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Describe the pathogenesis and pathology, clinical features of both Acute gastric ulcers & chronic peptic ulcers

Describe the complications of chronic peptic ulcers

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### Introducing

### Definition

- Erosion: a breach in the **epithelium** of the mucosa only - Only a small part-.

- Ulcer: a breach in the mucosa of the alimentary tract extending through muscularis mucosa **into** submucosa or deeper .



Ulcers

#### Acute/stress

Acutely developing gastric mucosal defects that may appear after severe stress

e.g. intracerebral hemorrhage Multiple - Small - Superficial



#### Chronic/peptic

Solitary/single - Deep If I said peptic ulcer without acute or chronic, then it is chronic



### **Acute Peptic Ulcers**

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More than 75% of critically ill patients develop endoscopically visible gastric lesions during the first 3 days of their illness



# **Chronic Peptic Ulcer**

Chronic ulcers , recurring lesions that occur most often in middle-aged to older adults without obvious precipitating conditions, other than chronic gastritis.
Often solitary

Chronic peptic ulcer			
Location	Gross morphology		
<b>Gastric peptic ulcers</b> : in stomach, mainly the interface of body + antrum at lesser curvature.	Diameter: usually <20 mm, they may reach > 100 mm - Usually 2 cm		
98% located in first portion of duodenum or stomach. Duodenal ulcers: in the first portion of duodenum, usually within a few centimeters of pyloric valve at the anterior duodenal wall. 4:1 Ratio duodenal is 4 times more than gastric.	Duodenal ulcers: never malignant → reason for not taking a biopsy Classic Benign Peptic Ulcer (mostly): round to oval, shallow, clean, sharply demarcated punched-out defect, with straight walls, surrounded by hyperemia.		
<ul> <li>Esophagus, as a result of GERD or acid secretion by ectopic gastric mucosa</li> <li>Gastric mucosa within a Meckel diverticulum can result in peptic ulceration of adjacent mucosa.</li> <li>Meckel diverticulum: most common congenital abnormality of small intestine caused by an incomplete obliteration of the vitelline duct.</li> <li>-team 41: Simply it is normal tissue at abnormal location, so if Gastric tissue in the small intestine it will cause peptic ulceration of of adjacent mucosa. A congenital anomaly in which there is a diverticulum/in the small intestine (ilium)</li> </ul>	Malignant Peptic Ulcer (Cancer, rare): heaped-up margins, requires biopsy.Most gastric ulcers are benign. Small percentage may be malignant, reason for biopsy		
Zollinger-Ellison syndrome: Multiple peptic ulcerations in the stomach, duodenum, and even the jejunum	Microscopy: <u>Base</u> : necrotic tissue and polymorph exudate overlying inflamed granulation tissue which merges with mature fibrous (scar) tissue Neutrophils within gastric glands → active inflammation + presence of H pylori (mostly)		

### **Chronic Peptic Ulcer**



Patient awakens with pain

at night

Rarely occurs at night

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### Pathophysiology



*H. pylori* infection of the pyloric antrum is present in nearly all patients with chronic duodenal ulcer and approximately 75% of patients with chronic gastric ulcer.

Although more than 70% of individuals with PUD are infected by *H. pylori*, fewer than 20% of *H. pylori*–infected individuals develop peptic ulcer.

Imbalance between aggressive factors & defensive factors:

Aggressive Factors	<mark>Defensive</mark> Factors	NORMAL INJURY ULCER
H. pylori	Mucus	Mucus
Drugs ( <b>NSAIDs</b> )	Bicarbonate (HCO3-)	Mucosa
Acid	Blood flow & Cell renewal	Muscularis mucosae Submucosa Submucosa
Pepsin	Prostaglandins	Prostaglandin synthesis Host factors Fibros
<b>Bile salts</b>	Phospholipid	

### **Chronic gastric ulcer**

### Pathophysiology

The mucosal defenses against acid attack consist of:

#### The surface epithelium

- A. NSAIDs (blocking the synthesis of the prostaglandins)
- B. H. pylori infection (cytotoxins, phospholipases and urease with ammonia production)

In Peptic ulcers of the stomach, breakdown of mucosal defense is much more important than excessive acid production.

