

Sphincter of Oddi dysfunction: SOD after EPISOD, Now what do we do ?



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What is sphincter of Oddi dysfunction ?

*“A riddle in a mystery wrapped
inside an enigma”*

John Baillie

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di
HUGGERO ODDI

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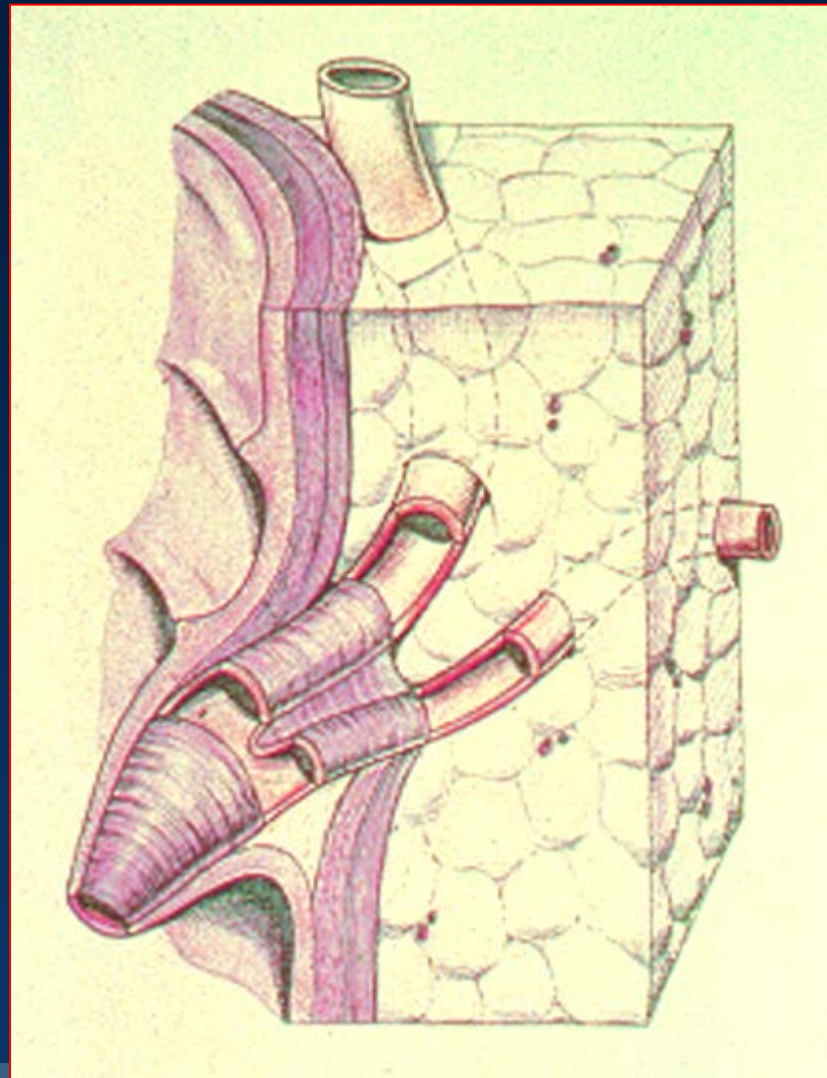
Desiderando fare uno studio comparativo sulla influenza che la bile poteva esercitare sulla digestione quando essa si versasse continuamente nell' intestino, o allorché lo si obbligava a scartarsi in modo non interrotto sullo stomaco *) fu consigliato dal mio maestro professor Marcacci, ad escipare la cistifellea. Privando così l' animale del verbatim della bile, obbligava quest' ultima (almeno lo lo credevo allora) a versarsi, via via che si formava, nelle intestini, nel modo stesso che, colto stabile la fessura colecnico-gastrica (previa legatura del coledoco), lo si obbligava a versarsi continuamente nello stomaco. I due casi mi parvero allora assolutamente comparabili, per cui operai tra casi di questa escipazione che, come ognuno sa, venne eseguita dallo Zambecari sin dal tempo di Galileo e per consiglio di quest' ultimo. Ottenni facilmente la guarigione, riscontrando negli animali così operati vari fatti degni di nota, dei quali mi occuperò a parte. Quello che però debbo riferire, non solo perchè si collega direttamente col tema di cui ora mi occupo, ma

*) Odi. - Influenza della bile sulla digestione gastrica studiata per mezzo della fessura cistifelleo-gastrica. - (Annali dell' Università Libera di Perugia.)

