

# DISTURBANCES OF GI TRACT PASSAGE

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# TERMINOLOGY

- NAUSEA
- REGURGITATION
- VOMITING
- SLOW – MOTION PASSAGE
- CONSTIPATION
- BOWEL OBSTRUCTION
- DIARRHEA

# PASSAGE DISTURBANCES

- SYPTOM
- REASONS – WIDE HETEROGENIC GROUP OF DISEASES – ALL BODY SYSTEMS – ALL MEDICAL BRANCHES
- SYSTEMATIC APROACH – FROM THE MOST FREQUENT AND SIMPLE - TO RARE AND DIFFICULT TO SEE
- THE IMPORTANT AIM – EXCLUDE SIGNS OF ACUTE ABDOMEN
- THE BASIC POINT IN MANAGEMENT IS HISTORY AND ITS WIDENNING THROUGH ANSWERS
- SECOND STEP - PHYSICAL EXAMINATION – WHOLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOCAL SIGNS
- THIRD STEP – SETTING UP OF WORKING DIAGNOSIS AND PLANNING OF SPECIALIZED TEST, EXAMINATIONS

# VOMITING

- HISTORY:
- Frequency of vomiting: day time, depending on meal....
- Content of vomit: saliva + nondigested meal, stomach content, bile colouring, bowel secretion (miserrere)
- Context with pain
- Relief from nausea after vomiting
- Loss of weight
- Use of medication, dietetic habits and dietetic mistakes
- Living and working enviroment (poisons – acute or chronical expositions)

# PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

- WHOLE BODY EXAMINATION
- TARGET ON RESULTS OF VOMITING
- HYDRATION (skin turgor, wetness mucosae, eyes)
- BP, P, TT
- LOCAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
  - INSPECTION: hernias, scars, elevation of abdominal wall
  - PALPATION: tension, peritatic movement, maas, peritoneal signs (Blumberg, Rovsing)
  - PERCUSSION: meteorism, peritoneal signs (Plenies)
  - AUSCULTATION: peristaltic sounds,
  - P.r.: stool in rectal ampula, pain...

# REASONS OF NAUSEA AND VOMITING

- GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT
  - **Inflammatory irritation: acute gastroenteritis**, meal toxins or poisons, alcoholic gastritis, esophagitis
  - **Obstruction:** a) oesophagus: achalasia, strictura, tumor, b) stomach: tumor (large), c) **pylorostenosis:** benign (ulcer disease), malign, d) bowel: **ileus** - late symptom
  - **Reflex – irritation of splanic nerves:** THE START OF INFLAMMATORY ACUTE ABDOMEN (apendicitis), biliary colic (renal renální), acute pancreatitis

# REASONS OF NAUSEA AND VOMITING

- METABOLIC DISEASES
  - **Urémia, diabetes**, liver failure, Addison disease, hyperparathyroidism, hyperthyroidism
- TOXIC REASONS
  - **! DRUGS:** digitalis, antiepileptics, sulfonamides, tetracyclines
  - Poisoning: solvents, lead, alcohol
- CENTRAL NERVES REASONS
  - vascular: migraine, Menière syndrome
  - intracranial pressure elevation (tumors, bleeding)
- PSYCHIATRIC FIELD (PSYCHOLOGY FIELD)
  - mental insult
  - neurosis
  - anorexia
- GRAVIDITY



# CLINICAL MANAGEMENT

- WITH OBVIOUS SIGNS OF EKSICOSIS – THE FIRST ACTION IS REHYDRATION
- In not serious cases and the most common forms (gastritis) – try oral intake – ice liquids by spoon (tea, cola)
- Serious forms: infusion therapy
- LABORATORY: minerals (Na,K,Cl) mandatory, standard biochemistry: liver tests, urea, kreatinin, amyl. S, glykemy, BC (Hkt confirm dehydration), consideration of HCG (fertility women)
- IN OBSTRUCTION CASES – CONTRAST X-RAY, resp. CT with double contrast is excellent choice – can show highness of obstruction, organ perfusion...
- ENDOSCOPY to know reason
- OTHER SPECIALIZED EXAMINATIONS ACCORDING HISTORY AND CLINICAL SIGNS (surgery, neurologic, gynekology.....)

# DYSFAGIA

- UPPER OR LOWER TYPE
- REASONS: intramural stenosis – problem is in the wall (tumor, diverticul, myositis), extramural pressure (tumor, nodes, lusoria, diaphramatic hernia), mucosae inflamm., central nerves systém reason (stroke results), neuromusle fault (achalasie), psychiatris reasons (globus hystericus)
- EXAMINATIONS:
  - ENDOSKOPY
  - X – RAY WITH contrast
  - MANOMETRY
  - NEUROLOGIC
  - ENT
  - (HISTOLOGY)

# CONSTIPATION

- QUESTION ABOUT FREQUENCY OF STOOL (3xweek?)
- Acute versus chronic
- HABITUAL OBSTIPATION
- CHANGE IN FREQUENCY AND CONSISTENCY IS IMPORTANT !!
- Changing live style and live conditions
- ! HIGH INCIDENCY OF COLORECTAL CARCINOMA (increasing round the world) !
- Reason of constipation is usually detectable through patient's history
- Physical examination has role: do not forget per rectum (50% of rectal carcinoma is palpable by finger)

