAXY (GI symptoms observational study)

- Based on James Lind Alliance recognition of need to address GI symptoms as #2 priority of persons with CF Thorax 2017

PROMISE – evaluate of Highly Effective Modulatory Treatment (new triple combination)

- Liver disease, Pancreatic function, Nutrition, pH of GI tract, GI symptomology, Gut microbiome

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QUESTIONS?

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# UPDATE ON CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION IN CHILDREN

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## Disclosure

- Rebiotix: Medical Scientific Advisory
- NIH

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## Objective

- Update on clostridium difficile epidemiology
- Update on the management of clostridium difficile infections
- Update on the role of fecal microbial transplant and its safety

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*Outline*

- Background and Epidemiology
- Risk factors and special populations
- Testing
- Management

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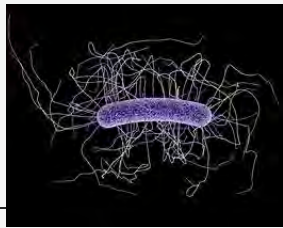
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*Introduction:  
Epidemiology*

Spore-forming Gram-positive anaerobe



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*Epidemiology*

- Most common infectious cause of antibiotic-associated-diarrhea
- related to production of toxins, primarily toxin B.
- produce resistant spores
- Near doubling in incidence in US children
- Rate of community-associated clostridium difficile infection (CDI) in children is rising

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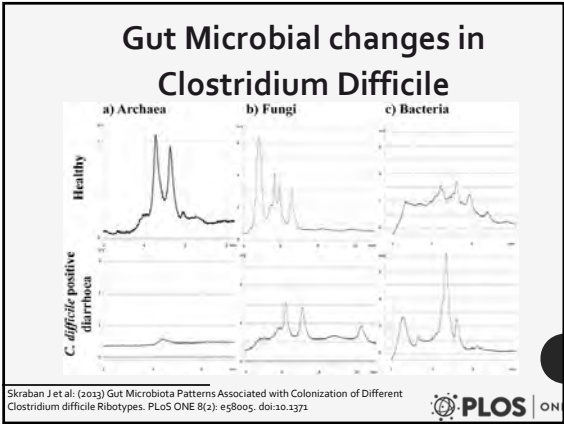
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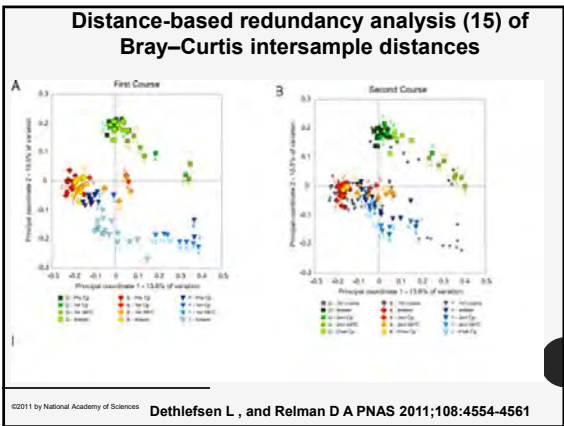
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*Epidemiology*

- A large multicenter study of hospitalized patients at 22 children's hospitals in the US
- near doubling in the incidence of *C. difficile* infection (CDI) between 2001 and 2006.
- Although classically identified as a healthcare-associated infection, 70-80% of pediatric cases of CDI identified as community-associated.
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24590748>

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### *Toilets*

- *C. difficile* was recoverable from air sampled at heights up to 25 cm above the toilet seat.
- The highest numbers were recovered from air sampled immediately following flushing, and then declined 8-fold after 60 min and a further 3-fold after 90 min.
- The mean numbers of droplets emitted upon flushing by the lidless toilets in clinical areas were 15-47, depending on design.
- *C. difficile* aerosolization and surrounding environmental contamination occur when a lidless toilet is flushed.

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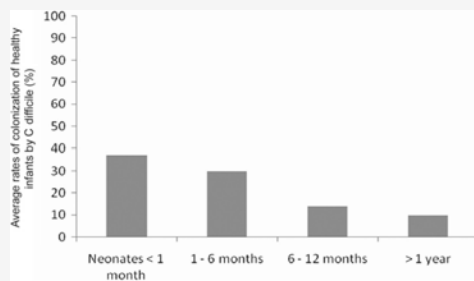
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### *Colonization in infants*



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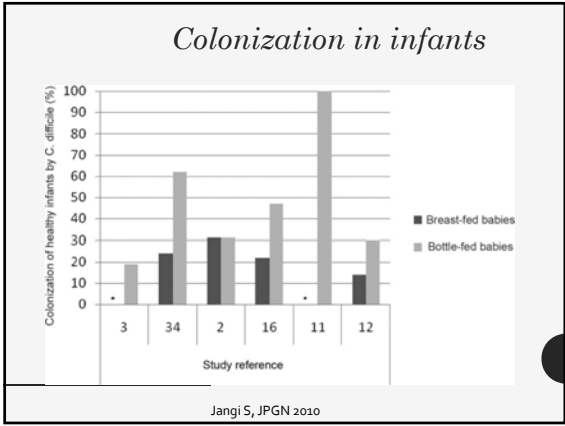
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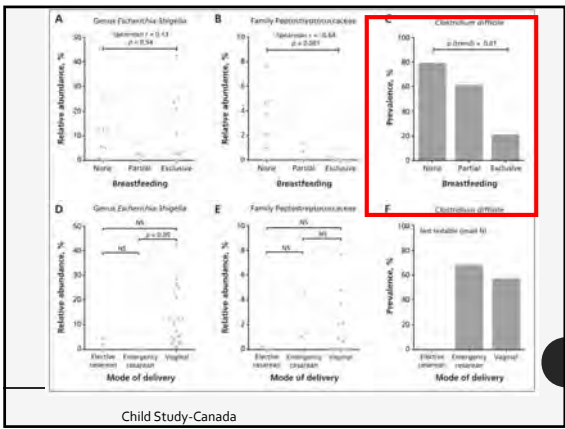
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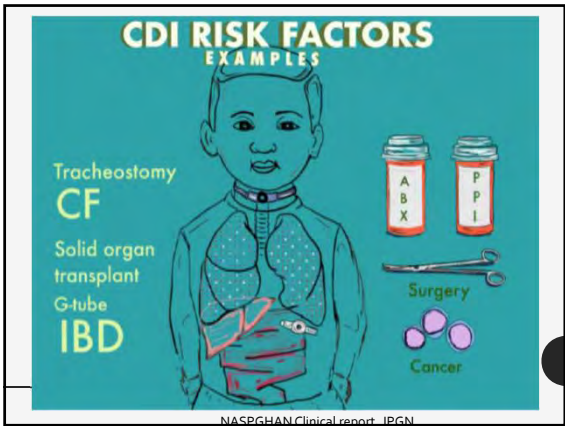
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### *Risk factors*

- pediatric recurrent *C. difficile* infection (rCDI) risks are different than in adults
- prior antibiotic use,
- recent surgery,
- malignancy,
- tracheostomy tube,
- concomitant use of non-CDI antibiotics during CDI treatment.

Davidovics et al JPGN 2019

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### *Risk factors-co-morbidities*

- In a large pediatric database (> 4000 patients).
- At least **2/3 had ≥ 1 complex** chronic condition.
- children with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) have rates of CDI that far exceed the general population.
- A statewide database of hospital discharges from 2009 to 2012, shows prevalence of CDI in children with **IBD to be 46 per 1000 versus 4.1 per 1000** (P < 0.001).
- 25% of pediatric CDI cases occur in children with **cancer**.
- children with malignancy and CDI had longer hospital stays and more all-cause mortality (rr 2.29)

Davidovics et al JPGN 2019

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### *Microbiology*

- Toxigenic strains: genes *tcdA* and *tcdB* produce Toxin A and B
- Nontoxigenic strains lack the *tcdA* and *tcdB* genes
- Toxin A ("enterotoxin") causes inflammation leading to mucosal injury and intestinal fluid secretion
- Toxin B ("cytotoxin") is essential for the virulence
- Hypervirulent strain (NAP1/BI/027) associated with:
  - more severe disease,
  - lower cure rates,
  - increased recurrence
  - severity due to deletion in the *tcdC* gene (a negative regulator of toxin production) and produces a third toxin (binary toxin)

IDSA April 2018

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### *Morbidity and mortality*

- Severe CDI-related complications, including toxic megacolon, perforation, and the need for a surgical intervention, occurred in fewer than 2% of pediatric patients with CDI.
- significant morbidity is less common in children, rates of rCDI in pediatric patients mirror that of adults.

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### *Testing*

- Recommend only in symptomatic (>3BM)
- IDSA suggest one strategy to optimize toxin assay sensitivity: a two-step method: Glutamate Dehydrogenase (GDH; highly sensitive for *C. difficile* but does not distinguish toxigenic from non-toxigenic *C. difficile*), and if positive, follow-up testing with either CCCNA or toxigenic stool culture (TC) as a confirmatory method

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### *Testing*

Test	Sens	Availability	Detection
NAAT	High	Available	Toxin gene detection
GDH	High	Available	Detection of common antigens toxigenic and non-toxigenic
EIA toxin A/B	Low	Available	Detection of free toxin
CCCNA or TC	High	Limited availability	Detection of free toxin and culture of a toxigenic <i>C. difficile</i> strain, respectively

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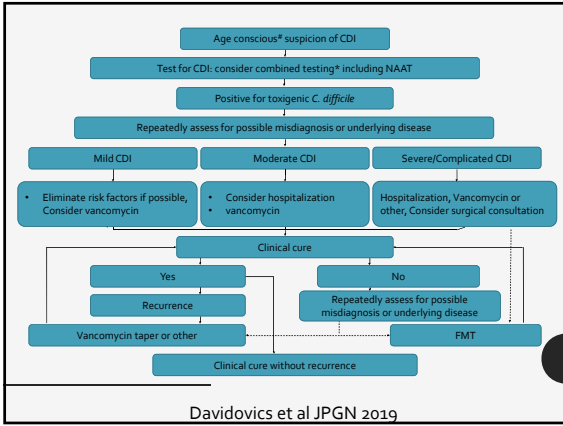
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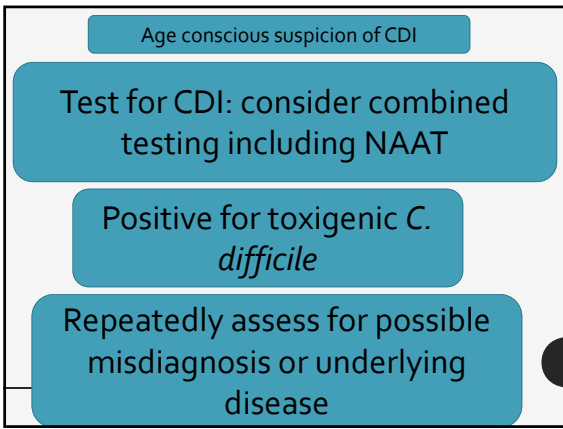
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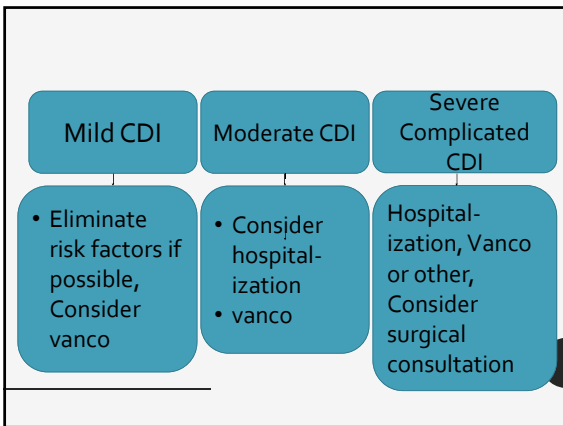
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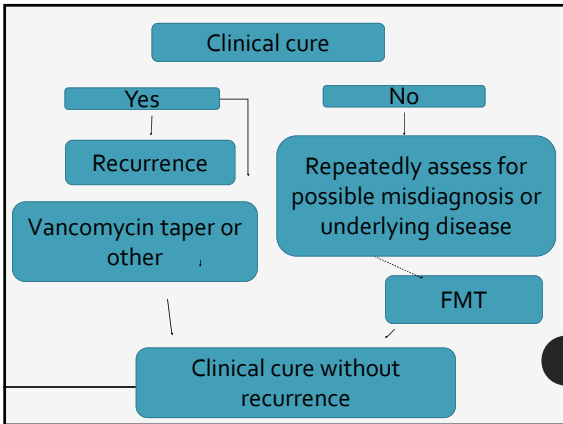
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*IDSA 2018 recommendations*

- **What are important ancillary treatment strategies for CDI?**
- Discontinue therapy with the inciting antibiotic agent(s) (*strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).
- Antibiotic therapy for CDI should be started empirically for situations where a substantial delay in laboratory confirmation is expected, or for fulminant CDI (*weak recommendation, low quality of evidence*).

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*IDSA 2018 recommendations*

**Best treatments of initial CDI episode to ensure resolution of symptoms and sustained resolution for 1 month?**

- Either vancomycin or fidaxomicin is recommended over metronidazole for an initial episode of CDI. The dosage is vancomycin 125 mg orally 4 times per day or fidaxomicin 200 mg twice daily for 10 days (*strong recommendation, high quality of evidence*)
- In settings where access to vancomycin or fidaxomicin is limited, we suggest using metronidazole for an initial episode of nonsevere CDI only (*weak recommendation, high quality of evidence*). The suggested dosage is metronidazole 500 mg orally 3 times per day for 10 days. Avoid repeated or prolonged courses due to risk of cumulative and potentially irreversible neurotoxicity (*strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).

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*IDSA 2018 recommendations*

**What are the best treatments of fulminant CDI?**

- For fulminant CDI, vancomycin administered orally is the regimen of choice (*strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).
- If ileus is present, vancomycin can also be administered per rectum (*weak recommendation, low quality of evidence*).
- vancomycin dose is 500 mg orally 4 times per day and 500 mg in approximately 100 mL normal saline per rectum every 6 hours as a retention enema.
- Intravenously administered metronidazole should be administered together with oral or rectal vancomycin, particularly if ileus is present (*strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).
- metronidazole dosage is 500 mg intravenously every 8 hours.

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*IDSA 2018 recommendations*

- Fulminant CDI, characterized by hypotension or shock, ileus, or megacolon.
- If surgical management is necessary, perform subtotal colectomy with preservation of the rectum (*strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).
- Diverting loop ileostomy with colonic lavage followed by antegrade vancomycin flushes is an alternative approach (*weak recommendation, low quality of evidence*).

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*Recurrent CDI treatment (IDSA)*

- First recurrence options:
  - 10-day course vancomycin rather than second course of metronidazole if metronidazole was used for primary Rx
  - oral vancomycin as a tapered and pulsed regimen rather than a second 10-day course
  - 10-day course of fidaxomicin rather than a standard 10-day course of vancomycin

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*Recurrent CDI treatment (IDSA)*

- More than one recurrence of CDI:
  - oral vancomycin therapy using a tapered and pulsed regimen (*weak recommendation, low quality of evidence*),
  - a standard course of oral vancomycin followed by rifaximin (*weak recommendation, low quality of evidence*),
  - fidaxomicin (*weak recommendation, low quality of evidence*).

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*Recurrent CDI treatment (IDSA)*

- Fecal microbiota transplantation is recommended for patients with multiple recurrences of CDI who have failed appropriate antibiotic treatments (*strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).

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*Recurrent CDI treatment (IDSA)*

- There are insufficient data at this time to recommend extending the length of anti-*C. difficile* treatment beyond the recommended treatment course or restarting an anti-*C. difficile* agent empirically for patients who require continued antibiotic therapy directed against the underlying infection or who require retreatment with antibiotics shortly after completion of CDI treatment, respectively (*no recommendation*).

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## FMT




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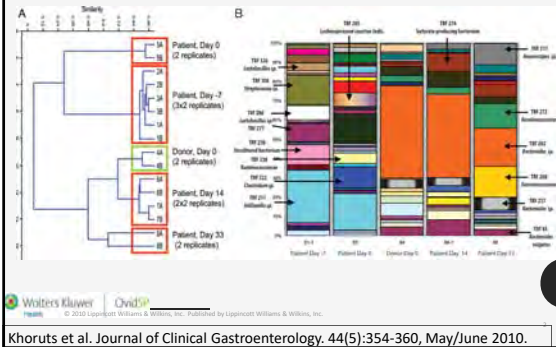
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## *Clostridium Difficile*



Khoruts et al. Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology. 44(5):354-360, May/June 2010.

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Demographics	N=373 <sup>1</sup>
Age, years	10.0 (3.0, 15.0)
Female sex	186 (49.9%)
Race	
White	332 (89.0%)
Black	15 (4.0%)
Asian	7 (1.9%)
American Indian	1 (0.3%)
Unknown	21 (5.6%)
Comorbidities	
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	120 (32.2%)
Crohn's disease	51 (13.7%)
Ulcerative colitis	63 (16.9%)
Indeterminate	6 (1.6%)
Presence of feeding tube	72 (19.3%)
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	36 (9.7%)
Short gut syndrome	10 (2.7%)
History of solid organ transplant	9 (2.4%)
Solid tumor malignancy	8 (2.1%)
History of stem cell transplant	6 (1.6%)
Hematologic malignancy	5 (1.3%)

Characteristics of children and young adults undergoing fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) for *Clostridium difficile* infection. Nicholson et al. CGH J 2019

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Logistic regression of predictors of primary fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) success for the treatment of *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) in children and young adults (N=323).<sup>1</sup>

Predictors <sup>2</sup>	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value
Fresh (vs. frozen) donor stool	2.60 (1.37, 4.96)	0.004
Delivery by colonoscopy (vs. other)	3.34 (1.22, 4.48)	0.01
Feeding tube (vs. no feeding tube)	0.49 (0.25, 0.97)	0.04
No. of CDI episodes prior to FMT	0.83 (0.72, 0.96)	0.01

Nicholson et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2019 Apr 19; S1542-3565(19)30427-6

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Characteristic	Overall (n = 137)	Non-RCDI (n = 113)	RCDI (n = 24)	P Value
Antibiotic use after last FMT	61/137 (45%)	43/113 (38%)	18/24 (75%)	<b>.0009</b>
Antibiotic after FMT				
Cephalosporin	18/61 (30%)	9/34 (21%)	9/9 (50%)	<b>.03</b>
Clindamycin	7/61 (11%)	6/43 (14%)	1/18 (6%)	.66
Fluoroquinolone	25/61 (41%)	15/43 (35%)	10/18 (56%)	.16
Penicillin	13/61 (21%)	9/34 (21%)	4/18 (30%)	1.00
Probiotic use after last FMT	61/137 (45%)	46/113 (41%)	15/24 (62%)	.05
Surgery	41/130 (32%)	29/108 (27%)	12/22 (55%)	<b>.01</b>
Hospitalization	54/131 (41%)	36/108 (33%)	18/23 (78%)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>
New symptom/diagnosis	45/134 (34%)	38/73 (34%)	7/16 (30%)	.81
Improved symptoms/diagnosis	15/135 (11%)	13/111 (11%)	2/24 (8%)	1.00
Weight change, in pounds	5 (-5, 10)	5 (-3, 10)	0 (-9, 8)	.18

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### *Recurrent C diff post FMT*

- 82% of patients had durable cure of CDI 22 months after FMT. Patients with recurrence had more post-FMT antibiotic exposure, underscoring the need for thoughtful antibiotic use and a potential role for prophylactic microbiome enrichment to reduce recurrence.

Mamo. Clinical Infectious Diseases, Volume 66, Issue 11, 17 May 2018, 1705–1711

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*FDA warning regarding FMT*

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019: FDA recently became aware of two cases of serious multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO) infection, one fatal, in recipients of fecal microbiota for transplantation (FMT) following confirmed transmission of the MDRO from the FMT donor to the recipient and subsequent translocation of the organism from the GI tract into the bloodstream. In these cases, donor stool was not tested for the presence of MDROs.

<https://www.fda.gov/medwatch-safety-alerts-human-medical-products>

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*FDA safety warning*

Donor screening

- a. Health care workers
- b. Persons recently been hospitalized or discharged from long term care facilities
- c. Persons who regularly attend outpatient medical or surgical clinics
- d. Persons who have recently engaged in medical tourism

<https://www.fda.gov/medwatch-safety-alerts-human-medical-products>

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*FDA safety warning*

FMT donor stool testing must include MDRO testing should at minimum include extended spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL)-producing Enterobacteriaceae, vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE), carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

<https://www.fda.gov/medwatch-safety-alerts-human-medical-products>

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*Summary*

- Clostridium difficile infection can be difficult to treat or eliminate
- Antibiotic therapy recommendations have been recently modified
- Fecal transplant can be highly effective
- Recent FMT safety issues are related to screening and testing for MDROs

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# What the pediatric GI provider needs to know about cannabis

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## Learning Objectives

At the end of this talk, you will be able to

1. Describe how endocannabinoid system modulation may impact GI disorders.
2. Identify complications and risks of cannabis use
3. Develop your own approach to discussing cannabis use with your patients.

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- Describe endocannabinoid system
- Review approved uses and data for use in IBD
- Discuss
  - Cannabis use disorder
  - Cannabis withdrawal syndrome
  - Cannabis hyperemesis syndrome
  - Cannabis allergy
  - Cannabis drug interaction concerns

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Huestis MA Chem Biodivers 2007,4,1770

## What is in MJ?

Buds, leaves, stems

> 100 known active ingredients

Including chemicals that activate  
CB1 and CB2 receptors

Many other unknown functions



Personal photo Hoffenberg

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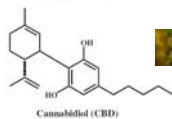
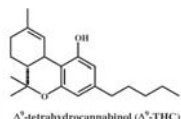
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**Phytocannabinoids**  
Phyto-plant  
(Personal photo Hoffenberg)

**CB1 Receptor**  
Neurons and epithelial cells

**CB2 >CB1 Receptor**  
Immune cells

J Basic Clin Physiol Pharmacol 2016; 27(3): 181–187

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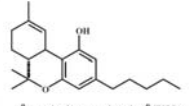
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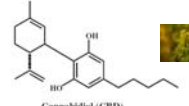
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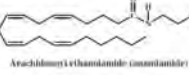
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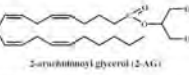
**Δ<sup>9</sup>-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ<sup>9</sup>-THC)**



**Cannabidiol (CBD)**



**Arachidonic acid derivatives (anandamide)**



**2-arachidonoyl glycerol (2-AG)**

**Phytocannabinoids**  
*Phyto-plant*

**Endocannabinoids**  
*Endo-inside body*

Arachidonic acid derivatives  
Lipid mediators

**CB1 Receptor**  
Neurons and epithelial cells

**CB2 >cb1 Receptor**  
Immune cells

**And other Receptors**  
(TRPV1 and GPR55...)

J Basic Clin Physiol Pharmacol 2016; 27(3): 181–187

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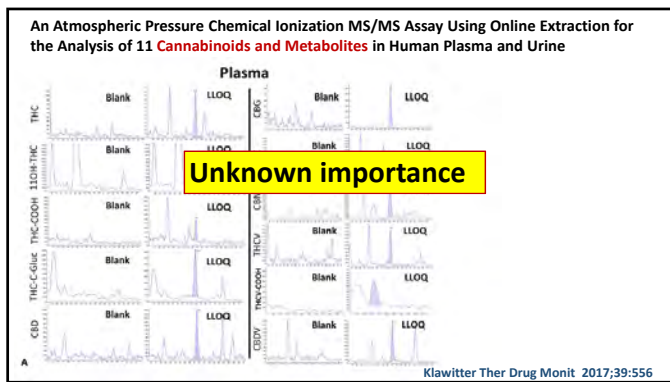
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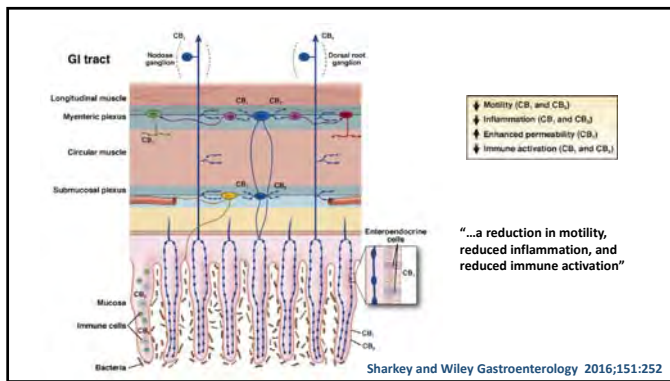
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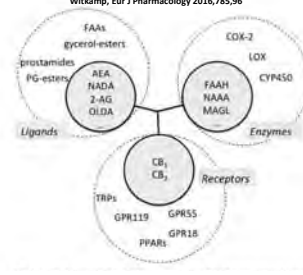
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**Fine tune metabolic, physiologic processes  
Potential benefit in chronic diseases**

**CB2R Q63R variant is a risk for celiac and IBD**

Rossi Pharmacol Res 2012;66: 88–94  
Strisciuglio J Clin Gastroenterol 2018;52:e37-43



**An expanding set of interactions between cannabinoid receptors, ligands, and enzymes**

Witkamp, Eur J Pharmacology 2016;785,96

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**Modulation of the endocannabinoid (EC) system in human disease**

Desirable effects	Modulation	Undesirable effects
Pain, nausea/vomiting ↓ appetite (in cachexia) ↑	CB <sub>1</sub> stimulation	Psychoactive, cardiovascular ↑ obesity, diabetes, inflammation ↑ gastrointestinal motility ↓
Insulin resistance, inflammation ↓ lipogenesis, cardiometabolic risk ↓ lipolysis, glucose tolerance ↑	Peripheral CB <sub>1</sub> inhibition	Fertility ↓? gastrointestinal motility ↑
Inflammation, tissue injury ↓	CB <sub>2</sub> stimulation	Immunosuppression?, fertility?
Pain, anxiety ↓, inflammation? ↓	Inhibition of the EC metabolism/transport	Psychoactive, cardiovascular, metabolic, inflammation ↑?

**Additional potential therapeutic areas**

- GVHD
- Autism
- Inflammation
- Obesity/metabolic syndrome
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular
- Liver
- Cancer

**Fig. 1. Cannabinoid therapeutics: finding the right balance.**

Pacher and Kunos, FEBS Journal, 2013,280,1918

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**What are cannabinoids effective for?**

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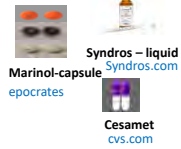
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There are 3 FDA approved products

- Synthetic THC (Dronabinol, Nabilone)
  - Nausea and vomiting from cancer chemotherapy
  - Anorexia with weight loss from AIDS



- CBD (plant based enriched in cannabidiol)
  - Severe childhood Seizures (Lennox Gastaut and Dravet syndromes)

*Does not work through known cannabinoid receptors*




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Nabiximol (Sativex)

Oromucosal spray

- 1:1 CBD: THC + other cannabinoids + non cannabinoids
- 100 ul spray contains 2.5mg CBD and 2.7mg THC



Approved outside the US for spasticity associated with multiple sclerosis




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Cannabis for IBD

- Pediatric data: efficacy data absent
- Adult data:

- 3 observational studies, about 300 subjects
  - Reports of symptom relief  
Lal, Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol, 2011,23, 891  
Ravikoff IBD, 2013, 19, 2809
  - Use > 6m associated with surgery  
Storr IBD, 2014, 20, 472-80.
- 1 trial of cannabis for Crohns:
  - ↑ appetite, ↓ pain, but no ↓ in inflammation measures.  
Cannabis Induces a Clinical Response in Patients With Crohn's Disease: A Prospective Placebo-Controlled Study Naftali CGH, 2013, 11,1276
- 1 trial of CBD for UC:
  - less adherent and did not meet endpoint  
Irving, IBD, 24,4, 714, 2018
- 1 abstract of cannabis for UC
  - improved endoscopy score  
Naftali, DDW 2018




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**TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF STUDIES ON MEDICINAL CANNABIS USE IN IBD**

Year/Author <sup>ref</sup>	Country	Study Design	Cannabis Type	Patients	IBD Diagnosis	Outcomes
2011/Naftali <sup>10</sup>	Israel	Retrospective	Inhaled (1-3 joints/d 0.5-3.5mg THC est)	13	11 CD, 2 UC	Subjective improvement in symptoms
2012/Lahat <sup>11</sup>	Israel	Observational cohort	Inhaled (inhalations as needed for pain)	13	11 CD, 2 UC	Improvements in health perception, ability to work, social activities, emotional stress.
<b>Limited data on potential benefits of cannabis for IBD</b>						
2017/Naftali <sup>10</sup>	Israel	RCT	Oral (10mg CBD bid)	10 treatment, 10 placebo	CD	Improvement in CDAI (not significant)
2018/Irving <sup>12</sup>	UK	RCT	Oral (CBD-rich ~300 mg CBD)		UC	AE in Tx group; no difference shown
2018/Naftali <sup>13</sup>	Israel	RCT	Inhaled (cigarette bid 23 mg THC)		UC	Mayo score improved

Inflamm Bowel Dis • Volume 25, Number 3, March 2009

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**DO YOU SUFFER FROM ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS?**

- ANXIETY
- CHRONIC PAIN
- ARTHRITIS
- FIBROMYALGIA
- ELAUCINIA
- INSOMNIA
- DEPRESSION
- CANCER
- HIV/AIDS
- NAUSEA
- MUSCLE SPASMS
- CROHN'S DISEASE
- EPILEPSY
- SEIZURES
- STRESS
- ANOREXIA
- ADD/ADHD
- MIGRAINE
- PMS
- HEADACHE
- & MANY

**MARIJUANA**  
MAY BE AN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT.

legalchemstore.com

**Popular demand, not evidence-based**



norml.org  
Procon.org

boazpartners.com

**In the USA, many States have defined medical uses for cannabis**

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Prevalence and Patterns of Marijuana Use in Young Adults With Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Phatak, Pashankar, JPGN, 2017,64,261

Marijuana Use by Adolescents and Young Adults with Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Hoffenberg, J Pediatr 2018;199:99

N= 53 18-21 yr on infliximab

N= 99 13-21 yr

70% ever used

32% ever used

47% current users (33% of 53)

50% current users (16% of 99)

29% daily users (20% of 53)

28% daily users (9% of 99)

70% did not tell their GI providers

80% of ever users perceive no to low risk of harm with regular smoking

User vs non user: no difference noted for appetite, pain, anxiety, QOL

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Marijuana Use by Adolescents and Young Adults with Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Hoffenberg, J Pediatr 2018;199:99

N = 30

• Self-administered multiple routes:

Products/routes of use	
Smoking	25 (83%)
Ingested as edible	15 (50%)
Dab	12 (40%)
Vape	9 (30%)
Oil	5 (17%)
Other	1 (3%)

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Marijuana Use by Adolescents and Young Adults with Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Hoffenberg, J Pediatr 2018;199:99

**Motivations for use**

Medical  
n = 17 (57%)

Survey question:  
Do you think you use marijuana . . .  
(check all that apply)

To relieve physical pain	16 (53%)
To relieve abdominal cramping	11 (37%)
To relieve nausea	8 (27%)
To improve appetite	7 (23%)
To help lose weight	1 (3%)

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**Cannabis Oil Use** n=15

Cannabis Oil Use by Adolescents and Young Adults With Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Hoffenberg, JPGN 2019;68: 348-352

**Frequency**  
Median Past 30-day use: 25 days  
30 times (1 a day)

<b>Content</b>	<b>CBD</b> 1-500mg
	<b>THC</b> 1- 50mg

<b>CBD: THC</b>	<b>1:1</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>19:1</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>10:1</b>	<b>1</b>
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	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>2</b>

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**Summary of Pediatric IBD Users**

Perceive safety and some benefit → that is hard to measure

Variety of dosing strategies and amounts

IBD ~10%+ use ~daily




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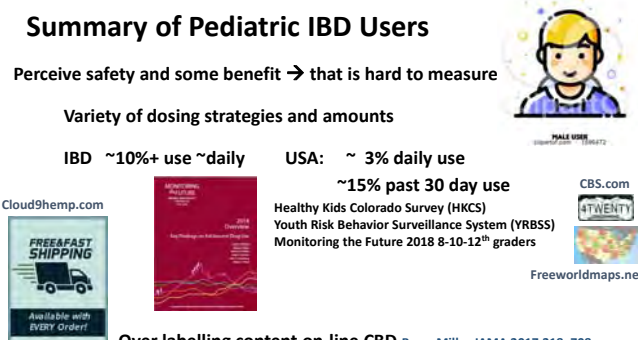
**Summary of Pediatric IBD Users**

Perceive safety and some benefit → that is hard to measure

Variety of dosing strategies and amounts

IBD ~10%+ use ~daily      USA: ~ 3% daily use  
~15% past 30 day use

Cloud9hemp.com      Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS)  
Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)  
Monitoring the Future 2018 8-10-12<sup>th</sup> graders



Over labelling content on-line CBD Bonn-Miller JAMA 2017,318, 708

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**Risks for cannabis use disorder**

- **Frequent use**
- Early use of cannabis, alcohol, nicotine
- Male
- Depression
- Poor school performance
- Antisocial, oppositional
- Other drugs



amazon.com



PDF  
<http://www.nap.edu/24625>

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valleyrecovery.com/addiction-consequences

**Consequences of adolescent use**

**Impairments in**

- ✓ Cognition (learning, memory, attention)
- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Income
- ✓ Social relationships




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**Cannabis Use Disorder DSM 5** DSM-5 SUD Diagnosis Reference Guide

**11 Criteria**

Larger amounts and/or over a longer period  
 Unable to reduce or control use  
 Spending a lot of time to get, use, or recover from effects  
**Craving**  
 Failing on obligations at work, school, or home  
 Using despite social, interpersonal problems from use  
 Using despite physical or psychological problems from use  
**Missing out on activities**  
 Using when it is physically hazardous  
**Tolerance:** diminished effect, needing more  
**Withdrawal:** syndrome or using to avoid syndrome

**Severity**

✓ Mild	2-3 symptoms	305.20 (F12.10)
✓ Moderate	4-5 symptoms	304.30 (F12.20)
✓ Severe	6+ symptoms	304.30 (F12.20)

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## Cannabis withdrawal syndrome

**Criteria** (≥ 3 within 1 wk abrupt stop)

- Irritable
- Nervous/anxious
- Sleep difficulty
- ↓ appetite
- Depressed mood
- Physical symptoms:
  - Abdominal pain (± Nausea/vomiting)
  - Shaking/tremors
  - Sweating
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Headache



**"Just Quit" may not work**

### GI Differential

- Typical teenager?
- Eating disorder
- Abdominal migraine
- Autonomic dysfunction/POTS
- Hyperthyroid
- Celiac?