Papillary Stenosis: Definition

- *Benign noncalculous obstruction to flow of pancreatic juice or bile through the pancreaticobiliary duodenal junction (Sph. of Oddi) which may present with pain, pancreatitis, and/or cholestasis*

Relationship Between the Papillary Sphincters of the Common and Pancreatic Ducts with the Duodenal Wall



Type 1 Sphincter of Oddi dysfunction



SOD Clinical Features

- Usually female; CCX; 25-50 years old
- Pancreaticobiliary type pain
- Epigastric, RUQ, LUQ
- Radiation to back, scapulae, R shoulder
- Worse after meals; nocturnal; codeine, acid peptic Rx – no help

Classification of Biliary Sphincter disease

- Type I:** All of the following:
- Recurrent biliary pain
 - Liver test elevations (AST or ALT) on two separate occasions (2x upper limit of normal) with resolution inbetween
 - Dilated common bile duct (11 mm)
- Type II:** Recurrent biliary pain plus 1 of the above criteria
- Type III:** Biliary type pain only

Medical Rx of SOD

- Low fat diet
- Anticholinergics
- Nitrates
- Ca channel blockers
- Antidepressants
- Analgesics (avoid narcotics)

Complications of Biliary Sphincterotomy (MESH study)

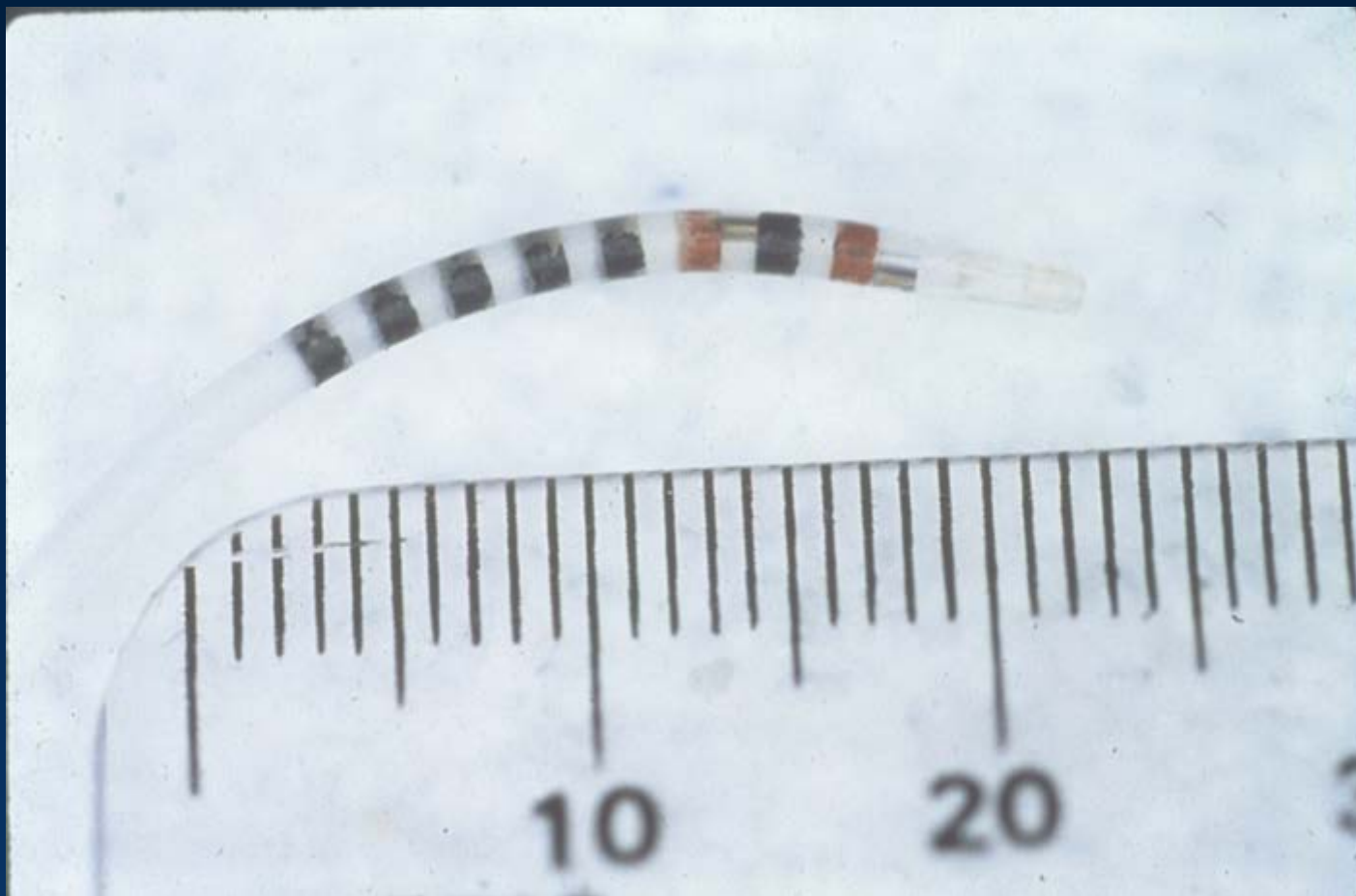
- 2347 patients underwent Biliary ES
- 229 (9.8%) had complications
- Deaths 2.3 % (ERCP related 0.4%)
- ***Complications in 21.7% SOD vs 8.2% in non SOD patients***
- ***Severe complications > in SOD (3.7% vs 1.3%)***