### A. Duodeno-gastric reflux

Mucus-bicarbonate barrier

(bile)



#### Other causes:

NSAID and aspirin stop prostaglandin synthesis The protective effects of prostaglandins: enhanced bicarbonate secretion and increased vascular perfusion.

High-dose corticosteroids, which suppress prostaglandin synthesis and impair healing.

Cigarette smoking: impairs mucosal blood flow and healing

Chronic renal failure, and hyperparathyroidism: associated with hypercalcemia: stimulates gastrin production and therefore increases acid secretion

Psychological stress (can increase gastric acid secretion)

Early Gastric Carcinoma



Advanced Gastric Carcinoma



Exophytic





### Helicobacter pylori infection

H. pylori infection of gastric mucosa is present in 100% of patients with duodenal ulcer and 70% of those with gastric ulcer. H pylori infection is a major factor in the pathogenesis of peptic ulcer.

#### Possible mechanisms of peptic ulcer by H. pylori:

H. pylori does not invade the tissue. It induces an intense inflammatory and immune response and increased production of proinflammatory cytokines such as

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- IL-6
- Tumor necrosis factor (TNF)
- and most notably IL-8. This cytokine(IL-8) is produced by the mucosal epithelial cells, and it recruits and activates neutrophils.

H. pylori secretes:

- **Phospholipases**: Damage surface epithelial cells.
- **Urease**: Breaks down urea to form toxic compounds such as ammonium chloride and monochloramine.

H. pylori enhances gastric acid secretion and impairs duodenal bicarbonate production, thus reducing luminal pH in the duodenum. This altered milieu seems to favor gastric metaplasia (the presence of gastric epithelium) in the first part of the duodenum. Such metaplastic foci provide areas for H. pylori colonization.

H. pylori lead to thrombotic occlusion of surface capillaries (promoted by a bacterial platelet-activating factor) and produce agents, including lipopolysaccharides, recruit inflammatory cells to the mucosa.

The chronically inflamed mucosa is more susceptible to acid-peptic injuries and peptic ulceration.

#### Possible mechanisms of peptic ulcer by H. pylori: (cont'd)

In addition, chronic inflammation of the mucosa is possibly important in the pathogenesis of gastric adenocarcinoma and a low-grade gastric lymphoma, also known as MALToma (MALT: Lymphoma of Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue)

# Pathophysiology of duodenal ulcers

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Increased **production of acid** assumes more importance in the pathogenesis of duodenal ulceration.

H. pylori-infected individuals secrete 2-6 times as much acid as non-infected controls.

H. pylori does not colonise normal duodenal epithelium.

H. pylori is involved in duodenal ulceration because there is **gastric metaplasia** in response to excess acid.

Gastric metaplasia paves the way for colonisation by H. pylori.

Increased production of acid + Helicobacter P (H. Pylori) = Duodenal ulcers Clinical Note



### Pathophysiology of chronic peptic ulcers in stomach



### Pathophysiology of chronic peptic ulcers in Duodenum



# Keywords

Acute Peptic Ulcer	<ul> <li>consumption of NSAID (block PG synthesis), Alcohol</li> <li>Stress</li> <li>Severe burns (Curling ulcer)</li> <li>Cerebrovascular accidents (Cushing ulcer)</li> <li>Zollinger-Ellison syndrome</li> <li>Iron deficiency</li> <li>Melena</li> </ul>		
Chronic	<ul> <li>Gastric peptic ulcers: interface of body + antrum at lesser curvature.</li> <li>Duodenal ulcers: first portion of duodenum (more common)</li> <li>Meckel diverticulum</li> <li>Benign Peptic Ulcer : sharply demarcated punched-out defect, with straight walls, surrounded by hyperemia.</li> <li>Malignant Peptic Ulcer (Cancer, rare): heaped-up margins</li> <li>Epigastric pain (can be seen in acute)</li> <li>Dyspepsia</li> <li>Radiology : free air in left dome of diaphragm</li> <li>Occurs 2-3 hours after meals</li> <li>Relieved by food or antacids (Especially duodenal)</li> <li>iron deficiency anemia</li> <li>Patient with rheumatoid arthritis (prolong NSAIDs use)</li> <li>Bleeding</li> <li>Aggressive Factors : H. pylori, Drugs (NSAIDs), Acid, Pepsin, bile salt</li> </ul>		
	Gastric Ulcers	Duodenal Ulcers	
	<ul> <li>H. pylori In 70% of patient</li> <li>associated with use of NSAIDS</li> <li>associated with Duodeno-gastric relux (bile)</li> <li>Not associated with Hyperacidity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>H. pylori In all patient</li> <li>Not associated with use of NSAIDS</li> <li>Not associated with Duodeno-gastric relux (bile)</li> <li>associated with Hyperacidity</li> </ul>	