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## Cannabis withdrawal syndrome- Treatment

Lasts days to several weeks

### Treatment

- Severe cases: inpatient "detox"
  - No approved medications
    - Anxiolytics
    - CB agonists: Dronabinol or Nabiximol
    - Gabapentin
- (Antidepressants may worsen symptoms)



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## Cannabis hyperemesis syndrome



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## Cannabis hyperemesis syndrome



Freedomleaf.com

Diagnostic characteristic	GRADE rating
Severe cyclic vomiting usually accompanied by abdominal pain	Low
Symptom onset preceded by at least weekly cannabis use	Low
Temporary relief of symptoms with hot bathing	Low
Resolution of symptoms with cannabis cessation	Low
Supportive features: male gender, cannabis use onset in teenage years, symptom onset in third decade of life	Low

Sorensen Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome: Diagnosis, Pathophysiology, and Treatment—a Systematic Review *J. Med. Toxicol.* (2017) 13:71–87

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## Cannabis hyperemesis syndrome



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Diagnostic characteristic	GRADE rating
Severe cyclic vomiting usually accompanied by abdominal pain	Low
Symptom onset preceded by at least weekly cannabis use	Low
Temporary relief of symptoms with hot bathing	Low
Resolution of symptoms with cannabis cessation	Low
Supportive features: male gender, cannabis use onset in teenage years, symptom onset in third decade of life	Low

- GI Differential
- Cyclic vomiting
- Brain tumor, ↑ICP
- Psychogenic vomiting
- Other toxin
- ...

Sorensen Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome: Diagnosis, Pathophysiology, and Treatment—a Systematic Review *J. Med. Toxicol.* (2017) 13:71–87

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## Cannabis Hyperemesis Treatment

Low Quality of Evidence for any treatment

- Abstinence
- Dopamine antagonists
- Avoidance of opiates



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- Capsaicin cream to abdomen (or heat)

Dezieck L. *Clin Toxicol* 2017;55:908  
Resolution of cannabis hyperemesis syndrome with topical capsaicin in the emergency department: case series

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**Capsaicin: Analgesic**  
 Topical cream 0.025, 0.075, 0.1%  
 Patch 8%

**Adverse effects:** Skin irritation, burning, and cough

**TRPV1: Endocannabinoid and endovanilloid system**  
 Distribution similar to CB1  
 Activated by **Heat**  
**Capsaicin**  
**Anandamide**

May work by counterbalancing effects of CB1, mechanism unclear

Richards et al Clinical Toxicology, 2018;56:15-24,

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Cannabis sativa allergy: looking through the fog Allergy, 2016,72,201  
 Hypersensitivity reactions to marijuana Ann All Asthma & Immunol, 2012,108,282

### Cannabis Allergy

**Exposure:** inhaled, ingested, skin

- User
- Occupational (work in grow facility)
- Environmental (passive) to MJ or Hemp
  - Seeds, leaves, pollen (late August)

**Cannabis-fruit/vegetable syndrome**  
 Crossreact with other lipid transfer proteins LTPs  
 peach, tomato, latex

Contaminants: fungus and mold (aspergillus); pesticides; fentanyl...

NationalJewish.org

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Ocampo and Rans, Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol 2015, 114, 187

### Cannabis Food Allergy (edibles)

Symptom	GI differential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthostatic hypotension, tachycardia</li> <li>• Fatigue, dizziness,</li> <li>• Dry mouth</li> <li>• Vomiting</li> <li>• Abdominal Cramping</li> <li>• Anxiety</li> <li>• Throat tingling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POTS/autonomic dysfunction</li> <li>• Oral Allergy Syndrome</li> <li>• Food allergy</li> <li>• ??potential for eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases??</li> </ul>

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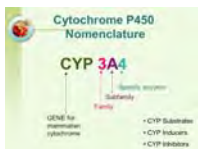
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## Cannabis and Drug Interactions

- CBD: potent inhibitor of CYP2C, CYP2D6, and CYP3A
- Potential for clinically significant drug-drug interaction

- 3A: cyclosporine, tacrolimus
- 2C: NSAIDs
- 2d6: tricyclics, codeine,



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## Summary and practical comments

- Little data on efficacy
- Important to monitor patients on cannabis risks of use  
discourage from stopping standard therapies
- Ask (they want to tell you)

medical marijuana - cannabis derivative ACKNOWLEDGEMENT [73738966]

Dose: 500 mg	Route: Does not apply	Frequency: EVERY DAY
Indications of Use: Crohn's Disease, Angel's tears/sublingual	Adverse: --	MR monitoring: --
Dispense Quantity: --		
Tip: Use as directed 500 mg every day		

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## THE DENVER POST

Denver first in U.S. to decriminalize psychedelic mushrooms

Psilocybin possession would remain illegal but would become police's "lowest law-enforcement priority"



A woman harvests magic mushrooms in a grow room at the Procure farm in Hazerswoude, central Netherlands, Friday Aug. 3, 2007. Procure is the Netherlands' largest grower of hallucinatory mushrooms, supplying more than half the market, a legal business in The Netherlands as long as they are sold fresh. JAP Photo/Peter Dejong

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## Diagnosing Children with Functional Abdominal Pain in 2019: How Much Testing is Enough?

Carlo Di Lorenzo, M.D  
Twitter: @carlodilorenzo1



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### Objectives

- Discuss pros and cons of diagnostic testing in children with FAP
- Emphasize problems related to the discovery of incidental findings
- Describe other poorly understood conditions which may present with abdominal pain

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## History

15 y.o. girl, developmentally normal

CC: Periumbilical abdominal pain every day

- Pain is present all the time but is worse after ingestion of fatty foods and pizza
- Tried “everything”, nothing helped
- Home schooled
- ROS: depressed

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## History

- Onset of pain at puberty
- No other medical problem
- SHx: Divorced parents; not able to be involved in sports because of the pain
- FHx: Mother with IBS
- Meds: Anticholinergics

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## Physical exam

- Overweight, claims to be in severe pain, says “nobody believes her”; answers most of the questions: “Sometimes”.
- Abdomen: Generalized tenderness, no masses, no rebound or guarding. Small amount stools in rectal vault.

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**Next step?  
How much testing does this child need?**

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**You know what this child has!**

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**The cost of referral to a specialist in FAP**

*Lane MM et al. Pediatrics 2009; 123: 758*

- **Children with FAP/IBS:** 46 seen by pediatric GI vs 43 seen only by PCP
- Had **similar symptoms**, interference with activities and stool characteristics
- Mothers of children seen by specialists **perceived** more pain intensity
- Excluding cost of endoscopy, cost of care was **5-fold higher** in children seen by the specialist

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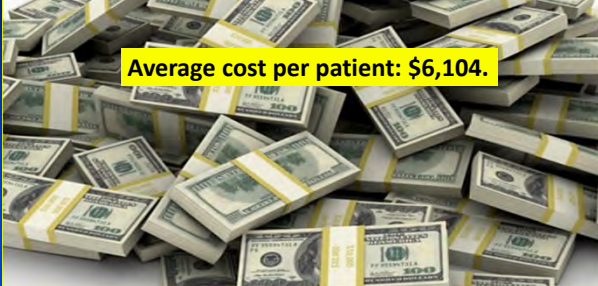
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**A Million Dollar Workup for Abdominal Pain. Is It Worth It?**

Dhroove G, Chogle A, Saps M. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2010;51:579-83

122 consecutive children with pain predominant FGID. **Everyone** had some test  
34% EGD - 10% "abnormal": H. pylori, chemical gastritis, esophagitis  
17% colonoscopy - 9.5% "abnormal": rare fork crypts, lymphoid hyperplasia



**Average cost per patient: \$6,104.**

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**Why testing?**

- 1) To make sure you get the correct diagnosis
- 2) To reassure patient and family
- 3) To reassure yourself

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**In general, parental anxiety and physician insecurity determine the extent of the work-up**

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## Does lack of training lead to more testing?

### Barriers in Neurogastroenterology and Motility Training Experience for Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellows

\*Kahleb Graham, <sup>1</sup>Jaime Bellind-Gerson, <sup>1</sup>Anil Darbani, and <sup>1</sup>John T. Boyle  
JPGN 2019;68: 806-810

NGM conditions	Very comfortable, %	Somewhat comfortable, %	Somewhat uncomfortable, %	Very uncomfortable, %
Functional disorders				
Aerophagia/gaseous abdominal distention	5	50	45	0
Functional dyspepsia	23.8	60	11.3	0
Rumination syndrome	10.5	61.3	20	2.5
Cyclic vomiting syndrome	30	52.5	16.3	1.3
Functional nausea/vomiting	22.5	44	20	2.5
Irritable bowel syndrome	37.5	44	10	1.3
Functional constipation	73.8	18.8	1.3	1.3
Functional diarrhea	49	42.5	15	2.5

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## Can Rome help?

### Adolescent committee




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## Rome Criteria: Functional abdominal pain

Gastroenterology 2016;150:1456-1468

**Diagnostic Criteria for Functional Abdominal Pain-NOS** Must be fulfilled at least 4 times per month and include all of the following:

1. Episodic or continuous abdominal pain that does not occur solely during physiologic events (eg, eating, menses)
2. Insufficient criteria for irritable bowel syndrome, functional dyspepsia, or abdominal migraine
3. After appropriate evaluation, the abdominal pain cannot be fully explained by another medical condition

Criteria fulfilled for at least 2 months before diagnosis.

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**Rome Criteria:  
Functional abdominal pain**

Gastroenterology 2016;150:1456–1468

**Diagnostic Criteria for Functional  
Abdominal Pain NOS**

**How does this help  
the clinician?**

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**Do we need to “rule out” an  
organic disease?**

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**Why the fear of missing an “organic”  
disease and not the fear of missing a  
functional disorder or not diagnosing an  
anxiety disorder?**

- We (and the family) can “see” the organic disease
- We can do “something” about the organic disease (poor training in functional disorders)
- Society and medical bias against mind/brain disturbances

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## Confession

I have had patients complaining to me that I missed:

- “Chronic constipation”
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- M
- “
- Food allergy

I have NEVER had a parent complain that I missed IBS or an anxiety disorder

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## How do we avoid missing “organic” disease?

- Red flags?
- “Constant” pain is always functional?
- Time as your ally?
- Tests?

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## Red (pink?) flags!

- *Persistent right upper, or right lower quadrant pain*
- Arthritis
- *Nocturnal Pain*
- Perirectal disease
- Dysphagia
- Persistent vomiting
- Involuntary weight loss
- Deceleration of linear growth
- Delayed puberty
- Gastrointestinal blood loss
- Nocturnal diarrhea
- Unexplained fever
- Family history of IBD, celiac disease or PUD

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**Waking from sleep or joint pain similar prevalence in patients with FGIDs and Crohn's disease and are not "red flags."**

Hematochezia +  
Anemia +  
Weight loss

94% sensitivity to predict Crohn's disease

El-Chammas K, et al. J Pediatr 2013;162:783-7.

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**Are there "green flags"?**

- Persistent pain that does not change with physiological activities
- Presence of several other somatic symptoms
- "Nothing works" (side effects with every medication)
- Co-existence of internalizing disorder
- Family history of IBS
- Anxious/catastrophizing parents

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**Diagnosis is usually in the history**

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**Let them speak**

J Gen Intern Med. 2019 Jan;34(1):36-40 JGIM CrossMark

ORIGINAL RESEARCH  
**Eliciting the Patient's Agenda- Secondary Analysis of Recorded Clinical Encounters**  
 Nayky Singh Ospina, MD, MSc<sup>1,2</sup>, Karl A. Phillips, MD<sup>2</sup>, Rene Rodriguez-Gutierrez, MD, MSc<sup>2,3,4</sup>

**In encounters in which clinicians elicited patient concerns, the clinician interrupted the patient after a median of 11 seconds (interquartile range 7-22; range 3 to 234 s)**

carefully to them contributes to patient-centered care. Yet, clinicians often fail to elicit the patient's agenda and, when they do, they interrupt the patient's discourse. **OBJECTIVE:** We aimed to describe the extent to which patients' concerns are elicited across different clinical settings and how shared decision-making tools impact agenda elicitation. **DESIGN AND PARTICIPANTS:** We performed a secondary analysis of a random sample of 112 clinical encounters recorded during trials testing the efficacy of shared agenda, when they do, they interrupt patients sooner than previously reported. Physicians in specialty care elicited the patient's agenda less often compared to physicians in primary care. Failure to elicit the patient's agenda reduces the chance that clinicians will orient the per-enters of a clinical encounter toward specific aspects that matter to each patient. **KEY WORDS:** agenda setting, patient-centered care, patient physician communication.

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Communication study  
**Effect of sitting vs. standing on perception of provider time at bedside: A pilot study**  
 Kelli J. Swayden<sup>a</sup>, Karen K. Anderson<sup>b</sup>, Lynne M. Connelly<sup>c</sup>, Jennifer S. Moran<sup>d</sup>, Joan K. McMahon<sup>b</sup>, Paul M. Arnold<sup>b,\*</sup>

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Patient Educ Couns. 2012;86:166-71.

**ARTICLE INFO**                                  **ABSTRACT**

*Article history:*  
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*Keywords:*  
 Provider-patient communication  
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 Patient satisfaction  
 Patient care outcomes  
 Quality improvement

*Objective:* Patients commonly perceive that a provider has spent more time at their bedside when the provider sits rather than stands. This study provides empirical evidence for this perception.  
*Methods:* We conducted a prospective, randomized, controlled study with 120 adult post-operative inpatients admitted for elective spine surgery. The actual lengths of the interactions were compared to patients' estimations of the time of those interactions.  
*Results:* Patients perceived the provider as present at their bedside longer when he sat, even though the actual time the physician spent at the bedside did not decrease significantly when he sat or stood.  
*Conclusion:* Simply sitting instead of standing at a patient's bedside can have a significant impact on patient satisfaction, patient compliance, and provider-patient rapport, all of which are known factors in decreased litigation, decreased lengths of stay, decreased costs, and improved clinical outcomes.  
*Practice implications:* Any healthcare provider may have a positive effect on doctor-patient interaction by sitting as opposed to standing during a hospital follow-up visit.

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**Sitting vs standing**

Position	Actual Time (min:sec)	Perceived Time (min:sec)
Sit	1.04	5.14
Stand	1.28	3.44

Swayden KJ, et al. Patient Educ Couns 2012;86:166-71.

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**Let's do some tests!**

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**How can you tell it is functional?**

Negative screening tests!

- CBC plus differential
  - Hb/MCV/eosinophilia
- ESR/CRP
- Celiac testing
- Chem profile
  - BUN/Cr/TP,A/LFT's
- Stool
  - heme test, O&P, fecal leukocytes, culture, H. Pylori Ag, calprotectin

*What about KUB (constipation!) abdominal US, pH studies, EGD, UGI, HIDA scans, CT, and on and on and on....*

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## Making a prompt diagnosis

The only two tests that are cost-effective in the absence of red flags in children are **celiac disease** serologic testing and **stool calprotectin**

**No KUB to diagnose constipation, please!**

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### SHORT COMMUNICATION

## Avoid Endoscopy in Children With Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease Who Have Normal Calprotectin Levels

*\*Anke Heida, <sup>1</sup>Gea A. Holtman, <sup>1</sup>Yvonne Lisman-van Leeuwen, <sup>1</sup>Marjolain Y. Berger, and <sup>1</sup>Patrick F. van Rheenen*

#### ABSTRACT

In children with suspected inflammatory bowel disease, adding calprotectin stool testing to the screening strategy has been recommended to distinguish organic from nonorganic disease. In this cohort study with historical controls, we could not confirm that screening with stool calprotectin improves the diagnosis yield (data on inflammatory bowel disease, general endoscopies and total number of endoscopies); however, in patients with normal fecal calprotectin levels (<50 µg/g) endoscopic and histological abnormalities were not seen. We propose to refrain from endoscopy when stool calprotectin levels are normal.

**Key Words:** calprotectin, diagnostic yield, inflammatory bowel disease, SIBO/IBD

(JGIM 2016;32: 47-49)

In children with recurrent abdominal pain and diarrhea, physical examination and blood tests are frequently insufficient to identify those with a high likelihood of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The stool marker calprotectin is used as an add-on test in children to distinguish organic from nonorganic disease. The sensitivity for IBD is high (1-3), which means that normal (ie, negative) calprotectin levels can be used to rule out IBD in

#### What Is Known

- Diagnosing inflammatory bowel disease requires invasive endoscopy.
- Measuring calprotectin in stool is now frequently used in regular practice to identify children who require further endoscopic evaluation for high suspicion of inflammatory bowel disease, yet its incremental value is largely unknown.

#### What Is New

- There seems no value in exposing children to endoscopy when stool calprotectin levels are <50 µg/g.
- When calprotectin is truly out of range (>250 µg/g), endoscopy is recommended to rule in inflammatory bowel disease.
- The uncertainty range between 50 and 250 µg/g gives room for shared decision making with patient and parents/caretakers.

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### Original Investigation

## Increased Prevalence of Celiac Disease Among Pediatric Patients With Irritable Bowel Syndrome: A 6-Year Prospective Cohort Study

Fernanda Cristofoni, MD; Claudia Fontana, MD; Annamaria Magistà, MD; Teresa Capriati, MD; Flavia Indrio, MD; Stefania Castellana, MD; Luciano Cavallo, MD; Ruggiero Francavilla, MD, PhD

**CONCLUSIONS** The prevalence of celiac disease among children with IBS is 4 times higher than among the general pediatric population. Rome III classification of abdominal pain-related functional gastrointestinal FGID might help to select children who deserve screening for celiac disease

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## Delaying a diagnosis of a FGID

- Not cost effective
- No limit to diagnostic work-up
- Increase uncertainty
- Postpones treatment

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Pediatr Gastroenterol Hepatol Nutr 2018; October 21(4):264-270

Original Article **PGHN**

### Initial Diagnosis of Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders in Children Increases a Chance for Resolution of Symptoms

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**TABLE 2. HAZARD RATIOS IN SYMPTOM RESOLUTION**

Variable	Hazard ratio	95% confidence interval
Sex (male as a reference)	1.628	0.912-2.908
Age at diagnosis	1.018	0.946-1.096
Functional diagnosis from the beginning	2.163	1.029-4.544

Binary logistic regression; corrected for diagnosis.

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## Endoscopy?

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## Ordering tests is like picking your nose

Don't chase the incidental findings,  
minimize them....

Making a diagnosis has side effects!

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## Endoscopy to reassure?

*Bonilla S, Wang D, Saps M. Clin Pediatr (Phila). 2011;50:396-401*

- 301 patients with abdominal pain-related FGIDs
- Patients with endoscopies, 61% reported abdominal pain, those without endoscopies, 64% were symptomatic (p=0.76)
- Abdominal pain frequency, intensity, and child's disability were similar in those with and without endoscopies
- The study does **not** suggest that a negative endoscopy improves the outcome of children with FGIDs

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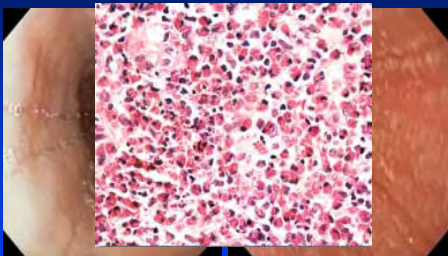
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## You may find this



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*Clinical Study*

### Eosinophilic Esophagitis in Children and Adolescents with Abdominal Pain: Comparison with EoE-Dysphagia and Functional Abdominal Pain

Thirumazhisai Gunasekaran,<sup>1</sup> Gautham Prabhakar,<sup>2</sup> Alan Schwartz,<sup>3</sup> Kiranmai Gorla,<sup>2</sup> Sandeep Gupta,<sup>4</sup> and James Berman<sup>5</sup>

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Table 3: Symptom score change, dysphagia for EoE-D and abdominal pain for EoE-AP and FAP, baseline versus follow-up.

	EoE-D	EoE-AP	FAP	EoE-D versus EoE-AP (p)	EoE-AP versus FAP (p)
Total number (%)	64	63	61		
Improved	55 (85.9)	19 (30.2)	49 (80.3)	<0.001	<0.001
Not improved	9 (14.1)	44 (69.8)	12 (19.7)		

EoE-D: baseline mean score = 1.5; sd = 0.69. Follow-up mean score = 0.6; sd = 0.53.  
Mean difference is -0.89, which is significant (p < 0.001) by paired t-test.  
EoE-AP group: baseline mean score = 1.2; sd = 0.43. Follow-up mean score = 1.4; sd = 0.57  
Mean difference is 0.26, which is not significant (p = 0.25) by paired t-test.  
FAP: baseline mean score = 38.5/44.6 (peak and mean) to 31.7/30.4 (p=0.70) and from 43.6/40.8 to 25.2/22.8 (p < 0.001), respectively. FAP patients had similar symptom improvement like EoE-D. Cluster Analysis: EoE-AP and FAP-N were similar in clinical features and response to treatment, but EoE-D was distinctly different from EoE-AP and FAP-N. Conclusions: Our study demonstrates that EoE-AP and EoE-D have different biology and outcomes. In addition, EoE-AP has clinical features similar to the FAP-N group.

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### The incidental H. Pylori

Spee LA, et al. *Pediatrics* 2010;125:e651-69



- Unlike in adults, there is **no evidence** in children that H. pylori gastritis **causes dyspeptic symptoms** in the absence of duodenal ulcer.
- Meta-analysis, 14 cross sectional studies found **no association** between recurrent abdominal pain and H. pylori infection in children

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### What could we be missing?

- Biliary dyskinesia: "My aunt had exactly the same symptoms and a cholecystectomy cured her".
- Chronic appendicitis: Many case series in the surgical literature
- Abdominal wall pain: Elicit the Carnett sign
- Median arcuate ligament syndrome (MALS): Abdominal angina, MR angiography confirms it, rare in children

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## Trends of Cholecystectomies for Presumed Biliary Dyskinesia in Children in the United States

\**Shravan R. Matta, <sup>1</sup>Katja Kovacic, <sup>1</sup>Ke Yan, <sup>1</sup>Pippa Simpson, and <sup>1</sup>Manu R. Sood*

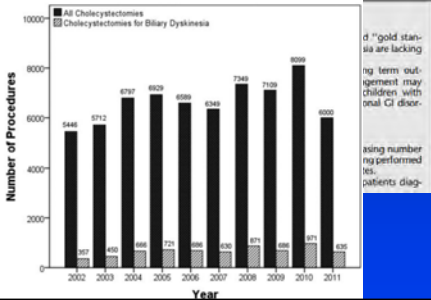
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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Biliary dyskinesia (BD) is a standardized diagnosis, but in children, published data suggest medical management are similar. Based trends of cholecystectomy in healthcare expenditure in the US.

**Methods:** Using Nationwide Classification of Diseases, we identified children who had 2011 in the United States.

**Results:** A total of 66,389 cholecystectomies were performed for BD in children in 2011, and a majority were adolescents. The surgical management of BD was the primary indication for cholecystectomy in children.



of "gold standard" are lacking. Long term outcomes may differ in children with BD. The number of cholecystectomies performed in children with BD is increasing.

## Gallbladder Ejection Fraction Is Unrelated to Gallbladder Pathology in Children and Adolescents

\**Patrick M. Jones, <sup>1</sup>Marc B. Rosenman, <sup>2</sup>Marian D. Pfefferkorn, <sup>3</sup>Frederick J. Rescorla, and <sup>4</sup>William E. Bennett Jr*

**Conclusions:** Hypokinetic gallbladders are no more likely to have gallbladder pathology than normal or hyperkinetic gallbladders in the setting of a patient with both a HIDA scan and a cholecystectomy. Care should be used when interpreting the results of HIDA scans in children and adolescents

**Methods:** We obtained records from all patients of 21 years and younger who underwent hepatic iminodiacetic acid (HIDA) testing within the Indiana Network for Patient Care from 2004 to 2013. GBEF results were obtained from radiology reports using data mining techniques. Age, sex, race, and insurance status were obtained for each patient. Any gallbladder pathology obtained subsequent to an HIDA scan was also obtained and parsed for mention of cholecystitis, cholelithiasis, or cholelithiasis. We performed

for gallbladder ejection fraction values >35%.

- Gallbladder ejection fraction did not correlate with underlying microscopic gallbladder pathology.
- This should cast some doubt on the importance of gallbladder ejection fraction when managing these difficult patients.

## Abdominal wall pain

The Carnett's sign



<http://doctorsgates.blogspot.com/2011/06/significance-of-carnetts-sign.html>

## Abdominal Wall Pain or Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Validation of a Pediatric Questionnaire

\*Murid Siawash, <sup>1</sup>Tijmen van Assen, <sup>2</sup>Walther Tjon a Ten, <sup>3</sup>Loes Janssen, <sup>3</sup>Ernst van Heurn, <sup>3</sup>Rudi Roumen, and <sup>3</sup>Marc Scheltinga

J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr 2019 Sep;69:e65-e69

### ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** A questionnaire study demonstrated that some adult patients who were diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) were in fact having an abdominal wall pain syndrome, such as anterior cutaneous nerve entrapment syndrome (ACNES). The aim of the present study was to determine whether a pediatric version of this questionnaire could distinguish abdominal wall pain syndromes in children with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) from children with abdominal wall pain (AWP).

**Methods:** An 18-item questionnaire was tested in 3 groups of children with CAP: group 1, children who underwent surgery for ACNES (n = 42); group 2, children who were found to have ACNES after an outpatient analysis (n = 37); and group 3, children diagnosed with IBS (n = 23). Qualifiers including internal consistency (Cronbach  $\alpha$ ), cut-off points and a ROC-curve were calculated using standard statistical analysis.

**Results:** Questionnaire response rates in the three populations of CAP children ranged from 66% to 92%. When comparing ACNES and IBS groups, 17 of 18 questions were discriminative ( $P < 0.01$ , Cronbach  $\alpha$  0.74).

### What Is Known

- Children with chronic abdominal pain are frequently diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome.
- Up to 12% of children with irritable bowel syndrome may suffer from anterior cutaneous nerve entrapment syndrome.

### What Is New

- A 17-item questionnaire can distinguish anterior cutaneous nerve entrapment syndrome from irritable bowel syndrome in pediatric populations with chronic abdominal pain.

## Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome (MALS)

Mak GZ, et al. J Pediatr Surg. 2013;48:2261-70

- Vascular compression syndrome with symptoms that overlap chronic functional abdominal pain.
- Celiac artery compression by duplex ultrasound and diagnosis was confirmed by computed tomography.
- Laparoscopic surgical release resulting in a significant improvement in blood flow through the celiac artery.
- N=46
- 67% reported improvement of symptoms since surgery
- No deaths, 9 complications, 8 required secondary procedure

## Take home messages

- Use history, red flags and green flags to direct testing
- Relieve parental anxiety
- Do not chase (minimize) incidental findings
- Diagnoses have side effects



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Achalasia  
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**Lecture Objectives**

- To review recent advances in achalasia related to:
  - Diagnostic criteria
  - Epidemiology
  - Pathophysiology
  - Treatment

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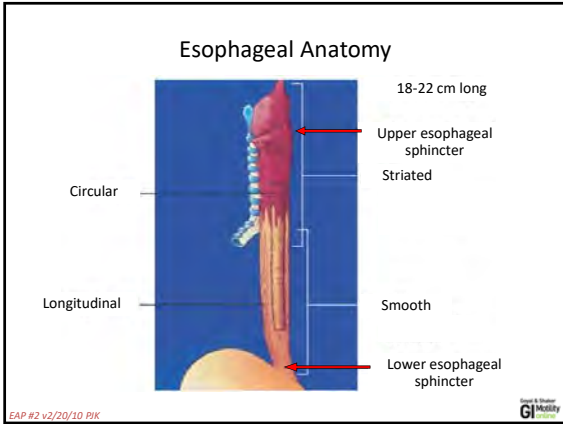
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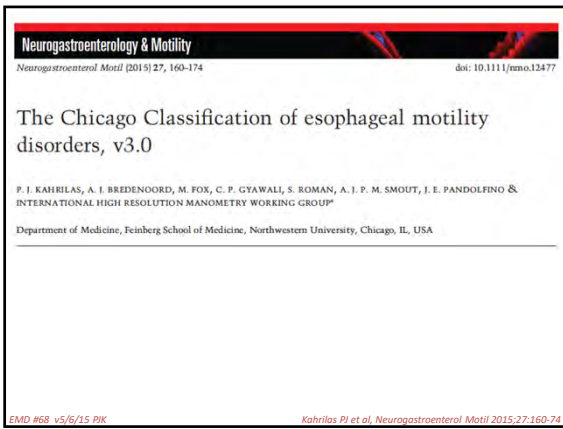
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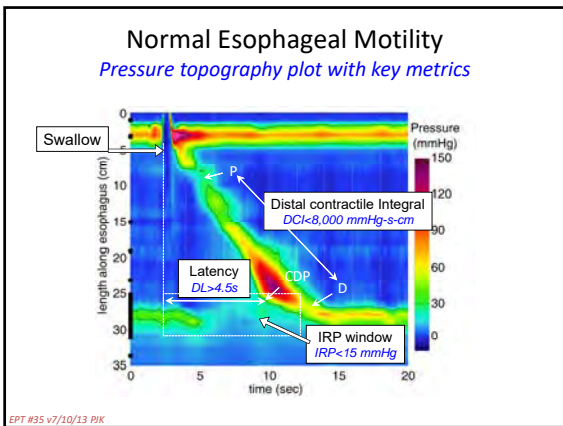
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## Interpreting Clinical EPT Studies

### The tools of analysis

- IRP (Integrated Relaxation Pressure)
  - The best validated metric of deglutitive relaxation
  - Advantages of a sleeve-type recording
  - Accounts for both nadir and persistence of relaxation

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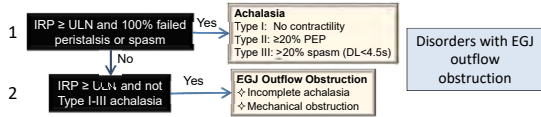
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## The Chicago Classification v3.0

### Hierarchical analysis



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Kahrilas PJ et al, Neurogastroenterol Motil 2015;27:160-74

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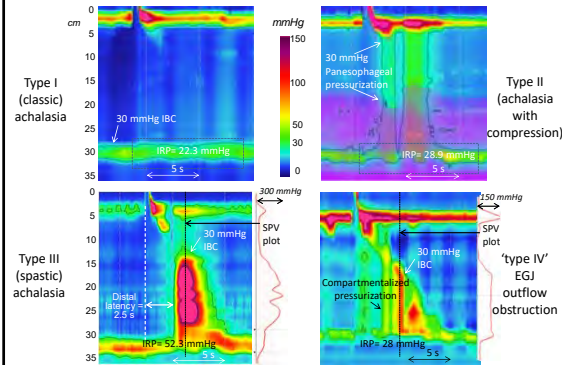
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## Achalasia Subtypes



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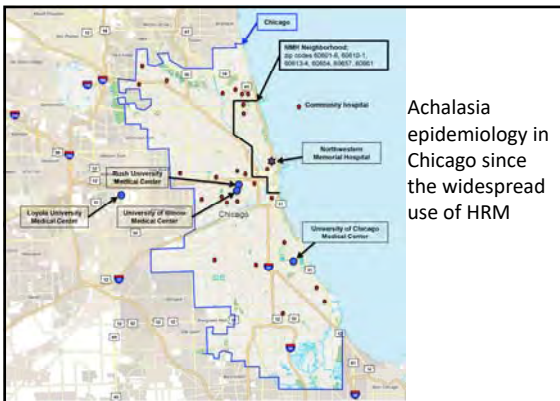
### Previously reported achalasia incidence and prevalence

City/Region	Time period	Incidence rate	Prevalence rate	Case inclusion
Korea <sup>16</sup>	2007-2011	0.39	6.29	ICD-10 code K22.0
Veneto, Italy <sup>6</sup>	2001-2005	1.59	Not reported	ICD-9-CM code 530.0 of hospital discharge data
Alberta, Canada <sup>2</sup>	1995-2008	1.63	10.82	ICD-9-CM code 530.0 and CDP procedure codes 54.90A (endoscopic balloon dilatation) and 54.8 (surgical esophagomyotomy)
Leicester, UK <sup>17</sup>	1986-2005	0.89	Not reported	Hospital discharge data; South Asian population only
Iceland <sup>3</sup>	1952-2002	0.55	8.7	ICD codes 530.0 and K22.0 Records were reviewed to excluded mis-coded cases
Singapore <sup>2</sup>	1989-1996	0.3	1.8	Prospective study, identified new patients referred to motility laboratory of a single hospital
Edinburgh, UK <sup>18</sup>	1986-1991	0.8	Not reported	Prospective study, identified new patients referred for esophageal manometry at a single hospital
Zimbabwe <sup>1</sup>	1974-1983	0.03	Not reported	Review of hospital case notes and operation reports of all black patients with achalasia at 3 hospitals
Oxford, UK <sup>19</sup>	1974-1982	0.9 male/0.9 female	9.99	Computer-based records of hospital discharges
Scotland <sup>11</sup>	1974-1983	1.1 male/1.2 female	11.2	Computer-based records of hospital discharges
Nottingham, UK <sup>20</sup>	1966-1983	0.5	8.0	Computer-based classification of hospital discharges
Virginia, United States <sup>5</sup>	1975-1978	0.6	Not reported	Questionnaire surveying physicians in Virginia
Israel <sup>8</sup>	1973-1978	0.8	7.9-12.6	Screening all regional hospitals and departments of gastroenterology for a diagnosis of achalasia
Cardiff, UK <sup>1</sup>	1926-1977	0.4	Not reported	Records review of all resident patients in Cardiff
Rochester, United States <sup>7</sup>	1935-1964	0.6	Not reported	Records review of all resident patients in Rochester

NOTE: Rates are per 100,000 persons per year.  
 CDP, Canadian Classification of Procedures; ICD, International Classification of Diseases.

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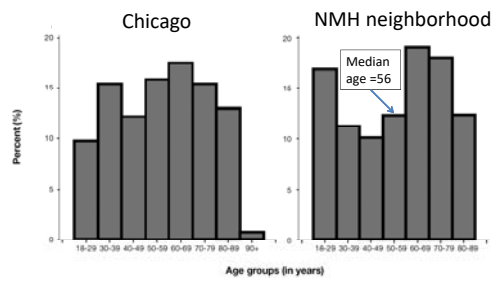
Samo S, et al. Clin Gastroenterol and Hepatol 2017;15:366-373



EMD #86 v1/12/17 PIK

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### Age distribution of incident achalasia cases

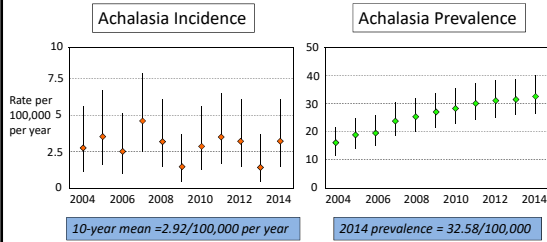


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Samo S, et al. Clin Gastroenterol and Hepatol 2017;15:366-373

Estimated prevalence of achalasia in the era of HRM

*Based on the assumption that we manage all cases!*



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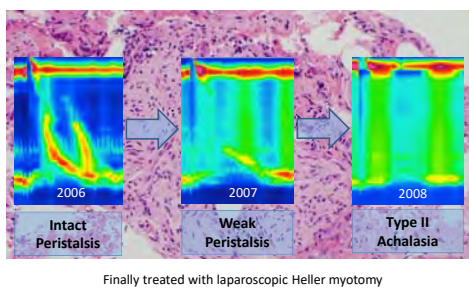
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Evolution of achalasia over a 2-year period,

*Myenteric plexus inflammation at LES*



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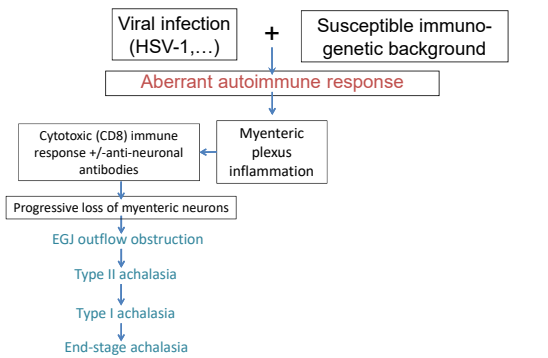
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Proposed scheme of achalasia pathogenesis



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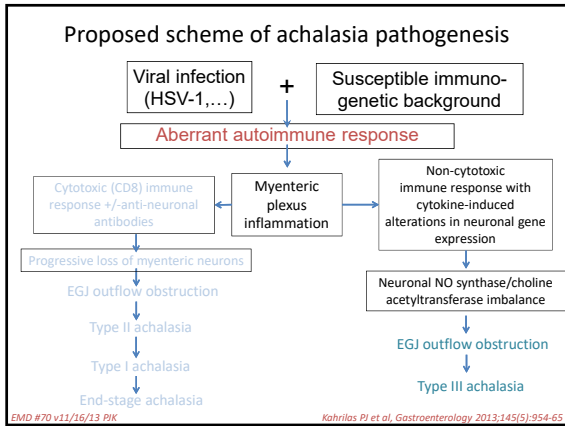
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### Achalasia Treatments

*General principles*

- Early treatment is desirable
  - Prevents disease progression and complications
- Dysphagia responds to Rx better than chest pain
- Botox can be a useful temporizing measure
  - Doubt in diagnosis
  - Elderly, frail patient
- Pneumatic dilation and LHM are both highly effective and highly operator dependent procedures

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### Clinical scoring system for achalasia (Eckardt score)

**Table 1** | Clinical scoring system for achalasia (Eckardt score)

Score	Symptom			
	Weight loss (kg)	Dysphagia	Retrosternal pain	Regurgitation
0	None	None	None	None
1	<5	Occasional	Occasional	Occasional
2	5–10	Daily	Daily	Daily
3	>10	Each meal	Each meal	Each meal

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EMD #82 v8/27/19 PKK      Eckardt, A. J. et al. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol doi:10.1038/nrgastro.2011.68

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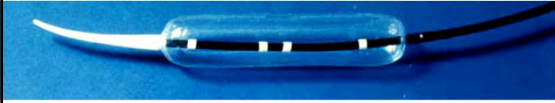
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Pneumatic Dilators used for Treating Achalasia



Microvasive® Dilator (3.0, 3.5, or 4.0 cm)  
Passed over guidewire, imaged with fluoroscopy

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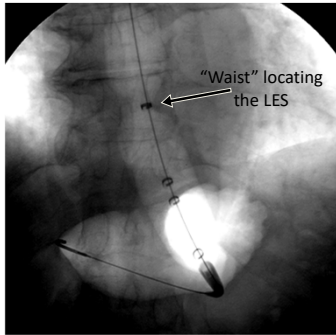
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Microvasive™ Pneumatic Dilation  
35 mm dilator



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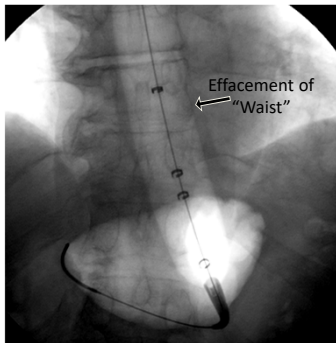
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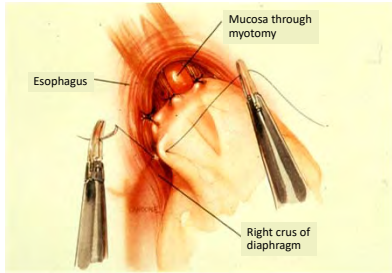
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### Laparoscopic Heller Myotomy with Dor Fundoplication



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Peters & DeMeester  
Minimally Invasive Surgery of the Foregut 1994

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### Success rates of pneumatic dilation and laparoscopic Heller myotomy *The European Achalasia Trial, 2 year results*

	Heller myotomy (n=106)	Pneumatic dilation (n=95)
Successful, ES<3 (%)	90%	86%
Eckardt score	1.1 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.1
LES pressure (mmHg)	14 ± 1	12 ± 1
Timed barium swallow (cm)	3.4 ± 0.6	4.8 ± 0.7

- ✦ In the initial study protocol, the first dilation was performed with a 35 mm balloon and 4 of the first 13 patients were perforated (31%); these were excluded from the analysis
- ✦ Subsequently, protocol changed to initial 30 mm balloon followed shortly by 35 mm with further dilation mandated by symptoms and 4% perforation rate experienced

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Boeckstaens GE, et al. NEJM 2011;364:1807-1816

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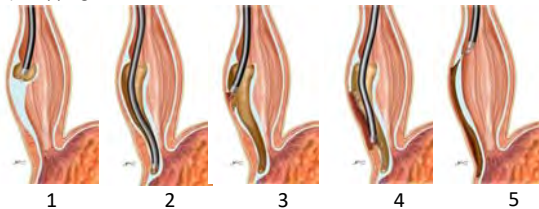
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### Per-Oral Esophageal Myotomy (POEM)

*Novel alternative to LHM or PD for achalasia*

- 1) Enter into the submucosa in the mid esophagus
- 2) Creation of submucosal tunnel = half esophageal circumference
- 3) Myotomy begun ≈ 3 cm distal to entry, ≈ 7 cm above EGJ
- 4) Myotomy completion
- 5) Clipping



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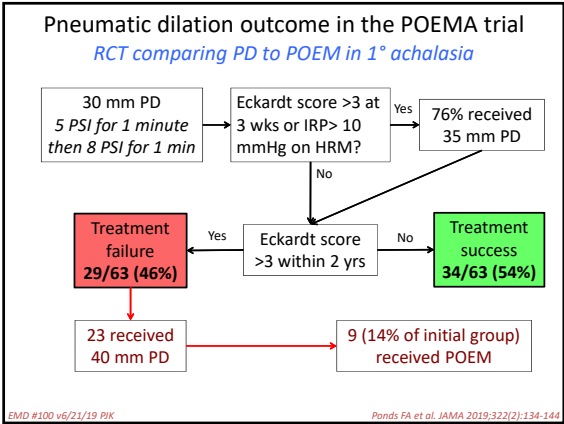
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**Wide variability in PD efficacy among trials**  
*Tradeoffs of risk, benefit, and willingness for repetition*

	European RCT <i>LHM vs PD</i>	POEMA RCT <i>POEM vs PD</i>
◇ Dilators utilized:	30, 35, 40 mm	30, 35 mm
◇ Dilations done in 2 yrs:	2-6	1-2
◇ Repeat dilations OK?:	Yes	No
◇ Perforation rate:	4%	1.6%
◇ PD "success" reported:	86%	54%

*Which is acceptable in your practice??*

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- Meta-analysis of outcome after treatment for achalasia based on subtypes**
- Studies utilizing Botox, pneumatic dilation, LHM, POEM
  - Patients grouped according to Chicago classification
  - 20 studies (1575 patients) included
- EMD #127 v4/24/19 PIK Andolfi C & Fiscichella PM. Br J Surg 2019;106:332

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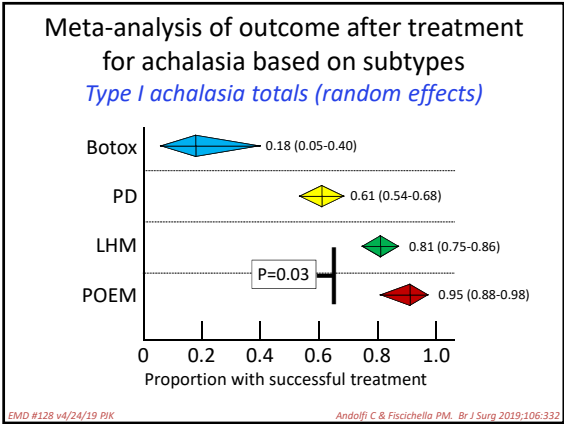
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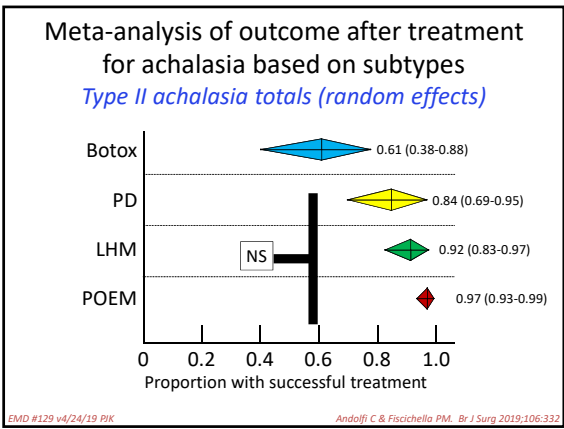
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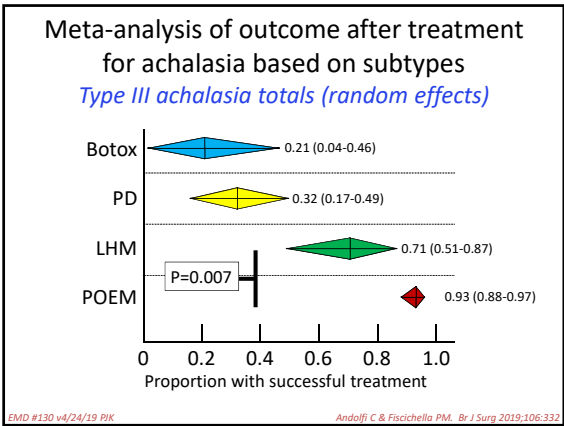
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Meta-analysis of outcome after treatment for achalasia based on subtypes

*Commentary*

- Success rates for lap Heller myotomy in type I, II and III achalasia were 81%, 92% and 71% respectively
  - *Yes, subtype matters!*
- Those for POEM were 95, 97 and 93 per cent respectively
  - *No, this is not experimental!*
- POEM was more successful than LHM for both type I (OR 2.97, p=0.03) and type III (OR 3.50, p =0.007)
  - *LHM is on the way out*
- Pneumatic dilation had lower but acceptable success rate compared with POEM or LHM in type II
  - *Solid argument for PD in type II (and EGJOO)*

EMD #131 v4/24/19 PIK Andolfi C & Focichello PM. Br J Surg 2019;106:332

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POEM in pediatrics

*Limited data: case reports and one uncontrolled series*

Long-term outcomes of peroral endoscopic myotomy for achalasia in pediatric patients: a prospective, single-center study <sup>CM</sup>

Wei-Feng Chen, MD,\* Quan-Lin Li, MD,\* Ping-Hong Zhou, MD, PhD, Li-Qing Yao, MD, Mei-Dong Xu, MD, PhD, Yi-Qun Zhang, MD, PhD, Yun-Shi Zhong, MD, PhD, Li-Li Ma, MD, Wen-Zhong Qin, MD, Jian-Wei Hu, MD, Ming-Yan Cai, MD, Meng-Jiang He, MD, Zhao Cai, MD  
Shanghai, China

- 27 pediatric patients age 6-17, median 13.8
- 96.3% successful POEMs
- 15-38 month follow-up, mean 24.6 months
- 100% treatment success gauged by Eckardt score  $\leq 3$
- 19.2% developed reflux

EMD #136 v8/28/19 PIK Chen W-F, et al. Gastrointest Endosc 2015;81:91

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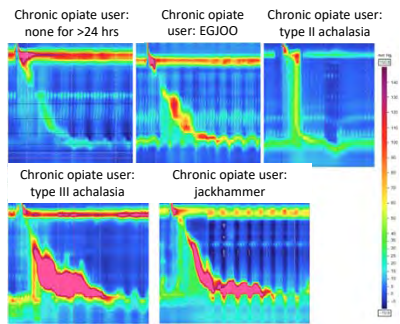
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Opioid-Induced Esophageal Dysfunction



CCI #34 v7/21/10 PIK Ratuapili SK, et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2015;110:979

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Summary

- Widespread adoption of HRM and the Chicago Classification have revealed achalasia to be about 3 times more common than previously thought
- Pathophysiology: autoimmune attack on the esophageal myenteric plexus of susceptible host
  - *At least 2 distinct phenotypes*
- Standard treatments of pneumatic dilation and laparoscopic Heller myotomy are rapidly being replaced by per-oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM)
  - *Early data suggest this is also effective in pediatrics*

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## Evaluation and Treatment Strategies in Non-Erosive Reflux Disease and Functional Dyspepsia

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the criteria for diagnosing Non-Erosive Reflux Disease (NERD) and functional dyspepsia (FD)
- Understand the current concepts in pathogenesis of NERD and FD
- Review evidence based approach to therapy in pediatric NERD and FD




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## CASE

12 y.o. boy with 6 months of intermittent post prandial regurgitation and frequent heartburn attributed to gastroesophageal reflux. Prolonged trial of acid suppressive therapy (variety of brands and doses) was essentially ineffective. No evidence of rumination. Pt is well appearing on physical examination without abdominal tenderness.

- EGD nonrevealing
- What is the next step and possible diagnosis/treatment?



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## NON-EROSIVE REFLUX DISEASE (NERD)

- Heterogeneous disorder
  - troublesome reflux-related symptoms in the absence of endoscopic esophageal erosions/breaks with increased reflux burden on pH-impedance monitoring
- prevalence of NERD in the general adult population is between 50% and 70%
  - 27% in pediatrics
- Is pH-impedance monitoring essential?

Classification	Dietary esophageal acid exposure	Symptom correlation	Symptom response to PPI
Erosive esophagitis	Increased	(+)	Good
Burnett's esophagitis	Increased	(+)	Good
NERD			
Acid reflux related	Increased	(+)	Good
Weakly acid related	Not increased	(+)	Moderate*
Nonacid related	Not increased	(+)	Poor*
Functional heartburn	Not increased	(-)	Poor

\*Not well investigated.

Hershovici T, et al. J Neurogastroenterol Motil 2010; 16(1): 8-21  
Mahoney LB, et al. J Pediatr 2017; Oct; 159:98-91



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## PH-IMPEDANCE MONITORING (PH-MII)

- **Pediatric Indications:**
- Differentiate NERD, hypersensitive esophagus and functional heartburn in patients with normal endoscopy (strong recommendation)
- Determine the efficacy of acid suppression therapy (weak recommendation)
- Correlate persistent troublesome symptoms with acid and nonacid GER events (weak recommendation)
- Clarify the role of acid and non-acid reflux in the etiology of esophagitis and other signs and symptoms suggestive for GERD (weak recommendation)

Rosen, R. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2018 Mar;66(3):516-554



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## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF NERD

- Peripheral factors (luminal, mucosal, and sensory afferents) as well as central (psychological, stress, sleep, etc.)
- ?Role of microscopic esophagitis
- Proximal esophageal migration of a reflux event (acidic, weakly and nonacidic) has been shown to be an important predictor of symptom generation in NERD
- Higher prevalence of FGID—IBS, FD

Neurogastroenterol Motil. 2009;21:253-258  
Gastroenterology, vol. 118, supplement 2, 2000, abstract A481




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## ROLE OF BRAIN-GUT-AXIS (BGA) IN MEDIATING ESOPHAGEAL SYMPTOMS IN NON-EROSIVE PHENOTYPES



Aizz Q, et al. Gastroenterology 2016;150:1368-1379




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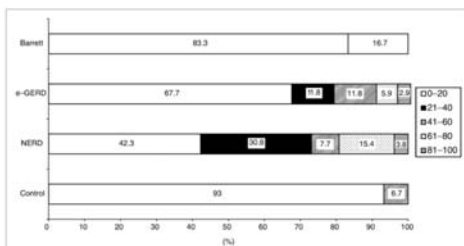
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## IAPT Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics

View Article

### Oesophageal hypersensitivity in Japanese patients with non-erosive gastro-oesophageal reflux diseases

H. Miwa, T. Minoo, M. Hongo, R. Yagihara, A. Nagahara, M. Kawabe, A. Oikawa, D. Aizawa, A. Furusawa, T. Ohkouchi, N. Sato




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## POPULATION BASED ADULT STUDIES LOOKING AT PROGRESSION OF NERD TO EROSIIVE ESOPHAGITIS

Study	N	Follow-up	Progression
Labenz <sup>32</sup>	3,894	2 years	25.5%
Sontag <sup>35</sup>	2,306	7.6 years	0%
Bardhan <sup>36</sup>	12,374	24 years	4.4%

Herscovici T, et al. J Neurogastroenterol Motil. 2010 Jan; 16(1): 8-21




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## NON-EROSIVE ESOPHAGEAL PHENOTYPES (ROME IV)

- **Non-erosive reflux disease (NERD):** patients with esophageal symptoms who lack evidence of reflux on endoscopy but do have an abnormal acid burden that may or may not trigger symptoms
- **Reflux hypersensitivity:** patients with esophageal symptoms (heartburn and chest pain) who lack evidence of reflux on endoscopy or abnormal acid burden on reflux monitoring, but do have evidence that reflux events trigger symptoms
- **Functional Heartburn:** patients with esophageal symptoms who lack evidence of reflux on endoscopy or abnormal acid burden on reflux monitoring, and do not have evidence that reflux events trigger symptoms

Rome IV Gastroenterology 2016




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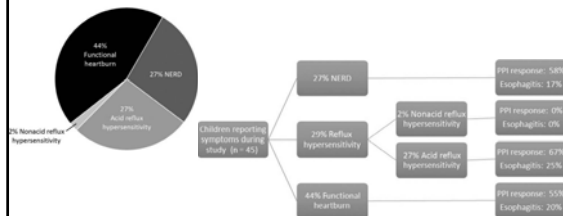
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J Pediatr. 2017 October ; 181: 88-91. doi:10.1016/j.jpeds.2017.08.019

### The Prevalence of Rome IV Nonerosive Esophageal Phenotypes in Children

Lisa B. Mahoney, MD, Samuel Nurko, MD, MPH, and Rachel Rosen, MD, MPH



neither microscopic esophagitis nor PPI responsiveness can predict phenotype in pediatric patients




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SOCIETY PAPER

**Pediatric Gastroesophageal Reflux Clinical Practice Guidelines: Joint Recommendations of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition and the European Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition**

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Rosen, R et al. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2018 Mar;66(3):516-554

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## ENDOSCOPY: ON OR OFF ACID SUPPRESSION?

- EGD has 3 roles in the evaluation of symptomatic children: to diagnose erosive esophagitis (EE), microscopic esophagitis, and other conditions mimicking GERD
  - In patients with GERD, the likelihood of having erosive EE ranges from 15% to 71% among studies
  - GERD may be present despite normal endoscopic appearance as well as in the absence of histological abnormalities
- Adult guidelines suggest that patients undergo endoscopy off acid suppression therapy
- Pediatric prospective studies are clearly needed

at this time there is lack of data to recommend a single approach

J Pediatr 1980;96:798-803  
Rosen, R. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2018 Mar;66(3):516-554

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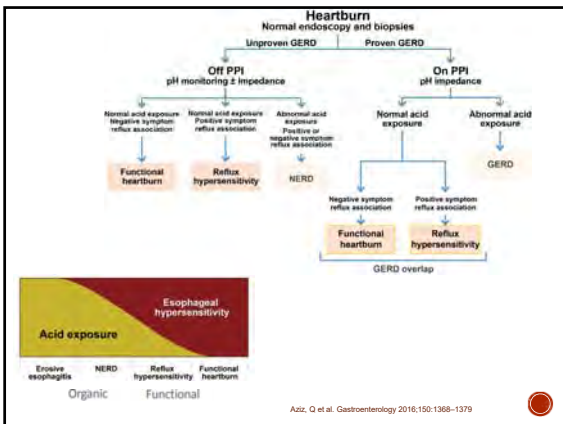
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## TREATMENT

- PPIs are superior to H2RA
  - Better response rate in patients with greater acid exposure
  - Adult patients with NERD are less responsive to proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) as compared with patients with erosive esophagitis by approximately 20–30% after 4 weeks of the treatment

Study population	PPI symptomatic response pooled rate (95% CI)	H2RA symptomatic response pooled rate (95% CI)	Therapeutic gain - difference (95% CI)
NERD (n = 1884)	36.7 (34.3–39.5)	6.5 (2.3–11.9)	27.2 (26.9–35.5)
EE (n = 705)	55.5 (51.5–59.5)	7.5 (2.5–12.5)	48.0 (44.8–51.5)

- PPI non-responders
  - Role of antireflux surgery in NERD has not been well established
  - Neuromodulators
  - Prokinetics

Dean BB, et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2004 Aug;2(8):650-64  
Herschovici T, et al. J Neurogastroenterol Motil. 2010 Jan; 16(1): 8-21

## CYP2C19 POLYMORPHISM AND PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

- All PPIs are metabolized by CYP2C19 hepatic microsomal enzymes and have similar pharmacokinetic parameters
  - The *CYP2C19* gene is polymorphic
- Several loss-of-function alleles (e.g., *CYP2C19\*2* through *CYP2C19\*9*) reduce drug clearance and significantly increase PPI plasma concentrations resulting **poor metabolizers (two mutant alleles)**

ID	Allele <sup>1</sup>	Genotype/activity	Phenotype
A	*1/*1	WT base active allele	EM
B	*1/*2	heterozygous WT base allele and one inactive allele	EM
C	*2/*2 or *2/*9	homozygous inactivated (inactive) alleles	PM
D	*1/*7	heterozygous WT base active and one increased activity allele	EM
E	*7/*7	homozygous for increased activity allele	UM

<sup>1</sup>\*1, \*2, \*7 are reference or normal function alleles; allele or alleles in any one of the loss of function alleles.  
(EM: Extensive metabolizer; PM: poor metabolizer; UM: ultra-rapid metabolizer; PM: poor metabolizer; UM: ultra-rapid metabolizer; EM: Extensive metabolizer)

Pharmacogenomics. 2014 Aug;15(11):1405-16

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTON PUMP INHIBITOR DOSING BASED ON *CYP2C19* HAPLOTYPE AND METABOLIZER PHENOTYPE

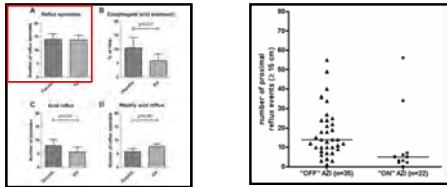
Metabolizer phenotype	Allele	Recommended percentage change in manufacturers' dosing guidelines
EM	*1/*1	No change
PM	*1/LOF or LOF/LOF	80% reduction
EM	*1/*7	50% increase
UM	*7/*7	100% increase

EM: Extensive metabolizer; LOF: Loss-of-function; PM: poor metabolizer; UM: ultra-rapid metabolizer

**\*\*Moving towards personalizing medicine\*\***

Pharmacogenomics. 2014 Aug;15(11):1405-16

## AZITHROMYCIN AND ITS EFFECTS ON REFLUX



Rohof WO, et al. *Gut*. 2012 Dec;61(12):1670-7  
 Mertens V, et al. *Dig Dis Sci* 2009 May;54(5):972-9




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## MEDICAL MANAGEMENT: NOT FDA APPROVED

Antidepressants With the Best Evidence to Support Their Use in a Specific Esophageal Disorder With a Functional Component

Esophageal disorder	Medication Class	Dose
Functional chest pain	Imipramine TCA	25–50 mg <sup>a</sup>
	Sertraline SSRI	50–200 mg <sup>a</sup>
	Venlafaxine SNRI	75 mg
Hypersensitive esophagus	Citalopram SSRI	20 mg
Refractory GERD	Fluoxetine SSRI	20 mg
Globus	Amitriptyline TCA	25 mg

<sup>a</sup>GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease; SNRI, serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors.  
<sup>b</sup>Escalating dose.