Non-invasive tests of biliary SOD

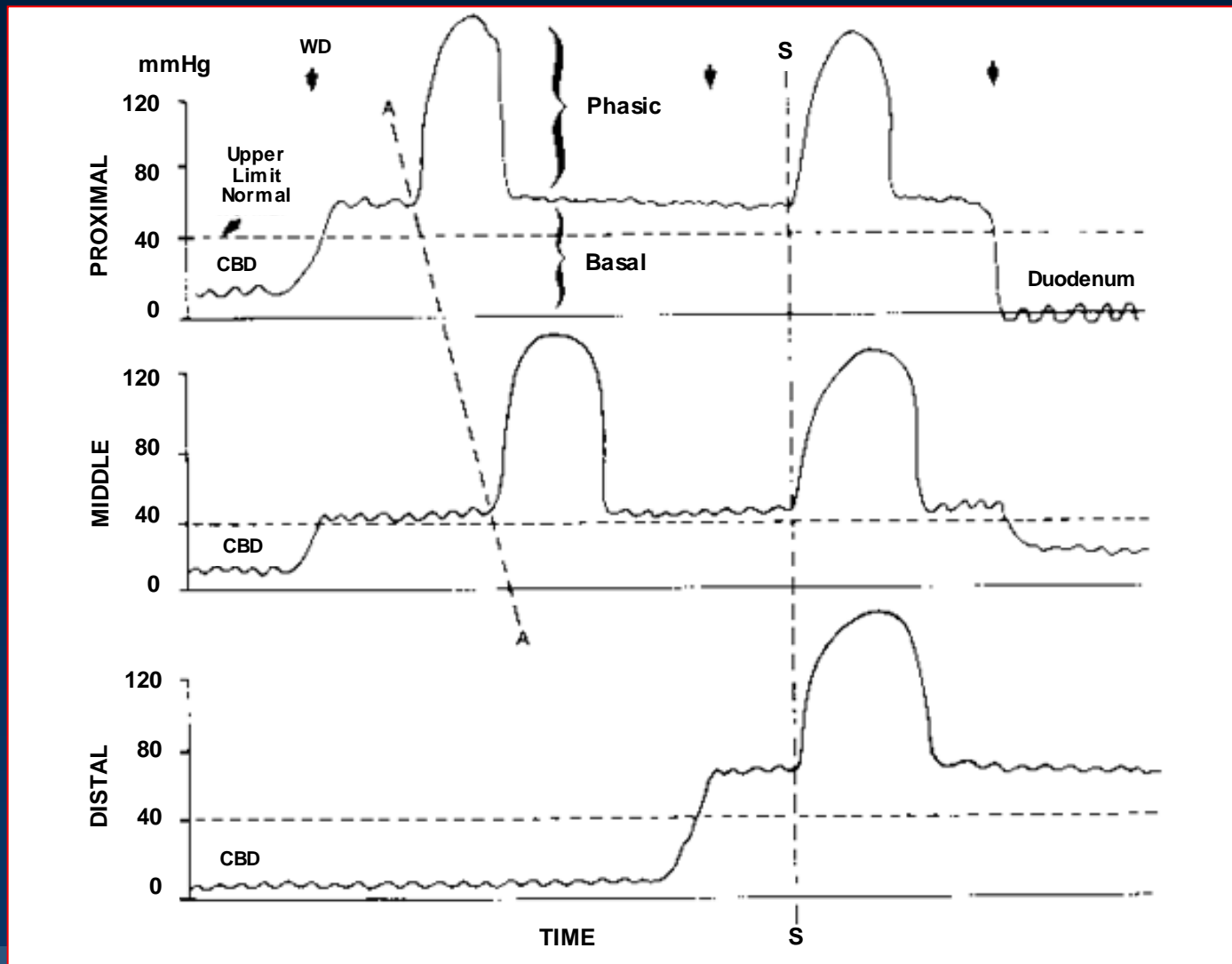
CBD { **Hepatobiliary Scintigraphy \pm CCK, Morphine**
Fatty Meal Sonography

