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# ORAL PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

# METABOLIC SYNDROME – OBESITY AS A RISK FACTOR FOR GI-DISEASE DEVELOPMENT

#### Petr DITE

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Metabolic syndrome, whose harmonized definition has been internationally adopted, including in the Czech Republic, is a set of 5 phenomena which have not been selected randomly. The presence of three of these is positive for the diagnosis of metabolic syndrome. Metabolic syndrome is most frequently associated with diseases of the cardiovascular system/cardiometabolic syndrome. Recently, however, knowledge concerning the possible role of metabolic syndrome has been rapidly increasing, especially if obesity and dyslipidemia are present among its components.

Gastro-oesophageal reflux is a condition induced by the presence of obesity. An important role is also played by insulin resistance as one of the phenomena of metabolic syndrome. Similarly, attention is drawn to a possible relationship between obesity and Barrett's oesophagus.

Non-alcoholic fatty liver in persons with metabolic syndrome is very common. The disease's progression to liver fibrosis or even cirrhosis has been terminally described. Similarly, cholelithiasis is one of the diseases in patients with metabolic syndrome.

Recently, attention has been paid to findings of steatopancreatitis in obese persons, or persons with dyslipidemia. The clinical meaning is not clear; some patients have signs of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency. However, the relationship with the beta cells of the pancreas and insulin secretion is probably more significant.

Metabolic syndrome has been described in relation to colorectal cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma and pancreatic cancer. Therefore, it is worth considering whether influencing the parameters of metabolic syndrome, including lifestyle changes, will not be one of the phenomena contributing significantly to the reduction of the development of some of the aforementioned tumours.

Dite P. Metabolic syndrome – Obesity as a risk factor for GI-disease development. In: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Gastroenterology, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 12–14 May 2016. [online]. Available from URL: http://www.promedcs.eu/sites/default/files/abstractbook\_2016.pdf



- obesity in OLD PERSONS fat could be shift from peripheral to central site – CAVE in pts with VISCERAL/ABDOMINAL, FAT

#### **TRENDS OF ADJUSTED PREVALENCE OF OBESITY IN ADULTS AGED 20-74 YEARS IN USA**



#### **METABOLIC SYNDROM**

> is a constellation of cardiovascular risk factors including abdominal obesity, impaired glucose control, hypertension, dyslipidemia.

Grundy, et al. Circulation 2005

#### HARMONIZING THE MET. SYNDROME **CRITERIA FOR CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS**

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ELEVATED WAIST CIRCUMFERENCES	MEN > 102 CM	WOMEN > +88 CM
ELEVATED TRIGLYCERIDAEMIA		> 1.7 MMOL/L
REDUCED HDL-CHOLESTEROL	< 1.0 MMOL/L (MALES)	< 1.3 MMOL/L (FEMALES)
ELEVATED BLOOD PRESSURE	SYSTOLIC > 130	DIASTOLIC > 85 mmHg
ELEVATED FASTING GLUCOSE	> 100 MG/DI	
For diagnosis – 3 po	ositive components	0

Circulation 2009: 120: 1640-1645

#### **STANDARDS DEFINING** *HEALTHY* WEIGHT, OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY **ARE ACCORDING GLOBAL ACCEPTED CRITERIA ON BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)**

BMI (kg/m²)	WHO CLASSIFICATION	POPULAR DESCRIPTION
< 18.5	UNDERWEIGHT	THIN
18.5–24.9	NORMAL RANGE	HEALTHY
24.9–29.9	OVERWEIGHT (grade 1)	OVERWEIGHT
30.0–39.9	OBESITY (OVERWEIGHT gr 2)	OBESITY
> 40	OBESITY (OVERWEIGHT gr 3)	MORBID OBESITY

#### **PREVALENCE OF ADULT OBESITY IN SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

	> 30y	WOMEN	> 30y	MEN >	
1 > 30	BMI > 3	BMI 25-30	BMI > 30	BMI 25-30	
9.2	29.2	65.8	30.7	76.0	AUSTRIA
8.3	28.3	63.3	22.1	54.7	BULGARIA
0.9	30.9	66.5	26.8	73.0	CZECH REP.
9.6	9.6	42.7	11.3	56.3	FRANCE
8.7	28.7	66.4	28.8	75.4	GERMANY
20.4	20.4	60.4	22.5	69.3	HUNGARY
6.9	26.9	62.6	18.8	65.4	POLAND
1.7	31.7	69.4	29.5	76.2	U.K.
9.0	29.0	67.1	14.9	61.5	SLOVAKIA
4.8	34.8	69.6	14.0	58.1	RUSSIA
18.6	48.6	77.0	42.3	79.3	USA
4.3	4.3	32.5	1.0	20.9	TANZANIA
	4	77.0 32.5	42.3	79.3 20.9	USA TANZANIA

PREVALENCE OF METABOLIC SYNDROME IN CZECH POPULATION 1998-2009						
1998	2005	2009				
38.3%	35.9%	37.6%				
29.7%	26.9%	25.9%				
	<b>1998</b> <b>1998</b> 38.3% 29.7%	1998–2009           1998         2005           38.3%         35.9%           29.7%         26.9%				

#### MAIN PATHOPHYSIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS OF MetS DEVELOPMENT

#### **INSULIN RESISTENCE HYPERGLYCEMIA**

**CHRONIC INFLAMMATION** 

ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION

**PROATHEROGENETIC STATUS** 

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#### MOST RISK FACTORS OF METABOLIC SYNDROME IN CZECH POPULATION

		MEN	v	VOMEN
1)	ARTE	RIAL HYPERTENSION	ARTERIAL	HYPERTENSION
2) ł	HYPERTRIGLYCEREDEMIAS		WAIST (	CIRCUFERENCE
		OBESIT	ſY	
		MEN AGE	< 50y	20.0%
		MEAN AGE	> 50y	32.0%
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or new ri		WOMEN AGE	< 50y	9.0%
		MEAN AGE	> 50y	30.0%
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#### METABOLIC SYNDROME AND GI TRACT

Esophagus:	GERD, Barrett's esophagus
Stomach:	motility disorders?
Gall bladder:	stones
Liver:	fatty liver, fibrosis & cirrhosis
Pancreas:	
Mlg. diseases:	colorectal, biliary, hepatic, pancreatic



# METABOLIC SYNDROME AND GERD

#### Mechanical factors

- Increased intragastric pressure
- Increased risk for hiatal hernia development
- Transient lower esophageal sphincter relaxation (through gastric distension)

#### > Metabolic factors

Increased levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines

Ierardi E., et al. World J Gastrointest Patophysiol 2010; 1(3): 91-96

#### ESOPHAGEAL COX-2 EXPRESSION IS INCREASED IN BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS, OBESITY AND SMOKING

- CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 a membrane bound glycoprotein that catalyzed the rate limiting-step in the production of prostaglandins from arachidonic acid
- COX-2 the role in the development GI-cancers, incl. esophageal cancer
- SIGNIFICANT association between elevated COX-2 level in mucosa and the presence Barrett's tissue
- association between COX-2 level, Barrett and smoking
   association between high COX-2 expression and waist-to-hip ratio

Ngyen T., et al. Dig Dis Sci 2015

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#### STATISTICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GROUPS IN TERMS OF MetS CRITERIA COUNT

						-		
	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Crohn's	29%	30.6%	22.6%	12.9%	4.8%	0%		
disease	(n = 18)	(n = 19)	(n = 14)	(n = 8)	(n = 3)	(n = 0)	17.43	0.004
Ulcerative	7.8%	40.9%	21.7%	20%	4.3%	5.2%		
colitis	(n = 9)	(n = 47)	(n = 25)	(n = 23)	(n = 5)	(n = 6)		
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#### META-ANALYSES OBESITY OR BMI AS A PROGNOSTIC FACTOR FOR SEVERITY IN ACUTE PANCREATITIS

Refer year of pr (coun public	rence ublication utry of ation)	Definition of obesity	Definition of severity classification	Risk of severe acute pancreatitis	Outcome	Level of evidence
Chen, <i>et</i> (Ch	<i>al.</i> 2012 ina)	BMI ≥ 25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (Asian) BMI ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (Western)	Atlanta Criteria	RR: 2.20, 95% CI 1.82–2.66, p < 0.05	+	1a
Hong, <i>el</i> (Taiv	t <i>al.</i> 2011 wan)	BMI > 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Atlanta Criteria	RR: 1.82, 95% CI: 1.44-2.30	+	1a
Wang, e (Ch	<i>t al.</i> 2011 ina)	BMI $\geq$ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Atlanta Criteria	OR: 2.48, 95% CI 1.24-4.60	+	1a
Martinez, (Sp	<i>et al.</i> 2006 ain)	$BMI \ge 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$	Atlanta Criteria	OR: 2.9, 95% CI 1.8-4.6	+	1a
Martinez, (Sp	<i>et al.</i> 2004 ain)	$BMI \ge 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$	Atlanta Criteria	OR: 2.6, 94% CI 1.5-4.6	+	1a
	Levels of	BMI: Body Mass Ind evidence 1 adapted from	lex; RR: Relative risk Oxford Centre for Ev	; OR: Odds Ratio vidence – Based Me	dicine (2009)	

#### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INSULIN AND PANCREATIC STEATOSIS

- Fat accumulation in pancreatic islets decrease of insulin secretion – it's a explanation why insulin resistant people cannot encounter higher demands of insulin – developing DM type 2? Pezzilii R., Calculin L. World J Diabetes, 2014
- RESUME: Toxic effect of long term pancreatic fat accumulation – beta-cel damage is present more than decade before diabetes is diagnosed.

Oakes N.D., et al., Diabetes 1977

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#### METABOLIC SYNDROME AND RESPONSE TO HCV



#### DEMOGRAPHIC, CLINICAL AND LABORATORY CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS WITH IBD

	Ulcerative colitis	Crohn's disease	P values
n	115	62	
Gender (female/male)	49/66	28/34	> 0.05
Age, mean ± SD (years)	43.93 ± 13.59	36.74 ± 13.88	> 0.05
Disease duration, mean ± SD (months)	50.18 ± 55.59	47.71 ± 70.16	> 0.05
Current smoker	22 (19.1%)	29 (46.8%)	< 0.001
Alcohol usage	16 (13.9%)	12 (19.4%)	> 0.05
BMI, mean ± SD (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.27 ± 4.89	23.67 ± 5.18	< 0.01
Waist circumference (cm) – Female	97.37 ± 12.55	89.82 ± 15.97	< 0.05
Waist circumference (cm) – Male	97.53 ± 12.69	90.47 ± 10.74	< 0.01
SBP (mmHg)	122.43 ± 19.58	111.13 ± 20.96	< 0.001
DBP (mmHg)	78.39 ± 11.93	71.45 ± 12.78	< 0.001
FPG (mg/dl)	98.95 ± 32	91.87 ± 17.04	> 0.05
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	121.26 ± 57.29	121.15 ± 63.47	> 0.05
HDL-C (mg/dl) – Female	61.92 ± 12.84	56.04 ± 15.56	> 0.05
HDL-C (mg/dl) – Male	48.53 ± 14.48	51.12 ± 14.93	> 0.05
Insulin (µU/ml)	8.81 ± 5.30	7.34 ± 5.39	> 0.05
HOMA-IR	2.20 ± 1.57	1.69 ± 1.27	< 0.05
BMI: Body mass index; Si FPG: Fasting plasma glucose;	BP: Systolic blood pressure HOMA-IR: Homeostasis mo	; DBP: Diastolic blood pres del assessment of insulin	sure; resistance

#### NON-ALCOHOLIC STEATOPANCREATITIS

- FIRST DESCRIPTION OF STEATOPANCREATITIS Ogilvie in 1933 in the group of obese patients in 17.1% steatosis of the gland was found versus 9.4% in control. Ogilvie, J. Pathol 1933; 37: 473–481
- ENDOCRINE PART OF THE GLAND hypertrophy of islet of the langerhans.
- OLSEN'S STUDY grading of pancreatic fat (1–4). Relationship between of the content fatty cells into the pancreas and age and between the fat in the gland and overweight – without the presence of diabetes mellitus.

#### PANCREATIC STEATOSIS AND EXOCRINE PANCREATIC FUNCTION

Only a case reports have reported the exocrine pancreatic insufficiency – according the grade od pancreatic tissue infiltration by fat. Auber, et al.) Gastroent. Clin. Biol. 2007.

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Hursting S.D., et al. Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol 2012; 32: 1766–1770

Endometrium	3		1.61 (1.20-2.15)
Pancreas	3		1.58 (1.35-1.84)
Breast PM	5		+ 1.56 (1.08-2.24)
Rectal	.4		+ 1.52 (1.13-2.05)
Liver	4	· · ·	+ 1.42 (0.80-2.52)
Colorectal	10		1.34 (1.09-1.64)
Colon	4		1.33 (0.91-1.94)
Ovary	2		1.26 (1.00-1.59)
Breast	9		1.14 (0.98-1.32)
Thyroid	2	-	1.00 (0.87-1.15)
Bladder	2		0.95 (0.79-1.13)
Gastric	3		0.82 (0.61-1.10)
Lung	3		0.76 (0.55-1.05)
	0. Risk n	5 1.0 1.5 atio (presence of metabo	2.0 lic syndrome)



#### CONCLUSION

- Metabolic syndrome is a risk factor for diseases of GIT, liver and pancreatobiliary diseases
- Metabolic syndrome and mets components play important role in cancerogenesis
- Preventive and therapeutical strategy incl. the therapy of obesity is crutial!

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# CURRENT APPROACHES TO DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF NAFLD

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Globally there is an epidemic of obesity with increasing proportions of all populations having body mass indices greater than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Whilst it is recognised that this epidemic has resulted in a high prevalence of diabetes and cardiovascular risk the hepatic consequences of obesity have not been fully appreciated. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is the hepatic component of the metabolic syndrome and is frequently found in patients with obesity, hypertension, hyperlipidaemia and insulin resistance.

NAFLD represents a spectrum of histological severity from simple steatosis to non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. Diagnosis of the disorder is usually straightforward even though there is no specific diagnostic test. The risk of disease progression is substantially higher in patients with NASH than those with simple steatosis making it important to classify patients carefully at the time of presentation. However, this can be difficult to achieve without liver histology.

Primarily the management of this condition should focus on lifestyle modifications which result in weight loss. This can be challenging to achieve and in selected cases bariatric surgery may be required. Increasing exercise even in the absence of weight loss may be effective.

There are currently no specific treatment licensed for the management of NASH. Insulin sensitisers (metformin and pioglitazone) may be of benefit even in patients who do not have type II diabetes. High dose vitamin E has also been shown to be beneficial in clinical trials. Ursodeoxycholic acid may improve liver function tests and there is encouraging data from a recent phase II trial of the FXR agonist obeticholic acid.

Thursz M. Current approaches to diagnosis and treatment of NAFLD. In: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Gastroenterology, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 12–14 May 2016. [online]. Available from URL: http://www.promedcs.eu/sites/default/files/abstractbook\_2016.pdf









#### SECONDARY HEPATIC STEATOSIS

#### Macrovesicular

- Alcohol
- Hepatitis C (Gt3)
- Wilson's disease
- Lipodystrophy
- Starvation
- Parenteral nutrition \_
- Abetalipoproteinaemia
- Drugs

RAS

- Amiodarone, methotrexate, tamoxifen, corticosteroids
- Microvesicular Reye's syndrome
  - Drugs
  - Valproate, ART
  - Acute fatty liver of pregnancy
  - Genetic disorders (eg
  - Lysosomal acid lip deficiency)

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**IS A BIOPSY ALWAYS NECESSARY?** 

- Not always necessary but may be helpful.
  - Exclude alternative/secondary pathology
  - Stratify disease progression risk





NASH	34
Steatosis	32
Cryptogenic hepatitis	9
DILI	7.6
Normal	5.9
Autoimmune	1.9
Granulomas/Sarcoid	1.7
PBC	1.4
PSC	1.1
	Skelly



#### **NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE: A** SPECTRUM OF CLINICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL SEVERITY

(Matteoni et al, 1999: Gastroenterology 116: 1413-1419)

Retrospective analysis of 132 patients followed for up to 18 years.

Variable	Fat alone	Fat + lobular inflammation	Fat + ballooning	Fat + ballooning + Mallory bollies
	(n = 49)	(n = 10)	(n = 19)	or perisinusoidal fibrosis (n = 54)
Cirrhosis	2	0	4	14
Death	16	3	5	24
Liver-related death	1	0	1	7
> Li	Steatosis /er-related	? NASH deaths highe	NASH St in groups	3 and 4.



Guha. Hepatology 2008





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#### **THERPEUTIC TARGETS**

#### 1. Weight loss

- 2. Control metabolic syndrome & optimise management of components
  - Hypertension
  - Dyslipidaemia
  - Insulin resistance/Type 2 Diabetes mellitus
- 3. Prevent progression of fibrosing steatohepatitis

# LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION

- Weight Loss
   Dietary modification
  - Dietician in clinic
    - Diabetes sister for advice
  - Exercise
  - Pedometers
    Subsidised gym in hospital for group 'get fit' sessions
- Behavioural Therapy
   Clear Targets
  - Positive Feedback









#### **EXERCISE & VISCERAL FAT**



#### **TREATING OBESITY**

- Central appetite suppressants ≻
  - Rimonabant (Acomplia)
  - Cannaboid receptor antagonist No longer available
- > Slowing absorption
  - Orlistat (Xenical) Lipase inhibitor
    - Reduces dietary fat absorption

    - BMI >30 or >28 plus Metabolic Syndrome May cause steatorrhoea
- **Bariatric Surgery**



#### **BARIATRIC SURGERY AND NAFLD**



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#### **STATINS AND LFTS**

- Statins do cause ^I ETs >
- Statins do not cause liver failure >
- Statins are **not** contraindicated in patients with ^LFTs
- Cirrhosis
- NASH
- Statins are contraindicated in decompensated liver disease
- Check LFTs before starting statin therapy ×
- Do not monitor LFTs >
- Do as patients to report jaundice, fatigue, malaise
- An Assessment of Statin Safety by Hepatologists. Am.J. Cardiol 2006

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#### **DRUG THERAPY**

#### Available Now

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- Insulin sensitising agents
- Metformin Glitazones (PPARg agonists)
- Anti-oxidant therapy Vitamin E
- Bile Acid Metabolism Ursodeoxycholic acid
- In Development • Insulin sensitising agents
- PPAR α/δ agonists
   GLP-1 agonists
- Bile Acid Metabolism FXR agonists
- Anti-inflammatory
   CCR2/CCR5 Inhibition
- Anti-fibrotics Lysyl Oxidase antibody

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#### Why not Pioglitazone/Vitamin E for All NAFLD Patients?