Maradey-Romero C, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2015 Feb;13(2):260-2




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## TREATMENT OF FUNCTIONAL ESOPHAGEAL DISORDERS

Complex and Integrated

### Lifestyle and Education

- Describing the pathophysiology

### Relaxation Techniques

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

### Hypnosis

### Medications

- Acid suppression
- Neuromodulators

### Gut Directed Hypnosis

- Deep physical relaxation and deep mental concentration
- Alters focus of attention, changes meaning about sensations arising from the gut and encourages body to restore itself to a healthier state
- Shown to produce cognitive change and improve pain tolerance
- Modifies physiological arousal and hypersensitivity over long-term
- Initially performed in a doctor's office but can eventually be self-guided
- The most scientifically supported non-drug treatment for Functional GI disorders



Azz Q, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2016;150:1368–1379




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## CASE

15 y.o. F presenting with long standing history of abdominal pain (upper abdomen), early satiety and bloating mostly around meal time. She denies weight loss, emesis, fever, nighttime symptoms. She endorses intermittent nausea. Pt is well appearing on physical examination with slight tenderness over epigastrium.

- Next Steps?
- Is further testing necessary? FOMO?
- Diagnosis!



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## FUNCTIONAL DYSPESIA: ROME IV



Hyams J, et al. Gastroenterology 2016;150:1456-1468



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## FUNCTIONAL NAUSEA

Must include all of the following fulfilled for the last 2 months:

1. Bothersome nausea as the predominant symptom, occurring at least twice per week, and generally not related to meals
2. Not consistently associated with vomiting
3. After appropriate evaluation, the nausea cannot be fully explained by another medical condition

Hyams J, et al. Gastroenterology 2016;150:1456-1468



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THE JOURNAL OF PEDIATRICS • www.jpeds.com ORIGINAL ARTICLES

### Prevalence of Pediatric Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Utilizing the Rome IV Criteria

Samantha G. Rubin, BS<sup>1</sup>, Catherine Keller, BS<sup>1</sup>, Russell Zwemer, MD<sup>1</sup>, Paul E. Hyman, MD<sup>1</sup>, Samuel Nurko, MD, MPH<sup>1</sup>, Miguel Sepa, MD<sup>1</sup>, Carlo Di Lorenzo, MD<sup>1</sup>, Robert J. Shulman, MD<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey S. Hyman, MD<sup>1</sup>, Oshur Polosan, PsyD<sup>1</sup>, and Miranda A. L. van Tilburg, PhD<sup>1,2</sup>

**Table III. Functional GI disorder prevalence in children greater than 4 years old according to Rome III and Rome IV criteria**

Diagnoses	Rome IV, N (%)	Rome III <sup>a</sup>
Functional constipation	135 (14.10%)	122 (12.90%)
Functional dyspepsia – postprandial	69 (7.20%)	–
Functional dyspepsia – epigastric pain syndrome <sup>b</sup>	4 (0.42%)	–
Functional dyspepsia – unspecified <sup>c</sup>	N/A	2 (0.20%)
IBS	49 (5.10%)	27 (2.80%)
FAP/IBS	36 (3.7%)	FAP 2 (0.3%)
		FAP/IBS 8 (0.8%)
Aerophagia	25 (2.60%)	41 (4.30%)
Cyclic vomiting syndrome	19 (2.00%)	10 (1.10%)
Functional vomiting	13 (1.40%)	–
Abdominal migraine	11 (1.10%)	87 (9.20%)
Functional regurgitation	5 (0.50%)	–
Repetitive fecal incontinence	2 (0.20%)	17 (1.80%)
Rumination	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Any functional GI disorder	25.00%	23.10%

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### PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF FD



- **Heterogeneous disorder**
  - gastric motor function (impaired accommodation, slow gastric emptying), visceral hypersensitivity due to central or peripheral sensitization (lower sensory thresholds to balloon distention of the proximal stomach), low-grade inflammation, and genetic predisposition play a role
- There is no evidence in children that *Helicobacter pylori* causes dyspeptic symptoms in the absence of duodenal ulcer
- Overlap with anxiety, depression, other FGIDs

Hyman J, et al. Gastroenterology 2016;150:1456-1468

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### EVALUATION

- Role of EGD is unclear
- presence of alarm features

**Table 2. Potential Alarm Features in Children With Chronic Abdominal Pain<sup>a</sup>**

- Family history of inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, or peptic ulcer disease
- Persistent right upper or right lower quadrant pain
- Dysphagia
- Odynophagia
- Persistent vomiting
- Gastrointestinal blood loss
- Nocturnal diarrhea
- Arthritis
- Perirectal disease
- Involuntary weight loss
- Deceleration of linear growth
- Delayed puberty
- Unexplained fever

Hyman J, et al. Gastroenterology 2016;150:1456-1468

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## TREATMENT OF FD



- **Lack of good studies in pediatrics**
- **No FDA approved agents**
- PPIs vs. H2RA
- Psychotropics
- Cyproheptadine
- Prokinetics
- Gastric electric stimulation
- Herbal preparations (Iberogast, Rikkunshito)
- Complimentary alternative medicine

\*\*\*Consider symptoms specific subgroups: PDS and EPS



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## WHICH FACTORS PREDICT RESPONSE TO PPI THERAPY IN FD

- Patients with *reflux* symptoms more likely to respond to PPI therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Patients with *dysmotility* symptoms are less likely to improve with PPI therapy<sup>1</sup>
  - Case control studies suggest nausea<sup>2</sup> and bloating/IBS symptoms<sup>3,4</sup> are negative predictors of PPI response

<sup>1</sup>Talley NJPT 1998;12:1055  
<sup>2</sup>Meineche-Schmidt Am J Gastro 2000;95:2777  
<sup>3</sup>Bulling-Schneewald Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2002;16:117  
<sup>4</sup>Meineche-Schmidt Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2011;33:41



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## Pharmacological treatments for functional nausea and functional dyspepsia in children: a systematic review

Pamela D. Brownie, Sjoerd C. J. Nagelkerke, Farid S. van Etten-Jamaludin, Marc A. Benninga & Morit M. Tabbers

no evidence to support the use of pharmacological drugs to treat FD in children



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## PSYCHOTROPICS FOR FD: A SYSTEMIC REVIEW AND META ANALYSIS IN ADULTS

- 13 RCTs (1241 patients) included
  - Ten trials were at low risk of bias.
- Main Results:
  - RR of FD symptoms not improving with psychotropic vs placebo = 0.78 (95% CI 0.68 to 0.91)
  - NNT=6; 95% CI 4 to 16
  - Benefits limited to antipsychotics and TCAs.
  - When only studies that excluded individuals with mood disorders considered, there was no benefit.
  - Adverse events and AEs leading to withdrawal significantly more common NNH=21

Ford, et al. Gut 2017;66:411




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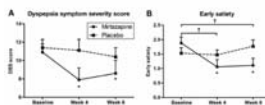
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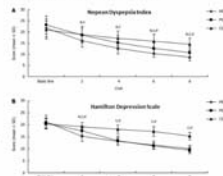
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## MIRTAZAPINE FOR ADULT FD

- 34 FD pts with weight loss but no depression
- Mirtazapine 15 mg or placebo x 8 weeks
  - $H_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , 5-HT<sub>2A</sub>, 5-HT<sub>2C</sub> antagonist with antidepressant properties
- 60 FD pts with depression & weight loss
- Mirtazapine 30 mg, paroxetine 20 mg or conventional therapy x 8 weeks



Tack et al. Clin Gastro Hepatol 2016;14:385



Jiang TM et al. World J Gastro 2016;22:5200




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## Neurogastroenterology & Motility

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Rikkunshito simultaneously improves dyspepsia correlated with anxiety in patients with functional dyspepsia: A randomized clinical trial (the DREAM study)




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**BMJ Open** Gut-directed hypnotherapy versus standard medical treatment for nausea in children with functional nausea or functional dyspepsia: protocol of a multicentre randomised trial

Pamela D Browns,<sup>1</sup> Bibiche den Hollander,<sup>1</sup> Esther M Speksnijder,<sup>1</sup> Herbert M van Wiering,<sup>2</sup> Walther Tjien a Ten,<sup>3</sup> Elvira K George,<sup>4</sup> Michael Groeneweg,<sup>5</sup> Nanja Bevers,<sup>6</sup> Margaretha M S Wessels,<sup>7</sup> Maartje M van den Berg,<sup>8</sup> Joery Goede,<sup>9</sup> Sarah T A Tekampburg-Roord,<sup>10</sup> Carla Frankenhuys,<sup>11</sup> Marc A Benninga,<sup>12</sup> Anne M Vloeberghs<sup>13</sup>

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**CONCLUSIONS**

- Non-erosive reflux disorder should be considered in children with typical reflux symptoms, normal EGD and increased reflux burden on pH-impedance monitoring
  - NERD is a heterogeneous disorder with BGA and proximal reflux likely playing an important role in mediating esophageal symptoms
- Although PPIs remain first line therapy for patients with NERD, the overall response rate is less than in patients with erosive esophagitis
  - role of neuromodulators, prokinetics
- FD is a prevalent and heterogeneous functional GI disorder in children
- When treating FD, it's best to consider the Rome IV symptom specific subgroups: PDS and EPS
- Hypnotherapy may be a promising and safe treatment option for children with FD
  - multidisciplinary approach

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**THANK YOU**



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# The Role of Diet in Managing Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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## Outline

- How might diet exacerbate symptoms in IBS
  - Non-Immune mechanisms
    - FODMAPs
    - Sucrase-isomaltase deficiency
  - Immune mechanisms
    - IgE, IgG
    - Non-IgE
- Review of diets for treatment of IBS
- Suggestions for clinical management

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## How Might Diet Be An Issue

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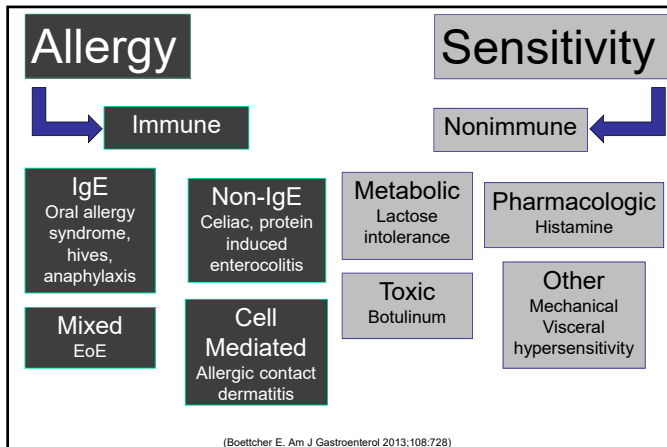
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## Non-Immune (?) Mechanisms

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## Dietary FODMAPs

Fermentable Group	FODMAP Subgroup	Food Sources
Oligosaccharides	Fructans Galacto-oligosaccharides	Onion, garlic, wheat, rye, artichoke, banana
Disaccharides	Lactose (Sucrose)	Milk Multiple
Monosaccharides	Fructose	Apple, pear
Polyols	Sorbitol Mannitol	Sugar-free foods, plums, mushrooms

(Wang XJ. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2019;Epub)  
(Robertson MB. J Nutr 2007;137:2493S)

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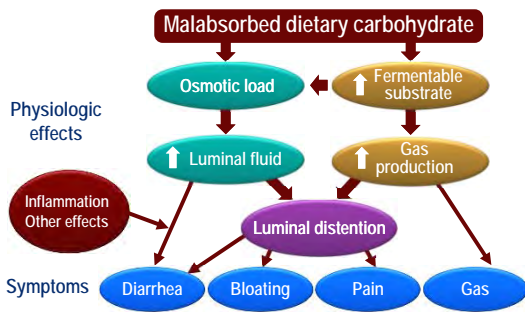
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## FODMAPs – Traditional Thinking



(Barrett JS. Pract Gastroenterol 2007;31:51)

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## FODMAPs and Inflammation / Visceral Hypersensitivity

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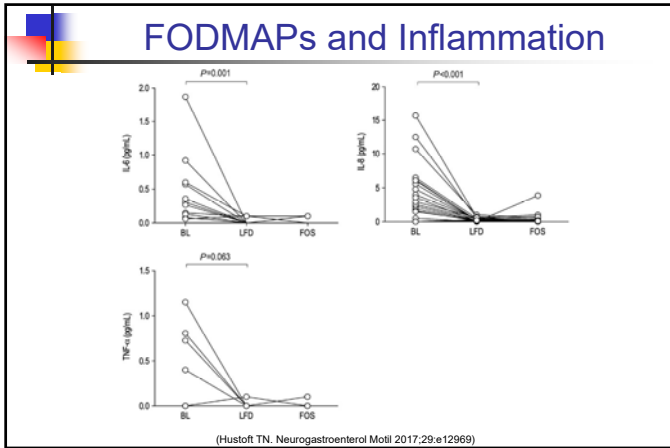
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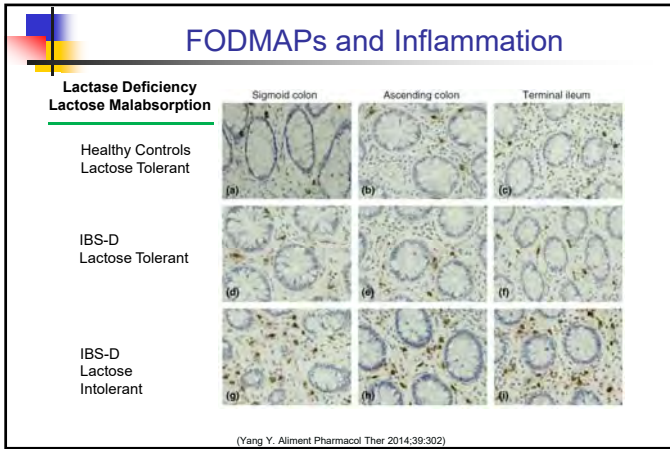
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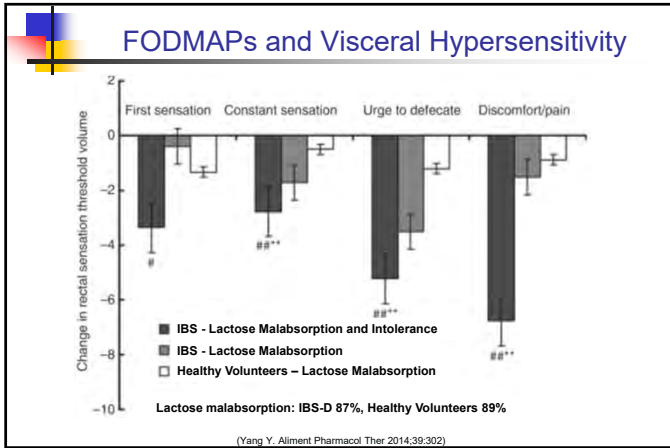
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## Sucrase-Isomaltase Pathogenic Variants in IBS

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### Sucrase-Isomaltase Deficiency

- ❑ Traditionally thought to be a rare condition (0.1%)
- ❑ Genetic studies – increased prevalence of potentially pathogenic sucrase-isomaltase variants in IBS (~4%)

(Henström M. Gut 2018;67:263)  
(Bonfiglio F. Gastroenterology 2018;155:168)  
(Garcia-Etxebarria K. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2018;16:1673)

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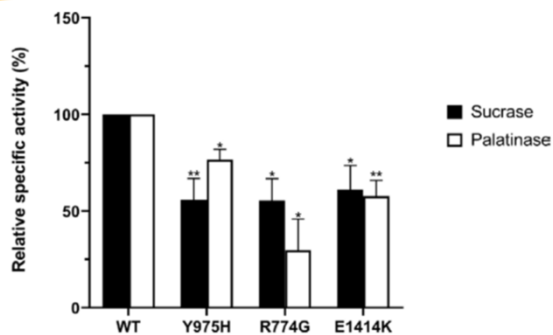
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### Sucrase-Isomaltase Variants



(Husein DM, Naim HY. Gut 2019;Epub)

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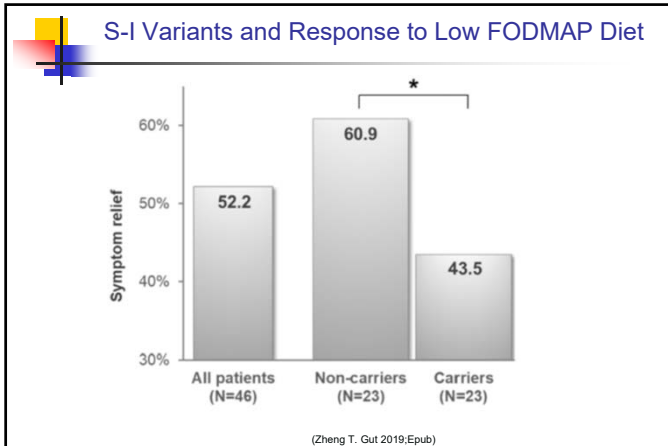
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Immune (Allergy)  
IgE/IgG  
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- ### IgE / IgG Food Allergies
- ❑ Overall incidence/prevalence in US
    - ❑ 12% by self report
    - ❑ ~3% self report plus testing(Burks AW. Pediatrics 2011;128:955)  
(Sicherer SH. Pediatrics 2017;140:e20170194)
  - ❑ In IBS: range 4%-25%
    - ❑ Wheat, milk, nuts, eggs(Fritscher-Ravens A. Gastroenterology 2019;157:109)  
(Ismail FW. Acta Gastro-Enterolog Belgica 2018;81:253)  
(Pettipierre M. Ann Allerg 1985;54:538)  
(Carroccio A. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2011;9:965)  
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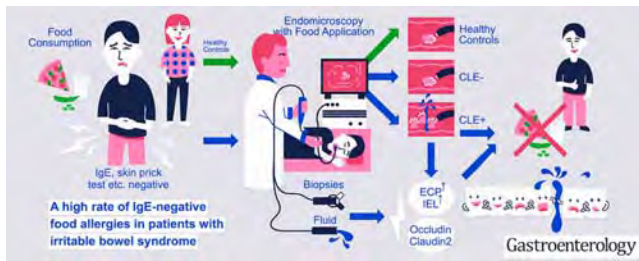
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## Non-IgE Atypical Food Allergies



CLE = Confocal laser endomicroscopy

(Fritscher-Ravens A. Gastroenterology 2019;157:109)

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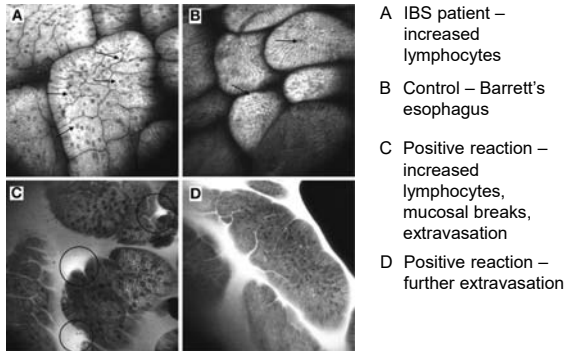
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## Non-IgE Atypical Food Allergies

- ❑ 76/108 (70%) IBS patients CLE<sup>+</sup>
- ❑ Wheat 61%, yeast 20%, soy 7%, egg white 4% - 12% reacted to two
- ❑ 70% of patients/1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives had increased prevalence of atopy (inhaled)

(Fritscher-Ravens A. Gastroenterology 2019;157:109)

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## Diets Used to Manage IBS

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## Low FODMAP Diet

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## Low FODMAP – Meta-Analyses

- ❑ Decrease in symptom severity / improved quality of life (QoL); n=9 (Schumann D. Nutrition 2018;45:24)
- ❑ Reduced global symptoms; n=7 (Dionne J. Am J Gastroenterol 2018;113:1290)
- ❑ Decrease in symptom severity; n=6 (Altobelli E. Nutrients 2017;9)
- ❑ Decrease in symptom severity / improved quality of life (QoL); n=6 (Marsh A. Eur J Nutr 2016; epub)
- ❑ Improvement in symptom scores; n=10 (Varjú P. PLoS One 2017;12:e0182942)
- ❑ Too much bias (blinding and choice of control group); n=9 (Krogsgaard LR. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2017;45:1506)

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## Double Blind Low FODMAP Trials

- ❑ Adults with IBS
  - ❑ Regular diet then low FODMAP or National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines (4 wk each) (n=84)\*
- ❑ Children with IBS
  - ❑ Low FODMAP diet then low vs high FODMAP diet – crossover (3 d – 5 d – 3 d) (n=33)

\* Not entirely clear it was double blind

(Eswaran SL. Am J Gastroenterol 2016;111:1824)  
(Chumplazi BP. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2015;42:418)

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## Double Blind FODMAP Challenges

- ❑ Adults with IBS
  - ❑ Regular diet then high vs low FODMAP rye bread – crossover (4 wk each) (n=73)
  - ❑ Low FODMAP diet then fructooligosaccharides vs maltodextrin (placebo) – crossover (10 d – 3 wk – 10 d) (n=20)
  - ❑ Low FODMAP diet then fructans vs fructose vs fructans/fructose vs glucose – crossover (2 wk and ≥ 7d washout) (n=23)
- ❑ Children with IBS
  - ❑ Low FODMAP diet then fructans vs maltodextrin – crossover (3 d – 10 d – 3 d) (n=23)

(Laatikainen R. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2016;44:480)  
(Hustoft TN. Neurogastroenterol Motil 2017;29:e12969)  
(Shepherd SJ. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2008;6:765)  
(Chumplazi BP. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2018;16:219)

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## Reduced Sucrose/Starch Diet in IBS

- ❑ Adults with IBS (n=105)
- ❑ Randomized, open 4-wk trial
  - ❑ Sucrose/starch reduced diet
  - ❑ Regular diet
- ❑ Primary outcome ≥ 50 point reduction in IBS symptom severity score (IBS-SSS)

(Nilholm C. Nutrients 2019;11:1662)

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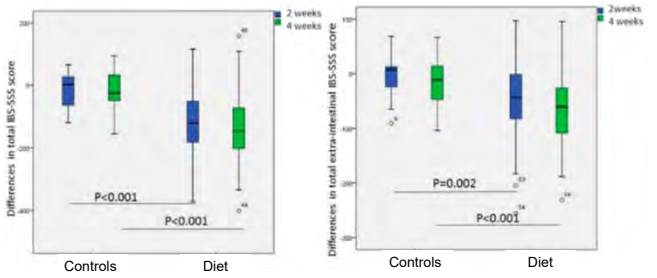
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## Reduced Sucrose/Starch Diet in IBS



Urinary urgency, tiredness, muscle/joint pain, headache

(Nilholm C. Nutrients 2019;11:1662)

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## Allergy Elimination Diet

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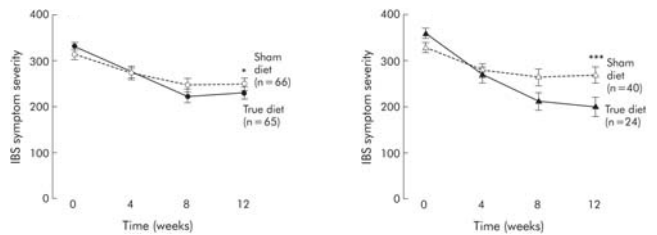
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## IgG-based Food Allergies

- Tested for IgG Ab to 29 food antigens
- Double blind randomization to real or sham exclusion diet



(Atkinson W Gut 2004;53:1459)

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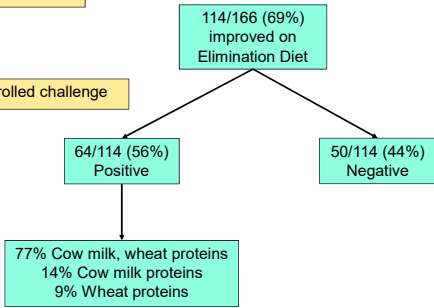
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## Milk/Wheat IgE Allergy in IBS

4-wk run-in, allergen specific serum IgE

Double blind placebo controlled challenge



(Carroccio A. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2011;9:965)  
(Carroccio A. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2010;8:254)

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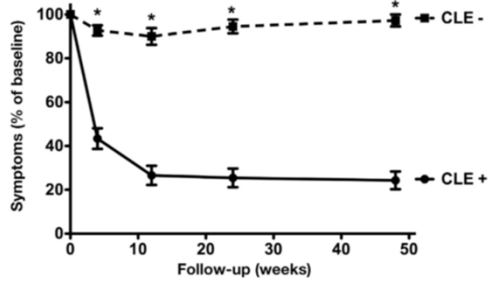
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## Non-IgE Atypical Food Allergies

- In prior study, CLE+ went on exclusion diet and CLE- continued usual diet



(Fritscher-Ravens A. Gastroenterology 2014;147:1012)

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## Fiber Supplementation

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## Dietary Fiber for Adults with IBS

- ❑ Global assessment of symptoms improved with soluble fiber (n=9) (NNT=6) (Nagarajan N. Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol 2015;27:1002)
- ❑ Global assessment of symptoms improved with psyllium (n=7) (NNT=7) (Moayyedi P. Am J Gastroenterol 2014;109:1367)
- ❑ Global assessment of symptoms improved with psyllium (n=12) (Chouinard L.E. Can J Diet Prac Res 2011;72:e107)
- ❑ Global assessment of symptoms improved with soluble fiber (n=9) (Bijkerk C.J. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2004;19:245)
- ❑ Global assessment of symptoms improved in IBS-C with various types of fiber (n=4) (Rao SSC. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2015;41:1256)

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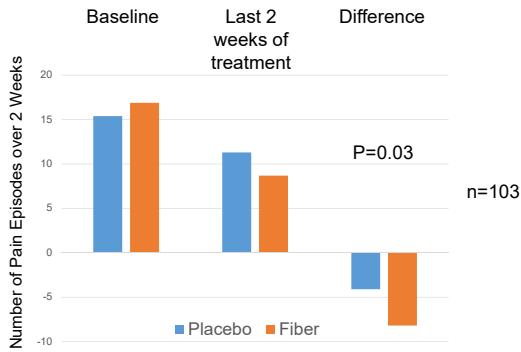
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## Psyllium Fiber in Childhood IBS




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## Suggestions for IBS Dietary Management

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## Suggestions

- ❑ Diet history
- ❑ Lactose-free diet trial (7 days)
- ❑ Decrease in fatty foods (limited data)
- ❑ Increase dietary fiber intake (potential role for psyllium)
  - ❑ Some types appear to worsen symptoms (bran)

(McKenzie YA. J Hum Nutr Diet 2016;29:549)  
(Moayyedi P. J Can Assoc Gastroenterol 2019;2:6)

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## Suggestions

- ❑ 4(?) - food diet elimination
  - ❑ Wheat
  - ❑ Milk
  - ❑ Eggs
  - ❑ Soy
- ❑ Sucrose / starch elimination
- ❑ Top down vs bottom up low FODMAP trial supervised by dietitian

(Groetch M. J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract 2017;5:312)  
(Wang XJ. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2019;Epub)

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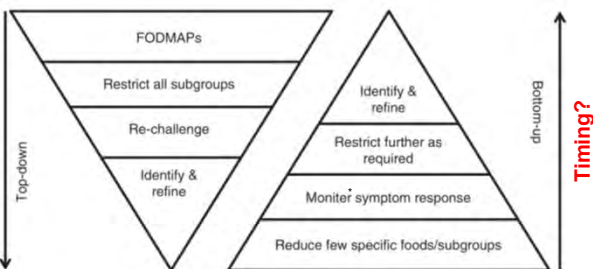
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## Suggestions



(Wang XJ. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2019;Epub)  
(Halmos EP. J Gastroenterol Hepatol 2017;32(Suppl 1:69))

\* British spelling

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## Summary

- ❑ Evidence FODMAPs can engender symptoms (multiple mechanisms)
  - ❑ Efficacy of low FODMAP diet less clear
  - ❑ Sucrase deficiency a potential confounder
- ❑ Fiber supplementation may be of benefit (psyllium)
- ❑ Food allergy (various mechanisms) should be considered

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# New News in NAFLD

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## Learning Objectives

Understand	current concepts in pathogenesis
Update	on diagnostic tools for NAFLD
Discuss	clinical management of pediatric NAFLD

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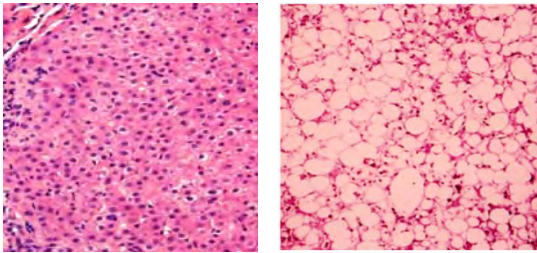
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### Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver



Healthy Liver

NAFLD =  $\geq 5\%$  steatosis

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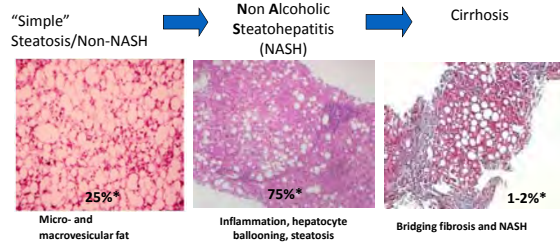
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### Range of NAFLD in Children



\*Prevalence data from NIH NASH CRN and Target NASH Cohorts

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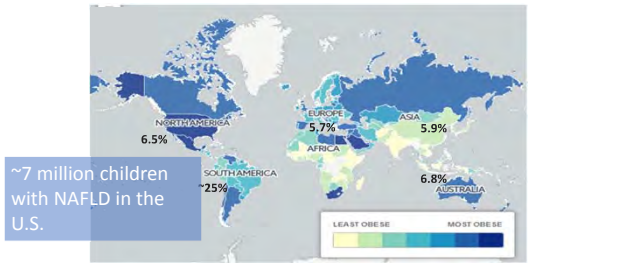
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### Pediatric NAFLD Across Regions of the World



CIA World Fact book - Digital Traveler (Figure by Oliver Smith, March 2017)  
Anderson et al. PLOS One 2015; Webb et al. J Ped 2013

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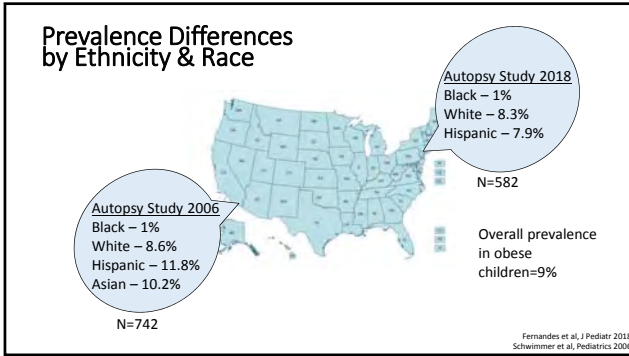
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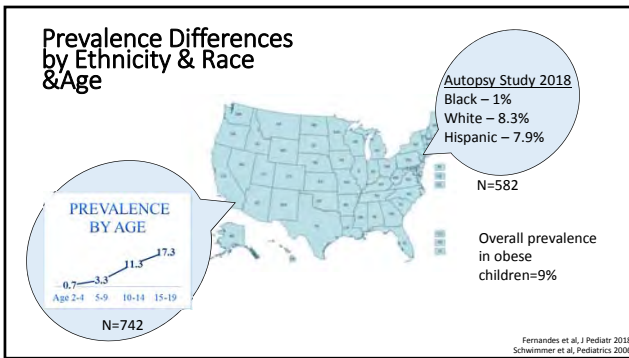
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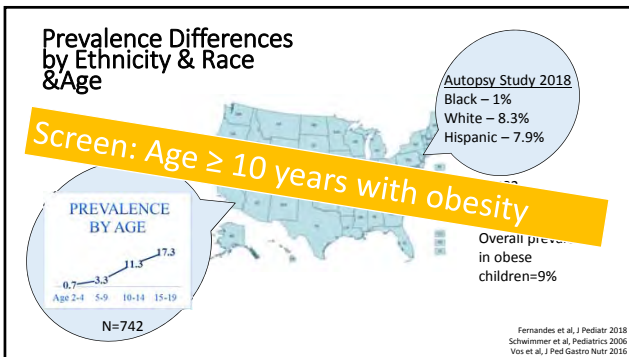
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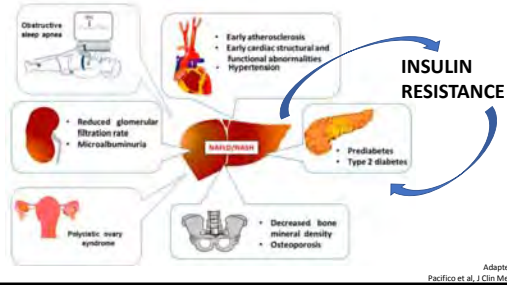
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## Not Just a Liver Disease....