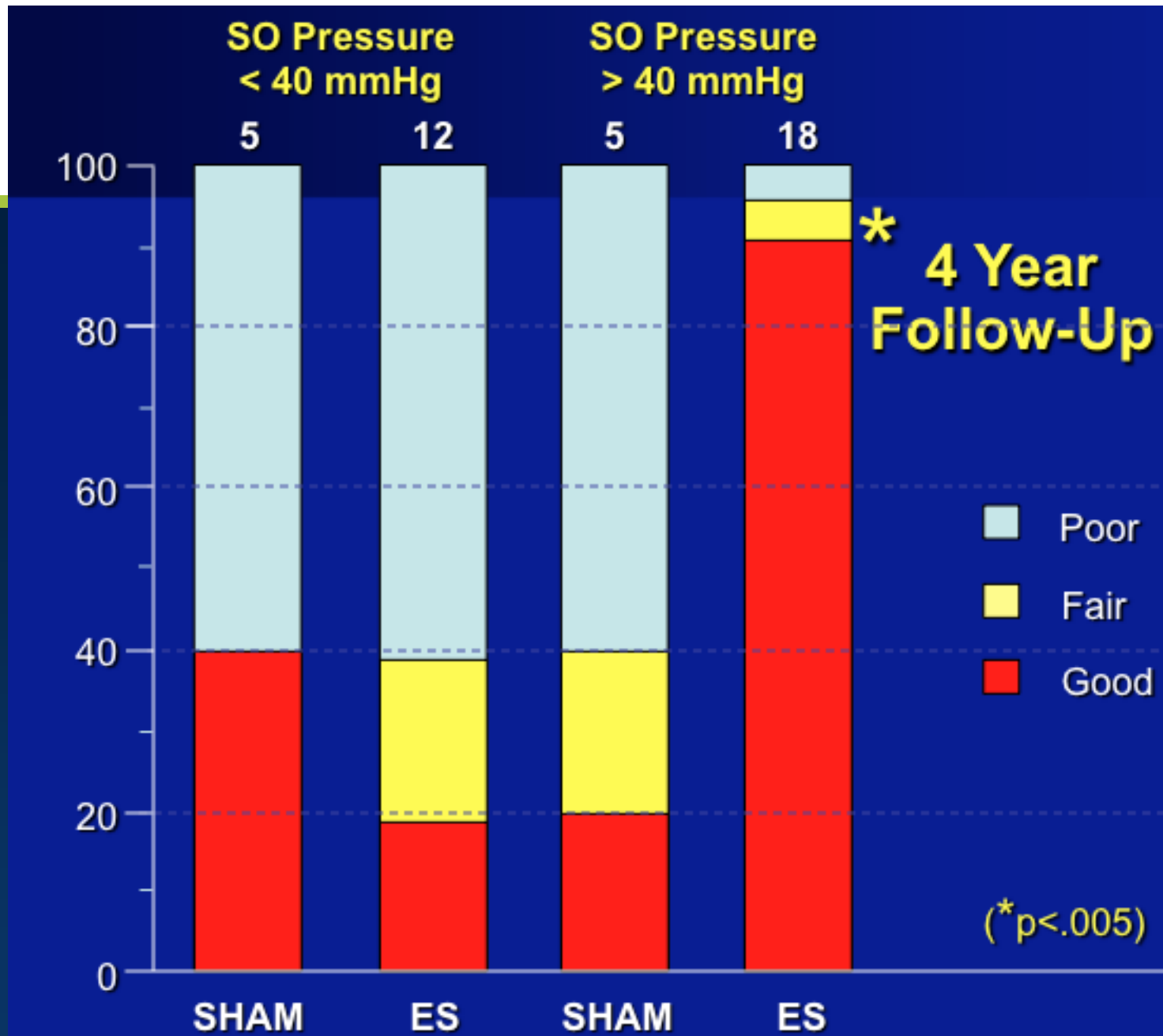
PD { **EUS + Secretin**
MRCP + Secretin

Sphincter of Oddi Manometry



Sphincter of Oddi Manometry-Profile





RCT comparing ES, S-ES and SSP (with or without CCX)- Results

Therapy	FU (yrs)	Mean Pain Score		# Hosp. Days/Mo.		% Pts. Imp.
		Pre-Rx	Post-Rx	Pre-Rx	Post-Rx	
ES (n=19)	2.9	9.2	3.9*	.85	.26**	68***
S-ES (n=17)	2.0	9.4	6.7	.87	.97	29
SSp ± CCx (n=16)	3.1	9.4	3.3*	.94	.30**	69***

*p<.04; *p=.002; ***p=.02, ES and SSp + CCx vs. S-ES

EPISOD

Evaluating
Predictors and
Interventions in
Sphincter of
Oddi
Dysfunction



“SOD III” (pain only)

Post-cholecystectomy pain with

- normal liver labs and
- normal bile duct size (<10mm)