Neither drug tested in diabetics No data on efficacy/safety in cirrhotics

Vitamin E

- Increased risk of
- haemorrhagic stroke
- Increased risk of prostate cancer
- Increased overall mortality







Variable	Placebo	Vitamin E	Pioglitazone	PV	alue®
				Vitamin E vs. Placebo	Pioglitazone vs. Placebo
Primary outcome "					
No. of subjects randomly assigned	83	24	80		
Subjects with improvement (%)	19	43	34	0.001	0.04
Changes from baseline in histologic features					
No. of subjects with biopsy specimens at baseline and 95 wk	72	30	70		
Steatosis					
Subjects with improvement (%)	11	5.4	69	0.005	<0.001
Mean change in score	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.001	<0.001
Lobular inflammation					
Subjects with improvement (%)	35	54	60	0.02	0.004
Mean change in score	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	0.008	< 0.001
HepatoceIular ballooning					
Subjects with improvement (%)	29	30	44	0.01	0.08
Mean change in score	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	0.03	0.01
Total NAFLD activity score (mean change)	-0.5	-1.9	-1.9	<0.001	<0.001
Fibrosis					
Subjects with improvement (%)	31	41	44	0.24	0.12
Mean change in score	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.19	0.10
Resolution of definite nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (% of subjects)	21	36	47	0.05	0.001

#### **URSODEOXYCHOLIC ACID**

- Pleotropic Effects
- Choloretic
- Anti-apoptotic
- Reduced mitochondrial permeability
- Anti-oxidant
- Reduced TNFα
- Reduced TGFβ
- Reduced liver damage in animal models of NASH
   MCD mouse
- Extensive human use
- Safe

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#### **URSODEOXYCHOLIC ACID**

Study	Liver function improvement	Histology alleviation
Monotherapy		
Laurin ot al. [24]*	ALT (-30%), ALP (-998) and yGT (-4598)	steatosis improved
Lindox et al. [25]	ALT in -31% vs29%	steatosis in $-16\%$ vs. $-14\%$ inflammation in $-0$ vs. $-0.1,$ fibrois in 0 vs. 0
Dufour et al. (20)	ALT in -36% vs2%	steatosis in -13% vs14%, inflammation in -0.8 vs0.02 fibrois in +0.3 vs. +0.4
Klykci et al. (26)	ALT in26% vs10% ALT in 76.0 vs. 55.1, vGT in 47.8vs 32.2	liver density +20% vs. +35% (in UDCA group between after and before therapy)
Hong Quin, et al. [32]	Effective ratio 24/26 vs. 25/27	not mentioned
Zhu Hong-Juan (27)	liver function and symptom in 25/30 vs. 15/30	not mentioned
Ratziu et al. [28]	ALT in -28% vs2% yGT in -51% vs. +19%	fibrosis in -11% vs. +10%*
Lexischmer et jal. (29)	ALT in: -41% vs35%	Brunt score in -14% vs14% NAS activity score In -21% vs18%
UDCA combined with othe	r drugs	
Dulour et al. (20)	ALT in -12% vs2% AST in -30% vs. +6%	steatosis in -1.4 vs0.5; inflammation in -2.2 vs0.8
Zhuang Xue-shan [30]	Effective rate 36/40 vs. 29/42	26/40 vs. 17/42 in steatosis (ultrasound)
Sun Yan (B1)	ALT in -79 vs72, AST in -31 vs8, Effective rate 65/76 vs. 37/61	not mentioned
Lv Hong (33)	ALT In -459 vs161 AST in -40,1 vs29,5	no report in histology
Lku Zhi-ye (34)	Effective rate 86/96 vs. 38/54	no report in histology

	Before therapy (N=30)	After therapy (N=30)	P	
BMI (kg/m²)	30.8±4.7	$30.5 \pm 4.6$	0.134	
Waist circumference (cm)	106±11.1	$105.9 \pm 11.6$	0.854	Comment of the State of the state of the
HOMA	$3.4 \pm 1.9$	$2.8 \pm 1.6$	0.041	Larcour Hilling Reedia Thi
AST (U/dl)	49 (37-66)	28.5 (24-31.5)	0.001	(61811)
ALT (U/dl)	84 (59-118.5)	38 (26.5-48)	0.001	Advances of Description of the
agt (u/di)	47 (32.5-65)	27.5 (22-36)	0.001	
ALP (U/d)	80.5 (65.5-100)	88 (71.5-106.5)	0.234	and the second second
FG (mg/dl)	$138.7 \pm 46.7$	$129 \pm 45.1$	0.194	
FK (mg/dl)	190.3±22.6	$186.9 \pm 28.4$	0.448	Compared Street Street
.DL (mg/dl)	118.1±20.3	113.9±26.8	0.368	
HDL (mg/dl)	$42.9 \pm 7.1$	$45.5 \pm 9.8$	0.037	
/LDL (mg/dl)	$26.9 \pm 9.2$	$26.3 \pm 8.5$	0.696	
Apo A1 (mg/dl)	$127.6 \pm 17.7$	$135.9 \pm 22.2$	0.026	
Apo B (mg/dl)	$102.50 \pm 29.9$	$102.57 \pm 25.05$	0.986	
Apo B/A1 ratio	$0.81 \pm 0.25$	$0.74 \pm 0.22$	0.078	
CIMT (mm)	$0.559 \pm 0.152$	$0.479 \pm 0.121$	0.001	

**UDCA IMPROVES METABOLIC** 







**ACTIONS OF GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE 1** 



#### **SUMMARY**

- > NAFLD is not a benign disease
  - Increased liver mortality
     Increased cardiovascular disease
- > Full assessment requires
  - Evaluation of fibrosis
  - Identification of all clinical manifestations of metabolic syndrome
- Management should focus on

  - Weight loss Cardiovascular / Cerebrovascular risk factors \_
  - Drug therapy

**FXR AGONIST IN NASH – FLINT TRIAL** 

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	Obeticholic acid	Placebo	Relative risks or mean changes from baseline" (95% CI) (obetichelic acid vs placebo)	product.	
Primary outcomet					
Number of patients at risk!	110	109			
Patients with improvement	50 (4SN)	23(215)	2.2 (1.4 to 3.3)	0-0002	
Changes from baseline in histol	ogical features				Key side ef
Number of patients with biopsy specimens at baseline and 72 weeks	102	98			<ul> <li>Pruritus</li> <li>Increase</li> </ul>
lasolution§ of definite non- acoholic staatohepatitis	22 (22%)	13(13%)	17(0-5 to 3-2)	0-08	
Fibrosic¶					
Patients with improvement	36(35%)	19(195)	20(121034	0.004	
Change in score	-02(14)	01(09)	-03(-06to-01)	0-01	
lotal NAFLD activity score					
Change in score	-17(1-8)	-07(18)	-09(-1100-05)	+0-0001	
Hepatocellular ballooning					
Patients with improvement	47 (46N)	30(31%)	15(14to 21)	0.03	
Ounge in score	-05(05)	-0.2 (0.9)	-02(-0500-00)	0.03	
Steatosis					
Patients with improvement.	62 (61%)	37 (38%)	16(121023)	0.001	
Change in score	-0.8 (1.0)	-0.4(0.8)	-0-4(-06to-0-2)	0.0004	
Lobular inflammation					
Patients with improvement	54 (53%)	34(35%)	26(341022)	0.006	
	Carlos and	0.3 (0.01	0.31.075. 0.13	ALCONO.	

NAS	n	Placebo, n (%)	Elafibranor 80 mg, n (%)	Elafibranor 120 mg, n (%)	OR (95% CI)*	P value
Protocol-defined primary outcome						
Total	274	92 (17)	93 (23)	89 (21)	1.53 (0.70-3.34)	.280
NAS ≥4 (moderate and severe)	234	76 (11)	83 (20)	75 (20)	3.16 (1.22-8.13)	.018
NAS 3 (mild)	40	10 (00)	10 (+0)	14 (29)		
Total	274	92 (12)	93 (13)	89 (19)	2.31 (1.02-5.24)	045
NAS >4 (moderate and severe)	234	76 (9)	83 (13)	75 (19)	3.52 (1.32-9.40)	.013
NAS 3 (mild)	40	16 (25)	10 (10)	14 (21)	0.00 (1.00 - 0.00)	.010
Elafibranor 120 mg vs placebo,	direct t	reatment effect.				3
					Ratziu Gastro	2016

	Liraglutide	Placebo	Relative risks or mean changes (95% Cl) from baseline to 48 weeks (liraglutide vs placebo)	pvalue*
Primary outcome				
Number of patients with pained liver biopsies.	23	22	*	- 10
Patients with resolution of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis	9 (39%)	2 (9%)	43(1-0 to 17-7)	0-019
Changes from baseline in hist	opathological p	arameters		
Total NAFLD activity score				
Change in score	-13(1-6)	-0.8 (1-2)	-05(-13to03)	024
Patients with improvement	17 (74%)	14 (64%)	1-2 (0-8 to 1-7)	0-46
Hepatocyte ballooning score				
Mean change	-0.5 (0.7)	-0-2 (0-6)	-0-3 (-0-7 to 0-1)	0.15
Patients with improvement	14 (61%)	7 (32%)	1-9 (1-0 to 3-8)	0-05
Steatosis				10000
Change in score	-0-7 (0-8)	-0-4 (0-8)	-0.2 (-0.6 to 0.2)	0-32
Patients with improvement.	19 (83%)	10(45%)	1-8 (1-1 to 3-0)	0.009
Lobolar inflammation				17.1475
Change in score	-0.2 (0.6)	-0-2 (0-5)	-0-01 (-0-3 to 0-3)	0.97
Patients with improvement	11 (48%)	17 (55%)	09(05ta16)	0.65
Kleiner fibrosis stage				1
Change in score	-0-2 (0-8)	0.2 (1-0)	-0-4 (-0-8 to 0-1)	0.11
Patients with improvement	6 (26%)	3(14%)	1.9 (0.5 to 6.7)	0-461
Patients with worsening	2 (9%)	8 (36%)	0-2 (0 1 to 1-0)	Newsome Lancet

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# NAFLD AND ALCOHOLIC LIVER DISEASE: SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

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Alcohol and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) are two factors with the potential to keep level of liver cirrhosis relatively high in European countries (1, 2). According to the population-based study in Russia with the main goal to screen the Moscow citizens for the prevalence of liver disease published in 2014 alcoholic liver disease (ALD) takes the 2<sup>nd</sup> place after NAFLD (3).

The main risk factor for NAFLD is obesity for ALD – harmful alcohol consumption and alcohol dependence. Obesity (consequence of binge eating) and harmful alcohol consumption besides liver injury usually associate with behavioural disorders (such as anxiety, depression etc.), high blood pressure, dyslipidaemia, heart diseases, liver cancer and so on. Thus, multidisciplinary team is required for the successful patients' management. The pathogenesis of NAFLD and ALD is similar: high prevalence of SIBO, increased intestinal permeability and bacterial overgrowth, activation an inflammatory cascade through both TLR4-dependent and TLR-4-independent pathways (4, 5). But the main difference between NAFLD and ALD is clinical course. NAFLD including NASH usually is asymptomatic on any stage of disease except advanced liver cirrhosis. In contrast the short-term mortality among patients with severe ALD exceeds 30%. Jaundice is the main presenting feature of severe alcoholic hepatitis (or alcoholic steatohepatitis - ASH). It may be associated with fever with or without infection, weight loss and malnutrition, large tender liver and signs of liver failure and kidney insufficiency (hepatorenal syndrome type 1). Despite different clinical course NASH and ASH have similar histological features, which are the following: a coexistence of steatosis, hepatocyte ballooning, and an inflammatory infiltrate with PMNs. To identify patients with ASH at high risk of early death (1–3 months after disease onset) several prognostic models have been designed: the Maddrey discriminant function (DF), the MELD (Model for End-Stage Liver Disease), the GAHS (Glasgow ASH Score) and the ABIC score (age, serum bilirubin, INR, and serum creatinine score). Corticosteroids improves the short-term mortality in patients with ASH and Maddrey's discriminant function  $\geq$  32 (severe alcoholic hepatitis) and should be used as a first-line treatment unless concomitant gastrointestinal bleeding, active infection, renal failure, or pancreatitis (2, 6). As for the NASH corticosteroids are never in use. Following the recent publications including meta-analysis UDCA therapy is effective in NASH as a monotherapy as in combination with other drugs (for instance, vit E) and improves liver function, steatosis and inflammation (7). There are no exact recommendations for the treatment of patients with mild/moderate ASH except abstinence and nutrition support for undernourished patients (2). Some further investigations with SAMe, UDCA are needed.

Both NAFLD and ALD are multifaceted diseases and require an interdisciplinary approach.

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**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF HCC RISK** 

**FACTORS** 

THE BRIDGE COHORT STUDY China N=8538

6575

(77)

255 (3)

416 (5)

Taiwan S. Korea N=1580 N=1172

489 (31) 112 (10)

884 (75)

110 (9)

68 (6)

987 (63)

66 (4)

84 (5)

Park 1H et al. Liver Int. 2015: 35. 2155-66

Japan N=446

64 (14)

284 (64)

59 (13)

9 (2)

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#### NAFLD AND HEPATOCELLULAR **CARCINOMA**

- Risk factors
  - Diabetes
  - Older age
  - Presence of cirrhosis
- Incidence of HCC 2-3% per year
- Carcinogenesis can occur in the absence of advanced fibrosis in patients with NAFLD

Sanyal, Curr Med Res Opin 2010 Loomba, Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol 2013

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#### **TREATMENT OPTIONS**

# NAFLD & ALD Similarities

- life style modification: behavior interventions (multidisciplinary team), physical activity
- > NAFLD & ALD Differences - Drug therapy of NASH and severe ASH

# **NAFLD & ALD:** SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Prevalence

Risk

Factors N (%)

HBC

HCV

ALD

NASH

N.

America N=2243

876 (39)

471 (21) 1290

522 (23) 362 (10)

1590

(46)

(37) 275 (12) 334 (10) 53 (1)

N=3466

- NAFLD and ALD as associated conditions with obesity and alcohol misuse
- Genetic predisposition
- > Pathogenesis
- Clinical course
- Management/Pharmacology

#### **DRUG TREATMENT NAFLD & ALD DIFFERENCES**

#### Treatment of Obesity

psychosocial interventions and pharmacological therapy (orlistat)

- bariatric surgery Treatment of NAFLD
- Insulin Sensitizers (Metformin, Pioglitazone)
- -Liver-directed pharmacology: Cytoprotective/Antioxidants UDCA,

Vit. E

-New treatment (?): Debate on GLP, Obeticholic acid and Elafibranor

Agreed outcome: NASH resolution, no worsening of fibrosis

New treatment regimens is needed Agreed outcome: Achievement and maintenance of total

bharmacological therapy (baclofen)

Treatment oh ALD

alcohol abstinence. AH (ASH) resolution, improvement in short-term mortality, no worsening of fibrosis

Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder - psychosocial interventions and pharmacological

- Prednisolone for severe Alcoholic Hepatitis (ASH)

Cytoprotective/Antioxidants - UDCA, SAMe (?)

#### THE EFFECTS OF URSODEOXYCHOLIC ACID (UDCA) IN THE TREATMENT OF NASH: META-**ANALYSIS**

- > 12 randomized clinical trials, involving 1160 subjects, were selected
- > 7 of 12 assessed the effects of UDCA Monotherapy
- > 5 of 12 testing combinations of UDCA with vitamin E, polyene phosphatidylcholine, silymarin, glycyrrhizin and tiopronin
- The duration of therapy ranged from 3 to 24 months

Xiang et al. BMC Gastroenterology 2013, 13:140

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#### THE EFFECTS OF URSODEOXYCHOLIC ACID (UDCA) IN THE TREATMENT OF NASH: **META-ANALYSIS**

#### Results Monotherapy

UDCA significantly improved liver function in five studies and improved steatosis and fibrosis in two studie

<u>Combination therapy</u> All five studies assessing UDCA combination therapy showed significant improvements liver function, while two studies also improved steatosis and inflammation. One study of high-dose UDCA ((23–35 mg/kg/d) showed significant improvements in ALT, yGT and liver fibrosis

#### Conclusion

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UDCA therapy is effective in NASH as a monotherapy as in combination with other

Xiang et al. BMC Gastroenterology 2013, 13:140

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# **CONCLUSION (1)**

- NAFLD & ALD are common worldwide
- NAFLD & ALD are strongly associated with obesity and excessive > alcohol consumption.
- > NAFLD & ALD are the spectrum of disease: steatosis, hepatitis, fibrosis/cirrhosis and HCC. Short-term prognosis is usually excellent in NASH, but adverse in patients with severe ASH. Carcinogenesis can occur in the absence of advanced fibrosis in patients with NAFLD
- NAFLD & ALD are frequently accompanied by extrahepatic complications. NAFLD is an independent risk factor for > cardiovascular disease



#### **CONCLUSION (2)**

- GWAS of NAFLD & ALD suggested that a PNPLA3 SNP, I148M (rs738409 C/G) is associated with increased hepatic fat content and disease progression
- A population-based study found that ALD contributed to liverrelated mortality whereas the leading causes of death in patients with NAFLD were cardiovascular disease
- Treatment options for NAFLD/NASH & ALD/ASH are similar concerning life style modification (behavior interventions), but drug treatment is different – UDCA and Vit E for NASH; Prednisolon for severe ASH
- UDCA is promised as a cytoprotective/antioxidant compound in > patients with NAFLD/NASH, especially in MS



# NAFLD AND CARDIOVASCULAR COMORBIDITY

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Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) may be considered as an additional sixth criterion of metabolic syndrome (MS). Insulin resistance plays a key role in the MS pathogenesis; particularly, it underpins all manifestations of this syndrome including cardiovascular conditions.

However, as it has currently been reported in some studies, NAFLD is not just one of the MS manifestations: it is an individual and independent factor increasing the risk of cardiovascular complications by approximately 25%. The report shows in detail which mechanisms of NAFLD lead to such an effect. One of the main mechanisms of NAFLD influence on the cardiovascular event risk is the fact that it modifies the cholesterol metabolism processes increasing its synthesis with the use of HMG-CoA reductase, decreasing LDL cholesterol uptake due to the inhibition of the LDL-receptor expression as well as decreasing the bile cholesterol excretion. Moreover, in NAFLD the LDL and VLDL structure is changed such that they penetrate more easily the vascular walls. Altogether this leads to the atherogenesis increase which in NAFLD may result in the development of atherosclerotic plaques even in normal levels of total cholesterol and LDL. NAFLD also increases the thrombosis risk due to the increase of pool of proinflammatory cytokines, proatherogenic dyslipidemia, and hypercoagulation.

Some studies have also shown that in the settings of NAFLD the degree of left ventricular myocardial hypertrophy is markedly higher, atherosclerosis of the coronary and carotid arteries is more common, and the risk of ischemic heart disease is higher.

Thus, NAFLD is a confounding factor for cardiovascular diseases and requires a special approach to its treatment in such comorbid patients.

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# WHICH DOCTOR SHOULD TREAT NAFLD?

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Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) may be considered as an additional sixth criterion of metabolic syndrome (MS). At that, all manifestations of MS constitute a single pathogenesis underpinned by insulin resistance.

The MS manifestations include ischemic heart disease, arterial hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, abdominal obesity, atherogenic dyslipidemia and NAFLD. Therefore, a patient with MS is a comorbid patient with a wide range of disease entities which are usually treated by different specialists: cardiologists, endocrinologists, gastroenterologists, dietitians and other specialists. However, in the real-life clinical settings the therapy prescribed to such a patient by different medical specialists does not often take into consideration presence of comorbid conditions constituting one pathogenesis. Moreover, sometimes prescriptions of different specialists may be contradictious or may be excessive which leads to polypragmasy and an additional medicinal load on the liver resulting in drug-induced hepatitis development.

In what way can we optimize the treatment approach to such comorbid patients with NAFLD, MS and concomitant conditions? One of the approaches is that the management of such a patient should be carried out by one physician who will be able to take into consideration all the comorbid conditions and prescribe the integrated treatment based on the total pathogenesis of MS manifestations.

In the current context this physician may be a general practitioner or a family therapist.

Oganov R.G. Which doctor should treat NAFLD? In: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Gastroenterology, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 12–14 May 2016. [online]. Available from URL: http://www.promedcs.eu/sites/default/files/abstractbook\_2016.pdf

# ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY – EMERGING TECHNIQUES WHICH COMPLETELY CHANGED THE CURRENT CLINICAL PRACTICE

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The introduction of the fiberoptic gastroscope more than 50 years (Basil Hirschowitz) and papilosphincterotomy (L. Demling, M. Classen) more than 40 years ago were the landmarks changing the practice of gastroenterology fundamentally. Other breakthrough techniques involve polypectomy, stones removal, stenoses by-passing developed within the last two decades of the last century. Further refined techniques together with the accessories improvement enlarged the scale of therapeutic interventions considerably. ERCP has become almost exclusively a therapeutic procedure. The cannulation technique has changed in favour of primary guide wire insertion instead of contrast injection. In approximately 10% of cases the free cannulation is not achieved and precut technique has to be considered. Among various complications, pancreatitis represents both the most frequent and feared one. The preventive temporary pancreatic stent insertion and rectal administration of NSAIDs can reduce the risk of pancreatitis considerably. Dilation of benign strictures can be accomplished using a variety of dilating devices. Stenoses by-passing achieved primarily by the plastic stents insertion was further improved by the use of self-expanding metalic stents (SEMS). In bile duct obstruction, the stent insertion has to be properly planned in advance. Distal malignant obstruction is usually easy to by-pass, whereas hilar malignant obstruction represents a significantly greater challenge. The necessity to drain bilateral lobes is considered controversial, the failure to drain an opacified lobe will worsen the prognosis. In chronic pancreatitis, therapeutic endoscopy can be considered in three settings: drainage of the pancreatic duct by stents insertion or stones removal, pseudocyst drainage and treatment of biliary obstruction. Pancreatic fluid collection and pancreatic liquid necrosis can be drained using a transmural approach with placement of plastic or SEMS, and debris can be removed directly. The puncture has to be done using endoscopic ultrasound (EUS). SEMS are a major mode of palliative therapy in esophageal cancer and gastric outlet obstruction. Colorectal SEMS are useful adjunct to the palliative treatment of advanced malignancies. Currently a wide variety of interventional procedures are performed using EUS guidance including coeliac plexus neurolysis, drainage of fluid colections, drainage of biliary and pancreatic ducts and implementation of fiducial markers. POEM is a recently developed achalasia treatment method which combines the efficacy of surgical myotomy with the benefits of endoscopic procedures. Development of techniques of electrodissection and several accessories such as an oblique transparent cap has led to an increasing use of endoscopy treatment of Zenker's diverticulum. Barrett's esophagus as a complication of reflux esophagitis is a cause of the increased risk of esophageal adenocarcinoma. The patients with low grade dysplasia should be re-evaluated by the second opinion and in those with high grade dysplasia resection and thermal ablation seems to be the most reasonable therapy with recently emerging cryotherapy as the alternative. The advent of endoscopic resection techniques has enabled gastroenterologists to remove premalignant and early malignant lesions throughout the gastrointestinal tract. By the endoscopic dissection, the endoscopists can determine the incision line preoperatively and than resect even relatively large mucosal tumors en bloc. Progress in endoscopy is nowadays evolutionary process continuously expanding in more and more areas covered in past by surgery only.