# REASONS OF CONSTIPATION

- OBSTRUCTION OF LOWER GI TRACT (upper tract cause rather vomiting)
  - Tumors – be rising from bowel wall !CRC, (external pressure is low fr. – but late symptom – gynecology, urology or any rare tumors)
  - Inflammatory or cicatrices stenosis (Mb. Crohn, colitis, diverticulosis, ischemic colitis, inflammatory changes after radiation)
- MALFUNCTION OF BOWEL MOTILITY
  - Endocrinal: myxedema, hyperparathyroidism, hyperkalemia, hypokalemia, porphyria
  - Medication: opiate, tranquilizers, antidepressant drugs, anticholinergic, antacids
  - Poisoning: lead, other chemical substances
  - Neurological: Huntington disease, diseases of CNS and spinal cord
  - Psychiatric: endogenous depression
  - External reasons: immobilization, lack of fluids
  - Autoimmune diseases (scleroderma)

# MANAGEMENT OF CONSTIPACY

- LABORATORY: BC, mineralogram, liver tests, urea, kreatinin, glykemia
- Colonoskopy , alternatively biopsy on cholinesterasis
- CT with contrast
- Hormonal examination: THS, T3
- Other examinations according diagnostic consideration: gynekology, neurology, ..... psychiatric

# DIARRHEA

- MORE FREQUENT BOWEL MOVEMENT (min. 3 stools/day) with REDUCED CONSISTENCY
- AT USUAL DISORDER OF ALL BOWEL FUNCTIONS: sekretion, digestion, absorbtion, motility
- ACUTE DIARRHEA: it is (exception special cases) not for instrumental examination – infectious or toxic etiology
  - Risk of dehydration
- CHRONIC DIARRHEA
  - Risk of malabsorbtion

# ACUTE DIARRHEA

- VIRAL ETIOLOGY AS THE MOST COMMON REASON: ENTERO, ROTAVIRUS, ADENOVIRUS
- BACTERIAL ETIOLOGY: SALMONELLA, SHIGELLA, ENTEROBACTER, ESCHERICHIA some strain, CLOSTRIDIUM, STAPHYLOCOCCUS
- SUPERINFECTION DURING PRIOR ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT (often pseudomembranous diarrhea with blood)
- IBD (Crohn, colitis) – stool with additive blood
- POISONING: lead, mercury, solvents
- ALLERGY or INTOLERANCE (METABOLIC DISEASE): milk, eggs, fish, strawberries, mushrooms – usually easy to diagnose through history

# ACUTE DIARRHEA

- PATIENT'S IS IMPORTANT INCLUDING EPIDEMIOLOGY HISTORY
- ! in suspicion on epidemiological connection and source – report to hygiene service is mandatory
- Clinical examination – whole body and local (abdomen), control of stool
- ! Non specific signs and diarrhoe – can start acute abdomen – in unclear cases repeat examination after 2 – 6 hours (or consult surgery)
- BC, minerals, basic biochemistry
- **Send stool to cultivation** (question when – the most summer viral diarrheas go through without; holiday diarrhea typically...)
- Treatment: dehydration signs – intake of fluids, infusions
- Do not indicate chemotherapeutics or ATB without cultivation (stool tests) – it can be used after – not blind)

# CHRONIC DIARRHEA

- LONG LINE OF POSSIBLE REASONS
- BOWEL DISEASES ZÁNĚTLIVÁ ONEMOCNĚNÍ STŘEVA
  - CHRONIC INFECTIONS, IBD, divertikulitis
  - VASCULAR PROBLEMS (BOWEL CHRONIC ISCHEMIA)
- BOWEL TUMORS
  - benign.: polyposis, Peutz Jagers sy
  - Malign: carcinoma, sarkoma, lymfoms
- ENTEROPATHY
  - Gluten, lactosa
- ENDOCRINOLOGY Hyperthyreosis
  - Tumors with endocr. secretion (Zollinger Ellison, karcinoid)
  - Hypoparathyreosis
  - Addison disease

# CHRONIC DIARRHEA

- NEURO REASONS
  - Neuropathy with DM, alcoholism
- MALDIGESTION
  - Chronic pankreatitis, atrophic gastritis, liver dysfunctions
- DIETETIC HABITS
  - Meals cause diarrhea
  - Beer
- MEDICAMENTS
  - Laxans
  - Digitalis
- CHRONIC DIARRHOE WITHOUT REASON (FUNCTIONAL)
  - Colon irritable
  - No objective finding – reason

# CHRONIC DIARRHEA

- HISTORY
- Whole body examination: loss of weight, palp. of thyreoid, BP, P, TT
- Local examination: 5x
- Stool examination (virus, bacterial, parasites)
- Biochemistry
- Endoskopy (mucosis biopsy)
- Hormonal lab
- Imaging methods (sono, CT)

# STOP OF GAS FLOW AND STOOL

- USUSALY ACUTE ABDOMEN (ileus)
- SERIOUS CONDITION – RISK OF LIFE
- Many reasons: ! high incidence of CRC
- History: last passage disturbances, suffer surgery
- Physical examination: signs are changing durring the time (hours)
- Local examination: 5x
- Surgery consultation is needed !
- Laboratory
- X-RTG
- CT (double contrast)