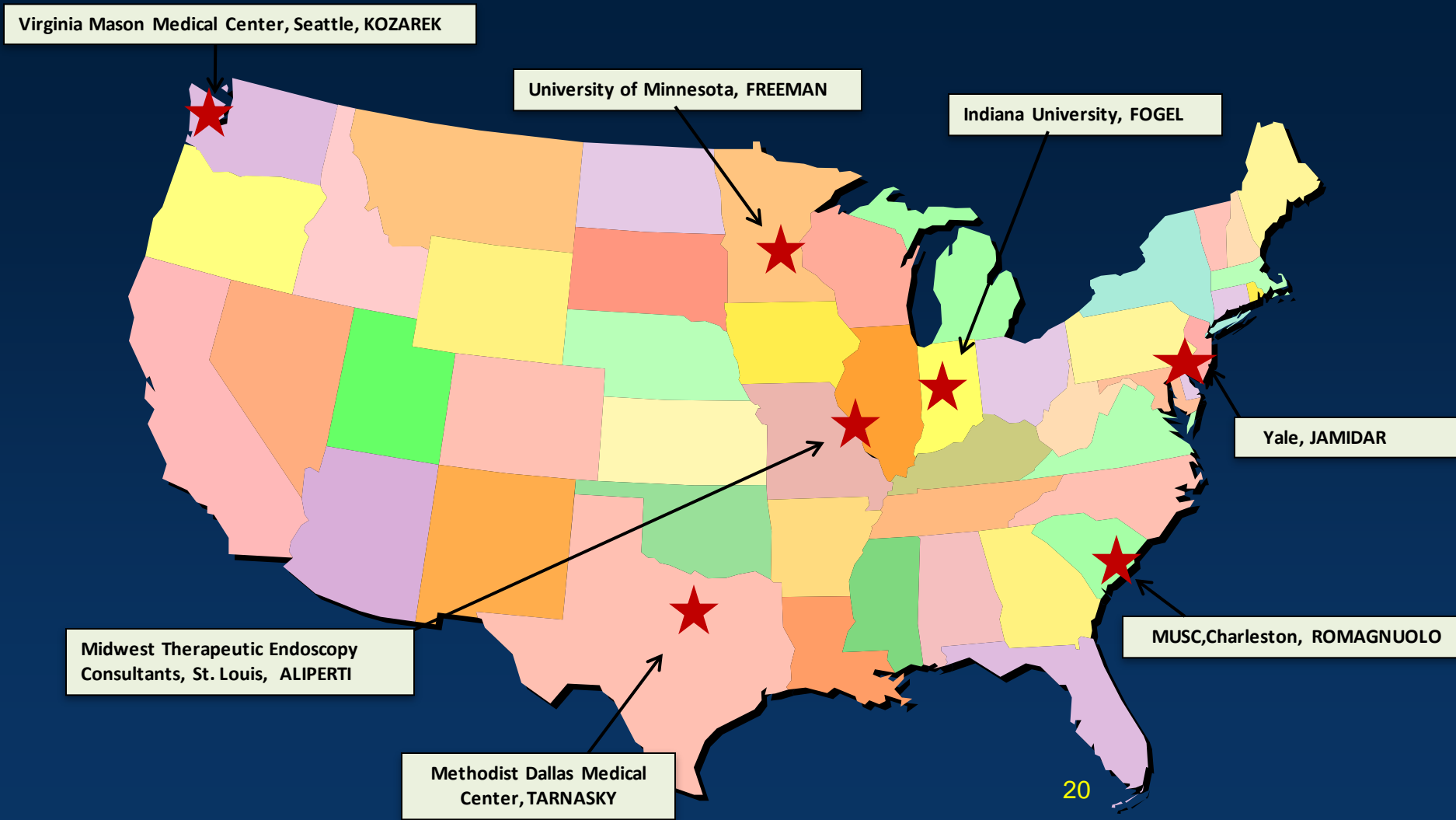
The problem of SOD III

- Results of ERCP/sphincterotomy unimpressive
 - *Unblinded cohort studies, one tiny RCT*
- Manometry is unproven as a predictor
- Risks are substantial
 - *Pancreatitis rate at least 15% . Perforations occur*
 - *Slippery slope of more procedures, and surgery*

Goals for EPISOD

- Which, if any, patients respond to biliary and/or pancreatic sphincterotomy?
- Are there clinical predictors of outcomes?
 - *pain pattern, reason for cholecystectomy and response to it, presence of other functional GI disorders, psychological status*
- Is manometry predictive?

EPISOD Study sites



EPISOD criteria

- Post-cholecystectomy (>3 m), aged 18-65
- Severe biliary pain
- No prior pancreatitis or sphincter treatment
- Normal EGD and scans, bile duct <10mm
- Labs (any time <6 months)
 - *Transaminases < 3xULN*
 - *Alk phos, Amylase, Lipase <2xULN*
- No daily narcotics or severe depression

Baseline characteristics

(Brawman-Mintzer Am J Gastro 2014)

- 92% female, mean age 38
- Less psychologically distressed than expected
 - *9% anxiety, 7.5% depression, 17% trauma*
- 34% had IBS
- 26% had taken narcotics in prior month
- 38% on anti-depressants

Methods

- ERCP with manometry of both sphincters
- Randomized 2:1 sphincterotomy vs sham irrespective of manometry results
- Those randomized to sphincterotomy with elevated pancreatic pressures were re-randomized to biliary or dual sphincterotomy
- Temporary stent (all patients) to reduce pancreatitis

Primary outcome

Treatment	Number	Success
Sphincterotomy	141	31 (23%)
Sham	73	26 (37%)

Outcome in patients with PSH

Treatment	Number	Success
Biliary sphincterotomy	51	10 (20%)
Dual sphincterotomy	47	14 (30%)
Overall sham	73	26 (37%)

Manometry not predictive

Manometry		Sphincterotomy success	
Biliary	Pancreatic	Biliary	Dual
+	+	20%	33%
-	+	20%	23%
+	-	21%	
-	-	17%	

Factors predicting success/failure?

- Manometry
- No clinical feature predicted outcome