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#### Summary of Clinical Data MUSE Improves GERD-Related Quality of Life







#### How MUSE (Medigus Ultrasonic Surgical Endostapler (MUSE™) Works

- Step by Step Overview: 1. Advance into stomach and retroflex
- Retract MUSE system to 3 cm proximal to GE Junction, clamp tissue and staple fundus to esophagus
- Remove MUSE to change stapling cartridge and repeat in 2–4 locations to create flap valve (150–180° anterior wrap)



ach application fires 5 staples (quintuplet) Standard 4.8 mm titanium surgical staples

- Reliably used for gastroesophageal anastomosis for > 40 years
- anastomosis for > 40 years



#### Ablative Therapy for Barrett, Esophageal Dysplasia, Early Malignancy

Technique	Method	Frequency	Metaplasia eradication %	LGD eradication %	HGD eradication %	Complications %
RFA	High frequency current, topical destruction	2–3 m until resolution	5497	80-100	81-90	2–6 (stricture, hemorrhagie)
	O free radicals, topical destruction	1–2, ofteh followed ny Nd: Yag laser	52	93	77	30 (photosensitivit y, stricture)
АРС	Heat, topical destruction	8 weeks	0-55	-	76	15 (stricture)
Cryotherapy	Topical application, destruction	3–5 sessions	57-84	87	97	9 (stricture)
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RFA in I	KEM II	•
Complete remission of IM		68%
Complete remission of neoplasia		98.5%
Recurrences of IM	34%	75% normal neo-Z-line
	5470	25% abnormal neo-Z-line
Recurrences of neoplasia	4% (3x LG	D)
Detection of buried glands	0%	



#### **POEM in IKEM: Baseline Characteristics Achalasia** No effect of medical treatment 123/120 POEM Group of patients M/F 59/43 Laparoscopic Heller myotomy

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POEM

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Dilation

**IKEM: Eckardt Score** þ Eckardt score 6 4 Ŧ Ē Ŧ 古 Before 3M 6M 
 Median
 7
 0\*
 0\*
 0\*
 1\*

 Variation range
 3–12
 0–5
 0–3
 0–2
 0–3
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#### **Endoscopic Submucosal Tunnel Dissection** for Large Superficial Esophageal **Squamous Cell Neoplasms**

Ref.	Year	Leslons/cases	Mean size (mm)	Operation time (min)	En bloc resection	R0 resection	Complications	follow-up (mo)	Local
Lingha et a <sup>pt</sup> Lingha et a <sup>pta</sup> Zhai et al <sup>eta</sup>	2011 2013 2014	11/11	49.2 (00 90)	78.6 (04-120)	100.2	91.85	Stenosis: 6 (54.5)	13.5 (3-30)	0%
Gao et al <sup>10</sup>	2012	37/37	24 (20.50)	125 (60-150)	100%	62.4%	Delayed blooding; 1 (5.9)	NA	0%
Nong et a	2013	7/7	35.7 (20-40)	61 (37-110)	100%	100%	Immediate blooding: 2 (28.0)	12	0%
Acades at a <sup>(23)</sup>	2013	25/25	25 (20-00)	55 (60 210)	925	345	SE and ME 2 (9) Perforation 1 (4)	31.4 (3-56)	2 (0)
Pioche ct.d <sup>973</sup>	2013	11/11	45 (27-80)	76-(05-150)	100%	81.85	5E 9.1% Stenosis: 4 (30.4)	NA	1 (9.1)
Luscol	2014	1/3	50	NA	100%	100%	Norm	0	0%
Zhon et d <sup>ing</sup>	2014	15/38	58 (45-74)	54.5 (02.85)	100%	100%	Immediate bloeding: 1 (5.6) SE: 1 (5.6) Stenom: 3 (10.7)	0	0%
Total		90/88	37.8 (10-83)	83.3 (02-180)	85 (07.9)	77 (85.8)	Immediate bleeding: 4 (4.4) Delay bleeding: 1 (1.1) Perforation: 1 (1.1) SE or ME: 3 (0.3) Stenaris: 9 (10)	NA	3 (33)

First Endoscopic Pyloromyotomy (G-POEM), Czech Rep. 9. 11. 2015

Age (range)

Achalasia I, II, III Jackhammer esoph.

Previous therapy

47 (17–72)

11/77/5

1 22 (22%)

(3x LHM)

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**Endoscopic Treatment for Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor** 

Ref.	"	Method	Mean operation time (min)	Mean tumor diameter (mm)	Complete resection rate (%)	Complications/recurrence
Wang et al <sup>427</sup> (2014)	- 86	Standard ESD	-		100	4 defayed bloedings
						9 perforations
						5 local recurrences
Ye ct of *1 (2014)	85	ESTD	57	19	100	4 pneumothecay and subcutaneou
						employments
						2 procumotheray
						2 subcutaneous emphysema
Fong at al # (2014)	45	EFTR	60	16	300	0
Li et al <sup>441</sup> (2012)	143	ESD (154), SPTR	45	18	-041	2 protonotheray,
		INI. ESTD (3)				I subcutaneous employeens
Bullek et al <sup>ist</sup> (2012)	22	Standard ESD	1.1.4	+	68	2 perforations
Lini et al <sup>04</sup> (2013)	32	EMD	77	22	- 97	4 periorations
Innuo et al <sup>011</sup> (2012)	. 7	SET	152	10	100	0
Going at after (2012)	12	ISTD	48	20	85	2 pneumothorax
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Zhou et al <sup>CU</sup> (2011)	26	BFTR	105	25	100	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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#### **Endoscopic Sleeve**

Single-center case series n=147

Primary Obesity Surgery Endolumenal (POSE(™)); plications or 2 parallel plications st the anterior and posterior site of the stomach

Results: no severe complications mean procedure time: 75 min. and 2,5h

Initial BMI 38

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2008-2013

Complications 3.7%

Conversion 1.5%

Hybrid transvaginal cholecystectomy 88.7%

Hybrid transvaginal/transgastric appendectomy 6.1%

Hybrid transvaginal/transrectal colon procedures 5.1%

Total weight loss (TWL), percentage of TWL (%TWL), percentage of excess weight loss (%EWL) TWL of 16.6 ± 9.7 kg, %TWL of 15.1 ± 7.8, and %EWL of 44.9 ± 24.4



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Lehmann KS et al. Chirurg 2015



**NOTES** 

White paper 2005

appendicetomy,

Transvaginal: Cholecystectomy.

sigmoidectomy, nephrectomy, peritoneoscopy, sleeve gastrectomy,

Transgastric: Cholecystectony,

peritoneoscopy, appendicetomy,

splenectomy, liver biopsy/resection,

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# **Endoscopic Surgery – Conclusion** Therapeutic endoscopy is changing considerably ۰. covering more and more space

Bulian DR et al. Langenbecks Arch Surg 2014

- Nobody can master all endoscopic techniques  $\dot{\mathbf{v}}$
- \*\* Highly sophisticated technology has to be proved in RCT
- 4 Better organization desirable
- \* Future – new technologies, robotization



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# THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION

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#### Background

Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) has been developed in Japan as the method for *en block* resection of gastrointestinal cancers with very low risk of lymph node metastasis. In such cases, ESD provides similar oncological results and, at the same time, avoids risks of surgery.

#### Gastric ESD (G-ESD)

In 2016, indications for G-ESD are as follows:

#### A) Guideline

- Elevated type (0–IIa) cancer  $\leq$  20 mm in diameter;
- Depressed type (0–IIc) cancer  $\leq$  10 mm;
- + all such lesions should be moderately or well-differentiated, with no ulceration, confined to the mucosa and have no lymphatic or vascular involvement histologically.

#### B) Expanded

- Intramucosal, well-differentiated adenocarcinoma, without ulceration regardless of lesion size;
- Intramucosal, well-differentiated adenocarcinoma, with ulceration,  $\leq$  30 mm in diameter;
- Superficially (sm1) invasive, well-differentiated adenocarcinoma,  $\leq$  30 mm in diameter.

#### Results of G-ESD:

*Toyonaga et al.* reported results of G-ESD performed on 2 038 Japanese patients during 2002–2012. *En block* and R0 resection was achieved in 2 027 (99.5%) and 1 984 (97.4%) of cases respectively. In another Japanese series of 3 778 G-ESD with 5 year follow up, 0 patients in guideline group and 3 (1.15%) in expanded criteria group developed metastasis. In Europe, *Nunes et al.* reported *en block* and R0 resection in 94% and 91% respectively with longterm curative results in 86%. The risk of perforation is 1.2–5.2%.

#### Esophageal ESD (E-ESD)

In 2016, indications for E-ESD of squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) are as follows:

#### A) Absolute

• SCC limited to epithelium or lamina propria (m1, m2);

#### B) Relative

• SCC involving muscularis propria (m3) or superficial submucosa (sm1).

#### Results of E-ESD:

*Toyonaga et al.* reported results of E-ESD performed on 559 Japanese patients during 2002–2012. *En block* and R0 resection was achieved in 557 (99.6%) and 547 (97.9%) of cases respectively.

#### Colorectal ESD (CR-ESD)

In 2016, indications for colorectal ESD (CR-ESD) are as follows:

- Lesions for which en block resection is required but difficult to achieve by EMR, including
  - LST-NG, particularly LST-NGPD;
  - lesions showing a Vi pit pattern;
  - carcinomas with shallow T1 (sm) invasion;
  - large depressed-type tumors and large protruded type lesions suspected to be carcinoma;
- Mucosal tumours with submucosal fibrosis;
- Sporadic localized tumours in conditions of chronic inflammation such as ulcerative colitis;
- Local residual or recurrent early carcinomas after endoscopic resection.

*Toyonaga et al.* reported results of CR-ESD performed on 1 143 Japanese patients during 2002–2012. *En block* and R0 resection was achieved in 1 135 (99.3%) and 1 128 (98.7%) of cases respectively. The risk of perforation in studies is 1.1–3.8%.

#### **European perspective of ESD**

Compared to Asia, incidence of both SCC and EGC in Europe is low. Nevertheless, the indications for E-ESD and G-ESD are straightforward due to the risks of surgery and lower quality of life after surgical resection. CR-ESD spreads rapidly, but it is wise to keep in mind, that most of colorectal lesions can be treated safely by piecemeal EMR and both the risks and impact on quality of life of colorectal surgery are lower than in the cases of foregut tumors. To further improve results of ESD in Europe, training involving animal models work and participation on workshops with ESD experts are advocated. For further reading, recently launched ESGE guideline is available.

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SURGERY EFFECTIVE BUT HAS MORTALITY					
	Upper GI tract	Lower GI tract			
In-hospital mortality	5.7%	2%			
30-day mortality	9.8%	3.5%			
90-day mortality	15.6%	10.6%			
Complication rate	29.5%	34%			
Reoperation	6.5%	7.8%			
Jakobson et al. Medicina 20	)14, 50: 111–117.				



#### WHOM TO TRAIN ?

#### JAPAN:

- > Knowledge as primary physicians
- > An average level of endsocopic skills
- > Wanting to acquire the sufficient knowledge and competent skills for ESD
- Not every endoscopist can became a preceptee of ESD

Fujishiro M., et al. Dig Endosc 2012; S1: 121-123.

#### **COMPACT ERLANGEN SIMULATOR (EASIE)** & LIVE PORCINE MODEL HANDS-ON TRAINING

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#### **TIME VS PERFORATION, PIECEMEAL**



#### ESD SUPERIOR TO EMR (EN BLOC, RO, CURATIVE)





#### **TRAINING IS EFFECTIVE**

30 ESD (8 ex vivo, 22 in vivo) First vs second half of gastric cases  $98.9 \pm 62.4 \text{ min vs} 61.7 \pm 17.6 \text{ min, } p = 0.04$ 

**CONCLUSION:** Training in animal models could help endoscopists overcome the learning curve before starting ESD in humans.

Parra-Blanco A., et al. World J. Gastroenterol 2010; 16: 2895-900.

#### WHO IS COMPETENT FOR ESD IN JAPAN?

	G-ESD		CR-ESD
> :	30 supervised cases	≻	80 cases
	Guideline lesion in < 2 h	$\succ$	< 15 min/cm <sup>2</sup>
	Curative resection rate	$\succ$	En bloc > 95%
	> 90%	≻	R0 > 90%
	Complication rate < 3%	۶	Perforation < 6
ujish	iro M., et al. Dig Endosc 2012; 24(S1): 121-	123	

< 6%

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## **INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

ESGE guidelines Written policy for perforation management Discussion of cases in tumor boards Regular gastro- pathological meetings

No consensus about minimal case load vs. imperative to perform > 10-25 cases/year

Pimentel-Nunes, et al. ESD: ESGE guideline, Endoscopy 2015; 47: 829–854 Paspatis Gregorios A., et al. ESGE position statement, Endoscopy 2014; 46: 693–711 Deprez P.H., et al. Endoscopy 2010; 42: 121–124.





## JAPANESE VS. EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE WITH G-ESD

- Tokyo area (Hoteya S, Japan-Korean joint symposium 2012) 2005–2009: 5,777 lesions
   R0 94.1%, 1.2%, Local rec. 0.3%, Dist. meta 0.16%
- Portugal (Nunes PP, Endoscopy 2014)
   2003–2013: 195 lesions , 141 ESD
   En bloc 94%, R0 91%, Perf. 2%, Bleeding 8%
- Czech Rep. (Urban O, UEGW 2015)
   2011–2014: 25 lesions
   En bloc 85%, R0 85%, Perf. 8%, Bleeding 0%

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## **TECHNOLOGY LIMITATIONS IN EU**



## **DIFFICULTY OF GASTRIC ESD**



## CR-ESD: THINGS TO BE CONSIDERED FIRST !

- ➢ EMR effective for lesions < 20 m</p>
- > Virtually 0 risk of sm invasion for LST-GH of any size
- Local residual/reccurent neoplasia endoscopicaly treatable in 91% during one session
- > Surgery in colon less invasive, functional results good
- > Rectal cancers technically easier, biologicaly worse



## JAPANESE VS. EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE WITH CR-ESD

- Japan (Toyonaga T, Clinc Endosc 2012) 2002–2012: 1,143 lesions
   En bloc 99.3% R0 97.8% Perf. 1.5%
- France (Rahmi G, Endoscopy 2014)
   2010–2012: 45 lesions (all rectal)
   En bloc 64%, R0 53 %, Perf. 18%
- Czech Rep. (Urban O, UEGW 2015)
   2011–2014: 43 lesions (post EMR recurrence 9)
   En bloc 69.8%, R0 55.8%, Perf. 12%

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## PROSPECTS: TRACTION, CUTTING, LIFTING...

PTA-EMR *(Takumo1997)* Magnetic anchor system *(Gotoda 2009)* External grasping forceps *(Imaeda 2006)* Peroral traction assisted ESD *(Jeon 2009)* Spring device *(Sukurazawa 2009)* Clip–band techniqe *(Parra-Blanco 2011)* Medical–ring assisted ESD*(Matsumoto 2012)* Endolifter

Scissors-type devices (Clutch cutter, SB knife, FD-Y0005)

OUTCOMES OF S-ESD VS. ESD

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Gel for SM injection (Saxena 2014)

	Author	Method	n	Size (mm)	Time (s)	En bloc %	Perfor. %	Delayed bleed %
	Vachida	S-ESD	22	21.2 (10–40)	57 (18–85)	77.3	4.5	4.5
	TUSHIUA	ESD	166	31.2 (12–130)	94 (100–420)	92.2	3.8	2.5
	Oka	S-ESD	36	20-NR	NR	100	5.6	NR
	UKd	ESD	95	20-NR	NR	NR	1.1	NR
	Toyonaga	S-ESD	44	17 (4–33)	27 (8–98)	90.9	4.5	2.3
		ESD	468	30 (6–158)	60 (11–335)	98.9	1.5	1.5

## ENDOSCOPIC FULL THICKNESS RESECTION (EFTR)

Wall resect study (n = 79)

- Adenoma with non-lifting (53%) T1 ca (14%)
   Adenoma involving appendix (19%)
   Submucosal tumor (12%)
- Technical success (en bloc) 86%, (R0) 78%
- Procedure time 11 (1–90min)
- > Adverse event 5.1%
- Residual adenoma after 3 month (n = 15) 0%

Schmidt T., et al. OP054-LB3, UEGW 2015.

## BARRETT OESOPHAGUS RELATED NEOPLASIA

ESD has not been shown to be superior to EMR for excision of mucosal cancer and for that reason EMR should be preferred.

ESD may be considered in selected cases, such as lesions larger than 15 mm, poorly lifting tumors, and lesions at risk for submucosal invasion.

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Pimentel-Nunes, et al. ESD: ESGE guideline, Endoscopy 2015; 47: 829-854.

# SIMPLIFIED (S-ESD)



## **CONCLUSIONS: ESD IN EUROPE**

- has changed paradigm of early GI tract cancer treatment
- compared to country of its origin is performed in different clinical scenario
- should be started after relevant training
- is mostly needed for colorectal lesions
- is still technically developing

# EUS-GUIDED AND EUS-ASSISTED INTERVENTIONAL BILIARY ENDOSCOPY AND ENDOSCOPIC ANASTOMOSES

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Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) has established its role in diagnostics since early 1980s, with significant improvement of ultrasound imaging, endoscopic imaging as well as various tissue acquistion techniques. Therapeutic EUS has been rather limited and mostly applied only in celiac plexus neurolysis and drainage of pseudocysts and peripancreatic fluid collections. These procedures have been performed with accessories developed mainly for diagnostic EUS as well as endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreaticography (ERCP). Thus development of new dedicated instruments and accessories was required.

Over the last 5 years, with development and introduction of such specific tools, therapeutic interventional EUS (iEUS) started its massive outbreak. Novel and dedicated instruments and devices help to reinvent treatment of pancreatic and peripancreatic fluid collections, facilitate gaining access to the bile duct in case of failed ERCP or percutaneous transhepatic biliary drainage (PTCD), allows creation of anastomoses on both intrahepatic and extrahepatic bile ducts, pancreatic duct as well as in between various parts of upper gastrointestinal tract.

EUS-assisted or EUS-guided approach is applied both in malignant and benign cases, especially in order to create effective drainage from bile ducts, occluded by tumors or even by stone disease. Such approach is extremely helpful in gaining biliary access also in cases of difficult anatomy, especially in surgically altered anatomy (i.e. gastric bypass, Roux Y anastomoses, etc.), where standard ERCP is not an option.

EUS-quided choledochoduodenostomy, hepaticoduodenostomy, EUS-quided EUS-guided hepaticogastrostomy, EUS-guided cholecystogastrostomy and EUS-guided cholecystoduodenostomy are supplementary to standard ERCP as well as to EUS-assisted procedures on bile ducts. Aarhus University Hospital is leading in pioneering center in clinical application of all these techniques. They are fully implemented within therapeutic algorithms of both malignant and benign patient in order to facilitate fast track clinical approach. Procedures are complementary to other standard techniques and performed on regular basis. Appropriate technique is chosen based on underlying pathology, anatomic site of bile duct occlusion, diameter of bile ducts, etc. Some of procedures are even performed routinely on outpatient basis and does not require general anesthesia. High volume of these procedure is result of tight multidisciplinary approach and multidisciplinary decision making, with main target to provide as fast as possible treatment for patients with the highest possible quality of care. Therapeutic tools and accessories are continuously improved in order to expand field of indications as well as to achieve the highest possible technical and clinical success rates, respectively.