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•	and multip	ble peptic ulcers?				
	A- Zollinger-Ellison syndrome	B- Cushing syndrome				
	C- Curling avadroma	D- Meckel diverticulum syndrome				
	C- Cuning syndrome					
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	Which of the following is a co	mplication of chronic peptic ulcers?				
	A- Derferation	R- Iron deficiency anomia				
• *	A- Perioration	B from denciency driefflid				
	C- Malignant change	D- all the above				
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	Which of the following is NO					
	ulcers?					
	A- Mucus	B- Acid				
	C- Prostaalandins	D- Good blood flow				
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	What is the main cause of pep	tic ulcers in patients taking NSAIDs?				
	A- Increased acid production	B- Decreased mucus production				
		D-Inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis				
	C- Reduced blood flow					
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1. A 50-year-old woman with long-standing rheumatoid arthritis complains of weakness and fatigue. She states that her stools have recently become black after taking a new nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). Gastroscopy shows numerous superficial, bleeding mucosal defects. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

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A.Acute erosive	B.Early gastric	C.Helicobacter	D.Ménétrier
gastritis	cancer	pylori gastritis	disease

2.A 40-year-old woman presents with a 2-month history of burning epigastric pain that usually occurs between meals. The pain can be relieved with antacids or food. The patient also reports a recent history of tarry stools. She denies taking aspirin or NSAIDs. Laboratory studies show a microcytic, hypochromic anemia (serum hemoglobin = 8.5 g/dL). Gastroscopy reveals a bleeding mucosal defect in the antrum measuring 1.5 cm in diameter. An endoscopic biopsy shows that the lesion lacks mucosal lining cells and is composed of amorphous, cellular debris and numerous neutrophils. Which of the following is the most important factor in the pathogenesis of this patient's disease?

A.Achlorhydria	B.Autoimmunity	C.Gastrinoma	D.Helicobacter pylori infection
3.A 58-year-old woman suffers a massive stroke and expires.The stomach at autopsy is shown in the image. Prior to her death, this patient would most likely have exhibited which of the following?			
A.Dysphagia	B.hyposecretion of gastric acid	C.Melena	D.Steatorrhea
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1.A 37-year-old man presents to the primary care physician with a several month history of burning epigastric pain approximately 3 hours after eating. The patient reports he is often woken up at night with abdominal discomfort and nausea. He does not have any previous medical problems and does not take any medications. The patient undergoes endoscopy, which demonstrates the following pathologic lesion. Which of the following is the most likely complication of this disease process?



A.Diffuse lesion with raised margins and distant metastasis	C.Gastric outlet obstruction due to scarring	D.Grossly thickened stomach wall
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2.A 37-year-old woman presents to the primary care clinic due to three days of severe abdominal pain, bloating, and increased belching. The pain has a burning sensation and is located in the upper abdomen. It is the worst in the morning and after meals. No family members have similar symptoms. Past medical history is significant for recurrent migraines, for which the patient takes high-dose naproxen several times per week. Vital signs are unremarkable. On physical examination, there is moderate tenderness to palpation in the epigastrium. Stool antigen testing is negative for Helicobacter pylori infection. Which of the following medications should be given at this time?

A.Omeprazole B.Co carl	alcium bonate	C.Amoxicillin, clarithromycin, and pantoprazole	D.Calcium carbonate and tramadol for migraines
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