 - *pain daily or not, presence of IBS, minor lab abnormalities, psyche/anxiety status, reason for cholecystectomy and response to it*

Questions/limitations

- Excluded too many people?
 - *Those least likely to benefit (eg narcotics)*
- Success criteria too strict?
 - *Same with 50% pain reduction, allow narcs*
- Sham arm (ERCP/manometry/stent)
 - *Therapeutic?*
 - *Needed a no-touch arm?*

EPISOD conclusions

- Many subjects improved initially regardless of treatment allocation
- At one year, sphincterotomy was not superior to sham treatment
- Manometry did not predict primary outcome
- Significant risks even with experts
- Alternative approaches are needed for these challenging patients

??? Goodbye SOD types I, II, III

- Type III doesn't exist
- Type I can be diagnosed as stones or stenosis by EUS
- Leaving “Suspected SOD” based on
 - *Biliary type pain*
 - *Abnormal liver labs and/or dilating bile duct*
- More studies needed

EPISOD Reaction

CLINICAL OPINION

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EPISOD puts an end to sphincter of Oddi dysfunction type III

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**ENDOSCOPIC
SPHINCTEROTOMY FOR
SPHINCTER OF ODDI
DYSFUNCTION:
INEFFICACIOUS THERAPY
FOR A FICTITIOUS DISEASE**



The Sphincter of Oddi Dysfunction Awareness and Education Network

February 13 at 12:08am · 🌐

SOD Advocacy Alert: The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) refused to pull the damaging article, "Endoscopic Sphincterotomy for Sphincter of Oddi Dysfunction: Inefficacious Therapy for a Fictitious Disease" from circulation. The SODAE Network had formally requested the article be removed as the title alone promotes a discord between gastroenterologists and their patients; and infers that every type of SOD is fictitious. Although we are disappointed, the AGA has encouraged we send a "Letter to the Editor" regarding this matter, which will be sent next week. More details to follow.