Kunda R. EUS-guided and EUS-assisted interventional biliary endoscopy and endoscopic anastomoses. In: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Gastroenterology, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 12–14 May 2016. [online]. Available from URL: http://www.promedcs.eu/sites/default/files/abstractbook\_2016.pdf

# ENDOSCOPIC DIAGNOSIS AND TISSUE SAMPLING IN BARRETT'S OESOPHAGUS

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The diagnosis of GERD is associated with a 10–15% risk of Barrett's esophagus (BE), a change of the normal squamous epithelium of the distal esophagus to a columnar-lined intestinal metaplasia (IM). Endoscopy assessment and tissue acquisition are fundamental for correct diagnosis and management of BE. The proper collection of tissue specimens is required for accurate pathologic diagnosis. Communication between endoscopist and pathologist facilitates effective tissue collection and analysis.

BE should be diagnosed when there is extension of salmon colored mucosa into the tubular esophagus extending  $\geq$  1 cm proximal to the gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) with biopsy confirmation of IM. The yield for IM correlates directly with the number of endoscopic biopsies obtained. Endoscopic biopsy should not be performed in the presence of a normal Z line or a Z line with < 1 cm of variability. IM of cardia is very common, being described in up to 20% of asymptomatic subjects presenting for routine open access endoscopic examinations. Studies have suggested that IM of the cardia is not more common in BE patients compared with controls, and that the natural history of IM at the EGJ is associated with Helicobacter pylori infection and not associated with esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC). Based on this information, biopsy of a normal or slightly irregular EGJ is not recommended. In the presence of BE, the endoscopist should describe the extent of metaplastic change including circumferential and maximal segment length using the Prague classification. The location of the EGJ has been defined as the anatomic region where the distal extent of the tubular esophagus is in contact with the proximal extent of the gastric folds. The location of the proximal extent of the gastric folds can be affected by respiration, air insufflation during endoscopy, and esophageal and gastric motility. The location of the diaphragmatic hiatus, GEJ, and squamocolumnar junction should be reported in the endoscopy report.

In patients with suspected BE, at least 8 random biopsies should be obtained to maximize the yield of IM on histology. In patients with short (1-2 cm) segments of suspected BE in whom 8 biopsies may be unobtainable, at least 4 biopsies per cm of circumferential BE, and one biopsy per cm in tongues of BE, should be obtained.

Unsedated transnasal endoscopy (uTNE) can be considered as an alternative to conventional upper endoscopy for BE screening (strong recommendation, low level of evidence). If initial endoscopic evaluation is negative for BE, repeating endoscopic evaluation for the presence of BE is not recommended. If endoscopy reveals esophagitis, repeat endoscopic assessment after PPI therapy for 8–12 weeks is recommended to ensure healing of esophagitis and exclude the presence of underlying BE. Surveillance should be performed with high-definition/high-resolution white light endoscopy. Routine use of advanced imaging techniques other than electronic chromoendoscopy is not recommended for endoscopic surveillance at this time. Endoscopic surveillance should employ four-quadrant biopsies at 2 cm intervals in patients without dysplasia and 1 cm intervals in patients with prior dysplasia. Mucosal abnormalities should be sampled separately, preferably with endoscopic mucosal resection.

Inability to perform endoscopic mucosal resection in the setting of BE with nodularity should lead to consideration to referral to a tertiary care center. Biopsies should not be obtained in mucosal areas with endoscopic evidence of erosive esophagitis until after intensification of antireflux therapy to induce mucosal healing. For BE patients with dysplasia of any grade, review by two pathologists, at least one of whom has specialized expertise in GI pathology, is warranted because of interobserver variability in the interpretation of dysplasia.

Veseliny E. Endoscopic diagnosis and tissue sampling in Barrett's oesophagus. In: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Gastroenterology, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 12–14 May 2016. [online]. Available from URL: http://www.promedcs.eu/sites/default/files/abstractbook\_2016.pdf



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## ENDOSCOPIC DIAGNOSIS AND TISSUE SAMPLING IN BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS

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# **Endoscopic diagnosis of BE**

- Transoral EGD is still the gold standard dg tool for BE
- Unsedated transnasal endoscopy (uTNE)
  - Comparable rates of NDBE detection
     Jobe BA, Am J Gastroenterol 2006
     Shariff MK, GIE 2012
  - Can be considered as an alternative for BE screening
     ACG guidelines, AJG 2015
  - But more problematic tissue sampling (large capacity forceps are better)
  - Not recommended in routine BE surveillance BSG guidelines, Gut 2014 ASGE guidelines, GIE 2012

# Introduction

- GI endoscopy and tissue acquisition are fundamental
   diagnosis and management of BE
- The proper collection of tissue specimens is required for accurate pathologic diagnosis (BE  $\pm$  IM or GM, IGD, LGD, HGD, IMC, EAC)
- Communication between endoscopist and pathologist facilitates effective tissue collection and analysis



# Endoscopic diagnosis of BE

- "Columnar epithelium should be clearly visible endoscopically above the GEJ" (> 1 cm)
- Assess landmarks:
  - Diaphragmatic hiatal pinch
  - GEJ the proximal limit of the longitudinal gastric folds with minimal air insufflation
  - SCJ

- Distinguish from an irregular Z-line
- tongues of columnar-lined epithelium shorter < 1 cm</li>
  - biopsies generally not recommended
- If, denote as ... "biopsies from GEJ" (not BE)

ACG guidelines, ACG 2015 BSG guidelines, Gut 2014



## The Prague C&M classification

- · Consensus-driven, explicit criteria
- Validated and reproduced in a different populations Sharma P, Gastroenterology 2006 Lee YC, Endoscopy 2010 Vahabzadeh B, GIE 2012
- **Record the length** Þ
  - (C- and M- extent of columnar-lined esophagus in cm)
  - All three landmarks (diaphr. hiatus, EGJ, SCJ) should be mentioned in report + any separate islands above it
  - (often after ablation th)
    - ACG guidelines, ACG 2015 BSG guidelines, Gut 2014



#### Minimum endoscopic dataset required in BE Finding Reporting system Nomenclature CnMn (where n is length in cm) Barrett's oesophagus Prague classification length Barrett's islands Describe distance from the Descriptive in the text incisors and length in cm Distance between diaphragmatic pinch and GOJ Hiatus hernia yes/no; on Visible lesions Number and distance from yes/no; cm incisors Classification of Paris classification 0-lp, protruded pedunculated 0-Is, protruded sess 0-IIa, superficial elevated 0-IIb, flat 0-IIc, superficial depressed 0-III, excavated Biopsies Location and number of n cm (distance from • incisors) Xn BSG guidelines, Gut 2014

**Biopsy protocol and site mapping** (diagnosis or surveillance of BE)

- The Seattle biopsy protocol:
  - Targeted biopsies on visible lesions
  - Four-quadrant random biopsies every 2 cm /1cm in dysplasia/
  - Safe, recommended, but time consuming
  - Only limited adherence to the protocol (10-79%) Poorer for longer segments
  - In failure.. significantly lower rate of dysplasia detection
     Das D, Am J Gastroenterol 2008
     Abrams JA, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2009 - Future RCTs will compare cost-effectiveness with alternative techniques
  - .. targeted biopsy guided by advanced imaging



## Biopsy protocol and site mapping ("detection essentials")

- > Inspect carefully by varying insufflation and desufflation
- > Retroflex the endoscope to inspect the distal BE segment
- > Targeted biopsy before random biopsies "see more, biopsy less"
- > Distal areas should be biopsied first... to minimize obscured view from bleeding
- > Diagnostic EMR of suspected lesions better than targeted biopsies for staging

#### \* In suspected BE:

at least 8 random biopsies .. to maximize the yield of IM on histology in short (1-2 cm) segments .. at least 4 biopsies per cm of circumferential BE, and one biopsy per cm in tongues of BE





#### **Biopsy protocol and site mapping** ("detection essentials")

- > HRE allows recognition of subtle superficial abnormalities
- > Careful cleaning of the mucosal surface
- > N-acetylcysteine, simethicone ... to disperse excess mucus and bubbles
- Repeat EGD (with sedation) if previous intolerated (full biopsy protocol)
- > ↑↑ PPI therapy ... in case of esophagitis or IGD

ACG guidelines, AJG 2015 BSG guidelines, Gut 2014 ASGE guidelines, GIE 2012

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Indigo carmine

- HD-WLE standard Seattle protocol vs. NBI targeted
  - N = 123, 3 tertiary referral international centers
  - NBI: fewer biopsies per patients /3.6 vs. 7.6 (p < 0.001)/
  - NBI detected more dysplasia /30% vs. 21 % (p < 0.01)/
  - Normal NBI pattern was truly normal Sharma P. Gut 2013
  - Only moderate interobserver agreement for the interpretation
  - Require high level of endoscopic expertise

# Advance endoscopic imaging

- Chromoendoscopy (Methylene blue, Indigo carmine)
   Not better, based on meta-analyses
- Virtual chromoendoscopy (i-SCAN, FICE)
- Insufficient data
- Autoflorescent Imaging - High sensitivity BUT high false positive rate (80%)
- CLE, Spectroscopy, OCT, molecular imaging
   Further studies are needed



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# Advance endoscopic imaging

... "are not superior to standard WLE in BE surveillance and are therefore not recommended for routine use"

(Recommendation grade A)

BSG guidelines, Gut 2014 ACG guidelines, AJG 2015

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# Conclusions

- Tissue sampling is the cornerstone for dg and management of pts with BE
- Essentials for appropriate "routine" clinical practice
  - Standard endoscope, HD-WLE, large capacity forceps
  - Adherence to Seattle protocol
  - See more, biopsy less, do it slowly, do it right
  - Helpful additions: Acetic acid, adrenalin
  - "Turn-and-suck" technique
  - Diagnostic EMR of suspected lesions better than targeted biopsies for staging
  - Learn to use virtual CE (NBI, FICE, i-SCAN)
- Advanced endoscopic imaging
   more data needed, reproduction and validation of the findings



# IS POEM A VALID METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF ACHALASIA PATIENTS?

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In 2007 Pasricha published a landmark innovative paper reporting his experience of successful endoscopic cardiomyotomy in pigs. Subsequently Inoue *et al.* applied the technique for the first time in humans in 2009. The POEM technique was born and had an unprecedented fast development in the history of gastrointestinal endoscopy. It is also interesting to note that the development and implementation of this technique followed a more rigorous approach compared to other surgical and endoscopic techniques.

The initial enthusiasm spread from Japan to the western world and several case series were published from 2012 onwards focusing initially on **feasibility** and immediate **efficacy** (Stavropoulos 2010, von Renteln 2012, Costamagna 2012, ...).

Retrospective comparative studies with Laparoscopic Heller Myotomy (LHM) showed similar **early results** as evaluated by the drop in Eckardt Score and several other per- and post-operative measures of **efficacy** (drop in IRP4s or Barium Esophagogram) or of **morbidity** (length of stay, pain scores, complication rates, ...).

Subsequently indications of the procedure were expanded to patients with failure of LHM or pneumatic dilatation (PD), type III achalasia or even esophageal spastic disorders such as jackhammer esophagus and diffuse esophageal spasm.

Several technical variants were suggested, but most authors still follow the initial technique described by Inoue.

Recently the attention has been focused on **post-POEM reflux disease**. Objective signs of gastro-esophageal reflux can be found in as many as 60% of patients (Shiwaku 2015) but usually symptoms can be handled relatively easily with PPI therapy. There is still an ongoing debate whether an anterior or posterior tunnelling approach differ in this regard.

A second point of attention is the **training** for this procedure. There is evidence that endoscopists with ESD skills progress faster. The number of procedures to master the technique ranges from 40 to 60 (Patel 2015).

While several **reviews and meta-analyses** seem to indicate favorable short and medium term outcomes compared to traditional approaches (LHM and PD) (Talukdar 2015), equivalence or superiority of POEM will only be established once the results of the ongoing prospective **randomized trials** (NCT01601678, NCT02025790, NCT01768091, NCT01793922, NCT02138643, NCT02606578, NCT02518542, NCT02663206) that compare POEM to LHM, PD, Botox injection or stenting will be available.

The originality and efficacy of the POEM approach for achalasia has generated innovative ideas to treat other conditions such as **gastroparesis** (endoscopic pyloromyotomy – Chaves 2014) or **submucosal tumors** (Xu 2012).

Piessevaux H. Is POEM a valid method for the treatment of achalasia patients? In: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Gastroenterology, Saint Petersburg, Russia, 12–14 May 2016. [online]. Available from URL: http://www.promedcs.eu/sites/default/files/abstractbook\_2016.pdf







		POEM	LHM	p yalu
	Median (range) operative time (min)	113 (88-220)	125 (90-195)	<.05
	Myotomy length (cm)	9 (6-14)	8.5 (7-10)	,18
	EBL (ml)	≤10 in all cases	50 (10-250)	<,001
	Clips required to close nucosotomy	9 (7-17)		
	Veress needle decompression of nneumonentoneum	7 (39 %)	-	
	Major complications (grade 111b)	1 (6.%) - Esophageal perforation	1 (2 %) - Esophageal perforation	.45
	Minor complications (grade 1)	3 (17 %) - Sobeutaneous employsema	7 (13 %) - Auterior vagus nerve division	21
		- Atrial fibrillation	- Splenic capsule tear	
		- Urinary retention	- Aspiration	
			Atrial fibrillation     Uninary releasion >2     Residuation for short pairs	
value represents	1 month of about (charact	1.0.15	1 (1-19)	63













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- We eagerly wait the results of randomized trials to advice patients in choosing the best therapy (vs. LHM and PD)
- POEM has opened new perspectives in therapeutic endoscopy and represents the first example of NOTES

# PROGRESS IN CONSERVATIVE THERAPY IN IBD

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The biological therapy due to anti-TNFa agents (infliximab, adalimumab) revolutionized the management and monitoring IBD patients at the beginning of millennium. Despite the growing knowledge regarding the optimal use these monoclonal antibodies, their application in the everyday clinical practice is still far from the optimal. There is a reason that numerous a new compounds are under the evaluation in clinical trials. We recognized some major limitations in anti-TNFa therapy in patients with ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. Primary and secondary non-response represents the crucial clinical problems in the real life. More than 20% of IBD patients don't response to introduction of anti-TNFa therapy and more than 50% initially responding patients lose the clinical effects with duration of treatment period. The systemic immunosuppressive effects on these monoclonal antibodies is associated with relatively frequent side effects especially an opportunistic infections. The cost of the biologics and significant economic burden are reasons for the certain restriction in access to anti-TNFa therapies in the economical poorer countries. Introduction of biosimilar infliximab recently had a positive impact in these regards induced a cost reduction and increased possibility of biological therapy for more IBD patients. A new drug class (anti-integrins) became available with the approval of vedolizumab, which is monoclonal antibody against  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins. The optimal positioning in the rapeutic armamentarium and long-term efficacy of these drugs remain to be elucidated. Another compound - etrolizumab is a human monoclonal antibody which blocks both  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  and anti-E $\beta 7$  integrins. It was shown to be efficacious in induction of remission in moderately to severe ulcerative colitis. Ustekinumab is a monoclonal antibody blocking of interleukin-12 and interleukin-23 through their common p40 subunit. It has been shown that these drugs is very effective in those Crohn's disease patients those failed to anti-TNFa therapy. A clinical trials phase 3 are going on in both ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease patients. Tofacitinib is an oral Janus kinase inhibitor having also an interleukin-6 blocking activity. Positive results have been published in patients with ulcerative colitis but not in patients with Crohn's disease. Recently, some innovation in conventional therapy has been introduced into the clinical practice. To improve the release the active drugs (budesonide or mesalazine) it can be coupled with a colonic release system MMX (Multi-Matrix-System) that provides targeted drug delivery to the entire colon. These a new technology is utilized in mild to moderate ulcerative colitis patients those failed to high dose mesalazine therapy. We have already learned that early patient stratification, optimized long-term therapy, tailored therapeutic strategy and regular and objective disease monitoring are important presumptions how to achieve the best therapeutic outcomes.

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Dignass A.: JCC 2014doi.org/10.1016/j.crohns2014.01.021





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Colonic Dispersal of <sup>153</sup>Sm Labelled

Budesonide MMX

MMX: multi matrix; UC: ulcerative colitis.





Vedolizumab prevents transmigration of gut-homing lymphocytes to the gut submucosa

Soler D., et al. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 2009; 330(3): 864-875.







EVIDENCE – BASED CHOICE OF ANTI-TNFA AND ANTI-INTEGRIN AGENT IN IBD

	Anti-TNF	Anti-integrin
UC		
Induction/maintenance UC		
Steroid refractory fulminant UC		
Steroid refractory UC (post-hoc)		
Early UC/late UC (post-hoc)		
Safety in UC		
CD		
Induction/maintenance luminal CD		
Perianal fistulizing CD	Infliximab	
Early luminal/late luminal CD (post-hoc)		

## THE NEED TO LOOK FOR POOR PROGNOSTIC FACTORS

Table 2. Clinical risk factors for complicated IBD

Extensive colitis Young age at diagnosis



# CAN WE USE THE AMINOSALICYLATES IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN IBD PATIENTS?

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Oral 5-aminosalicylate (5-ASA) in minimal effective dose 1.2 g per day, are still the first line treatment of mild to moderate ulcerative colitis, with high rates of efficacy in induction and maintenance of remission. Mesalazine exerts therapeutic effect through local topical activity at the inflamed mucosa. Oral mesalazine in unaltered form is almost entirely absorbed by the small intestines, with very little intact drug reaching the colon, so the main goal of the different formulations is to optimise drug delivery to the affected colon and minimise systemic absorption.

Rectal 5-ASA are used in proctitis and alternatively in left-side colitis. A combination of oral and rectal 5-ASA are still the treatment of choice for left-side colitis.

Although sulfasalazine is equally effective, other oral 5-ASA preparations are preferred for toxicity reasons.

The effect of mesalazine in Crohn's disease is not so evident, and the role of mesalazine in reducing postoperative recurrence is not clinically relevant.

Various formulations of oral 5-ASA are available, and selection of the most appropriate formulation must incorporate factors such as disease distribution, efficacy, side effect profile, pill burden, patient preference and health economics.

On the other hand, mesalazine, but not sulfasalazine, can reduce the risk of colorectal neoplasia in patients with IBD. The effective dose of mesalazine in chemoprevention in IBD patient is more than 1.2 g/day. No benefit of mesalazine in colorectal cancer prevention was note in population-based study.

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## SULFASALAZINE AND 5-AMINOSALICYLATES IN THE TREATMENT OF CROHN DISEASE

- > The use of 5-ASA drugs for Crohn disease is controversial
- A 2011 meta-analysis included 22 randomized trials (6 trials looking at 5-ASAs for the induction of remission, 13 for maintenance of remission, and 3 for both induction and maintenance of remission)
  - 5-ASAs were superior to placebo for the induction of remission
  - Failure to achieve remission was seen in 68 percent of patients treated with 5-ASAs compared with 75 percent of patients treated with placebo
  - In order to achieve remission in one patient with active Crohn disease, 11 patients would need to be treated

Ford A.C., Kane S.V., Khan K.J., et al. Efficacy of 5-aminosalicylates in Crohn's dis systematic review and meta-analysis. Am J Gastroenterol 2011; 106: 617.