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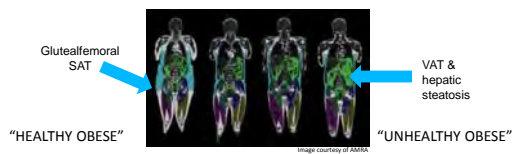
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## Similar BMI but Variable "Endophenotype"

- Presence of hepatic steatosis = strongest predictor of metabolic abnormalities long-term



SAT, subcutaneous adipose tissue; VAT, visceral adipose tissue  
 Caprio S, et al. Gastroenterology 2012;132:1628-44  
 Lotta L, et al. Nature Genetics 2016; 48: 17-24

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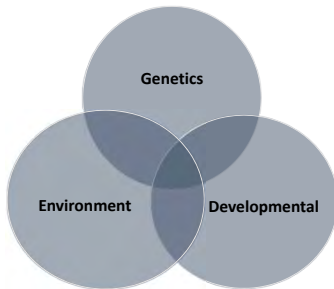
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## What Causes NAFLD?




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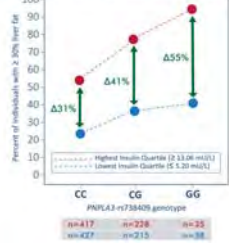
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## Genetics of NAFLD – Interactions with Insulin & BMI

Hepatic steatosis in lowest and highest insulin quartiles by PNPLA3 genotype



- PNPLA3 rs738409-G –common polymorphism associated with NAFLD
- PNPLA3 – encodes adiponutrin, an enzyme found on lipid droplets that may decrease stored TG
- High BMI<sup>1</sup>, High Insulin<sup>2</sup> plus homozygous (GG) increases risk of NAFLD

<sup>1</sup>Stenger et al. Nat Genet 2017  
<sup>2</sup>Barara et al. Hep Comm 2019

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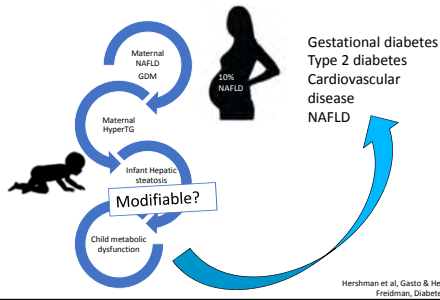
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## Developmental Factors



Hershman et al. Gastro & Hep 2019  
Freidman, Diabetes 2018

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## Advances in NAFLD Diagnosis

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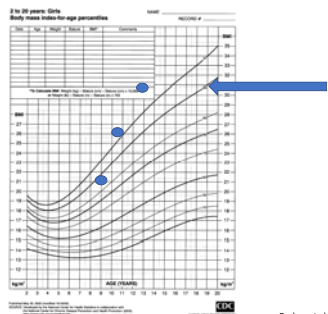
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## Who to screen?

- All obese children age  $\geq 10$  years (every other year)
- Overweight children with risk factors
  - ✓ Type II diabetes
  - ✓ Hispanic
  - ✓ Family history
  - ✓ Pituitary disorders (GH)
  - ✓ Right sided abdominal pain



Barlow et al, Pediatrics 2007  
Vos et al, J Ped Gastro Nutr 2017

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## Screening: What is a "Normal" ALT

- 95<sup>th</sup> % in normal weight, healthy child:
- **26 U/L for boys**
  - **23 U/L for girls**

Schwimmer et al, Gastro 2010

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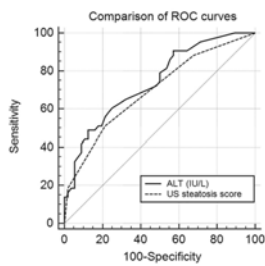
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## ALT and Ultrasound have Similar (low) Sensitivity and Specificity for Screening



Draijer et al, Eur J Ped 2019

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**Typical Clinical Presentation**

Acanthosis nigricans

Mild hepatomegaly

Abdominal obesity (or generalized)

ALT - 83 U/L  
AST - 55 U/L  
TG - 235  
HDL - 35

Clinical ultrasound:  
- echogenic  
- otherwise normal

Photo courtesy of CHOA

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**Typical Pathway to Diagnosis of NAFLD**

1. Clinical exclusion of medications & alcohol
2. Serologic exclusion of other chronic liver diseases
3. Confirmation of presence of fat in the liver
4. Assessment of severity of disease (NASH, fibrosis)

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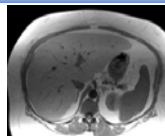
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**Imaging**

For fat:	For fibrosis:
 <p><b>Ultrasound</b> Avg cost \$390 Imprecise</p>	 <p><b>MRI</b> \$400 - ~\$5000 Highly precise Tip: Limited MR, no contrast</p>
<p>Summary: Available, but not yet ready for clinical prime-time</p> <p>UIS: <a href="https://radiopaedia.org/cases/fatty-liver-grade-1-f">https://radiopaedia.org/cases/fatty-liver-grade-1-f</a> MRI image: Courtesy of Diego Marin, MD <a href="https://health.coathelber.com/abdominal-ultrasounds.html">https://health.coathelber.com/abdominal-ultrasounds.html</a> GU et al. Eur Radiol 2016</p>	

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## Differential Diagnosis of Pediatric Hepatic Steatosis

JPGN • Volume 64, Number 2, February 2017

NASPGHAN Guideline for the Diagnosis and Treatment of NAFLD

TABLE 3. Differential diagnosis for pediatric hepatic steatosis

Genetic/metabolic disorders	Medications	Dietary causes	Infections
Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease	Amiodarone	Protein-energy malnutrition (Kwashiorkor)	Hepatitis C (genotype 3)
Fatty acid oxidation and mitochondrial disorders	Corticosteroids	Alcohol abuse	
Cruza deficiency	Methotrexate	Rapid surgical weight loss	
Wilson disease	Certain antipsychotics	Parenteral nutrition	
Unconjugated bilirubin	Certain antidepressants		
Lipodystrophies	HAART		
Lysosomal acid lipase deficiency	Valproic acid		
Familial combined hyperlipidemia			
Alpha <sub>1</sub> -hypobetalipoproteinemia			

Always consider other diagnoses for "fatty liver."

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## When is a Liver Biopsy Helpful?

- When the diagnosis is unclear
  - Screening tests for other liver diseases are positive
  - U/s or MRI does not show hepatic steatosis
- When fibrosis is suspected
  - By imaging
  - By a long history of significantly elevated ALT (>70-80 U/L)
- When medications are being considered
  - research study medications
  - diabetes medications
  - acne medications
- When the ALT is very high (>250 U/L)
  - Less than 15% of ped NAFLD has >250, consider other conditions
- When the ALT goes up despite lifestyle changes

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## Treatment Considerations for NAFLD

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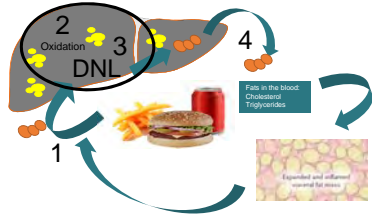
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## The Liver and Lipid Regulation



DNL, de novo lipogenesis.  
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Lambert JE, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2014;146:726-35

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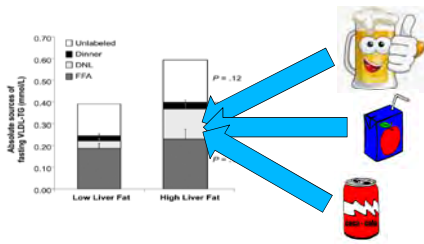
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## NAFLD = Increased DNL



DNL, de novo lipogenesis; FFA, fatty acid; NAFLD, non-alcoholic fatty liver; TG, triglycerides; VLDL, very-low-density lipoprotein.  
1. Lambert JE, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2014;146:726-35; 2. Fabris et al. *Gastro* 2015.

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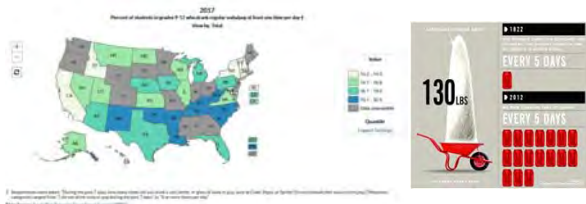
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## Sugar Consumption – Still too High




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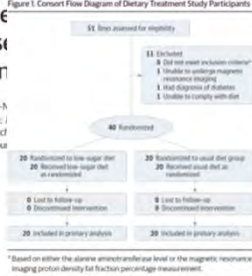
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**JAMA | Preliminary Communication**  
**Effect of a Low Fructose Diet on Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: A Randomized Clinical Trial**

Jeffrey B. Schwimmer, MD, Patricia Ugalde-Núñez, MD, Kathryn E. Harlow, MD, Adriana Alazraki, MD, Cynthia Kiechl, RDH, Juna Konooni, PhD, MEd, Albert Hernandez, Ahila Sekkane, MPH, Cou

Maria Cordero, MD, Rebecca Cleaton, MPH, MD.



\*Based on either the absolute aminotransferase level or the magnetic resonance imaging proton density fat fraction percentage measurement.

Study Funded by Nutrition Science Initiative

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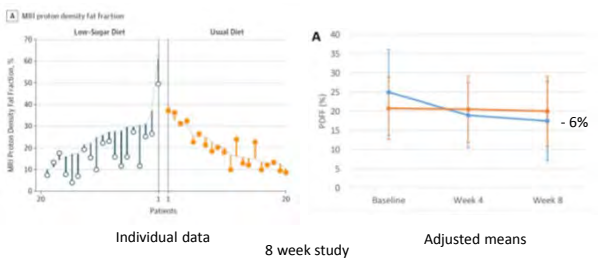
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**Primary Outcome: Liver fat improved**



Schwimmer, Vos et al. JAMA 2019

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**What About Drugs?**

**Failed in Clinical Trials**

- Vitamin E
- Metformin
- Cysteamine bitartrate (anti-oxidant)
- Gemcabene (PPAR)

**Under Investigation Now\***

- Losartan (ARB)
- Tomato products
- Omega 3s
- Anti-LPS Milk Supplement (IMM-124)
- AXA1957 (Supplement)
- Bariatric Surgery
- Diets
- Elafibranor

\*Active on ClinicalTrials.gov (recruiting)

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**Summary**

- NAFLD is part of a systemic lipid disorder and strongly associated with insulin resistance
- Diagnosis - focus on ruling out other liver diseases and establishing severity
- Evidence supports beneficial treatment response to a low sugar diet (short-term)
- Many studies are underway for more effective therapies
- Long term focus includes extrahepatic components and avoidance of other diseases

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### New therapies for chronic cholestatic diseases

**Biliary atresia**

**Genetic cholestasis**

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### Learning Objectives

1. Know the array of new agents that target bile acid based hepatotoxicity of cholestatic diseases
2. Understand the approach to therapy for genetic forms of cholestatic diseases based upon specific genes and variants—chaperones and potentiators
3. Know the current status of the field regarding treatments for biliary atresia

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### Effective anti-cholestatic therapies: 2019

#### Surgical:

- a. Kasai PE for biliary atresia: ~ 50% to 2y, ~ 25% to 18y
- b. Choledochal cyst excision: very effective
- c. Liver transplantation: ~90% effective for 10 years

#### Medical:

- a. Cholic acid for BASDs
- b. Reduced iv soy lipids for TPNAC
- c. **Nothing else → opportunity for new science**

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### Anti-cholestatic therapies

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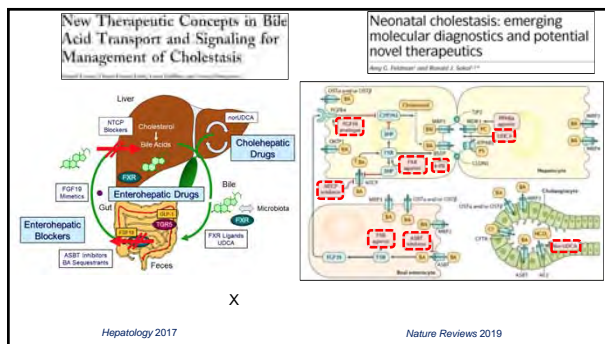
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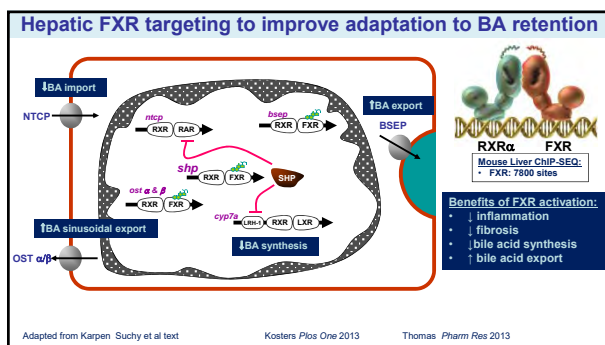
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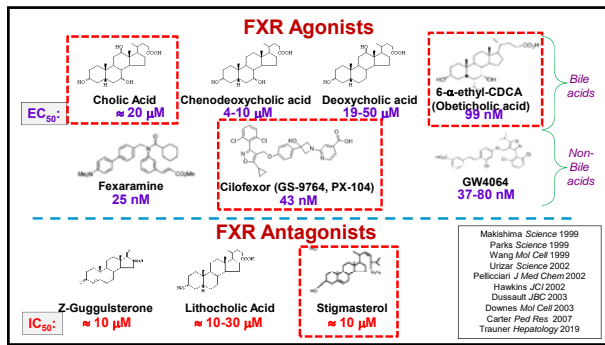
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# FXR activators in 2 adult biliary tract diseases

## PBC & PSC

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**A Placebo-Controlled Trial of Obeticholic Acid in Primary Biliary Cholangitis**

**Pruritus: Placebo 38%, 5-10 56%, 10 68%**

F. Nevens, P. Andreone, G. Mazzella, S.I. Strasser, C. Bowlus, P. Invernizzi, J.P.H. Drenth, P.J. Pockros, J. Regula, U. Bruers, M. Trauner, D.E. Jones, A. Floren, S. Hohenester, V. Lohsio, M. Schiffman, K.J. van Erpecum, V. Vargas, C. Vincenzi, G.M. Hirschfeld, H. Shah, B. Hansen, K.D. Lindor, H.-U. Marschall, K.V. Kowalek, R. Hooshmand-Rad, T. Maimon, S. Sheeran, H. Pencik, L. MacConnell, M. Pozzavoli, and D. Shapiro, for the PROSE Study Group\*

**93% Female**  
**56 ± 10 y**  
**73 ± 13 kg**  
**Alk Phos 324 ± 174 U/L**  
**Serum BA 48 ± 68 µM**  
**93% on UDCA**  
**Pruritus Scores tracked**

Month in Double-Blind Phase	Placebo	Obeticholic acid 5-10 mg	Obeticholic acid 10 mg
Baseline	71	69	71
3	69	68	69
6	68	66	64
9	66	64	64
12	62	62	62

**FDA approval May 2016**

NEJM 2016; NCT01473524 X

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**The Nonsteroidal Farnesoid X Receptor Agonist Ciflohexol (GS-9674) Improves Markers of Cholestasis and Liver Injury in Patients With Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis**

**PSC: Ciflohexol x 12w → reduced AP**

**Ciflohexol 100 mg (n = 22)    Ciflohexol 30 mg (n = 20)    Placebo (n = 10)**

**UDCA+    UDCA-**

**Patient characteristics:**

- Age: 43 (58% M)
- IBD: 60%
- MRCP: 60% Panbiliary
- UDCA: 46%

**Safety & Tolerability:**

- Mod-Severe Pruritus:
  - 100 mg 14%
  - 30 mg 20%
  - Placebo 40%

Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02943460 HEPATOLOGY 2019 X

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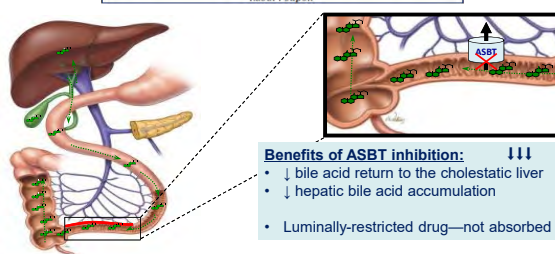
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**ASBT inhibitors in cholangiopathies – Good for mice, good for men?**  
Raoul Poupon\*



**Benefits of ASBT inhibition:** ↓↓↓

- ↓ bile acid return to the cholestatic liver
- ↓ hepatic bile acid accumulation
- Luminally-restricted drug—not absorbed

Journal of Hepatology 2016 vol. 64 | 537-538

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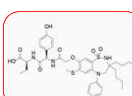
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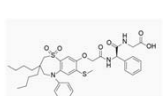
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
**ASBT (IBAT) inhibitors in clinical trials**



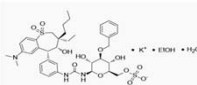
Odevixibat; A4250



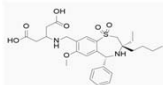
Elobixibat; A3309



Maralixibat



Volixibat



GSK2330672

Clinical trials.gov

**Diseases:**  
Alagille Syndrome  
PFIC1  
PFIC2  
Biliary Atresia

PBC  
PSC  
NASH  
Constipation

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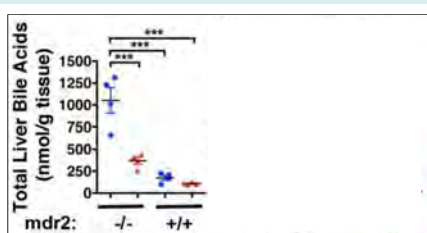
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**ASBT inhibition → reductions of both liver & serum BA levels**



● Chow  
▲ ASBTi (sc-435)

*mdr2*: -/- +/+

*PFIC3* mouse model  
2 weeks of Rx

Mietheke et al HEPATOLOGY 2016

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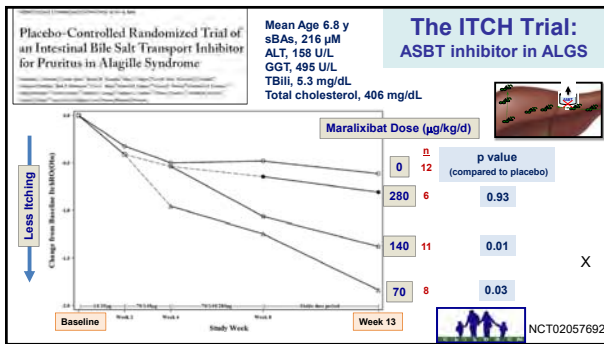
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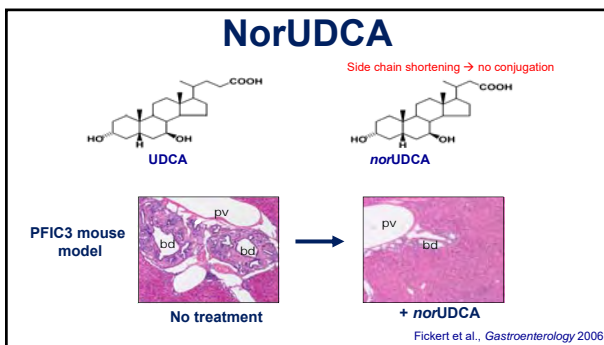
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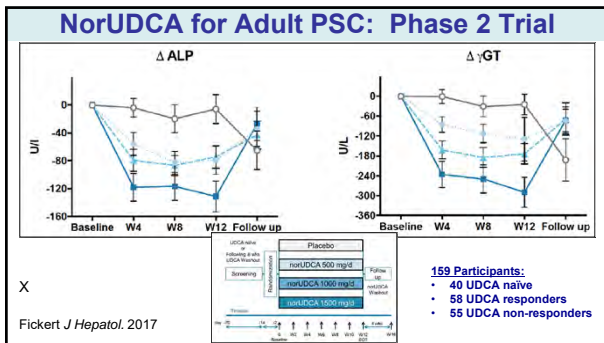
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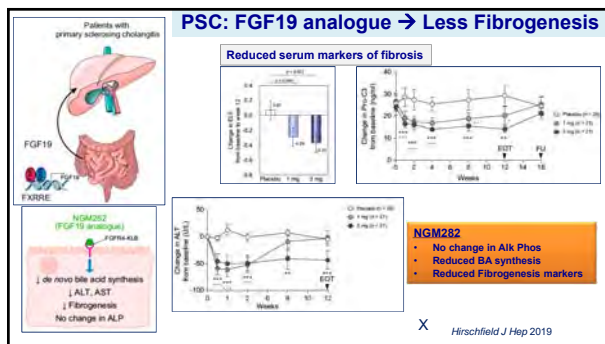
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# Chaperones & Correctors

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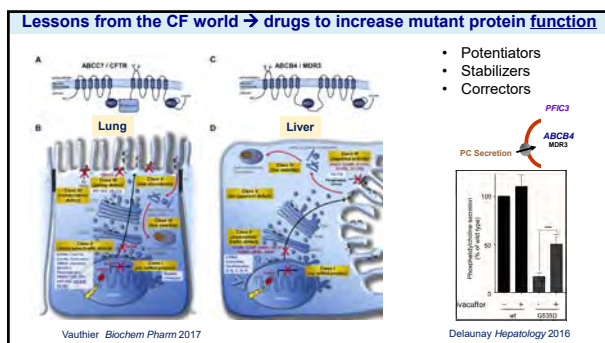
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Successful mutation-specific chaperone therapy with 4-phenylbutyrate in a child with progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis type 2

Emmanuel Gonzalez<sup>1,2</sup>, Brigitte Coussé<sup>3</sup>, Doris Cassio<sup>4</sup>, Anne David-Spica<sup>1</sup>, Monique Faber<sup>4</sup>, Emmanuel Jacquemin<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

10 yo F homozy. *ABCB11*<sup>T1210P</sup>  
Failed UDCA, RIF, Diversion

	Pre	1 y
Pruritus	10 →	3
ALT	125 →	19
BA	493 →	237
Tbili	200 →	11

Pre-Rx  
3 m of 4-PB

J Hepatol. 2012;57:695-698.

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## Biliary Atresia

- ~ 40% of cholestatic neonates
- Principal indication for pediatric liver transplantation (LT)
- Incidence of ~ 1:12,000 US births (1:5,000 in Taiwan)
- ~ 50% avoid LT during infancy → Survival with Native Liver (SNL)

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## BA: No role for steroids post-Kasai PE

SNL

Proportion of Participants

Time After Hepatoportocenterostomy, mo.

Log-rank P= .93

No. of participants	0	6	12	18	24
Steroids	70	49	43	43	0
Placebo	70	57	45	38	2

- No benefit from steroids
- Earlier time to SAE's
- Impaired growth

Bezerra JA, et al. (2014). JAMA, 311(17), 1750-9. ChildReN NCT00294684

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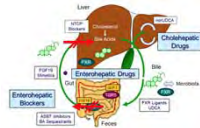
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## Summary: Cholestasis & New Therapeutics

- **Cholestasis:** New era in diagnostics & therapeutics
  - Paucity of validated clinical outcome biomarkers
  - Therapeutic Goal: Reduce intrahepatic bile acid accretion
    - Bile acids & FXR activity
    - ASBT inhibitors
    - FGF19 analogues
    - Chaperones & correctors
- **Biliary atresia**
  - No role for steroids
  - New opportunities for bile acid and non-bile acid therapies




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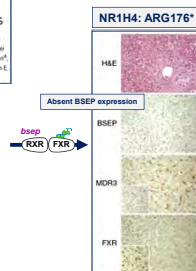
## FXR Deficiency → Neonatal Cholestasis/Liver Failure

Mutations in the nuclear bile acid receptor FXR cause progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis

Kobayashi, Gomez-Drago<sup>1</sup>, Choi<sup>2</sup>, Yellin<sup>3</sup>, Au-Young<sup>4</sup>, Kandamuru<sup>5</sup>, Mankam<sup>6</sup>, Mohan<sup>7</sup>, Kim<sup>8</sup>, Kang<sup>9</sup>, Kim<sup>10</sup>, Benjannet<sup>11</sup>, Shneider<sup>12</sup>, Jentler<sup>13</sup>, Picard<sup>14</sup>, Theodorou<sup>15</sup>, Jang<sup>16</sup>, Zhang<sup>17</sup>, Wilson<sup>18</sup>, Reigle<sup>19</sup>, Lu<sup>20</sup>, A.S. Krishna<sup>21</sup>, Mitsuoka<sup>22</sup>, Fingstad<sup>23</sup>, Dima<sup>24</sup>, M. Muly<sup>25</sup>, Eric Boerwinkle<sup>26</sup>, James R. Lupski<sup>27</sup>, Sharon E. Plon<sup>28</sup>, Richard A. Gibbs<sup>29</sup>, Christine M. Eng<sup>30</sup>, Xiang Jiang<sup>31</sup>, Gabriel C. Weiskopf<sup>32</sup>, Kathleen H. Kinzler<sup>33</sup>, Willem de Boer<sup>34</sup>, Neeraj Kamthan<sup>35</sup>, Ravinder J. Singh<sup>36</sup>, Fan Yu<sup>37</sup>, Gregory M. Enns<sup>38</sup> & David D. Moore<sup>39</sup>

### 2 Families:

- Presentation at birth → 6 w of age
  - ↑ Direct Bilirubin
  - Coagulopathy
  - Mild ↑ ALT & AST
  - Low GGT
- 2 died (5 weeks, 8 months)
- 2 transplanted (4 & 22 months)



Nature Commun. 2016

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### Select anti-cholestatic drugs in clinicaltrials.gov

Drug Class	Agent	Diseases with relevance for Pediatrics
FXR activator	Obeticholic acid	PSC, BA
	Cilofexor	PSC
ASBT inhibitor	Odevixibat	PFIC's, ALGS, BA
	Maralixibat	PFIC's, ALGS
FGF19 analogue	NGM282	NASH, PSC
NTCP inhibitor	Myrecludex	HBV
Bile Acid	NorUDCA	PSC, NASH
	UDCA	Many
Anti-oxidant	NAC	BA

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### Bile acid based therapeutics (clinicaltrials.gov)

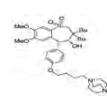
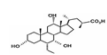
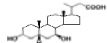
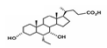
Glycocholic Acid: **BA Synthesis Defect**

FXR agonists:                   NASH    BA diarrhea  
   PBC    Alcohol  
 NorUDCA: PSC                PSC    Fibrosis

TGR5 agonists:    Satiety  
                           Constipation

ASBT inhibitors:   Pruritus in cholestasis (ALGS, PFIC's)  
                           IBS-C  
                           PSC

BA Sequestrant: Colesevelam   Diabetes  
   NASH  
   Obesity




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 **Diagnosing drug-induced pancreatitis**  
Sohail Z Husain, MD

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**Learning objectives**

- Recognize the burden of drug-induced pancreatitis in children and the commonly associated drugs
- Evaluate the causality assessments for drug-induced pancreatitis
- Review management guidelines for drug-induced pancreatitis in children

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**How common is drug-induced pancreatitis in children?**

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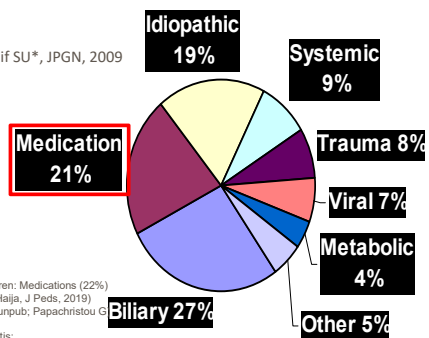
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**Medications are the second most common risk factor for acute pancreatitis in children**

Park A\*, Latif SU\*, JPGN, 2009



Single AP in children: Medications (22%) (Maisam Abu-Ei-Hajja, J Peds, 2019) vs. 2% in adults (unpub; Papachristou G)

Chronic pancreatitis: 7% in children vs. 3% in adults (Schwarzenberg, JPGN, 2019 [INSPPIRE; PI: Aliye UC])

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**What are the drugs associated with pancreatitis in children?**

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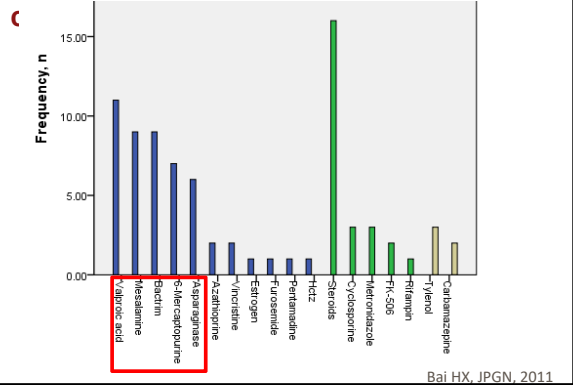
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### Drugs associated with pancreatitis in




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### Determining whether an association is casual

Category	1. Reasonable temporal sequence	2. Known response pattern	3. Could not be explained by other factors	4. Relieved by stopping the drug	5. Recurred after a repeat challenge
Definite	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Probable	✗	✗	✗	✗	
Possible	✗	✗			

Karch and Lasagna, Adverse drug reactions, JAMA, 1975

- Over 20 causality assessments (ALDEN, Liverpool, Naranjo)
- Opportunity to establish optimal causality assessments for drug-induced pancreatitis

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### Factors to consider in drug-induced pancreatitis

- Causality
- Classification of drugs according to risk for pancreatitis
- Characteristics of the drug association
- Latency (time to pancreatitis onset from drug ingestion)
- Idiosyncratic versus dose-dependent reaction
- Re-introduction of the drug
- Fertile ground for pharmacovigilance
- Example of the Drug-induced Liver Injury Network (DILIN)
  - Livertox database
- Future for drug-associated pancreatitis pharmacovigilance
  - DIPIN
  - Pancreastox

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## Classifications of drug-induced pancreatitis

### Class Ia drugs

At least 1 case report with positive rechallenge, excluding all other causes, such as alcohol, hypertriglyceridemia, gallstones, and other drugs

### Class Ib drugs

At least 1 case report with positive rechallenge; however, other causes, such as alcohol, hypertriglyceridemia, gallstones, and other drugs were not ruled out

### Class II drugs

At least 4 cases in the literature  
Consistent latency ( $\geq 75\%$  of cases)

### Class III drugs

At least 2 cases in the literature  
No consistent latency among cases  
No rechallenge

### Class IV drugs

Drugs not fitting into the earlier-described classes, single case report published in medical literature, without rechallenge

Badalov et al. Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology 2007;5:648-661.