AGA Perspectives *Online*

Sphincter of Oddi Dysfunction: Still Alive?

September 19, 2014



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EPISOD-other considerations

- Around 3000 publications the last 150 years or so
- ? Adequate Pancreatic Sphincterotomies
- Is it fair to label patients that require retreatments as failures
- IBS 34% of cohort
- Hawthore effect
- What are “normal SO pressures”

What do we do with Type 111 patients now?

Cure sometimes,
treat often, comfort
always.

Hippocrates

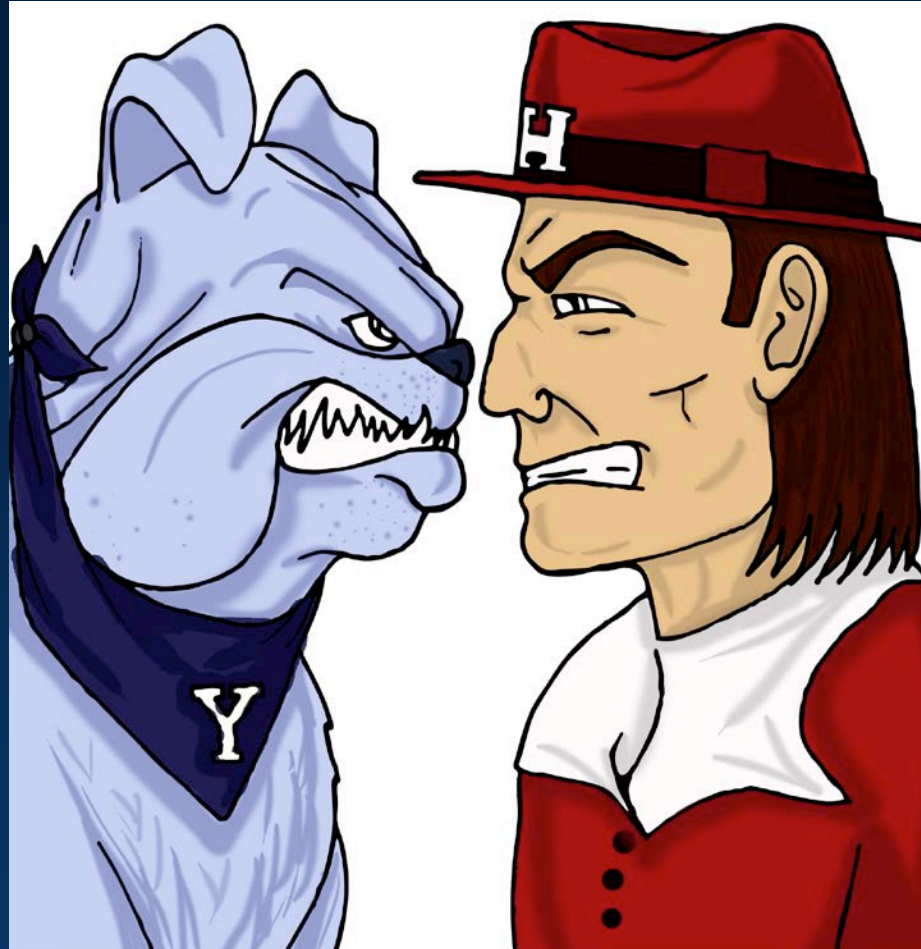
What do we do with Type 111 patients now?

- Consider other diagnosis
 - *Chronic functional abdominal pain*
 - *Visceral hypersensitivity*
 - *Narcotic Bowel Syndrome*
 - *Chronic pancreatitis*
 - *Irritable Bowel Syndrome*