### SULFASALAZINE AND 5-AMINOSALICYLATES IN THE TREATMENT OF CROHN DISEASE -GUIDELINES

- American College of Gastroenterology and the British Society of Gastroenterology both recommend budesonide for use as first-line therapy in patients with mildly to moderately active Crohn disease
- ECCO Consensus recommends that 5-ASAs not be used for Crohn disease
- According to some data 5-ASA may be an option in patients with mild to moderate colonic (left-sided) Crohn disease
- Some experts argue that 5ASA should be tried in patients with mild Crohn disease based upon their relative safety compared with glucocorticoids, immunomodulators, and biologic agents, particularly given the potential chemopreventative benefits of 5-ASAs in patients with longstanding Crohn colitis

## SULFASALAZINE AND 5-AMINOSALICYLATES IN IBD TREATMENT

- Mechanism of action
- > 5-ASA in the treatment of ulcerative colitis
- > 5-ASA in the treatment of Crohn disease
- Chemoprevention with 5-ASA

## 5-Aminosalicylic Acid and Chemoprevention: Does It Work?

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## SULFASALAZINE AND 5-AMINOSALICYLATES IN THE TREATMENT OF CROHN DISEASE

- > 5-ASA plus a glucocorticoid was not superior to a glucocorticoid alone for the induction of remission
- There was no benefit with 5-ASA treatment for the maintenance of remission.
- Mesalamine and budesonide were similarly effective for the induction of remission in patients with mildly to moderately active Crohn disease

Ford A.C., Kane S.V., Khan K.J., et al. Efficacy of 5-aminosalicylates in Crohn's disease: systematic review and meta-analysis. Am J Gastroenterol 2011; 106: 617.

## 5-ASA FOR PROPHYLAXIS OF POSTOPERATIVE CROHN DISEASE

- Postoperative recurrence of CD can be defined by endoscopic findings or clinical symptoms
- Consensus has not been achieved on optimal strategies for prevention of recurrent Crohn disease after surgery
- Endoscopic findingd of recurrent Crohn disease generally precede clinical symptoms. We therefore perform an endoscopic assessment 6 to 12 months following surgery to identify recurrence in low risk patients
- Mesalamine prophylaxis is associated with a modest benefit in preventing relapse.
- This could be an option for patients who appear to benefit from mesalamine prior to resection, those without high-risk features for relapse, or those unwilling to consider agents with more side effects.





## MESALAMINE IN CHEMOPREVENTION

- In addition to their overall antiinflammatory activity on the intestinal mucosa, 5-ASA compounds have specific effects on colorectal carcinogenesis at the molecular level
- In 2005, a landmark metaanalysis of observational studies found a protective association between 5-ASA and CRC in UC patients
- More recently, a metaanalysis failed to identify a protective effect of 5-ASA on CRC risk in non-referral populations, but in a separate analysis of 9 clinic-based studies, highlighting the chemopreventive effect of 5-ASA on CRC risk

## MESALAMINE IN CHEMOPREVENTION

- In conclusion, 5-ASA therapy may reduce CRC risk by healing the mucosa of UC patients and via specific mechanisms of action at the molecular level
- Conducting a clinical trial providing the best level of evidence by comparing UC patients receiving 5-ASA treatment versus those included in a placebo arm would be unethical

Cancer in IBD

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## CAN WE USE THE AMINOSALICYLATES IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN IBD PATIENTS? TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Aminosalicylates are still a cornerstone in the treatment of mild and moderate UC
- The role of 5-ASA in Crohn disease is unclear, however some experts and a lot of practising gastroenterologist are still using it
  - there is still a place for mesalamine in relapse prevention after surgery
- Mesalamine therapy may reduce CRC risk by healing the mucosa in UC patients (maybe in colonic Crohn)



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# LAPAROSCOPIC PROCEDURES IN IBD: LIMITS AND ADVANTAGES

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**Aim.** Surgery plays a very important role in the management of IBD. 70% to 90% of diagnosed patients with Crohn's disease (CD) eventually require surgery, usually for complications or failure of medical treatment. Approximately 40% to 50% of patients undergoing surgery are likely to need further operations within 10–15 years. Ileal pouch–anal anastomosis (IPAA), also known as restorative proctocolectomy (RPC), is the surgical near gold standard for chronic ulcerative colitis (CUC). Laparoscopic colorectal surgery (LCS) in patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is becoming a standard and feasible surgical method worldwide. Over the last decade, there have been many studies documenting the safety and feasibility of the LCS for IBD in well-selected patients.

**Methods.** Patients without any previous gut resection with CD often with the tight iliac stenosis and prestenotic dilatation, various colon stenoses or with ulcerative proctocolitis were indicated for the LCS. From 2009 to 2015, 154 ileocolic resections, 41 hemicolectomies, 34 subtotal colectomies and 11 restorative proctocolectomies with IPAA were performed either totally laparoscopically or laparoscopically assisted.

**Results.** The average time of the procedure was 105 minutes (65–295 min), average blood loss 125 ml (0–350 ml) and the conversion to laparotomy was in 8.2%. Average return time of the bowel function was 3.5 days (2–8 days) and the average hospital stay was 7.1 days (6–11days). 1 case of the early ileus due to adhesions, 5 cases incision hernia in minilaparotomy and 7 wound infections occurred.

**Conclusion.** In well-selected patients with IBD, thanks to superior short- and long-term outcomes, the laparoscopic approach should be considered a safe and effective method when performed by experienced surgeons especially in patient with CD. Laparoscopic IPAA is an appealing alternative to open surgery and it is performed with increasing frequency in many centers. Despite superiority of LCS for IBD in short-term perioperative outcomes and equivalence in many long-term outcomes, the steep learning curve, complex surgeries, and challenging anatomy continue to be barriers to the widespread application of LCS techniques for IBD. The advanced laparoscopic skills required and the potential difficult anatomic and operative conditions argue that these procedures should be performed at a tertiary referral center with a specialized surgeon.

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- Laparoscopic surgery in IBD is safe and feasible with minimal injury of the abdominal wall, organs and tissues.
- It offers both cosmetic advantage and some short term advantage, such as a possible reduction in perioperative complications.
- Long term benefits include fewer incisional hernias and fewer adhesions with a significant impact on female fertility in UC patients.
- young-adult population
   Small incisions with less pain and improved cosmetic status
- More rapid return to full functional status like work and school
- Minimal injury of the abdominal wall
- No limits for sports



## CONCLUSION

- Miniinvasive laparoscopic colorectal surgery for IBD is becoming the standard worldwide because of superior short and long-term outcomes when performed by experienced surgeons in referral centers with specialized teams.
- $\succ$  MIS has not influence on the basic character and course of the IBD

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# ENDOSCOPIC SURVEILLANCE OF COLORECTAL CARCINOMA AND DYSPLASIA IN IBD PATIENTS

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People with long-standing ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD) colitis have a higher risk of developing colorectal cancer (CRC) than the general population. Initial estimates based on the meta-analysis by Eaden *et al.* (Gut 2001) of 116 studies including population-based and hospital-based cohorts found an overall prevalence of CRC to be 3.7%. However the magnitude of risk in recent population-based studies appears smaller than in earlier studies. Indeed a more recent meta-analysis of population-based cohorts (Tess *et al.*, CGH 2012) concluded that UC increases the risk of CRC 2.4-fold. The reasons for the apparent reduced risk of CRC over time is unclear but may include early study selection bias, improved control of mucosal inflammation, more extensive use of 5-ASA compounds, the implementation of surveillance programmes and timely colectomy.

Several independent factors affect the magnitude of CRC risk. The colonic extent of mucosal inflammation is the best established. Risk is highest in those with pancolitis with a SIR ranging from 2.8 for left-sided colitis to 5.6 for pancolitis (Annese *et al.*, JCC 2013). In addition, patients with severe inflammation, patients with colitis-associated primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), and patients with a family history of CRC may have a particularly increased risk.

The endoscopy has a critical role in surveillance of colorectal cancer and detection of dysplasia. Surveillance colonoscopy programmes aim to reduce morbidity and mortality due to CRC by detecting cancer at an earlier stage with better prognosis or by detecting and resecting dysplasia, thus reducing CRC incidence. Screening colonoscopy should be offered at estimated 8 years after the onset of symptoms to all patients to reassess disease extent. Subsequently, surveillance should be performed in all patients apart from those with proctitis or Crohn's colitis involving only one segment of colorectum. So far there is no clear evidence for surveillance intervals, therefore intervals are individualized based on risk stratification as high, intermediate or low, based on known risk factors. In this context the colonoscopy is traditionally coupled with histology, with the need of multiple biopsies. This is suboptimal for dysplasia detection and time consuming for either endoscopists or pathologists. The utilization of chromoendoscopy, possibly combined with magnification, is actually considered the "gold standard", given the adequate diffusion of the methodology and the opportunity to perform targeted rather than random biopsies. In contrast, so far, the techniques of so called virtual or optical chromoendoscopy, although more operator friendly, have not proven to be comparable to chromoendoscopy with vital colorants. However, technology is on progress and several comparative trials underway. Finally, future development and diffusion of confocal endomicroscopy or endocytoscopy could prove further advantage including the need of less biopsies or avoid histology. However, possible medico-legal consequences should be taken into account, and cost/effectiveness, learning curve and length of procedure are still an issue.

When dysplasia is found should be confirmed by an independent experienced pathologist. A visible lesion with dysplasia should be completely resected by an experienced endoscopist, irrespective of the grade of dysplasia or the localisation, provided that dysplasia is absent in surrounding mucosa and rest of the colon. If endoscopic resection is not possible or if dysplasia is found in the surrounding flat mucosa, proctocolectomy should be recommended (Annese *et al.*, JCC 2013).

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Post-inflammatory polyps
 Active inflammation (also histologically)

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Rutter MD et al. Gut. 2004;53:1813.

OR 4.62 [1.03, 20.8]

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OR 0.38 [0.19, 0.73]

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## **STANDARD BIOPSY PROTOCOL**

Adherence problem

Country	Adherence	
Notherlands		
neuleilailus	23%	
UK	57% take < 10 biopsies/pt	
New Zealand	50% take < 17 biopsies/pt	
Germany	9% adh; 50% < 10 biopsies	
Obrador et al Aliment Phar Ther 2006;24:56 Eaden et al GIE 2000;51:123 Gearry et al Dis Colon Rectum 2004;47:314 Kaltz et al Z. Gastroenterol 2007;45:325		9

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	N	Method	Increase in diagnostic yield
Kiesslich et al	165	Methylene Blue	3-fold/lesion
Matsumoto et al	57	Indigo Carmine	2-fold increase in sensitivity
Rutter et al	100	Indigo Carmine	4-fold/lesion
Hurlstone et al	324	Indigo Carmine	4-fold/lesion
Kiesslich et al	161	Methylene Blue+CLE	4.75-fold/lesion
Marion et al	115	Methylene Blue	1.5 fold
Hlavaty et al	30	Indigo Carmine 0.4%	12 vs 0 pt for random X 2 vs targeted WL

STANDARD BIOPSY PROTOCOL 1010 colonoscopies in 475 patients (1998-2008) 466 surveillance colonoscopies in 166 patients ₽ Ţ 11772 random biopsies 432 targeted (suspicious lesions) Л 101 (23%) neoplastic : •29 LGIN •56 unspecified •13 HGIN •3 cancer 24 (0.2%) biopsies with neoplasia • 23 LGIN •1 HGIN Van den Broek F et al Am J Gastroenterol. 2014 May;109(5):715-22

Surveillance endoscopy No or mild inflammation

+ visible lesions

Accuracy for detection neoplasia 90 % for 33 biopsies 95 % for 56 biopsies

4 random quadrant biopsies / 10 cm

Rubin et al Gastroenterology 1992;103:1611 Connell et al Gastroenterology 1994;107:934

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## SURFACE GUIDELINES

Strict patient selection

Histologically confirmed IBD colitis at least 8 years, in clinical remission.
Avoid patients with active disease

Unmask the mucosal surface

Bowel prep; remove mucus and fluid

Reduce peristaltic waves

Th recessary use spasmolytic agent on extubation

Full length staining of the colon (pan-chromocolonoscopy)

Augmented detection with dyes

Indigo 0,4% of methylene blue 0,1%

Crypt architecture analysis

Pit pattern assessment

Endoscopic targeted biopsies
Targeted biopsies of all mucosal alterations, in particular circumscribed lesions



#### **OUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED** 1. Do we need to screen IBD patients more ECCO Statement 13G intensely for colorectal cancer ? 2. Has every IBD patient the same risk? Pan-colonic methylene blue or indigo carmine 3. How do we increase detection ? Do chromoendoscopy should be performed during surveillance colonoscopy, with targeted biopsies of any we need advanced imaging ? YES visible lesion [EL2]. 4. How dysplasia should be managed ? If appropriate expertise for chromoendoscopy is not available, random biopsies (4 every 10 cm) should be performed [EL3]; however this is inferior to chromoendoscopy in the detection rate of neoplastic lesions [EL2] [Voting results: 100% agreement] $\odot$ $(\cdot)$ Annese V et al. JCC 2013,7;982-1018 **QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED** d Colitie ECCO Statement 13H 1. Do we need to screen IBD patients more intensely for colorectal cancer ? Other image enhancement techniques such as narrow 2. Has every IBD patient the same risk? band imaging or autofluorescence have not been 3. How do we increase detection ? Do we convincingly demonstrated to be superior to white light need advanced imaging ? endoscopy or chromoendoscopy in the detection of neoplastic lesions, thus they cannot currently be 4. How dysplasia should be managed ? recommended for colitis surveillance [EL2] [Voting results: 93% agreement]. Annese V et al. JCC 2013,7;982-1018

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## HOW TO MANAGE DYSPLASIA ?

The key for endoscopic treatment is to have a VISIBLE dysplasia



## **HOW TO MANAGE DYSPLASIA ?**

### ECCO Statement 13L

 Where dysplasia of any grade is found without an associated endoscopically visible lesion, urgent repeat chromoendoscopy should be performed by an experienced endoscopist to determine whether a well circumscribed lesion exists and to assess for synchronous dysplasia [EL5]

Annese V et al. JCC 2013; 7, 982–1018

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[Voting results: 100% agreement].



#### ECCO Statement 13K

- A visible lesion with dysplasia should be completely resected by an experienced endoscopist, irrespective of the grade of dysplasia or the localisation relative to the inflamed mucosal areas [EL1].
- This applies also for sporadic adenomas in the context of colitis.
- In the absence of dysplasia in the surrounding mucosa, ongoing meticulous colonoscopic surveillance is appropriate [EL1].

Annese V et al. JCC 2013; 7, 982-1018

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[Voting results: 100% agreement].

CASE 1

CASE 1 47 yrs, pancolitis, 15 yrs duration of disease under 5-ASA Negative CRC familiy history, LGD only on the lesion



CASE 2 55 yrs, left side colitis since 20 yrs, large LST with LGD





ESD 6 x 7 cm, villous adenoma with LGD,









#### **DEFINITE INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED** 1. Do we need to screen IBD patients more intensely for colorectal cancer ? Endoscopically unresectable lesions 2. Has every IBD patient the same risk ? High grade dysplasia without visible lesions 3. How do we increase detection ? Do we Multifocal LGD need advanced imaging ? Combination of risk factors (e.g. PSC, How dysplasia should be managed ? 4. multifocal dysplasia) YES WE CAN Dysplasia in multiple post-inflammatory polyps $\odot$ Take home notes for Dysplasia

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- Endoscopically visible and resectable lesion:
- Remove the lesion .
- κ. Take biosies from surrounding mucosa
- ÷. Tattoo lesions
- Inspection of site of resection at 3 months
- Endoscopically invisible dysplasia:
- .
- Review of histopathology by expert pathologist Repeat endoscopy by experienced endoscopist with HD scope and chromoendoscopy Take-4-quadrant biopsies
- а.
- . . Discuss management with patient



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# FUNCTIONAL GI DISORDERS AND IBD DEBUT (CLINICAL CASES)

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The incidence of IBD increases in recent years. At the same time, the incidence of IBS also increases. It is possible to conclude that IBS and IBD are multifactorial diseases. It is simple to appoint the key role of environmental factors in the incidence increase. We should also pay attention to colon health in patients with IBS and their potential risk of IBD development.

Modern medicine is hi-tech medicine: receptors, antibodies, TNF, regulation, genes expression, etc. Today we use advances in molecular and genetic medicine, we may activate or inhibit different receptors. Modern advances require their application in practice. Therefore, we examine the "micro" causes of disease only. On the contrary, it is extremely difficult to quantitatively measure the level of stress or level of the environmental factors. So they go out from our sight.

Usually patients with IBD visited the doctor with an already developed full picture of the disease. But it is necessary some time for the formation pattern of the disease. In many cases we treat the single episodes of disease in the patient. And then, for unknown reasons, IBD is occurs. What leads from the healthy patient to the patient with Crohn's disease? What leads from the healthy patient to the patient with ulcerative colitis?

At the early stages (preliminary stages) of the disease, patients are out of doctor's sight. There is the patient with infectious diarrhea. He was treated successfully. He had left the hospital and returned in a couple of years. Finally, we find out now that he suffer from ulcerative colitis.

It is very difficult task organize a long study, the purpose of which is the monitoring and estimation of all factors that can lead to IBD. The experience of our clinic allows us to follow the patient history for a long time. I will try to demonstrate this transformation from IBS to IBD with several examples.

The patients in preliminary stage of IBD are observed with IBS diagnosis. He did not repeat the colonoscopy at least once or twice in one or two years. He was calm, because doctors did not find anything. Patients with experience of some years of IBS may have colitis under the mask of the symptoms. In certain cases, treatment of IBS in patients with IBD may hide or modify clinical picture and complicate the diagnosis.

"The road" goes to IBD from IBS: IBS – the absence of pathology on colonoscopy. The next step is the development of non-specific non-infectious colitis, which did not satisfy under the IBD criteria (UC or CD). In this case, there no standards of treatment or other recommendations. After the time we will identify IBD on follow-up colonoscopy.

**Conclusions.** It is necessary to provide a continuous monitoring of patients with IBS and regular or periodically colonoscopy for early detection of IBD and early treatment.

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## CASE #6

- > Woman, 45 y.o.
- > IBS with predominant pain
- > Feel sick during 9 months
- > Irregular pain, most common in left abdomen

WHERE IS MY STOMACH?!

There are people in whose lives God, There are people in whom the devil lives,

There are people that only live worms

Faina Ranevskaya

- > No response on spasmolytic, probiotic
- > Colonoscopy w/o changes



#### **CASE #3**

- > Man, 42 y.o.
- > IBS with pain, diarrhea, constipation
- > Feel sick during 4 years
- > Irregular symptoms
- CBD, Blood biochemistry, Urine tests, Stool tests, Anti-bodies, USE, Gastro, Colono, CT, MRI – w/o changes
- Patient was treated by many gastroenterologist and himself



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- Bowel movement 4-7 times a day, liquid, sometimes with blood
- Bloating, abdominal distention, pain in underbelly
- > Feel sick during 3 months w/o improvement
- No response on spasmolytic and probiotic











# QUESTIONS OF DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT OF DIFFERENT FORMS OF GERD

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Currently, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is the number one among all the diseases of the upper gastrointestinal tract (GIT).

Major epidemiological studies show that 10–20% of Western population (Dent *et al.*, 2005) and 13.3% of Russian population (Lazebnik, 2009) suffer from gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

It is well know that GERD is based on disorders of the motor-evacuation function of the gastroesophageal area which lead to regularly repeated gastric and/or duodenal content refluxes into the esophagus. It causes the development of a few specific clinical symptoms and morphological changes of the esophageal mucosa. The main goals of the treatment of GERD are quick control of clinical symptoms of the disease, complete repair of mucosal erosions and ulcers, prevention and liquidation of complications, and improvement of the quality of life of the patients. At present, proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are still the basic medication of therapy for GERD. However, despite their high efficacy and safety, it is sometimes very hard to obtain the intended effect. The last two decades, more and more attention is given to the study of pathogenesis, diagnostics and treatment aspects of GERD together with duodenogastroesophageal reflux (DGER). The interest to this issue is due to the frequent association of pathological biliary refluxes with severe forms of GERD and their possible role as an important forming agent of clinical resistance to PPIs.

**Study objective.** To study clinical and pathogenic aspects of non-acid GERDs and to evaluate effect of monotherapy and combination therapy on the course of the pathology.

**Materials and methods.** The study included 46 patients with non-acid GERDs. The follow-up period took 6 weeks. The patients were divided into 2 groups: weakly acidic GER and weakly alkaline GER. Then, randomization was carried out in each group, this way 4 groups were formed: group 1 – patients with weakly acidic gastroesophageal reflux (GER) receiving monotherapy by rabeprazole in the dose of 20 mg daily (12 patients), group 2 – patients with weakly acidic GER receiving combination therapy with rabeprazole 20 mg and itopride (15 patients), group 3 – patients with weakly alkaline GER receiving monotherapy by UDCA (8 patients), and group 4 – patients with weakly alkaline GER receiving combination therapy by UDCA and itopride (11 patients). Follow-up evaluation of clinical symptoms of the disease, social and psychological status, endoscopic manifestations of the upper GIT mucosa, *H. pylori* contamination, histological changes of the esophageal and gastric mucosa, and daily impedance-pH monitoring results was performed.