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## Classification of drugs associated with pancreatitis

### Definite association

Aminosallylates  
(sulfasalazine, mesalamine)  
L-asparaginase  
Azathioprine  
Didanosine  
Estrogen  
Furosemide

### Probable association

Chlorthalidone  
Cyclosporine  
Ethacrynic acid  
FK-506

### Possible association

Acetaminophen  
Amiodarone  
Atenolol  
Carbamazepine  
Chlorpromazine  
Cholestyramine  
Cisplatin  
Contrast media  
Danazol  
Diazoxide  
Diphenoxylate  
Ergotamine

Pentamidine  
Sulfonamide  
Tetracycline  
Thiazides  
Valproic acid  
Vinca alkaloids  
6-Mercaptopurine

HMG CoA reductase inhibitors  
Metronidazole  
Rifampin  
Steroids

Runzi, Pancreas, 1996  
AGA Technical Review, 2007

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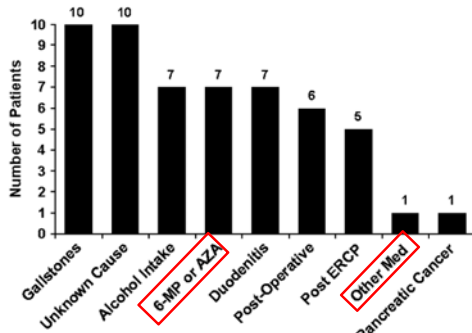
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## Etiologies for acute pancreatitis in IBD



Moolsintong P, IBD, 2005

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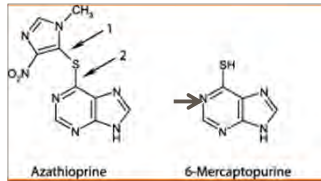
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### The thiopurines: azathioprine or 6-mercaptopurine

- 8-fold risk of pancreatitis
- Frequency—4-6%
- Idiosyncratic
- Onset of pancreatitis within 3 weeks of starting medication



Srinath A, IBD, 2016

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### Thiopurine-associated pancreatitis is linked to a class II HLA haplotype

- Heterozygotes - 9% risk of pancreatitis with thiopurines
- Homozygotes - 17% risk



May add to the armamentarium of pharmacogenomics in preventing DAP

Heap, Nat Genetics, 2014

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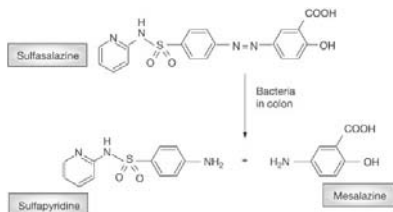
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### Sulfasalazine-associated pancreatitis



- Initially attributed to the sulfapyridine moiety
  - Absorbed
  - Structurally similar to thiazide diuretics

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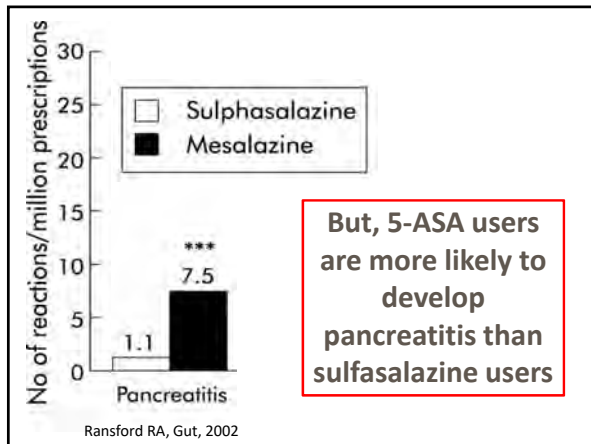
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### 5-ASA-associated pancreatitis

- Pancreatitis within 6 weeks of initiating 5-ASA therapy
- Idiosyncratic
- Improves after the drug is discontinued
- Repeat challenge has resulted in pancreatitis
- Mechanism for pancreatitis unclear
  - Local effect of 5-ASA on pancreas—pancreatic duct permeability?




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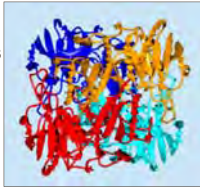
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### Asparaginase-associated pancreatitis

- Crucial chemotherapeutic for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)
  - Transformed survival from 10% (1960s) to 90+% (2000s)
- Pancreatitis in 5-10% of users
- One third develop severe pancreatitis
- One quarter develop pseudocysts
- Most develop pancreatitis
  - Within 10 weeks
  - And 5-7 doses
- **Why?**




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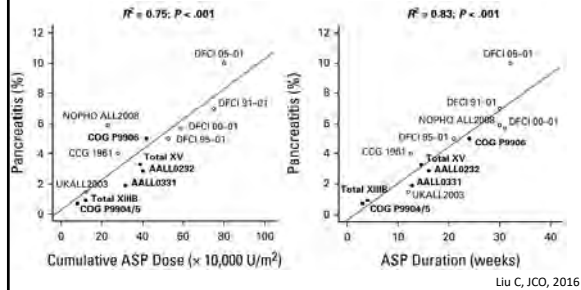
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**The risk of pancreatitis increases with higher or more prolonged exposure**



• **Dose-dependent risk**

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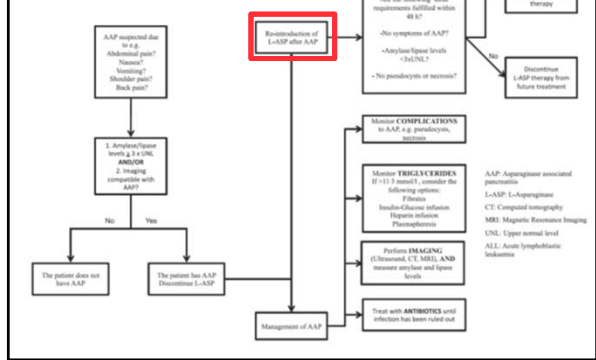
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**Reintroduction of asparaginase after pancreatitis: Expert opinion**




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**Why do some drugs cause pancreatitis?**

Why do only some patients develop pancreatitis with exposure to a particular drug?

How can we identify patients who are at risk before they receive the drug and thus prevent pancreatitis, or provide a rescue therapy?




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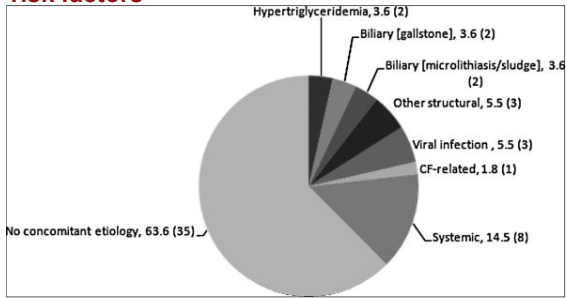
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**One third of children with drug-associated pancreatitis have concomitant etiologies, or risk factors**



Bai HX, JPGN, 2011

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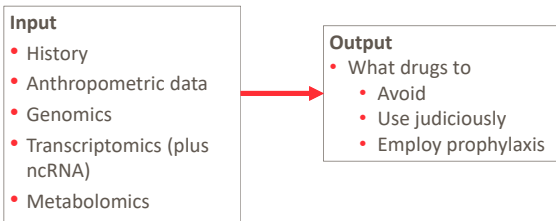
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**Future for a personalized approach to drug-induced pancreatitis**




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**Summary of drug-induced pancreatitis**

- Drugs are a major risk factor for pancreatitis in children
- Determining causality is an important challenge
  - Helpful to know the temporal relationship and known pattern responses
- Decision to discontinue drug exposure and later re-introduction
- Need for
  - Characterizing the types and classes of drugs associated with pancreatitis
  - Determining the optimal causality assessments
  - Pharmacovigilance




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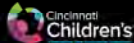
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## Pediatric Pancreatic Masses: Steroids, Surgery, or Surveillance

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Cincinnati, Ohio



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## Objectives

- Recognize the presentation of pancreatic masses in children.
- Understand the workup and evaluation of pediatric pancreatic masses.
- Recognize the different etiologies and outcomes of pancreatic masses in children.

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**Tumor in head of pancreas more likely to present with jaundice**

**Tumor in body or tail is more likely to present with pain or weight loss**

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**Tumor in head of pancreas may cause duodenal obstruction**

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### Clinical Presentation

- Palpable mass, abdominal distension
- Epigastric abdominal pain, radiation to back
- Weight loss, anorexia, nausea, emesis
- Fatigue, lethargy
- Early satiety (gastric/duodenal compression)
- Jaundice (biliary obstruction)
- New-onset diabetes
- Pancreatitis
- Asymptomatic incidental lesions
  - Solid lesion more worrisome than cystic
  - PDAC, neuroendocrine, SPT, lymphoma, metastases

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# Diagnostic Approach

Modality	Benefits	Downside	Preferred Indications
CT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rapid acquisition</li> <li>Less susceptible to artifacts</li> <li>High resolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radiation</li> <li>Need for iodinated contrast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid tumor staging</li> </ul>
TAUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost</li> <li>Accessibility</li> <li>Noninvasive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suboptimal pancreas visualization</li> <li>User dependent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdominal pain</li> <li>Follow-up of a known lesion in selected patients</li> </ul>
EUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High resolution</li> <li>Sampling ability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs intravenous sedation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid lesions for tissue</li> <li>Evaluate cystic lesions</li> </ul>
MRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterize lesions based on content</li> <li>Ability to depict fluid-containing structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air, motion produce artifacts</li> <li>High cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cystic lesion assessment</li> </ul>

Cohen and Kagen, *Surg Clin N Am* 2018;98:13-23

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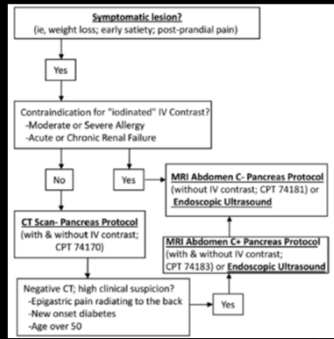
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# Algorithm for Symptomatic Mass




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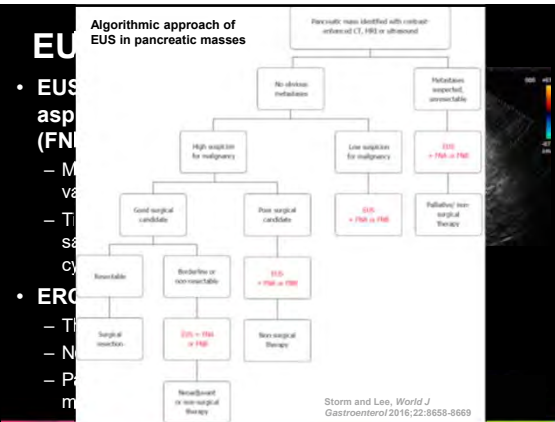
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# Algorithmic approach of EUS in pancreatic masses



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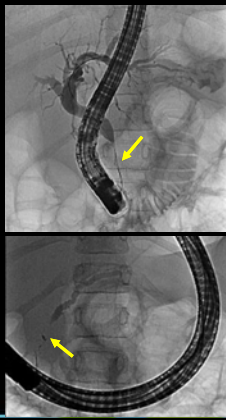
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## Case

- 8 yo male presented with 3 days of painless jaundice, acholic stools
- Elevated bilirubin and lipase
- MRI/MRCP: dilated biliary system and mildly dilated pancreatic duct to head, homogeneous increased T2 signal in pancreatic head
- ERCP: biliary and PD strictures, biliary stent placed
- Biliary cytology negative
- 4-week steroid treatment then taper for presumed autoimmune pancreatitis (IgG4 normal)



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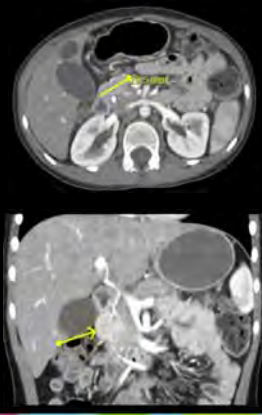
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## Case

- Interval CT scan at 3 mos: discrete, well-circumscribed, hyperenhancing head mass, 1.6 cm x 3.0 cm x 2.5 cm
- EUS: 2.6 cm x 2.0 cm hypoechoic lesion in pancreatic head
- FNA/B: atypical cells, suspicious for neoplasm
- OR for possible Whipple
  - No discrete pancreatic mass
  - Pancreas firm with fibrotic areas
  - Biopsies: fibrosis, periductal lymphoplasmacytic infiltrate, negative for neoplasia



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## Masquerades and Mimicking

### Type 1 Autoimmune Pancreatitis with Imaging Appearance Similar to That of Malignant Cystic Tumor

Takeshi Ezaki<sup>a</sup>, Atsuhiko Masuda<sup>a</sup>, Hideyuki Shiomi<sup>a</sup>,  
Takashi Nakagawa<sup>a</sup>, Keitaro Sofue<sup>b</sup>, Hirochika Toyama<sup>a</sup>, Yoh Zen<sup>a</sup>,  
Yuzo Kodama<sup>a</sup> *Case Rep Gastroenterol* 2019;13:265-270

Autoimmune pancreatitis masquerading as carcinoma head of pancreas: A case report and review of literature

Meenu Gill<sup>1</sup>, Komal Brar<sup>2</sup>, Rajesh Godara<sup>3</sup>, Shilpi Bhargava<sup>4</sup>, Bhawna Sachdeva<sup>5</sup>, Rajeev Sen<sup>6</sup>, Promil Jain<sup>6</sup> *Annals of Medicine and Surgery* 41 (2019) 42-45

### Solid Pseudo-Papillary Tumor Mimicking as Complicated Pseudocyst

*Multimodality Imaging and Pathological Correlation*

*Clin Nucl Med* 2018;43: e368- e371  
Sophie Turpin, MD,\* Marjorie Perron, MD,† Stéphanie Vairy, MD,‡  
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## Diagnostic Challenge: Autoimmune Pancreatitis (AIP) vs Neoplasm?

- AIP may present as diffuse pancreatic enlargement or as pancreatic mass, or both
- AIP is often accompanied by obstructive jaundice
- AIP can cause cystic lesions in pancreas
  - Pseudocysts
  - Retention cysts (PD stenosis)
- Neoplastic cystic lesions can coexist with AIP
  - Intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm
- Difficult to distinguish non-neoplastic from neoplastic cysts
- Clinical courses, management, prognosis of AIP vs neoplasm differ markedly




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### International Consensus Diagnostic Criteria for Autoimmune Pancreatitis

Guidelines of the International Association of Pancreatology

*Pancreas 2011;40:352-358*  
 Tatsu Shimogawa, MD,\* Suresh J. Chari, MD,† Laci Frulioni, MD,‡ Terumi Kamisawa, MD,§  
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 Alexander Schneider, MD,¶¶ and Lishi Zhang, MD,§§§

- **Types:**
  - **Type 1:** lymphoplasmacytic sclerosing pancreatitis (LPSP), IgG4-related systemic disease, elevated IgG4 levels, other organ involvement
  - **Type 2:** idiopathic duct-centric pancreatitis (IDCP), pancreas-specific disorder, IgG4 levels not elevated, 30% assoc w/IBD
- **Cardinal features of AIP (HISORt):**
  - **H**istopathology
  - **I**maging: parenchyma (CT/MRI) and PD (ERCP/MRCP)
  - **S**erology: IgG4, IgG, ANA
  - **O**ther organ involvement
  - **R**esponse to steroids




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### Autoimmune Pancreatitis in Children: Characteristic Features, Diagnosis, and Management

Scheers et al., *Am J Gastroenterol* 2017;112:1604-1611

- 48 children (systematic literature search, INSPPIRE, CUSL)
- Abdominal pain (91%), obstructive jaundice (42%)
- Positive serology IgG4 in only 22%
- MRCP:
  - Global (30%) or focal (53%) enlargement
  - Main PD irregularity (64%), CBD stricture (55%)
  - Capsule-like rim / "halo sign" (16%)
- Histology: 72% combination of lymphoplasmacytic infiltration, fibrosis, granulocytic epithelial lesions
- Steroid response 93%; 8 improved without treatment
- **Clinical symptoms + imaging findings can be highly suggestive of AIP in children**
- **AIP in children more commonly follows Type 2 presentation or may be distinct disease pattern**

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**Recommendations for Diagnosis and Management of Autoimmune Pancreatitis in Childhood: Consensus from INSPPIRE**  
 Scheers et al., *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr* 2018;67:232-236

**Statement 8**  
 Histological findings of acute and/or chronic inflammatory cell infiltration around pancreas acini or peri-ductular and/or presence of IgG4-positive plasma cells with or without pancreas fibrosis is suggestive for the diagnosis of P-AIP. A tissue diagnosis should ideally be obtained prior to initiating therapy. However, barriers exist to recommend routine EUS-guided biopsies for all children (e.g. limited number of EUS-skilled pediatric endoscopists and pediatric pathologists, inadequate biopsy needles). If these barriers cannot be overcome, we suggest that the diagnosis of P-AIP can be made based on the clinical and imaging findings, since the risk for pancreatic cancer in children is extremely low.

**Statement 11**  
 Oral prednisone 1 to 1.5 mg/kg/day to a maximum of 40-60 mg given in one or 2 divided daily doses for 2-4 weeks is recommended as first line treatment in P-AIP. Prednisone should then be tapered.

**Statement 12**  
 Treatment response to corticosteroid therapy should be assessed as a) clinical response within 2 weeks after starting corticosteroid therapy, b) imaging response by imaging such as transabdominal US, MRI/MRCP or EUS about 3 months after starting corticosteroid therapy.

**Caution should be maintained in setting of focal pancreatic enlargement or non-regression of mass lesion**

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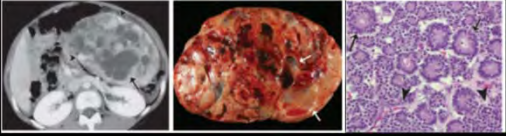
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**Pancreatoblastoma (PBL)**

- Most common malignant pancreatic tumor in children
- Affects children < 10 yo (median 4 – 5 yo); male > female
- Arise from embryonic pancreatic acinar cells
- Pain, large palpable mass >>> jaundice, emesis
- Neonatal cases associated with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome or Familial Adenomatous Polyposis
- Elevated alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) in up to 70 – 80%



Chung et al, *Radiographics* 2006;26:1211-1238

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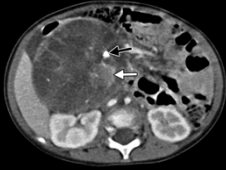

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**Pancreatoblastoma**

- CT or MRI to characterize:
  - Size, extent
  - Location (2/3 in head)
  - Metastatic disease
  - Resectability
- 35 – 50% present with metastases (liver, LNs, lung, brain)
- Complete surgical excision is most important prognostic factor, at diagnosis or after chemotherapy
- Biopsy performed if unresectable (vascular invasion)
- Chemotherapy: cisplatin, doxorubicin (PLADO)


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**Pancreatoblastoma: A report from the European cooperative study group for paediatric rare tumours (EXPeRT)**

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF CANCER 47 (2011) 2347-2354

Ewa Bien <sup>a</sup>, Jan Godzinski <sup>b</sup>, Patrizia Dall'Igna <sup>c</sup>, Anne-Sophie Defachelles <sup>d</sup>,  
Teresa Stachowicz-Stencel <sup>e</sup>, Daniel Orbach <sup>f</sup>, Gianni Bisogno <sup>g</sup>, Giovanni Cecchetto <sup>h</sup>,  
Steven Warmann <sup>g</sup>, Verena Ellerkamp <sup>g</sup>, Bernadette Brennan <sup>h</sup>, Anna Balcerska <sup>a</sup>,  
Malgorzata Rapala <sup>h</sup>, Ines Brecht <sup>i</sup>, Dominik Schneider <sup>j</sup>, Andrea Ferrari <sup>h,\*</sup>

- 20 patients, 2000 – 2009
- Median age 4 yrs, male 65%
- Size: <5 cm 15%, 5 – 10 cm 35%, >10 cm 50%
- Distant metastases 45%
- 85% underwent resection
- 73% chemo response rate in 18 pts (90%)
- 35% received XRT
- 5 yr EFS = 58.8%, OS = 79.4%
- Outcome influenced by feasibility of complete resection  
– 5 yr EFS: R0 resection 75% vs other 29% (p = 0.01)

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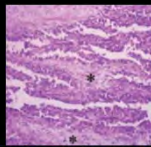
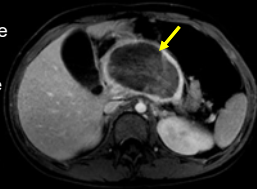
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**Solid Pseudopapillary Tumor (SPT)**

- 2 – 3% of all pancreatic tumors
- Young females, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> decade
- Abdominal pain or incidental
- Predominantly acinar, can have ductal/endocrine components
- Unclear cellular origin
- No specific tumor markers
- Slow-growing, indolent
- Low-grade malignant potential (7 – 16%)
- May become cystic due to necrosis
- Complete surgical resection offers only cure
- Avoid enucleation or biopsy
- Recurrence 10%, 10 yr survival > 95%



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**Carcinoma**

- Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)
  - 85% of pancreatic neoplasms
  - Extremely rare in children
  - Many cases in literature were likely SPT or PBL misidentified
- Acinar cell carcinoma
  - Extremely rare in children, but more common than PDAC
- Surgery remains mainstay
- No pediatric recommendations for management due to sparse literature



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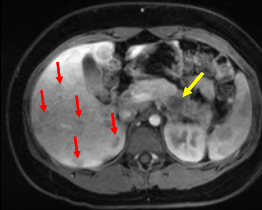
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## Neuroendocrine Tumors

- 1 – 2% of all pancreatic tumors
- Adenomas are benign, carcinomas metastasize
- Children > 10 yo; more common in middle age
- May or may not be hormonally active
- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia I (MEN I), Von Hippel-Lindau, tuberous sclerosis
- Types:
  - Insulinoma (47%)
  - Gastrinoma (30%)
  - Glucagonoma
  - VIPoma
  - Somatostatinoma
  - Non-functioning



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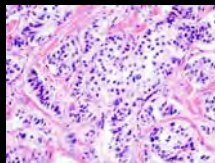
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## Insulinomas

- Usually benign, 6% malignant
- 90% are solitary
- 10% associated with MEN I
- Symptoms typical of hypoglycemia
- Low plasma glucose, high insulin, high C-peptide
- Localization: MRI +/- EUS → PET-CT → intra-arterial calcium-stimulated venous sampling, transhepatic selective portal venous sampling
- Intraoperative: 98% are palpable, ultrasound is useful for small lesions
- Enucleation as parenchyma-preserving approach
- Long-term survival for non-malignant disease = 90%



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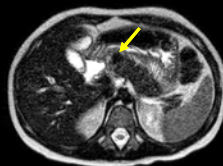
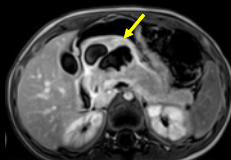
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## Non-Epithelial Tumors

- Lymphoma
  - Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
  - Burkitt's lymphoma
- Primitive neuroectodermal tumors/Ewing's sarcoma
- Lymphangioma
  - Lymphatic malformation
- Hemangioendothelioma
- Dermoid cyst/mature teratoma



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## Cystic Lesions

- **Cystic collection should never be labeled as "pseudocyst" in absence of clinical history of pancreatitis**
- Types of cystic lesions:
  - Pseudocyst
  - Non-neoplastic cysts
    - True cyst
    - Retention cyst
    - Mucinous non-neoplastic cyst
    - Lymphoepithelial cyst
  - Cystic neoplasms




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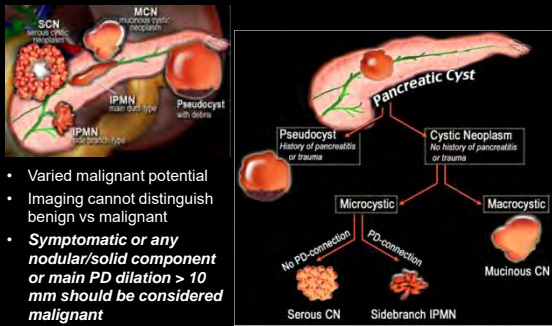
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## Cystic Neoplasms



- Varied malignant potential
- Imaging cannot distinguish benign vs malignant
- **Symptomatic or any nodular/solid component or main PD dilation > 10 mm should be considered malignant**

<http://www.radiologyassistant.nl/en/p4ec7bb7267de/pancreas-cystic-lesions.html>

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### Solid pseudopapillary and malignant pancreatic tumors in childhood: A systematic review and evidence quality assessment

Konstantinos S. Mylonas<sup>1,2</sup> | Ilias P. Doulamis<sup>2</sup> | Diamantis I. Tsilimigras<sup>3,4</sup>  
 Dimitrios Nasioudis<sup>3,5</sup> | Dimitrios Schizas<sup>3,4</sup> | Peter T. Masiakos<sup>1</sup> |  
 Cassandra M. Kelleher<sup>1</sup> | *Pediatr Blood Cancer*, 2018;65:e27114.

- Systematic review, 32 studies, 489 pts
- Whipple 48%, distal pancreatectomy 24%
- Adjuvant chemo (76%), XRT (34%) in PBL
- Mortality was highest in exocrine tumors (50%)
- 99% of SPT patients survived
- PBL had overall survival 63% and highest recurrence rate (15%) within mean 24 mos

Type of tumor	N (%)
SPT	300 (61%)
PBL	81 (17%)
Exocrine	43 (9%)
Neuroendocrine	40 (8%)
Other	25 (5%)

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## Approach to Resection

- Tumor location determines approach
  - Head of pancreas
  - Pancreatic body/tail
- Radical resections are the gold standard for malignant pancreatic tumors in children
  - Significant endocrine and exocrine impairment
- For benign, low-grade tumors, borderline tumors, parenchyma-sparing approach may be justified
  - Duodenum-preserving pancreatic head resection
  - Central pancreatectomy
  - Enucleation




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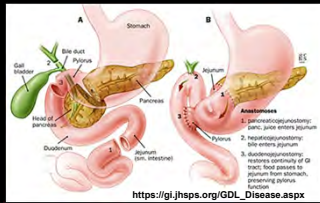
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## Pancreaticoduodenectomy “Whipple procedure”

- Complete resection of pancreatic head
- Bile duct, duodenum resected/reconstructed
- Low mortality (0 – 5%), high morbidity (40%) due to leaks



- “Standard” Whipple or pylorus-preserving
- 3 anastomoses: pancreatic, biliary, GI
- Endocrine, exocrine dysfunction in up to 50%

[https://gi.jhsp.s.org/GDL\\_Disease.aspx](https://gi.jhsp.s.org/GDL_Disease.aspx)

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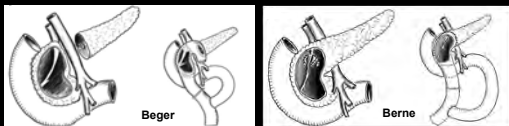
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## Duodenum-preserving Pancreatic Head Resection (DPPHR)

- Parenchymal preservation, preservation of bile duct and GI continuity
- Reconstruction with Roux-en-Y jejunal limb
- Low mortality (0 – 3%), morbidity 20 – 32%
- Preserves function with less exocrine and endocrine insufficiency versus Whipple



Strobel et al. *Int J Surg* 2009;7:305-312

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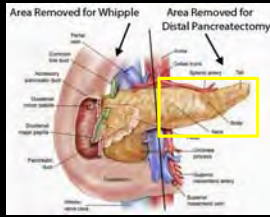
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## Distal Pancreatectomy

- Considered if mass limited to body/tail
- Resection of pancreas to left of portal vein (50%)
- Low risk of complications, especially if spleen preserved



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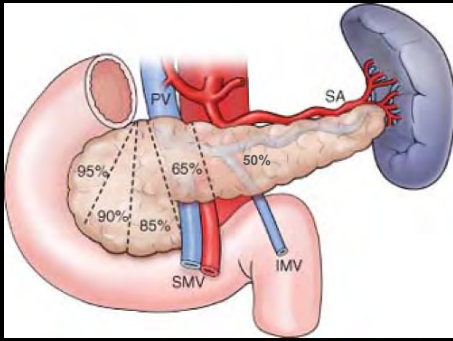
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## Percentages of Resection



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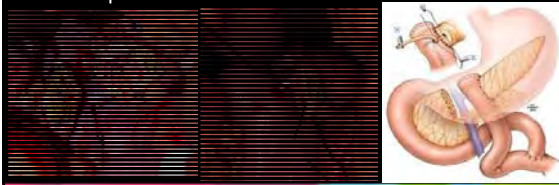
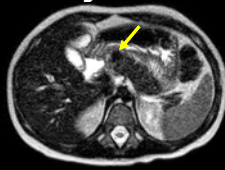
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## Central Pancreatectomy

- Mass limited to pancreatic neck (overlying portal vein) or proximal body
- Roux-en-Y jejunal limb reconstruction of remnant distal pancreas



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## Conclusions

- Pancreatic tumors are rare in children, but have better prognosis than in adults
- SPT and PBL are most common epithelial pancreatic tumors in children
- Insulinoma is most common pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor
- Differentiation between AIP and pancreatic tumor may be very challenging and EUS can play a role
- Malignant tumors require radical resection with Whipple procedure or distal pancreatectomy
- Parenchyma-sparing may be justified for benign or low-grade tumors to preserve endocrine and exocrine function



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## Questions?