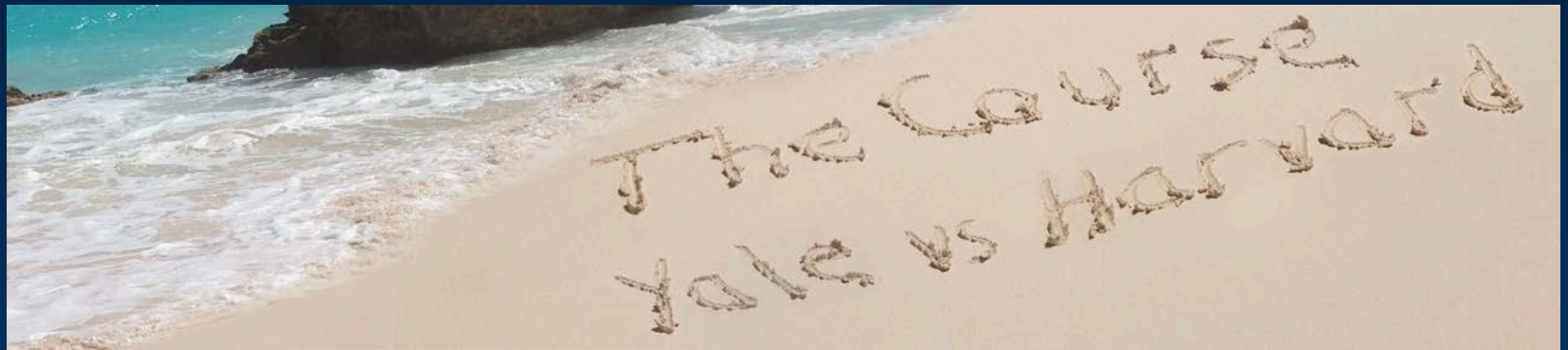
What do we do with Type 111 patients ?

- **DO NOT DO ERCP !!!!**
- Many desperate patients, referral for SOM is end of the road
- Long term pain management not a great option
- Trial of medical therapy i.e, low fat diet, antispasmodics, acid suppressive therapy etc
- Support and reassurance
- ? Role for Botox injections

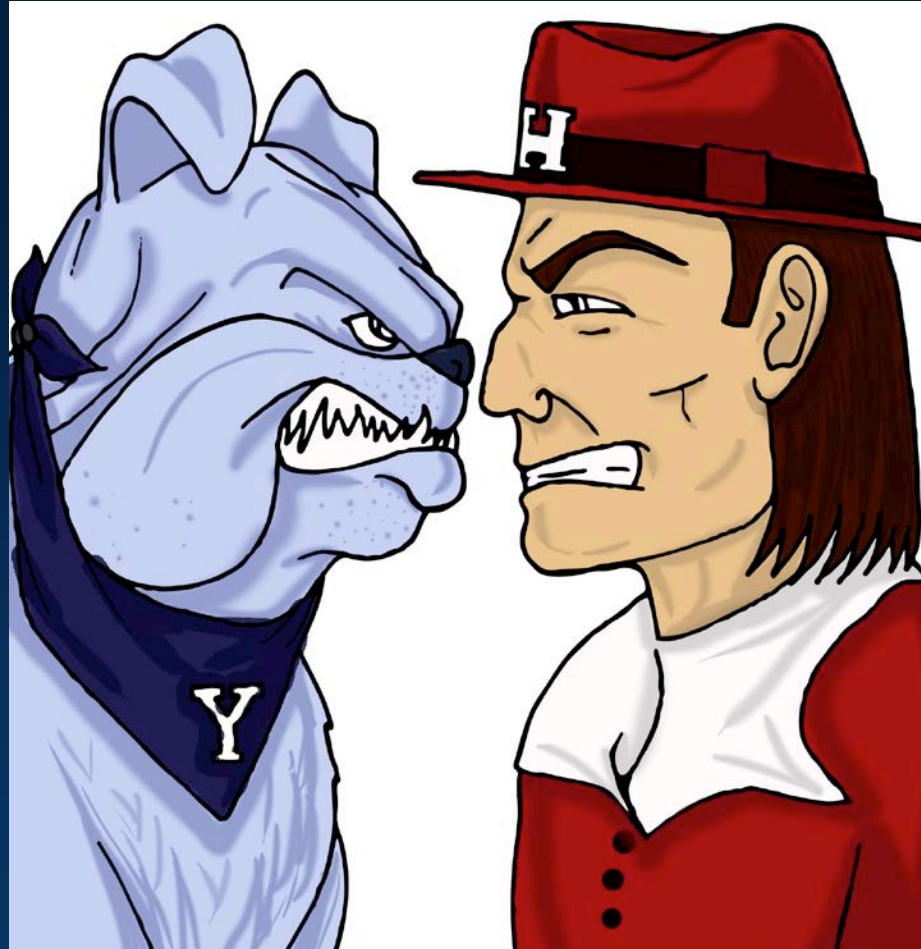
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