**Results.** Serious adverse events were not observed during the study, and the medications were well tolerated.

According to the preliminary data, during differentiated therapy the most patients noted clinical improvement – reduced heartburn, burping, bitter taste in the mouth, nausea, and pain syndrome. Endoscopic manifestations improved or did not change over time. According to the preliminary evaluation of the impedance-pH monitoring results, the total number of GER, the total percent reflux time, and the number of proximal refluxes reduced. These changes were noted not only in the groups receiving PPI therapy, but also in the group of patients receiving monotherapy by UDCA and combination therapy with the prokinetic agent.

**Conclusion.** The results of the study show that the differentiated approach to therapy of patients with non-acid GERs contributes to higher efficacy of the treatment; PPIs for these patients may be considered only as concomitant medications for the treatment of GERD. Further analysis will be carried out in the revealed group of patients with mixed GERD (presence of acid and non-acid refluxes within 24 hours according to the impedance-pH monitoring results) because follow-up algorithms for these patients are currently not developed.

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## **DUODENAL DEMON SYNDROME**



## **CLINICAL FEATURES OF DGER**

- M.F. Vaezi and J.E. Richter pointed out that in contrast to the "classical" acid reflux manifested by heartburn, regurgitation and dysphagia, DGER association with the appropriate symptoms is less pronounced
- More often than at acid reflux there are symptoms of dyspepsia
- Patients may complain of pain in the epigastric region, worsening after eating, sometimes reaching considerable intensity, nausea, vomiting with bile Apparently, this clinical picture should be supplemented by bitterness test in the mouth lange T. Bitterne the lange the lange the lange test of the supplemented by a supplemented by bitterness test in the mouth
- Lapina TL, Bueverov SA Bitterness test in the mouth: the interpretation by gastroenterolo Clinical prospects of gastroenterology, hepatology. 2013. N93. Vaezi M.F., Richter J.E. Double reflux: double trouble // Gut. - 1999. - Vol. 44 -P. 590-592.

## POSSIBILITIES OF ESOPHAGEAL PH-IMPEDANCE

- Detection of all types refluxes irrespective of refluxate pH (acidic, alkaline, slight acidic reflux and extrareflux)
- Diagnosis of GERD during therapy with antisecretory drugs and evaluation of its effectiveness, as well as at hypo/anatsidnyh states
- Identification of links between existing symptoms and slightly acidic, weakly alkaline refluxes
- Determination of physical condition refluxate (gas, liquid, and mixed)
- > Determination of height of proximal reflux distribution
- Calculation of bolus clearance



## **REFLUXATE AT DGER**

- Total concentration of bile acids in esophagus with erosive esophagitis is 124 mmol/l, and in Barrett's esophagus and/or stricture - above 200 mmol/l, whereas in the control - 14 mmol/l.
- In patients with GERD and Barrett's esophagus 80% of cases id associated with mixed refluxate, and erosive esophagitis showed such refluxate only in 40% of cases.
- Bile acid pool was represented mainly by cholic, glycocholic and taurocholic acids.

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## 24h multichannel pH impedance



ZepHr register

Probes

Calibration kit

Lower esophageal sphincter locator

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**CLINICAL FEATURES OF SLIGHT** ACID AND SLIGHT ALKALINE GER

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- Patients with slight acidic reflux (27) had the following significant differences from patients with slight alkaline refluxes: heartburn that occurs on a daily basis and affects lifestyle (severe) was observed in the group with the "slight acid" GER in 46.4% and only in 18.2 % patients with " slight alkaline" GER (p < 0.5), for this group dyspepsia symptoms were less common, with less common history of cholecystectomy (43% and 84%)
- Against monotherapy with PPIs in patients with slightly acidic refluxes heartburn and the percentage of reflux esophagitis significantly decreased (30.6% 19.5%).
- Against concomitant PPI + Itomed treatment in patients with slightly acidic refluxes heartburn significantly reduced and total percentage of reflux time decreased from 2.1 to 1.4.

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differences in pH impedansometric were not identified

(probably - against small patient sample).



# Thank you for your attention



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Progress is outside the standard perception of the world



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A. Einstein

-Heartburr

-Esophagiti

Dyspepsia

- Total reflux time

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# UPDATE IN MANAGEMENT OF GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE (GERD)

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Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is among the top listed diseases leading to a high frequency of medical consultations in outpatient settings (1). The clinical spectrum of GERD embraces esophageal symptoms (heartburn, regurgitation) in the presence but as well in the absence of esophageal lesions (NERD/ERD). GERD presdisposes to preneoplastic lesions (Barrett's esophagus) and to a variety of extraesophageal symptoms. It is more than 25 years, since PPI have been introduced in the clinical practice and they represent the mainstay in GERD therapy. However, more recently PPI have been recognized for their theraputic limitations in a variety of GERD related conditions (2).

PPI inadequate responsiveness of GERD-related symptoms is a big problem. The challenge is the correct diagnosis of GERD in patients presenting with normal esophageal mucosa by conventional white light endoscopy (non erosive GERD = NERD). The allocation of these patients to

- a) "true" NERD,
- b) acid hypersensitive esophagus,
- c) non acid hypersensitive esophagus and
- d) functional heartburn is crucial.

New HD endoscopy and functional methods contribute to make a firm diagnosis.

Only with an accurate diagnosis of these conditions, targeted treatment strategies have a high probability of success (3).

For optimizing the therapy in GERD proper timing and dosing of PPI are essential. In case of PPI non – or partial responsiveness "add on" therapies are required and they include medications acting either on the mucosal resistance or by interfering with other reflux mechanisms (4–7). Several functional gastrointestinal disorders are overlapping with GERD and may require the addition of medications targeting dyspepsia and symptoms related to the irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). While the large majority of patients with GERD are best manageable with medications, selected cases may benefit from surgery (i.e. laparoscopic fundoplication). Recently several implantable devices have been developed and successfully tested for improvement of the antireflux barrier. At present, they need to be critically viewed and wisely chosen for the management of the appropriate patient. Modern management of GERD is guided by high level evidence based studies, but for individual patient treatment we need to respect criteria of personalized medicine. A proposed algorithm for management is in tab. 1.



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-	Abdominal pain	9,232,817	6,475,136	970,318	16,678,271	789.00
$\leq$	Gastroescohogeal refus and	8,222,275	294,942	549,992	7,067,209	530.11, 530.81
2	renux encoration	1.	0.430	6.11.222	1500.000	
3	Hemorrhoido	3,592,945	120,128	226,506	3,939,576	455
4	Constipation	2,905,705	530,827	280,129	3,716,661	564.0
5	Nausea and vomiting	1,404,564	1,969,949	215,701	3,590,214	787.0
0	Abdominal wail and inguinal hemia	2,852,677	204,375	422,937	0,479,989	550, 553.0, 563.1, 553.2, 553.9
P	Malignant neoplasm of the colon or rectum	2,420,465	2,420	386,783	2,809,666	153, 154
8	Diverticular disease	2,275,436	262,010	105,771	2,734,119	562.1
<b>D</b> .	Diantea	1,943,572	533,181	197,071	2,673,824	787.01
10	Gastritis and dyspeciala	1,902,993	472,165	234,836	2,609,994	535, 536.8
11	Initable bowel syndrome	2,200,400	24,121	89,170	2,403,751	564.1
12	Crohn's disease	1,722,664	44,641	121,256	1,888,561	655
13	Choleithiasis	872.040	355,504	119,166	1.346.710	574
14	Dyschaola	1,021.034	38,264	113,664	1,172,962	787.2
15	Rectal bleeding	648.827	176,160	61,772	886,759	560.3
16	Benign neoplasm of colon and rectum	726,675		144,775	871,450	211.3, 211.4
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18	Ulcerative colits.	633,445	17,166	72,763	723,374	556
19	Hepatitis C Infaction	563,442	19,490	90,334	673.272	070.41.070.44.070.51.070.54.070.7
20	Appendicitis	317.374	195,150	128,524	641,048	540, 541, 542
21	Hepatitis, unspecified	554,740	3212	9573	567,534	573.3
22	Chronic liver disease and cinhosis	438,914	30,084	78,957	547,955	571
23	Barrett's esophagus	309,730		47,083	416.022	\$30.65
24	Celiac disease	23,521		4472	27,993	579.0



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#### **IMPACT OF GERD ON DAILY ACTIVITIES** Eating 58.1 Sleeping 37.1 impairec 29.3 Drinking alcohol 25.9 Work Activity 20.4 Social activities t/exercise 16.1 Hobbies 15.3 Sex $(\cdot)$ 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 GERD=gastroesophageal reflux disease. **% patients** Jones, *et al.* Curr Med Res and Opin 2006; 22(4): 657–62



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#### **PPI risks in focus**

What effects beyond acid suppression?

- Gastrointestinal Functions and Structure
- Hypocalcemia, osteoporosis, bone fractures
- Hypomagnesemia
- Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency
- Iron deficiency
- Gastrointestinal Infections
- Gastric microbiota changes
- Small bowel bacterial overgrowth
- Clostridium difficile and other enteric infections
- Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis
- Other infections (pneumonia)

Community-acquired respiratory tract infections in patients receiving esomeprazole: a retrospective analysis of patient-level data in placebo-controlled studies.

Estborn, et al. Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2015 Sep; 42(5): 607-13.

- >24 randomised, double-blind clinical studies
- >9062 patients on ESO vs 5500 on placebo
- The relative risk for any respiratory tract infection in patients receiving esomeprazole compared with placebo was 0.94 (95% CI, 0.86–1.04).
- For lower respiratory tract infections, the relative risk was 0.82 (95% CI, 0.65–1.03) and for pneumonia, 0.66 (95% CI, 0.36–1.22).

No causal association between treatment with esomeprazole and the occurrence of community-acquired respiratory tract infections, including pneumonia.



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#### Association of Proton Pump Inhibitors With Risk of Dementia A Pharmacoepidemiological Claims Data Analysis

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Data on Risk of Incident Dementia by PPI Use

	Risk of Incident Dementia						
	Both Sexes		Male Sex		Female Sex		
Risk Factor	HR (95% CI)	<b>PValue</b>	HR (95% CO	P Value	HR (95% CI)	P Value	
PPI use calculated*	1000000 00000	0.000000	103121110300	1-1000 C	1.00000000000	-30,000-	
With potential confounding factors	1.44 (1.36-1.52)	<:001	1.52 (1.33-1.74)	<.001	1.42 (1.33-1.51)	<,001	
Without potential coefounding factors	1.66 (1.57-1.76)	<.001	1.78 (1.56-2.03)	<.001	1.61 (1.52-1.71)	<.001	
Age <sup>b</sup>	1.083 (1.081-1.085)	<.001	1.089 (1.884-1.093)	<.001	1.081 (1.079-1.084)	<,001	
Sex*	1.15 (1.11-1.18)	<.001					
Depression	1.28 (1.24-1.32)	<.001	1.54 (1.41-1.68)	<.001	1.24 (120-1.29)	<.001	
Diabetes	1.05 (1.02-1.08)	<.001	1.08 (1.02-1.14)	.01	1.04 (1.01-1.07)	,01	
Stroke	1.37 (1.29-1.46)	<.001	1.63 (1.45-1.82)	<.001	1.29 (1.19-1.39)	<.001	
Ischemic heart disease	3.93 (0.91-0.95)	<.001	0.91 (0.86-0.96)	<.001	0.94 (0.91-0.96)	<.001	
Polypharmacy#	1.16 (1.13-1.19)	<.001	1.16 (1.10-1.22)	<.001	1.16 (1.13-1.19)	<.001	
Abbreviations: HR, hazard ratio; PPI, proton p	sump inhibitor.		* Nale ses as reference.				
Use of PPI before the diagnosis of dementia			#Defined as the administra	tion of 5 or m	iore drugs.		
At the beginning of the study in 2004							
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The binding selectivity of vonoprazan (TAK-438) to the gastric  $H^{+}, K^{+}\text{-}ATPase$ 

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A new alternative to PPIs is the pyrrolo-pyridine, vonoprazan (TAK-438), a potassium-competitive acid blocker (PCAB).

Vonoprazan binds selectively to the parietal cell, independent of acid secretion.

Slow dissociation from the H+ ,K+ -ATPase and long-lasting inhibition.



#### Esophageal Sphincter Device for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

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- > 100 patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease before and after sphincter augmentation
- Normalization of acid exposure was achieved in 64% of patients (95% confidence interval [CI], 54 to 73). For the secondary outcomes, a reduction of 50% or more in the use of protonpump inhibitors occurred in 93% of patients

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# THE NON-EROSIVE FORM OF GERD – A MODERN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM AND APPROACHES TO TREATMENT

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Non-erosive reflux disease (NERD) is the most frequent phenotypic manifestation of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). NERD is a subcategory of GERD which is characterized by pronounced reflux-related symptoms (due to acid, weakly acidic or weakly alkaline reflux) with no erosions in the esophageal mucosa at the typical endoscopy and with no acid-suppressive therapy. However, these patients are distinctly heterogeneous from the pathophysiological point of view. The pronouncement of the symptoms does not allow steadily differentiating NERD and the erosive form of GERD. Therapy by H<sub>2</sub> antagonists or PPIs, including therapy performed by the patient on his/her own, may interfere of the endoscopic diagnostics of erosions in the esophagus. Though reflux of hydrochloric acid is the most important cause of symptom occurrence in patients with NERD, the symptoms may also be associated with non-acid or weakly acidic reflux. Combined impedance-pH monitoring allows revealing a temporary association between reflux episodes and symptom occurrence what has a significant importance for NERD diagnostics. Using this method, patients with NERD may be differentiated into two groups (with pathological acid reflux and hypersensitive esophagus) and separated from patients with so called functional heartburn (in whom symptoms are not related to any reflux and who should be excluded from the GERD category). Pathophysiological mechanisms of NERD symptom formation are not completely explained but the presence of a microscopic esophagitis, including dilatation of intercellular spaces is the most likely to play the corresponding role. Among supposed mechanisms, mucosal hypersensitivity and mechanical stimulation of a large volume of refluxate are also present. Patients with NERD in whom reflux of hydrochloric acid is the main pathogenic factor, respond to PPI therapy very well. Therapeutic efficacy of a course of empiric therapy with PPIs in the usual dose should be estimated 2 to 4 weeks after the treatment, but for some patients the course may take up to 12 weeks to obtain the effect. Persistent symptoms of reflux at an adequate antisecretory treatment for more than 12 weeks require an additional examination. Inefficacy of PPI therapy requires, first of all, control of the respect of guidelines for the lifestyle change and the medication administration. For patients with a hypersensitive esophagus and weakly acidic or weakly alkaline reflux, it is necessary to set out the prescription of prokinetic agents.

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# GERD COMPLICATIONS: BARRETT'S METAPLASIA AND OTHERS. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

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Long term esophageal exposure to gastric content in untreated and non-optimally treated patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) may develop in important complications. In addition to relief of symptoms, the clinical management of GERD should be focused on prevention of esophageal ulcers with risk of bleeding, peptic stricture, intestinal metaplasia of the esophageal mucosa – Barrett's esophageal and subsequent development of dysplasia and adenocarcinoma. Chronic extraesophageal symptoms are troublesome complications of GERD in some patients too. For the complex clinical view, it is necessary to take in account the risk of chronic acid suppressive treatment and anti-reflux surgery complications.

Metaplasia of the squamous epithelium to the columnar type with intestinal differentiation is a result of chronic exposure (more than 8–10 years?) of esophageal mucosa to gastroduodenal contents. Diagnosis of Barrett's esophagus (BE) is based on both histological confirmation of specialized intestinal metaplasia with goblet cells and characteristic features on endoscopy – mucosal tongues or an upward shift of squamocolumnar junction. The fear of BE is correlated with an increased risk of development of esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC). Estimated risk of adenocarcinoma is about 1 patient from 500–800 patients with BE per year. Patients with BE may report reflux symptoms, usually more in history than in presence. Screening for BE among all patients with reflux symptoms is controversial. Long term reflux symptoms, age over 50, male sex, smoking and obesity are commonly recognized risk factors and may be triggers for endoscopic screening. The prevalence of Barrett's esophagus in general adult population is about 1–2% and up to 10% in patients with symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux.

Treatment of GERD may prevent the development of BE. All patients with BE should treated by proton pump inhibitor for control of GERD symptoms. Aggressive PPI dosing is not generally recommended. Fundoplication has a role for control of reflux symptoms either esophageal or extraesophageal, but it is not recommended for purpose of prevention of neoplastic progression of BE. Endoscopic surveillance with biopsies is generally recommended in patients with BE. Effect of such surveillance program may be consider in view of appreciated yield in individual patient. Major guidelines suggest endoscopic surveillance every 3–5 years in patients without dysplasia, or every 2–3 years if segment length is more than 3 cm. The overall risk of development of esophageal cancer do not exceed 0.5% per patient-year. There is no clear evidence for efficacy of surveillance in reducing risk of mortality due to esophageal cancer.

PPI use may be associated with decreased risk of progression of BE to adenocarcinoma or high grade dysplasia. PPI use may increase risk of fractures, bacterial infections, vitamin and nutrients deficiency. Chemoprevention is not recommended for patients with Barrett's esophagus. There is insufficient evidence to support use of aspirin, NSAIDs or other

chemopreventive agents. There is very mild evidence than antireflux surgery might reduce risk of esophageal adenocarcinoma compared to medical treatment in patients with BE. The risk of esophageal adenocarcinoma is still substantially increased (10 times) in operated patients compared to general population and surveillance program should be continued. Decision making between medical or surgical long term management of GERD to prevent the development of carcinoma is controversial. There is lacking sufficient evidence to prefer any of this methods obviously.

Endoscopic resection should be indicated for Barrett's related neoplasia associated with visible lesions. Resection of all visible lesions serves as most accurate staging intervention. Cap and snare technique with submucosal injection and band ligation technique are considered to be equally effective. Radifrequency ablation is recommended for all residual BE segment after endoscopic resection of granular/suspicious parts or for flat segment with high and low grade dysplasia. No endoscopic intervention is indicated in patients without dysplasia.

New diagnosis of BE	confirmation of BE within 1 year from initial endoscopy with careful inspection of mucosa and extensive biopsies	
	surveillance	interventions
BE without dysplasia	every 3–5 years every 2–3 years for long segment BE (3 cm)	No
BE with low grade dysplasia	every 6–12 months (confirmed LGD on repeated endoscopy and by specialized pathologist)	only endoscopic surveillance or mucosal resection of visible abnormal parts and radiofrequency ablation (RFA) or other ablative method (hybrid APC, PDT)
BE with high grade dysplasia or adenocarcinoma limited to mucosa	intensive surveillance 3 m??? (only in limited cases due to patient wishes)	endoscopic eradication therapy: endoscopic mucosal resection ablative RFA, photodynamic therapy (PDT) or esophagectomy

Tab. Summary of considered surveillance and intervention in BE.

Peptic strictures due to chronic esophageal reflux injury and subsequent fibrous tissue formation are the most common causes of benign esophageal strictures and organic dysphagia. These strictures are typically short and most occur in the distal part of the esophagus on the border between tubular and squamous epithelium including Barrett's metaplasia. The goal of therapy is to resolve dysphagia and reduce recurrence of stricture formation. Esophageal dilations under endoscopy or Xray control (using balloon or bougie dilators) should be accompanied with effective acid suppressive therapy.