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## Positioning the New IBD Therapies – Merging Experience with Evidence

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### Learning Objectives

- Choose therapies based on prognosis and confirm effectiveness
- Identify targets of treatment that are individualized based on patient symptoms and objective measures of disease activity
- Understand risks and benefits of considering de-escalation and restart protocols in management

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### Where Do We Want To Be? "Just Right" Use of Therapy for IBD

<p><b>1. The right efficacy: safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- disease control</li> <li>- no adverse events</li> </ul> <p><b>2. The right dose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not too little</li> <li>- not too much (?)</li> </ul> <p><b>3. The right time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not too early</li> <li>- not too late</li> </ul>	<p><b>4. The right interval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no breakthrough between doses</li> </ul> <p><b>5. The right duration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not too short</li> <li>- not too long (?)</li> </ul> <p><b>6. The right cost!</b></p>
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### Treatments are Aimed at Observations and Theories (the Not Cause of the Disease)

<p><b>Immune modification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5-ASA (?)</li> <li>- Steroids</li> <li>- Thiopurines/methotrexate</li> <li>- Anti-TNF<math>\alpha</math> therapies</li> <li>- Anti-integrin therapies</li> <li>- Anti-IL12/23</li> <li>- JAK inhibitors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Microbiota manipulation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antibiotics</li> <li>- Prebiotics</li> <li>- Probiotics</li> <li>- Fecal transplantation</li> <li>- Bacterial derived proteins</li> <li>- Diet</li> </ul> <p><b>Surgery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resection of fibrostenosis</li> <li>- Resection in fulminant disease</li> </ul>
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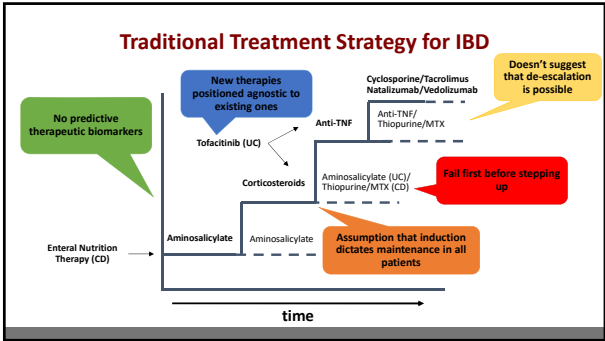
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### What to Use First?

- We don't really know yet
- Disease and patient issues
- Activity versus Severity
- Efficacy: Safety
- First drug works best

**ACTIVITY:** how sick the patient is  
**NOW**

**SEVERITY:** includes elements of  
**PROGNOSIS**

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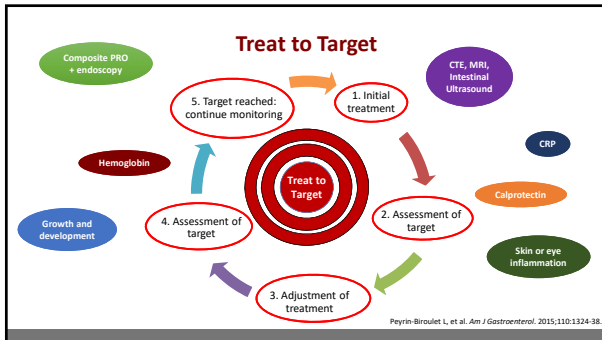
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### Treat to Target



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### Use Organ-Selective Therapies Before Systemic Therapies

- Topical rectal therapy before systemic therapy in distal colitis
- Budesonide before systemic corticosteroids
- Vedolizumab before systemically active immunosuppressants
  - Older patients
  - Paradoxical IBD in the setting of organ transplantation
- Enteral Therapy in CD (Peds)

Rubin DT, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2019;114:384-413.

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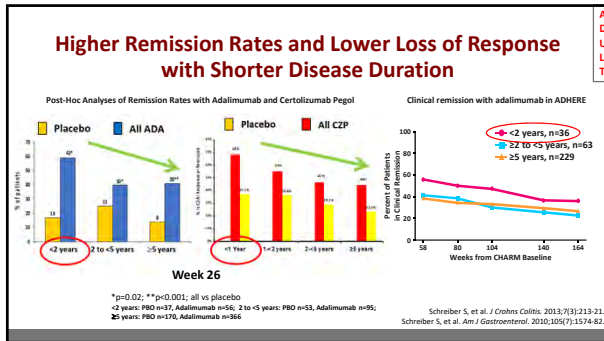
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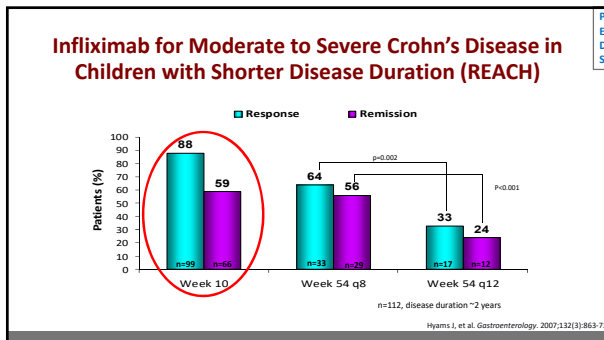
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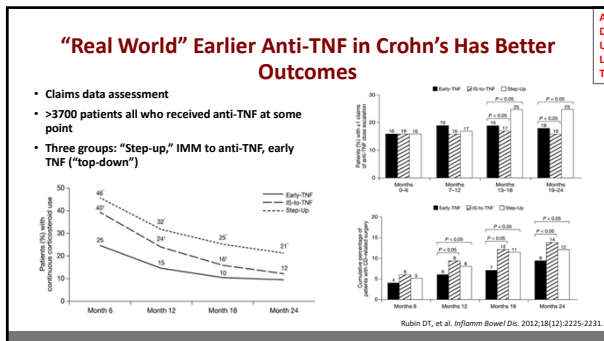
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## Optimizing Treatment

- Can the patient afford what you've prescribed? Will they get the therapy?
- Combine therapies:
  - Anti-TNF with IMMs
  - Anti-TNF with antibiotics in perianal disease
- Judicious use of therapeutic drug monitoring
  - Know who is at high risk for disease progression or complications
  - Know who is at high risk for rapid clearance
  - Consider post-loading drug levels (IFX week 8, ADA week 4)

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## Factors Affecting the Pharmacokinetics of Monoclonal Antibodies (Mostly Anti-TNF)

	Impact on Pharmacokinetics	Drug Levels (Exposure)
Presence of ADAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreases serum mAbs</li> <li>• Threefold-increased clearance</li> <li>• Worse clinical outcomes</li> </ul>	↓
Concomitant use of IS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces formation</li> <li>• Increases serum mAbs</li> <li>• Decreases mAb clearance</li> <li>• Better clinical outcomes</li> </ul>	↑
High baseline TNF-α	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May decrease mAbs by increasing clearance</li> </ul>	↓
Low albumin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases clearance</li> <li>• Worse clinical outcomes</li> </ul>	↓
High baseline CRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases clearance</li> </ul>	↓
Body size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High BMI may increase clearance</li> </ul>	↓
Male Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men have higher clearance</li> </ul>	↓

Ordas I, et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2012;91:635.

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## AGA Clinical Guidelines for TDM in IBD

- The AGA suggests **reactive TDM** to guide treatment changes in adults with active IBD treated with anti-TNF
- The AGA makes no recommendation regarding the use of **proactive TDM**
- The AGA suggests **routine TPMT** testing to guide thiopurine dosing in adult patients with IBD being started on thiopurines
- The AGA suggests **reactive thiopurine** metabolite monitoring to guide treatment changes in adults with active IBD
- The AGA suggests **against routine thiopurine metabolite** monitoring in adult patients with quiescent IBD

Feuerstein JD, et al. Gastroenterology. 2017;153:827-834.

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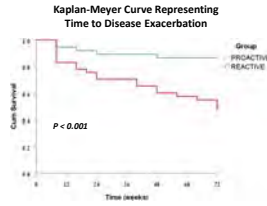
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## Using TDM with Adalimumab in Pediatric CD (PAILOT)

- **PAILOT trial:** peds CD adalimumab-level-based optimization treatment multi-center, non-blinded trial
- **N=80**, randomized to proactive (n=39) or reactive (n=41) therapeutic drug monitoring of ADA
- **Primary endpoint:** sustained corticosteroid-free clinical remission (PCDAI<10) from week 8 to week 72
- Proactive trough measurements + tight control based on clinical indices (CRP, fecal calprotectin) were **superior** to reactive trough measurements + tight control



Asa A, et al. Presented at ECCO 2019. Abstract OP18.

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## Proportion of Patients Achieving Clinical Remission by Serum IFX Concentration: ACT 1 and 2

- At weeks 8, 30 and 54, the proportion of patients achieving clinical remission increased with increasing quartiles of IFX concentrations.

IFX Conc. (% patients)	1st Quartile	2nd Quartile	3rd Quartile	4th Quartile	P-values
Week 8	26.3% (<21.3µg/mL)	37.9% (≥21.3-<33µg/mL)	43.9% (≥33-<47.9µg/mL)	43.1% (≥47.9µg/mL)	P=0.0504
Week 30	14.6% (<0.11µg/mL)	25.5% (≥0.11-<2.4µg/mL)	59.6% (≥2.4-<6.8µg/mL)	52.1% (≥6.8µg/mL)	P<0.0001
Week 54	21.1% (<1.4µg/mL)	55.0% (≥1.4-<3.6µg/mL)	79.0% (≥3.6-<8.1µg/mL)	60.0% (≥8.1µg/mL)	P=0.0066

Adedokun OI, et al. Gastroenterology. 2014;146(6):1296-1307.

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## Randomized, Controlled Trial of Vedolizumab vs Adalimumab in Patients with Active UC (VARSITY)

N=769, VDZ (n=383) or ADA (n=386)

### Limitations to VARSITY:

- No dose escalation
- No drug levels
- If on steroids or IMMs, no difference between groups



Sands B, et al. Presented at DDW 2019. Abstract 416a.

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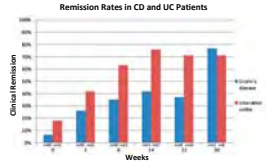
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## Multi-Center Experience of Vedolizumab Effectiveness in Pediatric IBD

- Retrospective review
- N=52 pediatric patients with IBD, 90% of whom had failed ≥1 anti-TNF agent
- 80% of anti-TNF naïve patients were in remission at week 14 and 100% in remission at week 22
- Anti-TNF naïve patients achieved remission at higher rates than anti-TNF exposed patients at week 22



Singh N, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis.* 2016;22(9):2121-6.

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## Escalation of Ustekinumab Dosing is Associated with Recapture of Response

- Prospective study, n=35 CD patients with partial response or secondary LOR to UST
- Optimization in CD patients with LOR → recapture of response in 69% of patients
- Mean [UST] was higher at baseline and post-treatment in those achieving complete remission
- Baseline fecal lower in pts who achieved complete remission vs. those who did not (414 vs. 993 µg/g, P=0.03)

Treatment: N (%)	Complete Remission N (%)	Response N (%)	No response N (%)
No change: 4 (11)	3 (75)	1 (25)	0 (0)
Q8 to Q4 Weeks: 22 (58)	10 (45)	7 (31)	5 (23)
IV/SQ Reinduction: 7 (18)	1 (14)	2 (29)	4 (57)
+IMM: 3 (8)	0 (0)	1 (33)	2 (67)
Changed out of class: 2 (5)	0 (0)	1 (50)	1 (50)

Heron V, et al. Presented at DOW 2019. Abstract Tu1825.

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## Other Specific Scenarios for Choice of First IBD Therapy

Disease	Modifier	First drug consideration	Reason
CD	Psoriasis	Ustekinumab	On label
IBD	>60 yo	Vedolizumab	Older patients have higher risk of infections
UC	Synovitis Arthritis	Anti-TNF or Tofacitinib	On label
UC	Low albumin	Cyclosporine Tacrolimus Tofacitinib	Small molecules

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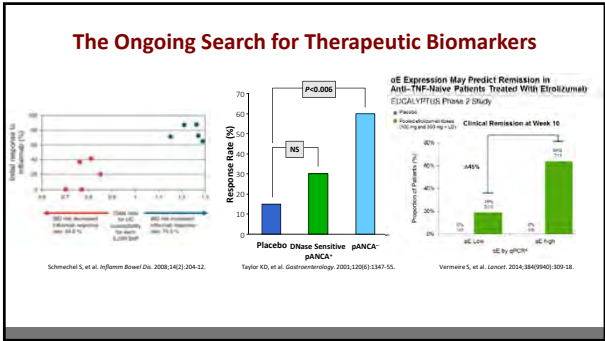
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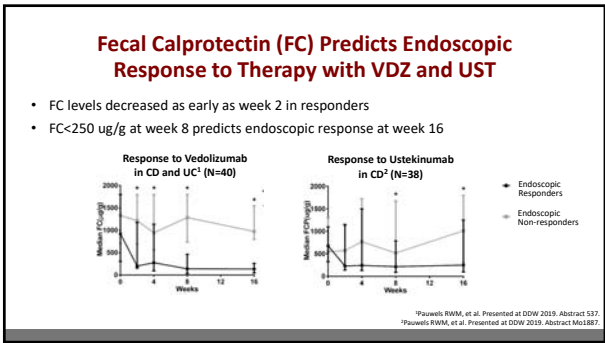
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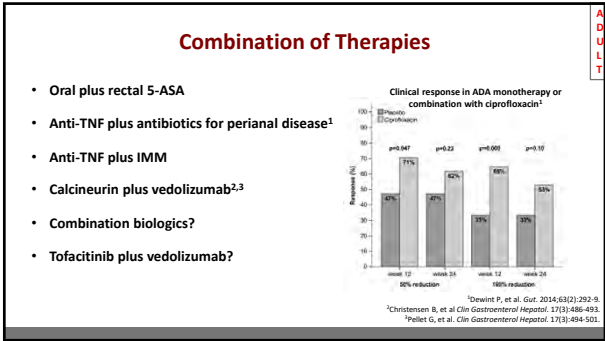
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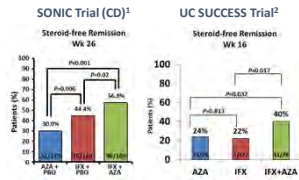
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## Why Might Combination Therapy Be More Effective?

- True for both CD (SONIC) and UC (SUCCESS) with infliximab<sup>1,2</sup>
- Multiple mechanisms of disease control
- Reduction in anti-drug antibodies
- Elevation of serum drug levels (greater exposure)



<sup>1</sup>Colombel JF, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2010;362(15):1383-95.  
<sup>2</sup>Panaccione A, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2014;146(2):392-400.

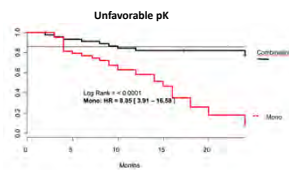
## Combination Therapy is NOT Always Necessary Or Helpful

- SONIC post-hoc: infliximab levels more important than combination therapy<sup>1,2</sup>
- Ustekinumab doesn't benefit from combination therapy<sup>3</sup>
- Vedolizumab doesn't benefit from combination therapy<sup>4-6</sup>
- 5-ASA not helpful when escalating to TNF<sup>7-8</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Colombel JF, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2010;362(15):1383-95.  
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<sup>4</sup>Colombel JF, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2015;148(4):527-8.  
<sup>5</sup>Kayvan U, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis*. 2017;23:404-408.  
<sup>6</sup>Amiel S, et al. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther*. 2017;46:510-521.  
<sup>7</sup>Singh S, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2018;113(8):1197-1205.  
<sup>8</sup>Ungaro RC, et al. *Gut*. 2019;68:977-84.

## Pair Second Anti-TNF with IMM when Switching Anti-TNFs if "Unfavorable pK" of FIRST Anti-TNF

- n=85 (45 CD, 40 UC)
- Two-center, prospective, open-label randomized trial
- Unfavorable pK
  - undetectable serum concentration of the anti-TNF with high Ab (> 20 ng/mL for IFX or ADA)



Roblin X, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis*. 2018;24(9):2078-85.

### Planning for De-escalation

1. Discuss WHY this might be reasonable (Is the patient healthy because of your therapy or in spite of it?)
2. Confirm deep remission (mucosal healing), preferably for >1 year
3. Confirm optimization of drug (make SURE it's working)
4. De-escalate
5. Have a monitoring strategy (Serial labs, fecal calprotectin, scope)
6. Know your rescue plan (Resume prior therapy or Move on to next strategy)

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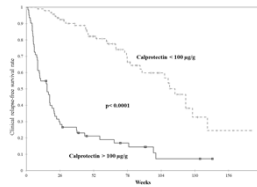
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### Fecal Calprotectin as a Tool to Monitor Relapse after Therapeutic De-escalation

- 160 IBD patients (50.6% Male)
- Fcal >100 µg/g predicts clinical relapse after de-escalation
- Current use of steroids (HR=1.67[1.00-2.79]; p< 0.0001) a risk factor for relapse
  - Fcal > 100 µg/g in patients attempting to discontinue steroids was predictive of relapse (n=37; p=0.001)



Fcal should be measured 3 months after therapeutic de-escalation and then every 6 months

Buisson A, et al. / Crohns Collit. 2019;13(8):1012-24.

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### Circling Backwards

- Can you go back to a therapy that had worked and stopped working?
- Theoretically, if the inflammatory pathway related to the mechanism of treatment is reactivated, YES.
- If prior loss of response was due to anti-drug antibodies, NO.
- After surgery, probably YES. Did they just need surgery anyway, and that was the reason for the lack of response to therapy? Or did they progress right through the prior therapy? (then NO)



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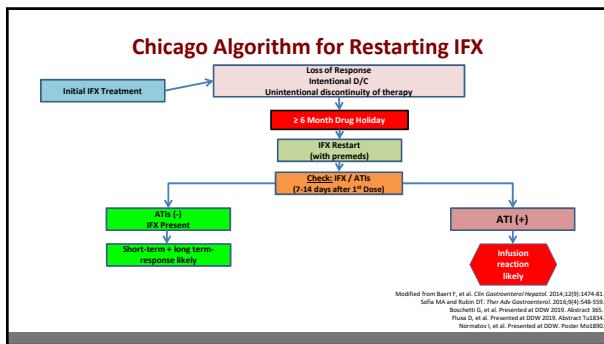
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### Summary: Positioning the New IBD Therapies – Merging Experience with Evidence

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- Your first therapy will work best
- Consider co-morbidities
- Combination therapies make sense for some scenarios (and not just anti-TNF+IMMI)
- Optimize
- Thoughtful choice of second therapy and understanding why its needed
- Circling backwards is reasonable, but unproven
- Restarting after elective drug holidays




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## Immunosuppressive therapy in pediatric IBD: can we de-escalate therapy?

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Abbvie	Speaker fees
Abbvie	Investigator-initiated research support
Takeda, Janssen	Industry-initiated clinical trial participation

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## Learning Objectives:

As a result of the talk, the audience will be able to:

- Advise families concerning likelihood of (and factors predictive of) successful discontinuation of biologic therapies
- Utilize therapeutic drug monitoring to plan de-escalation of combination therapy with biologics
- Initiate and utilize biologic therapies in a way most likely to allow long-term effectiveness while balancing risks

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**Outline: De-escalation of biologic therapy (focus on anti-TNFs)**

- Stopping anti-TNFs
- Lesser degrees of de-escalation
  - Discontinuation of concomitant immunomodulator in patients receiving anti-TNFs
  - Altering regimen (guided by therapeutic drug monitoring) to reduce (avoid unnecessarily high) anti-TNF exposure

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**Outline: De-escalation of biologic therapy (anti-TNFs)**

- Stopping anti-TNFs
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**Stopping in whom?: heterogeneity of patients successfully treated with anti-TNFs**

- Luminal inflammatory Crohn's disease following failure of immunomodulators to achieve steroid-free clinical remission and/or intestinal healing
- As first-line therapy for luminal inflammatory Crohn's disease
- Perianal fistulizing disease
- As rescue therapy for steroid-refractory ulcerative colitis (often first presentation)
- Steroid-dependent ulcerative colitis despite optimized 5-ASA
- Steroid-dependent ulcerative colitis despite optimized 5-ASA and thiopurines

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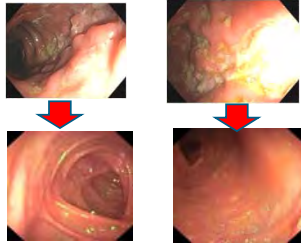
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**Can we stop anti-TNF therapy?  
After successful treatment of luminal inflammatory CD?**

- 11 year old boy presented with endoscopically severe ileocolonic disease
- Treated initially with infliximab induction and maintenance dosing guided by trough levels (5 mg/kg q 6 weekly) in combination with MTX
- Intestinal healing documented at 18 months



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**Can we stop anti-TNF therapy?  
After successful treatment of steroid-refractory UC?**

- 12 year old boy presented to ER with 3-4 weeks of bloody diarrhea, cultures negative
- Failure of symptom resolution over ~ 5 days of IV steroids; therefore infliximab added
- 18 months of steroid-free continuous clinical remission



- Endoscopic and histologic remission

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**Pediatric framework for discussion of stopping**

- Anti-TNF therapy is very frequently used early in pediatric Crohn's disease management without trial of immunomodulators
- Infliximab is used as customary rescue therapy in pediatric patients with acute onset steroid-refractory extensive/pancolitis
- When outcomes in such patients are excellent, should there be an attempt at de-escalation?

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**Stopping anti-TNFs**

<p><b>What is the concern about stopping?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recurrence of active IBD</li> <li>• Subsequent lack of efficacy</li> </ul>	<p><b>What is the worry about continuing?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential side effects (particularly neoplasia risk)</li> <li>• Cost/inconvenience</li> </ul>
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10 \*Beaugerie L, Clin Gastro Hepatol 2019; 17: 370-379

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**Data to be considered in discussion of stopping**

- Data concerning outcomes following cessation of anti-TNF therapy
  - in Crohn's disease
  - in ulcerative colitis
- Data concerning risks (particularly neoplasia) with long-term therapy
  - versus risks with other potentially effective maintenance strategies
  - In Crohn's disease
  - In ulcerative colitis

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**Data concerning outcomes following de-escalation of anti-TNF therapy....in adults with IBD**

- In Crohn's disease: The STORI continues: recent longer term follow-up of the original GETAID cohort (Reenaers C et al. Clin Gastro Hepatol 2018;16:234-243)
- In any IBD:
  - Systematic review and meta-analysis (2016)
  - More recent observational studies

Gisbert JP, Am J Gastro 2016; 111: 632-647; Casanova, Am J Gastro 2017; 112: 120-131; Molander, Scand J Gastro 2017; 52:284-290

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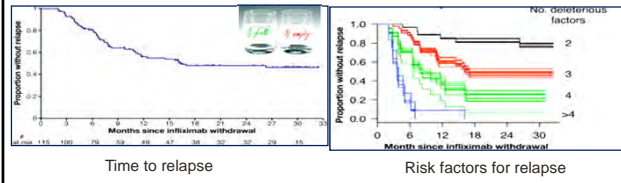
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**STORI trial: Infliximab discontinuation in Crohn's disease patients in stable remission on combined therapy with immunomodulators**

115 adults with Crohn's disease receiving combination therapy  
 Infliximab  $\geq$  1 year;  $\geq$  6 months sustained clinical remission



Remission regained with re-treatment in 88%

13 Louis E. et al Gastroenterology 2012; 42: 63-70

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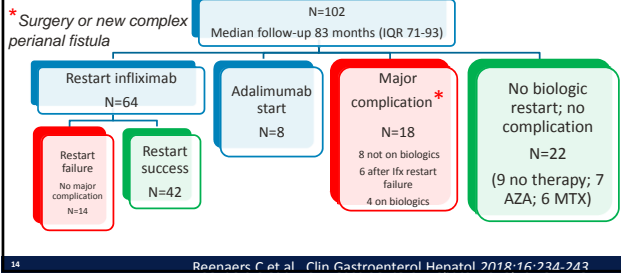
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**The STORI continues: 7 year follow-up**



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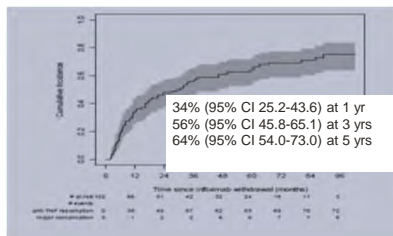
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**Time to resumption of anti-TNF following infliximab discontinuation**



34% (95% CI 25.2-43.6) at 1 yr  
 56% (95% CI 45.8-65.1) at 3 yrs  
 64% (95% CI 54.0-73.0) at 5 yrs

71% restarted anti-TNF (infliximab or adalimumab) after median 13 months (IQR 6-33 months)

15 Reenaers C et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2018;16:234-243

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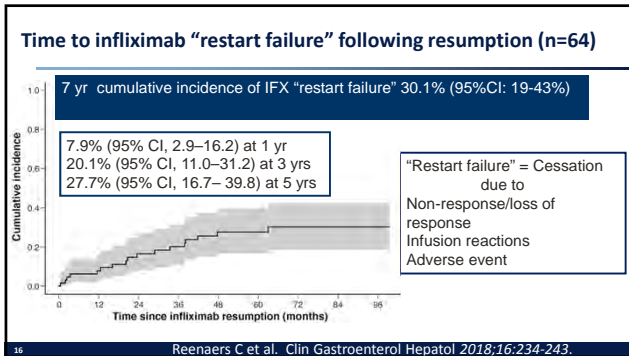
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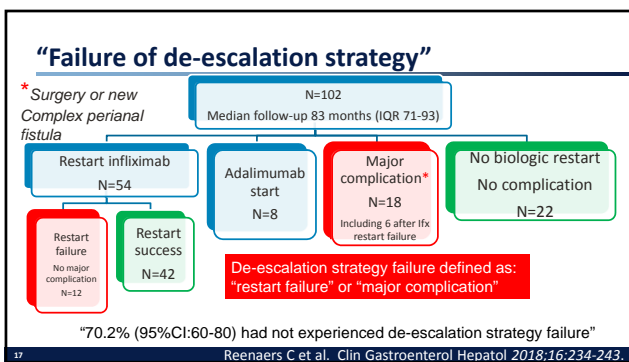
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### Risk of Relapse after discontinuing anti-TNF therapy: systematic review and meta-analysis of 27 studies

	Total number of patients	Percentage with relapse	Follow-up (months)
Crohn's Disease	912	44% 95% CI (36-51%)	6-125
Ulcerative Colitis	266	38% 95% CI (23-52%)	6-24

Gisbert JP et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2016;111:632-647

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### Increasing risk of relapse over time (Crohn's Disease)

Total number of patients	Follow-up	Percentage with relapse
126	6 months	38% 95% CI (13-63%)
813	12-24 months	40% 95% CI (33-48%)
288	>25 months (28-125 months)	49% 95% CI (31-68%)

Gisbert JP et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2016;111:632-647

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### Risk of relapse in those with prior clinical vs endoscopic remission

	Clinical Remission	Endoscopic Remission
Relapse by 6 months	61%	18%
Relapse within first year	42% 95% CI (32-52%) n=448	26% 95% CI (15-37%) n=57
After first year, by 24 months	42% 95% CI (25-58%) n=231	44% 95% CI (31-58%) n=52

Retreatment with the same anti-TNF induced remission in 80% (68-91%)

Gisbert JP et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2016;111:632-647

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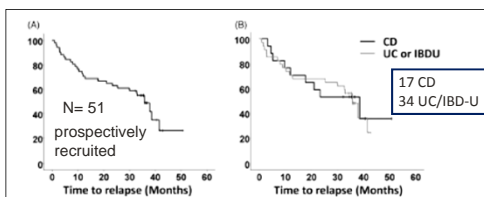
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### Time to relapse after stopping anti-TNF therapy in UC and CD patients in deep remission (clinical + endoscopic + calprotectin <100)



60% relapse after median follow-up 36 months

Molander P et al. Scandinavian Journal of Gastroenterology, 2017;52: 284-290

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### Anti-TNF discontinuation: large retrospective multicenter Spanish study

- N=1055 (69% CD; 31% UC) in clinical remission; 74% infliximab, 26% adalimumab
- Anti-TNF therapy discontinued: elective decision (75%), onset of adverse events (18%) or remission after 'top-down' therapy (7%)
- 68% treated with immunomodulator

Cumulative incidence of relapse  
24% 1yr, 38% at 2yrs, 56% at 5yrs

310/467 (69%) retreated with same anti-TNF

Same anti-TNF induced remission in 75%

Casanova et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2017;112(1):120-131

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### Stopping in whom?: Are "our" patients represented by these studies

- Luminal inflammatory Crohn's disease following failure of immunomodulators to achieve steroid-free clinical remission and/or intestinal healing
- As first-line therapy for luminal inflammatory Crohn's disease
- Perianal fistulizing disease
- As rescue therapy for steroid-refractory ulcerative colitis (often first presentation)
- Steroid-dependent ulcerative colitis despite optimized 5-ASA
- Steroid-dependent ulcerative colitis despite optimized 5-ASA and thiopurines

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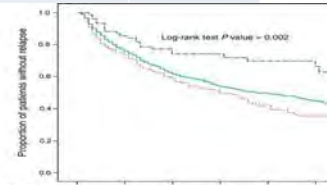
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### Small subset treated with "top-down" anti-TNF

	Top-down (n=24)	Elective (n=400)	Adverse events (n=36)
Anti-TNF duration	4 months	21 months	14 months
IFX induction only	44% (30)	4% (30)	7% (12)

Table 3. Factors associated with the risk of relapse after discontinuation of anti-TNF therapy in the multivariate analysis

Factors	HR	95% CI	Pvalue
Maintenance of IMIs after discontinuation	0.70	0.57-0.88	0.002
Older age at discontinuation	0.99	0.98-0.99	<0.001
Elective discontinuation (vs. discontinuation for top-down strategy)	1.82	1.19-2.79	0.005
Discontinuation because of adverse events (vs. discontinuation as part of a top-down strategy)	1.95	1.22-3.12	0.005



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Casanova P. Am J Gastroenterol. 2017;112(1):120-131

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## Outline: De-escalation of biologic therapy (anti-TNFs)

### Stopping biologics

- Lesser degrees of de-escalation
  - Discontinuation of concomitant immunomodulator in patients receiving biologics
  - Altering regimen (guided by therapeutic drug monitoring) to reduce (avoid unnecessarily high) biologic exposure

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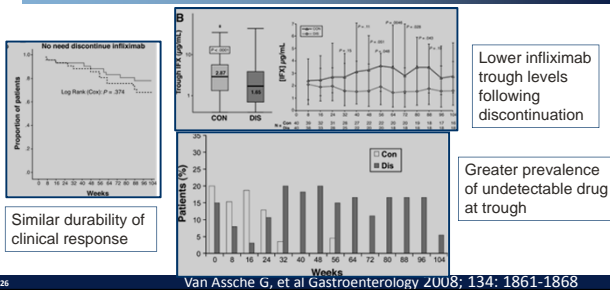
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## Continuation versus discontinuation of thiopurine after 6 months combination therapy with infliximab: randomized controlled trial



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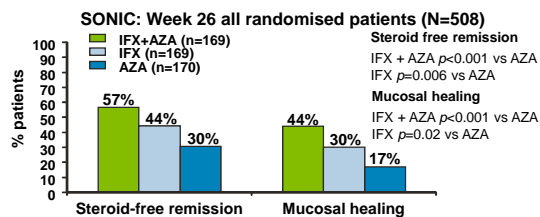
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## Do we need to use combination therapy in the first place?