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#### GOALS *(WISHES)* OF MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH BE

- To reduce risk of development of esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC)
- > To reduce mortality for EAC
- To treat dysplasia to stop development of cancer
- To perform surveillance and therapy effectively and safely
- > Do not frighten patients by high risk of cancer

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## **PROGRESSION OF BE TO EAC**

Progression	patients per year
Barrett's esophagus (all) do EAC	0.2–0.5%
Non-dysplastic BE to LGD	4.3%
Non-dysplastic BE to EAC	0.12-0.6%
Low grade dysplasia (LGD) to EAC	0.5–1%
High grade dysplasia (HGD) do EAC	4–7%

#### **MANAGEMENT OF BE**

#### Antireflux therapy

- PPI standard dosing / drugs equal
- Antireflux surgery fundoplication
- Equally efficient / surgery may slightly reduce the risk of development EAC

#### Surveillance

- Independently on type of antireflux therapy
- Biopsies, protocol, time periods

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#### MANAGEMENT OF DYSPLASTIC BE AND CANCER

#### Endoscopic therapy

- Endoscopic mucosal resection for nodularity
- Ablative therapy for residual segment in HGD/LGD (RFA, APC, PDT)
- Therapy of superficial EAC T1a
- > Surgery
  - Esophagectomy for deeper invasive EAC
  - Neoadjuvant multimodal therapy

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# SURVEILLANCE IN BE

	Surveillance endoscopy	Interventions
BE without dysplasia	<ul> <li>every 3-5 years</li> <li>every 2-3 years for long segment BE (3cm)</li> </ul>	No
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## **SURVEILLANCE IN BE**



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BE with low grade dysplasia (LGD)every 6–12 monthsOnly endoscopic surveillance(confirmed LGD on repeated endoscopy and by specialized pathologist)or Mucosal resection of visible abnormal parts And Ablative method (Radiofrequence ablation, Argon plasma coagulation, PDT)		Surveillance endoscopy	Interventions
	BE with low grade dysplasia (LGD)	every 6–12 months (confirmed LGD on repeated endoscopy and by specialized pathologist)	Only endoscopic surveillance or Mucosal resection of visible abnormal parts And Ablative method (Radiofrequence ablation, Argon plasma coagulation, PDT)



#### **ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION**

- > All visible abnormalities
- Biopsy sampling accurate staging
- Cap assisted, ligator assisted equally effective
- aging -
- Risk of stricture formation



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## **CLINICAL PROBLEMS**

- Intestinal metaplasia in very short segment of visible metaplastic mucosa (< 1 cm)</p>
- Quality of endoscopy, quality of pathological diagnosis
- Availability and costs of therapeutic endoscopy
   EMR, RFA, others
- Relativity of esophageal cancer burden to colorectal cancer (screening programs)



#### **SURVEILLANCE IN BE**

	Surveillance	Interventions
BE with high grade dysplasia (HGD) or EAC limited to mucosa	intensive surveillance 3m??? (only in limited cases with HGD due to patient wishes)	Endoscopic eradication therapy: Endoscopic mucosal resection + Ablative therapy Or Esophagectomy
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## **ENDOSCOPIC ABLATIVE METHODS**

- Radiofrequency ablation (HALO 360, 90)
  - Encouraging results elimination of IM
  - Decreased risk of development of EAC
  - Repeated sessions needed
  - Absence of histology samples
  - Risk of stricture formation (10–15%)
  - Costs
- > Argon plasma coagulation (hybrid)
- Photodynamic therapy

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#### **SUMMARY**

- GERD therapy may prevent development of Barrett's esophagus and other complications
- Guidelines recommend surveillance intervals and interventions
  - Consider endoscopic intervention in LGD
  - HGD should be treated endoscopically
- New therapeutic methods make evolution in approach to patients with BE, but endoscopical surveillance cannot be omitted

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# GERD IN PATIENTS WITH METABOLIC SYNDROME

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Metabolic syndrome (MS) is a complex of metabolic, hormonal and clinical disorders that are risk factors for development of a number of socially important diseases. In clinical practice, the main sign of MS is obesity where waist circumference is more than 80 cm in women and more than 94 cm in men, combined with other criteria of this syndrome: hypertension, increase in TSH, decrease in HDL cholesterol, increase in LDL cholesterol, fasting hyper-glycemia, and impaired glucose tolerance. Morbidity of MS is growing in parallel with the growth of obesity in population (1). From current point of view, obesity is a chronical metabolic disease developing because of imbalance of energy consumption and expenditure, manifested as overdevelopment of adipose tissue, progressing at the natural course, having specific complications, increasing the different diseases risk, and having a high probability of recurrence after the end of a treatment course (2).

Currently, it is stated that obesity is one of the leading risk factors for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), a pathology which is characterized by spontaneous or regularly repeated reflux of gastric or duodenal content in the esophagus (3–5). Pathogenic mechanisms underlying the connection between obesity, MS and GERD are not definitely revealed. It is assumed that obesity increases the possibility of spontaneous relaxations of the lower esophageal sphincter, associated with GERD. Besides, visceral obesity at MS leads to higher abdominal pressure which provokes, in its turn, GERD formation due to higher gastric pressure. At overweight, esophageal motility disorders may also participate in the genesis of GERD, accompanied by decreased esophageal acid clearance (6).

In patients with MS and obesity, the classical symptom of GERD, heartburn, occurs less frequently than in people with the normal trophological status. Nevertheless, the risk of extra-esophageal symptoms and complications of GERD in patients with overweight and obesity is higher (7–8). Weight correction in patients with GERD and MS is an important factor in treatment and control of disease symptoms. At present, the main principles of the treatment of GERD are considered as follows: the need of prescription of proton pump inhibitors and prokinetic agents, and long principal (at least 4–8 weeks) and supporting (6–12 months) therapies (9). It is important to note that in patients with overweight and obesity due to heterogeneous variety of different mechanisms, alteration of pharmaco-kinetic profile of administrated medications may occur that may impact their efficacy.

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GERD AND OBESITY

## **GERD AND OBESITY**

▶ N=1524

- BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (OR = 2.8; CI, 1.7 to 4.5)
- reporting an immediate family member with heartburn or disease of the esophagus or stomach (OR = 2.6; CI, 1.8 to 3.7)
- a past history of smoking (OR = 1.6; CI, 1.1 to 2.3)
- consuming more than seven drinks per week (OR = 1.9; Cl, 1.1 to 3.3)

Locke GR, Talley NJ, Fett SL et al. Risk factors associated with symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux. Am J Med. 1999;106: 642-9.

- N=435Obese
  - Obese participants were 2.5 times as likely as those with normal BMI (<25) to have reflux symptoms or esophageal erosions.

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## **GERD AND OBESITY**

BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> compared with BMI<25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

- Acid reflux episodes
- flong reflux episodes
   (>5 min)
- > ↑time with pH<4</p>

El-Serag HB, Ergun GA, Pandolfino J, et al. Obesity increases oesophageal acid exposure. Gut 2007; 56: 749–755.

- Oesophageal acid exposure (WC: R = 0.284, P < 0.001)</p>
- Used, T < 0.001)</li>
   Used, T < 0.001)</li>
- Abdominal LOS length
- Peristaltic dysfunction (all P < 0.001)

Anggiansah R et al. The effects of obesity on oesophageal function, acid exposure and the symptoms of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease. Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2013;37(5):555-63.



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#### GERD AND METS



#### GERD AND INSULIN RESISTANCE N=743

- Gastro-oesophageal reflux questionnaire, fasting insulin data, endoscopy, homeostatic model assessment-insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) index
- Older age, male gender, smoking and alcohol consumption increased the prevalence of EO, but not GERD symptoms.
- A large waist circumference, high fasting blood glucose levels and high number of metabolic syndrome components were associated with increased prevalence of both EO and GERD symptoms, while high blood pressure was associated with increased prevalence of EO only.
- Higher scores in the gastro-oesophageal reflux questionnaire were associated with higher HOMA-IR index, and higher HOMA-IR index was associated with increased prevalence of EO (adjusted odds ratio 1.14, 95% CI 1.03-1.26, P = 0.012).

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## **GERD AND NAFLD**

- Cross-sectional study
- N=206 outpatients diagnosed with NAFLD and 183 controls
- > The prevalence of GERD symptoms was higher in NAFLD patients than controls (61.2 vs. 27.9%, p < 0.001).
- > Positive association between NAFLD and the experiencing of heartburn, regurgitation and belching.
- GERD symptoms were related to BMI and MetS Catanzaro R. et al. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease increases risk for gastroesophageal reflux symptoms. Dig Dis Sci. 2014;59(8):1939-45.



### **GERD AND METS**

- Cross-sectional study
- > N=100 consecutive patients who underwent a 24-hour pH-metry monitoring and were assessed for the five MetS components
- N=54 GERD/ N=46 GERD-free patients
- > Frequency of metabolic syndrome as a whole entity was higher among patients with GERD than those without GERD (50 vs. 19.56%; P= 0.002) with a crude odds ratio of 4.11 (95% CI: 1.66 - 10.14)

Kallel L et al. Metabolic syndrome is associated with gastroesophageal reflux disease based on a 24-hour ambulatory pH monitoring. Dis Esophagus. 2011;24(3):153-9

#### **GERD AND NAFLD**

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#### **REDUCING THE RISK OF GASTRIC AND/OR DUODENAL ULCERS IN PATIENTS RECEIVING CONTINUOUS, LOW-DOSE** ASPIRIN THERAPY > 27 patients (5.4%) in

the placebo group

developed a gastric or

duodenal ulcer during

patients (1.6%) in the

26 weeks' treatment

esomepràzole group

life-table estimates:

6.2% vs 1.8%; P=

0.0007

compared with 8

- > or =60 vr
- > without baseline gastroduodenal ulcer at
- endoscopy aspirin 75-325 mg once
- daily
- eso 20 mg N = 493; > placebo N = 498
- Endoscopy at weeks 8 and 26
- Upper gastrointestinal symptoms at weeks 8, 16,
- and 26

Yeomans N., Lanas A., Labenz J. et al. Efficacy of esomeprazole (20 mg once daily) for reducing the risk of gastroduodenal ulcers associated with continuous use of low-dose aspirin. // Am J Gastroenterol. 2008;103(10):2465-73.

#### **PREVENTION OF ASPIRIN-INDUCED GI INJURY**

# Rebamipide

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- *damage*. PLoS One. 2015;10(4):e0122330. Zhang S et al. Rebamipide helps defend against nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs induced *gastroenteropathy*: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Dig Dis Sci. 2013;58(7):1991-2000.
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## WEIGHT LOSS AND GERD

- Weight loss was followed by decreased time with esophageal acid exposure in 2 RCTs (from 5.6% to 3.7% and from 8.0% to 5.5%)
- Weight loss reduced reflux symptoms in prospective observational studies.
- In RCTs, late evening meals increased time with supine acid exposure compared with early meals (5.2% point change), and head-of-the-bed elevation decreased time with supine acid exposure compared with a flat position (from 21% to 15%).

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## CONCLUSION

- It is necessary to consider GERD and BE as frequent events in metabolic syndrome patients.
- The risk of EAC is high in metabolic syndrome patients.
- Aerobic exercise and caloric reduction should be the key lifestyle modifications in metabolic syndrome patients with GERD.

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# CURRENT THERAPEUTIC ARMAMENTARIUM IN CHOLESTATIC LIVER DISEASES

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Cholestasis is an impairment of bile transport that can be caused by failure of bile secretion by the hepatocytes (canalicular cholestasis) or cholangiocytes (ductular cholestasis) or by obstruction of bile flow. The causes of cholestasis involve wide range of disorders from rare genetic diseases and disruption of the normal development of the bile excretory anatomy, to progressive, ultimately fatal diseases such as primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC) and primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC). Irrespective of the etiology, hepatic retention of bile acids leads to liver injury and chronic cholestatic liver disease. Without treatment, PBC generally progresses to cirrhosis and eventually liver failure over a period of 10–20 years.

Progress in the understanding of the causes and consequences of cholestasis has provided new concepts for the medical treatment of cholestatic disorders. Therapy should address both the cause and the consequences of retained bile acids within the liver, and diminished delivery of bile to the gastrointestinal tract. Therapies should also address symptoms of chronic cholestasis, mostly pruritus and fatigue and prevention, particularly osteoporosis and osteomalacia. Portal hypertension can be an early event in chronic cholestatic liver disease, sometimes occurring before the development of cirrhosis.

The first, and currently the only approved medical treatment for PBC is ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA). The choleretic effect of UDCA and its ability to make the bile acid pool more hydrophilic accounts for its beneficial properties. UDCA also stabilizes hepatocyte membranes, increases defence against oxidative stress, and inhibits apoptosis. When administered at doses of 13–15 mg/kg/day, UDCA is safe and well-tolerated therapy that in PBC patients improves serum biochemistry, delays progression of hepatic fibrosis and esophageal varices, and reduces likelihood of liver transplantation or death. However, the effects of UDCA in patients with PSC are limited and one out of three patients with PBC does not adequately respond to this drug, urging for development of novel therapeutic approaches. These include nuclear and membrane receptor agonists and bile acid derivatives.

Obeticholic acid (OCA) is a novel chenodeoxycholic acid derivative, which is a farnesoid X receptor agonist (FRX). Activation of FRX reduces bile acid synthesis, induces phases I and II bile acid hydroxylation and conjugation, stimulates export of alternative bile acids and limits hepatocellular bile acid import. Daily doses of OCA, ranging from 10 to 50 mg, significantly reduced levels of liver enzymes in PBC patients who had inadequate responses to UDCA. 24-norursodeoxycholic acid (norUDCA) is a side chain-modified UDCA derivative, which can undergo cholehepatic shunting and directly stimulates hypercholeresis (mainly HCO<sub>3</sub>) protecting the liver from cholestatic injury. NorUDCA showed therapeutic effects in experimental cholestasis. Under investigation are also modifiers of retinoid X receptor (RXR), peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor  $\alpha$  (PPAR $\alpha$ ), pregnane X receptor (PXR), and of the membrane receptors such as fibroblast growth factor receptor 4 (FGFR4) and apical sodium bile acid transporter (ASBT).

The initial step in managing fatigue and pruritus is ruling out potentially contributing factors. Despite the lack of specific therapies there are several management strategies that can be implemented to improve severity of these complications and quality of life in patients with cholestatic liver disease.

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# DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC POSSIBILITIES IN PRIMARY SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS

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Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) is a chronic, progressive cholestatic liver disease of unknown origin. Male sex predominance in the third or fourth decades of life appears to exist with PSC. PSC is closely associated with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), mainly ulcerative colitis (UC) in seventy to eighty percent of patients. PSC may precede the onset of UC or may develop following proctocolectomy. Conversely, 2.5–7.5% of patients with IBD develop PSC. PSC presents a significantly increased risk of hepatobiliary and colorectal neoplastic changes. The mechanisms responsible for the development of PSC are unknown.

The diagnosis of PSC is based on endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) as a gold standard, but magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) is rapidly developing as the preferred noninvasive method. ERCP or MRCP findings include multiple strictures and dilations of the intrahepatic and extrahepatic biliary ducts. Histological evaluation is not always necessary, but in small duct PSC it is mandatory for proper diagnosis. Transhepatic cholangiography is performed when ERCP is unsuccessful. The differential diagnosis of PSC includes congenital diseases (e.g., Caroli disease, choledochal cysts), secondary cholangiopathy, as observed in patients with collagen vascular diseases and in those with infiltrative and autoimmune diseases (e.g., eosinophilic cholangitis, histiocytosis X, sarcoidosis, IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis). Infectious causes from any origin can cause multifocal liver abscesses that lead to a PSC-like appearance of the bile duct.

No effective medical therapy is available and liver transplantation (OLTx) is the only curative option how to improve survival currently available. Ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) is the most frequently prescribed drug in PSC. Low-dose UDCA (10–15 mg/kg/day) demonstrated efficacy in histological score and liver biochemistry, but did not show any beneficial effect on time to transplantation. On the other hand study using high-dose UDCA (up to 30 mg/kg/day) was prematurely terminated due to high occurrence of complications including increased risk of progression to liver transplantation and high risk varices. Currently, the role of UDCA in management of PSC patients is still not clear, but a high-dose UDCA ( $\geq$  25 mg/kg/day) is contraindicated. Recent meta-analysis with PSC–IBD patients concluded, that UDCA may reduce the risk of advanced colorectal neoplasia or all colorectal neoplasia at doses of 8–15 mg/kg/day. But the chemoprotective effect of UDCA on colorectal neoplasia should be confirmed in further studies.

Up to 55% of patients with PSC will develop dominant bile duct strictures requiring balloon dilatation and short term stent placement through ERCP. Repeated endoscopic therapy is safe and helps preserve functioning of the liver parenchyma and improving transplant free survival. It is crucial and challenging to distinguish a dominant PSC stricture from cholangio-carcinoma, which is the cause of death in about 10–15% of PSC patients. Biliary tissue acquisition can be achieved by brush cytology and/or intraductal biopsy. Advanced techniques in cytology are nowadays using in clinical practice such as digital image analysis (DIA) and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) that enhance the sensitivity and improves diagnostic

yield of brush cytology. Nonetheless early detection of cholangiocarcinoma in PSC remains a clinical challenge requiring a specialized diagnostic workup. PSC patients undergoing ERCP are routinely given antibiotics for prophylaxis of cholangitis.

The outcome for patients with PSC who have undergone OLTx is excellent. PSC frequently recurs in the hepatic allograft (up to 20%) but retransplantation is seldom necessary. The course of UC after OLTx for PSC is frequently active despite immunosuppressive treatment.

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### DILATATION

- **Gold standard:** repeated ballon dilatation +/- stent insertion for 1-2 weeks in case of cholangoitis and significant cholestasis, 500 dilatation in 96 pts (Gotthard DN 2010 Heldelberg) >
- Ideal target: dilatation up to 2 cm proximal of bifurcation on 18F (stehl A et al 2002), no consensus
- Dilation procedure: preferentially ballon dilatation, in case of failure, rigid dilatation 18-24F >
- Signs of success: decrease of ALP≤ 1.5 of upper  $\geq$ normal limits or at least ≥40%: improvement in survival rate and decreasing risk of CCC (Lindstorm L 2013, AI Mar

**RIGID DILATATION** 

### **BALLON DILATATION**



### STENT INSERTION

- Stent insertion is usually succesfull based on small-size studies (Grijm R et al 1986
- Short-term stent insertion is effective for 1-2 weeks (Ponsioen CY et al 1999; Van Milligen de Wit AW et al 1997)
- 1/3 of pts will underwent next ERCP as a urgent procedure (obstruction, cholangitis) due to stent obstruction by inflammatory cells and debris
- Stents are associated with increased risk of bacteriobilia >
- Stent insertion could be associated with obstruction of intrahepatic small ducts



### **STENTS OR DILATATION?**

Kaya M et al 2001

- Retrospective study
- cholestasis same in both groups

# European trial NCT01398917

- Prospective European randomised study
- Stent insertion (10F or 2x 7 F for 1-2 weeks) v.s. baloon dilatation 4-6 mm for 2 minutes)
- Planned number of pts:100
- Recruitment finished: 5/2015 (•

## **STENTS OR DILATATION?**

### Kaya M et al 2001

- Retrospective study 71 pt, 34 dilatation and rest combine therapy (endoscopy/PTD + stents)
- Improvement in
- cholestasis same in both groups
- Complications: higher in stent group (cholangitis, procedure-related complications)

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- Planned number of
- Recruitment finished:  $\geq$ •

### **ATB IN PSC**

- Positive bile cultures in 25% naive PSC patients scheduled for ERCP and 60% in those with previous ERCP (Bjornsson ES et al 2000) G- negative bacteria 25-40%
- > ERCP could be associated with life-threatening cholangitis
- > Rutine ATB prohylaxis in PSC patients before ERCP is essential!!!!



Tabibian JH et al. Hepatology 2014

### **NOVEL THERAPY ON THE HORIZONT**

### norUDCA:

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- protects cholangiocytes from luminal injury as hydrophilic bile acid (more hydrophilic than UDCA),
- which (in contrast to UDCA) is able to induce a bicarbonate-rich, less toxic bile since norUDCA (in contrast to UDCA) undergoes cholehepatic shunting.
- > Additional mechanisms of nor UDCA include antifibrotic, anti-inflammatory and antiproliferative effects.