### Infliximab combination therapy has a small treatment benefit compared with monotherapy



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Colombel J, et al. N Engl J Med 2010;362:1383

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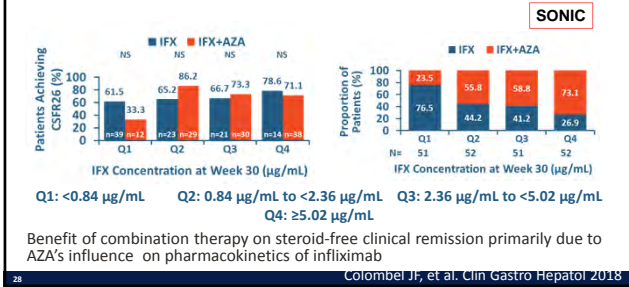
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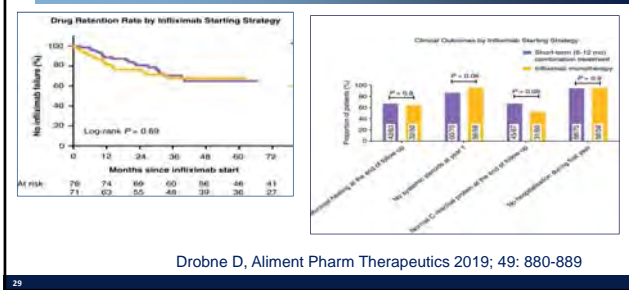
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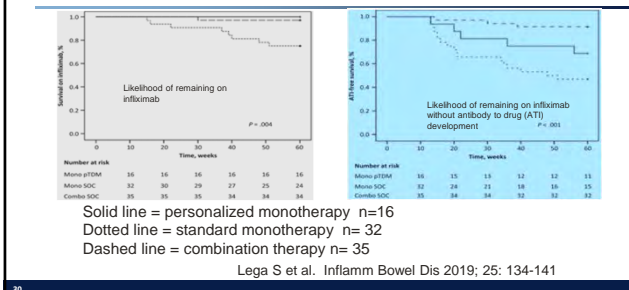
### Likelihood of clinical remission according to drug level concentration at trough (patients grouped according to quartiles of drug level)



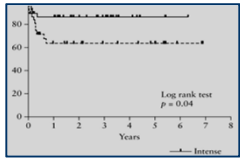
### Optimised infliximab monotherapy versus combination therapy



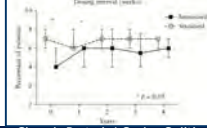
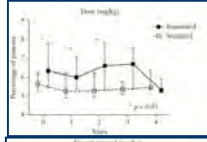
### Infliximab monotherapy with pro-active therapeutic drug monitoring (at week 10) versus combination therapy (retrospective analysis)



**Intensified infliximab reduces colectomy rates in acute severe steroid-refractory pediatric UC: subsequent de-escalation**



Colectomy-free survival (intensified versus standard Induction dosing)



Per kg dose reduction  
and/or  
Interval lengthening

31 Church P et al, J Crohn Colitis 2019; 13: 982-989

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**SUMMARY**

- In observational studies, stopping successful anti-TNF in patients with IBD (CD and UC) is usually (~75%) associated with subsequent relapse and re-treatment even if immunomodulator is continued
- Experience with stopping anti-TNF when administered as **first** therapy (without prior failure of immunomodulator) is, however, very limited, despite the increasing prevalence of such patients in pediatric practice
- Re-treatment with anti-TNF is usually (in ~70-80%) successful
- Lesser degrees of de-escalation (e.g. stopping concomitant immunomodulator) are more successful and can be guided by therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM)

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**FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

- Proactive TDM is opening an era of individualized therapy with potential to ascertain and maintain optimal target levels and avoid over-exposure
- Continued examination of target levels of anti-TNFs and newer biologics according to treatment target (clinical versus endoscopic versus histologic remission) in CD and UC
- With emerging biologics and small molecules..... evaluation of novel treatment algorithms to induce and maintain deep remission (e.g. de-escalation to agents with lower potential for long-term systemic unwanted effects)

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## When it is not IBD...Rare forms of Intestinal Inflammation



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## Objectives

- Learn to recognize and diagnose intestinal inflammation not due to IBD.
- Understand the natural history of a variety of rare forms of intestinal inflammation.
- Learn how to treat rare forms of intestinal inflammation.

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### Not all we see is IBD...

- Microscopic colitis
- Lymphocytic colitis
- Collagenous colitis
- Diversion colitis
- Bechet's Disease
- Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases (PID)
  - Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD)
- Graft-Versus Host Disease
- Solitary rectal ulcer
- Eosinophilic/allergic colitis
- Hirschsprung's enterocolitis
- Neutropenic colitis (typhlitis)
- NSAID-induced colitis
- Radiation Colitis
- Ischemic colitis
- Medication-induced Colitis
- Check-point inhibitor colitis

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### Case Presentation

- 15 yo girl presents with diffuse abdominal pain for the last few months
- Intermittent diarrhea up to 4-5 x per day and urgency, but no visible blood or mucus
- She has had no weight loss
- She denies fevers, oral ulcers, joint pain, or rashes and ROS was otherwise negative
- FH: maternal aunt with Crohn's disease

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### Work-Up

- All labs including CRP, ESR and celiac serologies are negative.
- Stool calprotectin 230 (mildly elevated)
- EGD and colonoscopy are grossly normal
- Your preliminary diagnosis:

**IBS-D**

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## IBD vs. Microscopic Colitis

IBD	Microscopic Colitis
Females ~ Males	Females >> Males
Young adults and children	Ages 50-60
Bloody diarrhea	Watery diarrhea
Urgency	Urgency and incontinence
Weight loss	Little/no weight loss
Endoscopic inflammation	Visually normal endoscopy

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## Epidemiology of Microscopic Colitis

- Incidence: 1-25 per 100,000 person-years
- Average age at diagnosis: 65 yrs
- 25% are younger than 45 yrs
- More common in females
- Up to 1/3 of celiac patients have microscopic colitis
- Increased in patients with autoimmune disease

Pardi DS. Am J Gastroenterol 2017  
Munch A and Langner C. Clin Gastroenterol and Hep 2015

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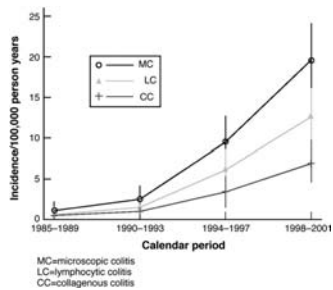
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## Microscopic Colitis is on the Rise



Pardi D and Kelly C. Gastroenterol. 2011

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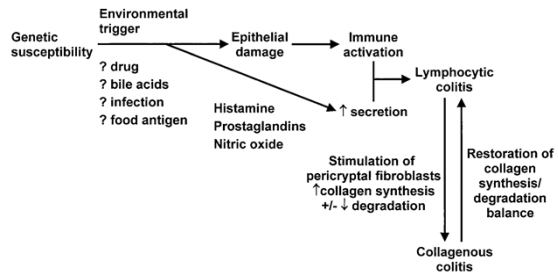
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## Pathogenesis of Microscopic Colitis



Pardi D et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2002

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## Microscopic Colitis is Associated with Intestinal Dysbiosis

- Diversity was significantly higher in active MC compared to healthy controls, functional diarrhea, and MC in remission
- *Haemophilus parainfluenzae* and *Veillonella* species were significantly more abundant in MC than in healthy controls
- *Alistipes putredinis* were less abundant in MC
  - Butyrate-producing
  - ? Anti-inflammatory properties ?
  - Depleted in new-onset pediatric IBD

Morgan DM. et al. Clin Gastroenterol and Hepatol. 2019

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## Drugs That Trigger MC

Low Likelihood	Intermediate Likelihood	High Likelihood
<b>Cimetidine</b>	Carbamazepine	Acarbose
Gold Salts	<b>Celecoxib</b>	Aspirin
Piasclodine	Duloxetine	Clozapine
	Fluvastatin	Entocapone
	Flutamide	Flavonoid
	Oxetorone	<b>Lansoprazole</b>
	Madopar	<b>Es/omeprazole</b>
	Paroxetine	<b>NSAIDs</b>
	Simvastatin	<b>Ranitidine</b>
	Stevelo	Sertraline
		Ticlopidine

Munch A. et al. J Crohn's and Colitis. 2012

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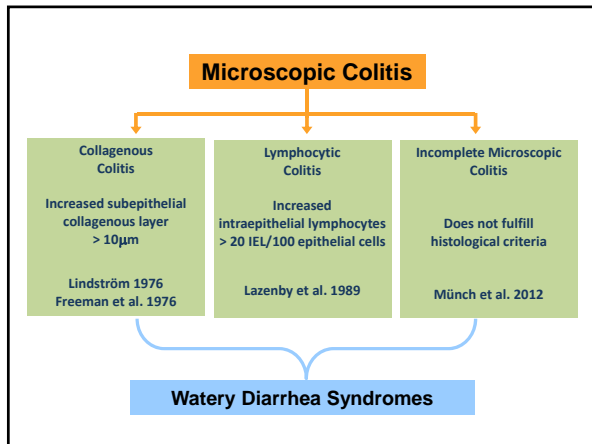
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### Histology Is the Key to Diagnosis

Percent (%)	Normal	IBD	Lymphocytic Colitis	Collagenous Colitis
Intraepithelial lymphocytes	4.6	4.4	<b>24.6</b>	<b>21.2</b>
Intraepithelial eosinophils	<0.1	0.8	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Intraepithelial neutrophils	0.4	<b>1.4</b>	0.3	0.2
Crypt distortion	0.3	<b>1.9</b>	0.8	0.5
Sub-epithelial collagen	0	0	0	<b>100</b>
Epithelial flattening	7.3	8.2	<b>35.2</b>	<b>35.4</b>
Epithelial loss	10	6	4.7	<b>20</b>

Lazenby A. et al. Human Pathology, 1989

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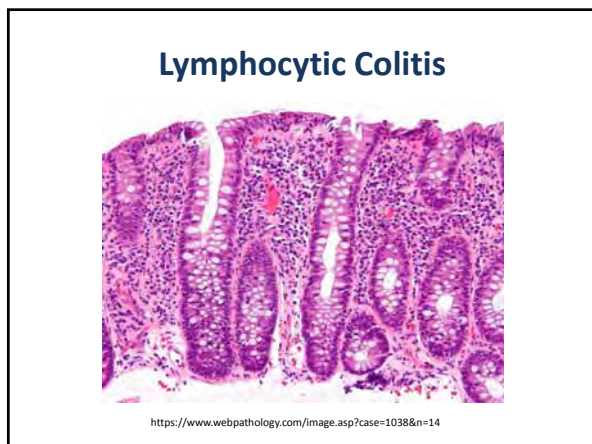
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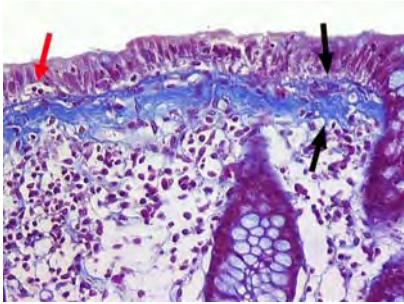
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## Collagenous Colitis



<https://www.webpathology.com/image.asp?case=1038&n=8>

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## Collagenous Colitis in Children

	Pediatric-Onset	Adult-Onset
<b>Symptoms</b>	Abdominal pain Iron deficiency anemia	Abdominal pain Voluminous non-bloody diarrhea Malabsorption Protein-losing enteropathy
<b>Histology</b>	Collagen in stomach	Collagen throughout GI tract Increased inflammation
<b>First Pediatric Case</b>	Dick Colletti & Thomas Trainer 1989	Dick Colletti et al. 1998

Matta J et al. JPGN 2018

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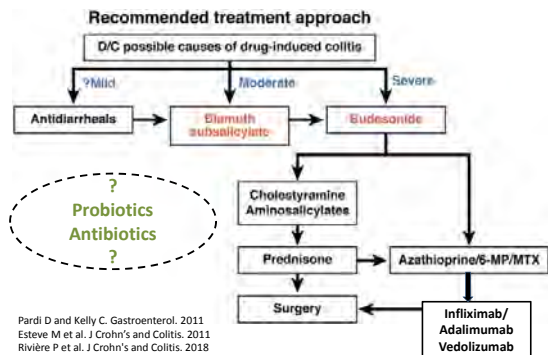
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## Management of Microscopic Colitis




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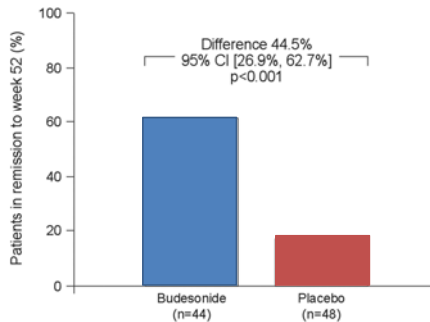
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## Budesonide Treatment for MC



Münch A et al. Gut 2016

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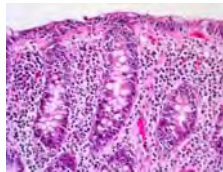
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## Case Follow-Up

- Histology:
  - Increased IEL
  - Epithelial flattening/damage
  - No collagen band
- Diagnosis: Lymphocytic colitis
- Started on budesonide 9 mg/d
- Sx resolved after a 2 wks
- Tx with budesonide for 8 wks, then tapered down to 3 mg/d but sx returned
- Dose increased back to 9 mg/d and in remission.



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## Take Home Points

- Microscopic colitis can cause non-bloody voluminous diarrhea and belly pain in children
- Microscopic colitis may be due to medications and/or associated with autoimmune disease
  - Consider MC in patients with celiac disease
- Histopathology is lymphocytic colitis and collagenous colitis is distinct from IBD
- Budesonide is the only evidenced based tx and is the most effect treatment

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## Thank You



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***Eosinophilic Inflammation Beyond the Esophagus***

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**Eosinophils Beyond the Esophagus:  
Outline**

- Definition and Diagnosis
- Epidemiology and Demographics
- Clinical Presentation
- Diagnostic Approach
- Management Approach

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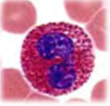
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### Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases (EGIDs)

EGIDs are a group of immune-mediated diseases characterized by gastrointestinal eosinophilia accompanied with gastrointestinal symptoms.

Deillon et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2014;  
 Mansoor et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2017;  
 Liacouras et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol 2011.

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### Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders (EGIDs)

- Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)
- Eosinophilic Gastritis (EG)
- Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE)
- Eosinophilic Enteritis (EEnt)
- Eosinophilic Colitis (EC)

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### EGID Epidemiology

EGID	Prevalence (per 100,000)
EoE	57
EG	6.3
EGE	5.1 - 8.4
EC	2.1 – 3.3

Jensen et al. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr 2016.  
 Mansoor et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2017.

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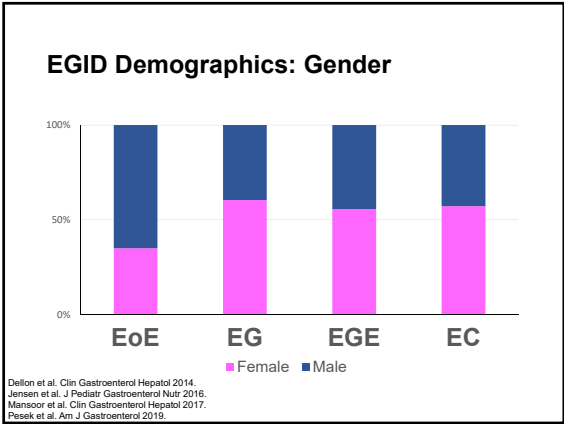
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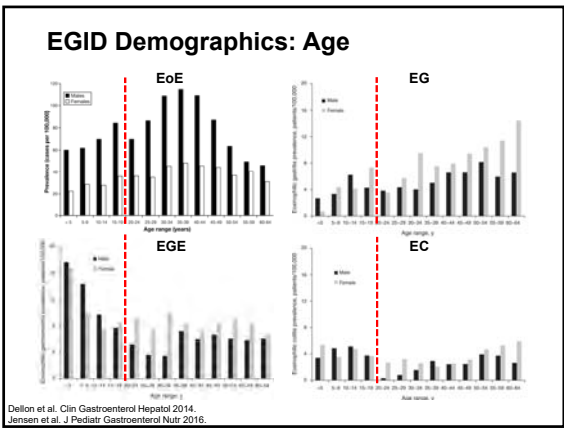
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- ### EGID Diagnosis
- **Clinical Features**
    - Gastrointestinal symptoms
  
  - **Histological Features**
    - Eosinophil-predominant gastrointestinal inflammation
    - Exclude other intestinal eosinophilia

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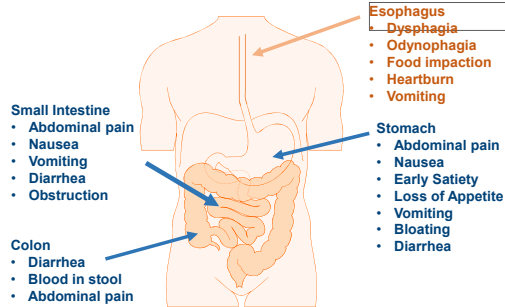
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### EGID Clinical Presentation Depends on Location




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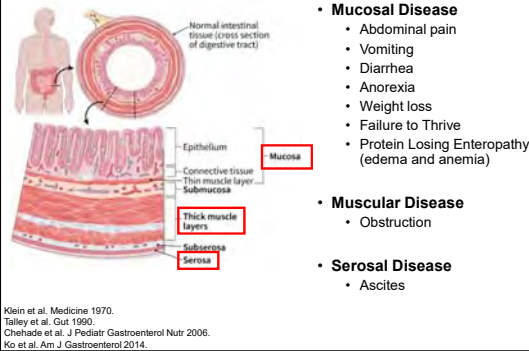
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### EGID Clinical Presentation Depends on Depth




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### EGID Diagnostic Workup

*Other Clinical History That Raises Your Suspicion*

#### Allergic Conditions (>50%)

- Allergic Rhinitis (28-34%)
- Sinusitis (29-30%)
- Asthma (15-33%)
- Dermatitis/Eczema (18-32%)
- Food Allergies (18-24%)
- Urticaria (5-7%)
- Drug Allergies (49-53%)

Talley et al. Gut 1990.  
Chang et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2010.  
Ko et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2014.  
Jansen et al. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr 2016.  
Mansoor et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2017.

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### EGID Diagnostic Workup

*Other Clinical/Laboratory Findings That Raises Your Suspicion*

Clinical Findings	Laboratory Tests
Peripheral Eosinophilia (20-85% of cases)	✓ CBC with differential
Subset with Protein Losing Enteropathy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anemia</li><li>• Hypoalbuminemia</li><li>• Intestinal protein loss</li></ul>	✓ Albumin ✓ Stool $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin
Bloody Stools	✓ Fecal occult blood

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### EGID Diagnostic Workup

*Other Radiological Findings That Raises Your Suspicion*



Ascites

Gastric Mural Thickening

Small Bowel Mural Thickening

Chang et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2010.

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### EGID Diagnostic Workup

- Remember!
  - Clinical Features
    - Gastrointestinal symptoms
  - Histological Features
    - Eosinophil-predominant gastrointestinal inflammation
- You've Got an Issue, You Need Tissue!
  - Endoscopy
  - Laparoscopy (if you suspect serosal disease)

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### What is a Normal Number of Eosinophils?

Site	Normal Eosinophils/HPF
Fundus	5-7
Antrum	15
Duodenum	20
Jejunum	35
Term Ileum	18
Cecum	14
Asc Colon	10
Trans Colon	10
Desc Colon	10
Sigmoid	10
Rectum	10

**Gastrointestinal Eosinophils**

Normal eosinophil values, per high power field (hpf):

- Esophagus (0)
- Gastric antrum (2-16)
- Duodenum (10-20)
- Colon (10-30)

Average accepted values

Lawlichik, Weisberg. Mod Path 1996.  
DeBrosse et al. Pediatr Dev Pathol 2006

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### What is an Abnormal Number of Eosinophils?

- Greater than two times the normal (rule of thumb)
- Stomach
  - $\geq 30$  eosinophils/HPF
- Duodenum
  - $> 52$  eosinophils/HPF
- Ileum
  - $> 56$  eosinophils/HPF
- Colon
  - Right colon:  $> 100$  eosinophils/HPF
  - Transverse and descending colon:  $> 84$  eosinophils/HPF
  - Rectosigmoid colon:  $> 64$  eosinophils/HPF
- Note any altered eosinophil distribution and epithelial changes

Collins. Gastroenterol Clin North Am 2014.

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### Eosinophilic Gastritis: Endoscopic Features

- Erythema
- Edema
- Ulcerations
- Erosions
- Nodules
- Polyps
- Normal

**Erosions B**      **Ulcers C**

**Mucosa can appear normal.**

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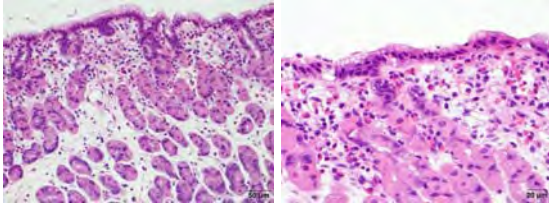
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**Eosinophilic Gastritis: Histologic Features**



***The disease is patchy!***

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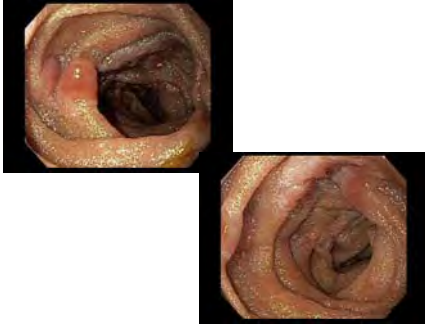
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**Eosinophilic Enteritis/Gastroenteritis: Endoscopic Features**

- Erythema
- Edema
- Exudates
- Ulcerations
- Erosions
- Nodules
- Normal



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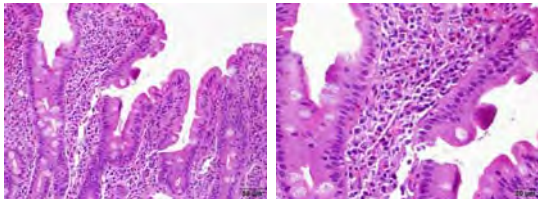
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**Eosinophilic Enteritis/Gastroenteritis: Histologic Features**



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**Eosinophilic Colitis:  
Endoscopic Features**

- Erythema
- Edema
- Polyps
- Ulcerations
- Normal



Abassa et al. World J Gastroenterol 2017.

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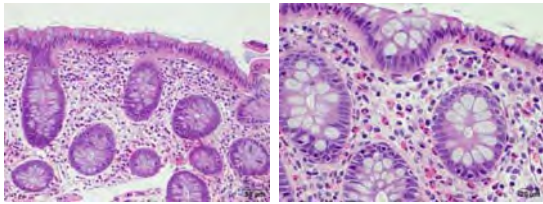
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**Eosinophilic Colitis:  
Histologic Features**



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**EGID Diagnostic Workup**  
*Excluding Other Causes of Intestinal Eosinophilia*

- Parasitic Infection
- Menetrier's Disease
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Celiac Disease
- Connective Tissue Disease
- Neoplasias
- Hypereosinophilic Syndrome

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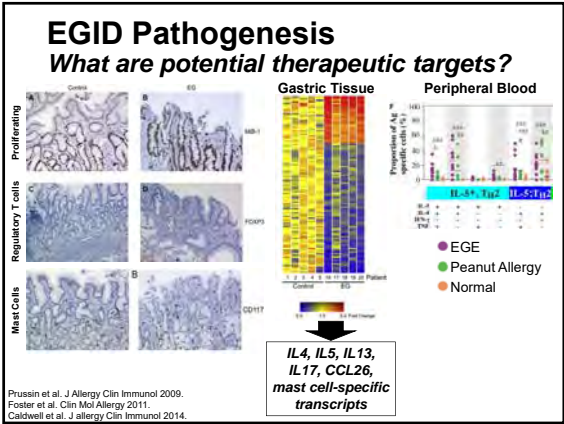
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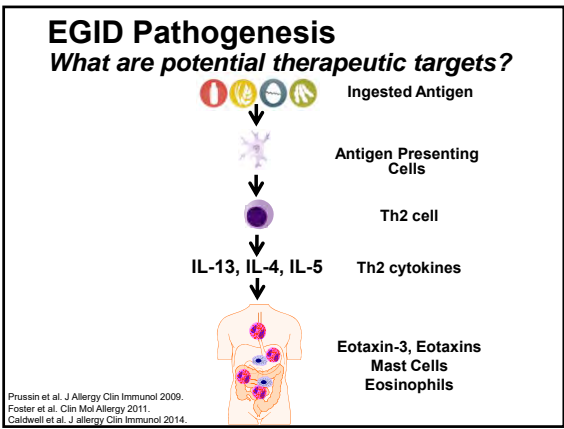
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### EGID Management

- **Steroids**
  - Systemic Steroids
    - Prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day (or 20-40mg/day) x 2-4 weeks followed by taper
    - 95% (18/19 EGE patients) "responded"
  - Topical Steroids
    - Budesonide 0.25-9mg/day
      - Open enteric-coated capsule and crush granules and mix with 15ml of water/juice
      - Viscous slurry
    - 61% (22/36 EGE patients) "responded"

Pineton de Chambrun et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2011.  
Reed et al. Dig Liv Dis 2015.

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## EGID Management

### • Dietary Therapy

- Elemental Diet
  - 75% (22/29 EGE patients) "responded"
  - 83% (5/6 EG patients) "responded"
- Empiric Elimination
  - Milk elimination
    - 63% (10/16 patients) "responded"
  - 6-food elimination/7-food elimination
    - 85% (29/34 EGE or EC patients) "responded"
- Allergy Test-Directed
  - 100% (4/4 EGE patients) "responded"

Lucendo et al. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr 2015.

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## EGID Management

### • Other therapies

- Cromolyn (mast cell stabilizer)
  - Symptomatic relief
    - Moots et al. Gut 1988.
    - Talley et al. Gut 1990.
    - Di Gioacchino et al. Allergy 1990.
    - Ko et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2014.
- Montelukast
  - Symptomatic relief
    - Neustrom et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol 1999.
    - Friesen et al. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr 2004.
- Omalizumab (anti-IgE)
  - Not effective
    - Foster et al. Clin Mol Allergy 2011.
- Vedolizumab (anti-α4β7)
  - Effective in series of steroid-refractory cases (3/4 patients)
    - Grandinetti et al. Dig Dis Sci 2019.

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## EGID Future

### • Clinical Trials

- AK002 (anti-Siglec8) in adults with EG and/or EGE
  - **Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study in Patients with Eosinophilic Gastritis (EG) and/or Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE)**

Primary and Secondary Endpoints	Placebo (n=10)	High Dose AK002 (n=10)	Low Dose AK002 (n=10)	Combined AK002 (n=20)
Eosinophilic Gastritis (EG) or Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Colitis (EoC)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) or Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE) or Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE) or Eosinophilic Colitis (EoC)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20
Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE) or Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) or Eosinophilic Colitis (EoC)	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/20

<http://investor.allakos.com/news-releases/>

- Elemental diet in adults with EGE (NCT 03320369)
- Benralizumab (anti-IL5R) in teens/adults with EG (NCT 03473977)
- Dupilumab (anti-IL4R) in adults with EG (NCT 03678545)

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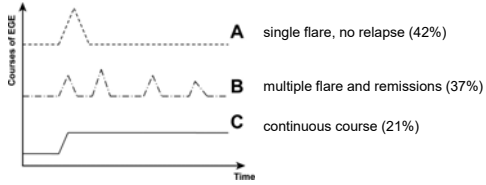
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## EGID Natural History and Monitoring



### Monitoring:

- **Histopathologic monitoring is needed to document remission**
- **Abnormal labs improve with remission**

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## Take Home Points

- GI symptoms/presentation correlate to location and depth of disease
- Suspect in patients with allergic disorders and atopy
- Endoscopic features can be normal
  - Biopsy normal areas as well
- Histopathology can be patchy
  - Take multiple biopsies from separate GI segments
- Therapy is limited to diet, topical steroids, or systemic steroids
- Monitoring does require repeat endoscopy/biopsy
  - But improving labs can also help

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