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Diagnosis of PSC is based on MRCP and ERCP, always in colaboration with colonoscopy. Liver biopsy is seldom needed.
- PSC IBD represent a distinct phenotype of IBD
- > The most important differential diagnosis is CCC and IAC
- Therapy of PSC is currently based mainly on dilatation of dominant stricture
- Currently, there is no established medical therapy
- Use of UDCA for PSC and as a chemopreventive agent for colorectal neoplasia should be carefully indicated and dosed properly
- > Novel therapies on the horizont

### **NOVEL THERAPIES ON THE HORIZONT**



# ALCOHOLIC LIVER DISEASES: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC POSSIBILITIES

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**Background.** The burden of liver disease in Europe is increasing – in contrast to most of other chronic diseases including cardiovascular; Slovakia (SK) ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in liver-related mortality in Europe (with decrease in life span by 1–2 decades), 6<sup>th</sup> in ALD-related premature deaths, and 9<sup>th</sup> in alcohol consumption. Alcoholic liver disease (ALD) is the most prevalent cause of advanced chronic liver disease (ACLD) in Europe. According to SK regional studies, ALD is responsible for at least 45% of liver cancers (HCC), transplantations and most of complications of ACLD – i.e. variceal bleeding, acute on chronic liver failure (ACLF), ascites etc. Alcohol, however, leads to 60 different diseases, some of them by proxy – i.e. violence, inflicted injuries and neonatal syndromes – and contributes 5.9% to global mortality and injuries.

**Diagnosis.** There are at least four major ALD-related syndromes with clear-cut diagnostic criteria and significant mortality: <u>alcoholic hepatitis</u> (AH) with MDF, GAHS, Lille, ABIC and MELD diagnostic criteria with 1-month mortality of 30% in its severe form, <u>ACLF</u> (CLIF-OF; 20–80% 1-mo mortality according to degree), <u>withdrawal syndrome</u> (CIWA-Ar, DMS-5: delirium tremens; 5–15%), and specific <u>complications of ACLD</u> (MELD, Child-Pugh; two-thirds of ALD cirrhosis present with decompensated disease, 15% will develop hepatocellular carcinoma, survival rates at 5 years vary from zero to 80%, 60 to 90% of individuals die of their liver disease). AUDIT-C questionnaire of alcohol consumption given to 206 patients from 5 cities in SK, with median age of 57 years, 58% females, has shown 58% positivity of the test AUDIT-C1, and 21% and 31% positivity of AUDIT-C2 and C3 (risky drinking), respectively.

**Therapy.** The basis of management of any of ALD-related syndromes is guided <u>abstinence</u>. For  $5.4 \times 10^6$  SK inhabitants there are 9 in- and 83 out-patient centres, respectively, with 1-y abstinence rates of under 20%. The uptake of specialized care in SK is very low (< 10%) due mainly to the lack of will to be treated – exact numbers are under investigation. Results of specific therapy for <u>AH</u> (corticosteroids and/or pentoxyphilline) are disappointing after STOPAH trial; in HEGITO retrospective study of 45 patients hospitalized with severe AH over 4 years (age 49, female 36%, MELD 27, steroids 82%), 1-mo mortality of responders was 11%, as compared to 50% in nonresponders (p < 0,01). Results in nonresponders direct the interest to liver transplantation and new trials. ACLF needs more investigation, promising seem growth factors and window of opportunity. In HEGITO study on <u>ACLF</u>, 1-mo mortality of grade 0–1 was zero as compared to 50% of gr. 2–3 (p = 0.01); CRP and WBC were predictors of ACLF (p = 0.02, and 0.06, respectively). To the best of our knowledge, there are no formal studies on <u>withdrawal syndrome</u> in SK. Most of <u>complications of ACLD</u> including HCC were scrutinized in HEGITO, their results are beyond the scope of this abstract and will be presented.

**Conclusions.** Liver related mortality is one of most important in Europe and SK. ALD is one of the most important causes of liver-related mortality in Europe and most important in SK. ALD has several forms with distinct diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic algorithms. Their results support the notion that effective and efficacious therapy of ALD is one of unmet needs of current hepatology and public health medicine.

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HOW CA	AN ALC BECOME A PROBLEM IN HEPATOLOGY
> AAH	Acute alcoholic hepatitis
> ACLF	Acute over chronic liver failure
> ACLD = Ci	Advanced chronic liver disease = Liver cirrhosis
– CiA	<ul> <li>Cirrhotic ascites</li> </ul>
– AKI	<ul> <li>Acute kidney injury</li> </ul>
– HRS	<ul> <li>Hepatorenal syndrome</li> </ul>
– SBP	<ul> <li>Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis</li> </ul>
– UGIB-V	<ul> <li>Varicose bleeding</li> </ul>
> HCC	Hepatocellular carcinoma
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DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR ALD- RELATED SYNDROMES ARE WELL KNOWN				
> AAH	MADREY, MELD, LILLE (www)			
> ACLF	CLIF-OF (www.)			
> ACLD = Ci	MELD (www.)			
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### DG 2: IN ESTABILISHED LIVER DISEASE USE ADDITIONAL TOOLS

- 1. ALCOHOL USE: AUDIT complete
- 2. WITHDRAWAL RISK: CIWA-Ar
- 3. ALCOHOL RELATED PROBLEMS: APQ
- 4. ALCOHOL USE DISORDER: DSM-5
- 5. DEPENDENCE: LDQ
- 6. SEVERITY OF DEPENDENCE: SADQ
- 7. NEED FOR SPECIALIST CARE (incl. in-hospita)

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### DG 2: KNOW THE POWER OF BIOMARKERS

	Monitor abstinence	Identify high-risk drinking	Time to normalise	Usefulness detection o drinking	for of high-risk
				Sensitivity	Specificity
Routinely available tests					
Alcohol concentration in breath or blood	Yes	No	Hours	Low	High
γ-glutamyl transferase	No	Yes	4 weeks	Low	Moderate
Mean corpuscular volume of red blood cells	No	Yes	3 months	Low	Moderate
Aspartate aminotransferase	No	Yes	4 weeks	Low	Low
Tests done in specialised laboratories*					
Carbohydrate-deficient transferrin	No	Yes	4 weeks	Moderate	High
Ethyl glucuronide and ethyl sulphate	Yes	No	2 days	High	High
Phosphatidyl ethanol	No	Yes	4 weeks	High	High
May be costly.					
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# NON-ALCOHOLIC STEATOHEPATITIS (NASH): WHICH THERAPY DO WE HAVE?

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Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) is the progressive form of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), which is the most common chronic liver disease in Western countries. NAFLD encompasses a wide spectrum of histologic lesions from simple steatosis to NASH, which can progress to advanced fibrosis, cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. NASH is strongly associated with obesity, insulin resistance (IR), type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and is regarded as the liver manifestation of the metabolic syndrome, with a close relation to cardiovascular disease. The pathogenesis is not fully elucidated, but are considered: sedentary lifestyle, unproper diet, genetic predisposition, IR, oxidative stress, cytokine and adipokine dysregulation, immune mediated events, the gut microbiome and altered intestinal permeability. Main targets of intervention are: treatment of metabolic syndrome components and treatment oriented on pathogenetic factors. First-line therapy involves: lifestyle modifications, regular exercise, dietary changes (caloric restriction, diet high in monounsaturated fatty acids, omega-3 fatty acids, and low in fructose, e.g., Mediterranean diet). Pharmacotherapy in patients with biopsy-proven NASH includes:

- 1) Antidiabetics/insulin sensitizer agents, e.g. pioglitazone (PIVENS trial, meta-analysis drug improves liver histology and fibrosis, several adverse effects), metformin (not recommended by EASL, useful in type 2 diabetes mellitus), glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists.
- 2) Ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA; immunomodulatory, antiinflammatory, antiapoptotic, antioxidant, antifibrotic properties) improves IR, ALT and histologic lesions in high doses, modulates lipid metabolism (Ratziu V., *et al*. J Hepatol 2011).
- 3) Lipid-lowering agents: statins (e.g. atorvastatin).
- 4) Antioxidants vitamin E 800 IU/day in non-diabetic adults (PIVENS trial, improves histology), pentoxiphylline.
- 5) Obeticholic acid (activates the farnesoid X nuclear receptor; FLINT trial, improves liver histology and fibrosis, but several adverse effects).
- 6) Gut microbiota modulators and many drug candidates targeting different metabolic pathways are currently studied in clinical trials.

Where do we stand with regard to NASH therapy? The majority of agents have either mild efficacy on liver and cardiovascular-related outcomes or requires further and larger studies in order to validate the current findings and to establish the long-term safety in NASH before establishing definitive recommendations. Many clinical trials are ongoing with hope to find the effective medications in NASH.

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# SCREENING OF COLORECTAL CARCINOMA: HOT TOPICS IN CURRENT CLINICAL GASTROENTEROLOGY

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Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second most common cause of death from malignancy in the world, with 1.2 million new cases and 640 000 deaths yearly. Colonoscopy remains the gold standard method for colorectal cancer screening, however the compliance is less than 50%. One of the most important barriers to screening is a lack of perceived risk of colorectal cancer among average-risk patients and primary care providers. The possibility of influencing the participation rate for CRC screening include shift of opportunistic individual testing to organized population screening. Another screening barrier represents the fear of people from invasive examinations. Several non-invasive screening tests are available, and various professional organizations have different recommendations on which screening test to use. In the Czech Republic, the organized non-population-based National Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Program has been running since year 2000. Program is focused on asymptomatic individuals with average risk of CRC. In 2014, the transition to population-based program was realized by personalized mail invitations of program non-participants. It resulted in the improvement of target population coverage by 4.6% per year followed by increasing colorectal neoplasia detection (42% for adenomas and 20% for cancers). Future directions of CRC screening can be seen in determining the optimal screening methods that are less invasive, with high sensitivity and accepted by the general population. One such tool can be an immunochemical test for occult blood in the stool (FIT). FIT screening is associated with a higher population uptake than guaiac FOBT screening and has higher sensitivity for detecting of advanced neoplasia. On the other hand, there are few limitations. Firstly, the results of the test depend on the environmental temperature and the sample-return time. Another disadvantage is the lack of standardization of haemoglobin concentrations among different FIT tests. Very attractive screening method remains the DNA testing in stool or serum. Tests have a higher sensitivity but lower specificity compared to FIT. Their using is limited by the complicated storage and high price. CT-colonography has the potential advantage of requiring limited bowel preparation and can detect 70–100% of the advanced neoplasias detected by colonoscopy. The field of colon imaging is rapidly evolving and aims to improve CRC screening by lowering the patient burden and enhancing neoplasia detection. One such alternative is to screen by colon-capsule endoscopy. Recently published Irish prospective study showed high sensitivity and specificity (89%, resp. 96%) in the detection of colorectal neoplasia and reduce the need for colonoscopy to 71%. Other possibilities for improving the effectiveness of screening CRC can be seen in the scoring of the likelihood of colorectal neoplasia in the target population. Kaminski *et al.* in Polish retrospective study identified risk factors associated with colorectal neoplasia. These were age, sex, family history of CRC, smoking and obesity. Combination of these changes can increase the preventive effect of CRC screening, which will lead to reduction of incidence and mortality of CRC.

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- Stool-based tests
  - guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT)
  - immunochemical test (FIT)
  - fecal DNA testing
- > Endoscopic examinations
  - colonoscopy / flexible sigmoidoscopy
  - capsule colonoscopy
- Radiologic examinations
  - CT colonography



> main aim: decrease of mortality and incidence

	incidence	mortality	trial
gFOBT	↓ 18–20%	↓ 22–32%	USA – Minnesota (every 2/every 1 year)
Flex Sig	↓ 23%	↓ 31%	UK Flex Sig trial
Colonoscopy	-	↓ 60%	USA – Medicare – not randomized
> main p	roblem:		

missing RCT of effectiveness of colonoscopy
 European Guidelines for CRC screening and diagnosis, 2010.
 Zauber A.G., et al. Dig Dis Sci 2015.



### ORGANIZED SCREENING PROGRAMS

- > requiring public responsibility by law
- > supervision by national team
- > opportunistic screening program
  - screening initiative is up to the individual and to motivated providers
- population-based screening program
  - target individuals are personally invited

Zavoral M., et al. WJG 2009.

### NATIONAL CRC SCREENING PROGRAM IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- years 2000–2014
  - organized opportunistic screening program
- since 2014
  - address invitation to screening program
  - population-based screening program
- > age 50–54 years:
- FIT annually  $\rightarrow$  positivity  $\rightarrow$  FIT + colonoscopy
- > age  $\geq$  55 years:
  - FIT biannually / screening colonoscopy

### FOBT AND PREVENTIVE COLONOSCOPIES (2013–2014)

- ➢ increase of FOBT by 30%
- increase of screening colonoscopies by 85%

screening examination	rear 2013	rear 2014	2013 vs. 2014
FOBT	574 108	744 015	+30%
Total number of preventive colonoscopies	236 016	263 060	+11%
FOBT + colonoscopy	17 499	23 365	+34%
screening colonoscopy	4 999	9 236	+85%

# TOTAL COVERAGE OF TARGET POPULATION



### EUROPEAN RECOMMENDATION



- organized screening programs (population based)
- determination of screening intervals
- > quality indicators of CRC screening programs
  - early impact indicators
    - coverage of target population (min. 45–65%)
    - · detection rate of adenoma and carcinoma
  - long impact indicators

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incidence and mortality of CRC

European guidelines for quality assurance in CRC screening and diagnosis, 2010



### DETECTION OF COLORECTAL NEOPLASIA

- higher detection of adenomas by 42%
- higher detection of carcinomas by 20%

	Year	Colonoscopy	Adenomas	Carcinomas
DBT +	2013	21,972	8,758	818
lonoscopies	2014	28,795	11,779	959
reening	2013	4,966	1,361	49
olonoscopies	2014	9,288	2,613	81
tal number of	2013	26,938	10,119	867
lonoscopies	2014	38,023	14,392	1,040

# BARRIERS TO CRC SCREENING

- Iow perception of CRC risk in average asymptomatic population
- fear of invasive examinations
- Iow education status
- Iower levels of income

Knight J.R., et al. Prev Chronic Dis 2015.

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### HOW TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THE SCREENING

- health education programs to the general public and to health professionals to increase awareness about CRC prevention
- > noninvasive and cost/benefit screening examinations
- > select subjects at higher than average risk of developing sporadic CRC

### QUANTITATIVE IMMUNOCHEMICAL FOBT – OPTIMAL CUT OFF

- different sensitivity cut-off limits
- > concentration of fecal hemoglobin
  - varies by age and sex
- results depend on the environmental temperature and the sample-return time



Pillcam

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optimal cut-off value: 75–100 ng/mL

Nakama H., et al. Eur J Cancer 2001; Goede S.L., et al. Gut 2013.

# CAPSULE COLONOSCOPY (CC) PILLCAM COLON 2

- ➢ size 11.6 × 31.5 mm
- > angle of vision 172° (instead 156°)
- cover almost 360° of colon



automatic detection of small bowel



### CONCLUSIONS

- CRC screening is associated with decreased CRC incidence and mortality
- The effectiveness of CRC screening depends on adequate participation of the target population
- Opportunistic testing is shifting to organized population screening with monitoring and assurance of quality indicators
- > Options for screening depend upon the healthcare infrastructure of the country including the availability of endoscopic resources



# **FECAL DNA TESTING**

- Multitarget evaluate multiple markers
  - $-\,$  methylated promoter regions of genes BMP3 and NDRG4  $\,$
  - KRAS and  $\beta\text{-actin}$  mutations
- presence of human hemoglobin
- higher sensitivity
- 92.3% vs. 73.8% FIT
  lower specificity
- 86.6% vs. 94.9% FIT
- limitations:
- complicated storage
  high price



### CAPSULE COLONOSCOPY – EXPERIENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- > multicentric prospective study (2011–2014), 175 patients
- > high specificity and sensitivity in detection of colorectal
- neoplasias in screening population
- adequate screening option

	Color	loscopy			Capsule colo	noscopy			
	Prevalence number, proportion		matcl	Sensitiv hing results, among OC	ity proportion +, Cl	rr propc	Specifie atching r ortion amo	city esults, ong OC-, Cl	
Polyp	121	51%	98	81%	CI 73-88%	100	87%	CI 79-93%	
≥ 6 mm	39	17%	30	77%	CI 61-89%	192	97%	CI 94-99%	
≥ 10 mm	16	7%	14	88%	CI 62-98%	217	99%	CI 96-100%	
Adenoma	63	27%	51	81%	CI 69-90%				
≥ 10 mm	11	5%	11	100%	CI 72-100%				
Carcinoma	2	1%	2	100%		234	100%	CI 94-99%	
	Zavoral M. Gastroent hepatol 2014.								

# HEREDITARY POLYPOSIS SYNDROME. WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS?

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Although intestinal polyposis syndromes are relatively rare, awareness of the existing health risks is important for patients and their families affected by these disorders. Intestinal polyposis syndromes can be divided, based on histology, into the broad categories of familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) and hamartomatous polyposis syndromes.

Several genetic disorders may present with GI polyps. FAP is the most common inherited polyposis syndrome, encompassing multiple phenotypes. These phenotypes range from a mild phenotype in attenuated polyposis syndrome to specific clinical syndromes recognized many decades prior to the discovery of the adenomatous polyposis (APC) gene.

More recently described syndromes MUTYH-Associated Polyposis, Hereditary Mixed Polyposis Syndrome, Serrated Polyposis Syndrome, and Polymerase Proofreading Associated Polyposis. These new type of polyposis syndrome has been defined and is associated with various types of serrated polyps.

- MUTYH-associated polyposis (MAP) was originally identified in Welsh kindred in 2002 and is an autosomal recessive (unlike most other polyposis syndromes) adenomatous polyposis syndrome most commonly with an attenuated FAP-like phenotype.
- Hereditary mixed polyposis syndrome (HMPS) is characterized by the presence of polyps of several different types and/or individual polyps that are composed of more than one histologic type. The syndrome appears to be inherited as an autosomal dominant trait. The polyps are confined to the colon, are between 1–15 in number (and rarely exceed 50), and may resemble adenomas macroscopically.
- Serrated polyposis syndrome (SPS; formerly known as hyperplastic polyposis syndrome) is a rare, likely hereditary, polyposis syndrome most common in those of northern European ancestry. It is also more common among current smokers.
- Polymerase proofreading associated polyposis (PPAP) is another autosomal dominantly inherited polyposis syndrome recently described with a variable phenotype that may include 10–100 adenomas, often presenting before 60-years, with or without colorectal carcinoma, and/or isolated early onset colorectal carcinoma.

The topic of hereditary polyposis syndromes is truly an evolving field with expansion in the molecular and phenotypic characterization of these syndromes. In the near future, the genetic mechanism(s) of sessile serrated polyposis may be unravelled and new syndromes or genetic mechanisms for familial colorectal carcinoma will be discovered.

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First degree relatives are advised to have 5 yearly bowel screening by colonoscopy from the from the age of 40 years or from an age 10 years younger than the youngest age at which bowel cancer or SPS was identified in the family.

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### ENDOSCOPIC APPEARANCE OF SERRATED POLYPS



Endoscopic appearance of serrated polyps. A and B: Sessile serrated adenoma (SSA) (arrows) as flat polyp on conventional optical colonoscopy; C: Narrow-band imaging appearance of polyp (arrow) seen in panel A; D: Chromoendoscopy image of SSA revealing Kudo II pattern



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### HEREDITARY MIXED POLYPOSIS SYNDROME (HMPS)

- Hereditary mixed polyposis syndrome (HMPS) is autosomal dominantly inherited, characterized by the presence of polyps of several different types and/or individual polyps that are composed of more than one histologic type (the most common polyp type is the hamartomatous juvenile polyp, may have a serrated and villiform architecture, may or may not harbor dysplasia; conventional adenomatous polyps also occur
- The polyps are confined to the colon, are between 1-15 in number (and rarely exceed 50), and may resemble adenomas macroscopically
- No extracolonic features have been identified.
- This syndrome is easily confused and clinically overlaps with HMPS and JPS

Lucci-Cordisco E, Risio M, Venesio T, Genuardi M (2013) The growing complexity of the intestinal polyposis syndromes. Am J Med Genet A 161: 2777-2787.

### POLYMERASE PROOFREADING ASSOCIATED POLYPOSIS (PPAP)

- primarily adenomatous polyposis syndrome, polymerase proofreading associated polyposis (PPAP) is:
- > autosomal dominantly inherited polyposis syndrome
- > with a variable phenotype that may include 10-100 adenomas
- often presenting before 60-years, with or without colorectal carcinoma
- > and/or isolated early onset colorectal carcinoma

Palles C, Cazier JB, Howarth KM, Domingo E, Jones AM, et al. (2013) Germline mutations affecting the proofreading domains of POLE and POLD1 predispose to colorectal adenomas and carcinomas. Nat Genet 45: 136-144.



### SHORTENED (3-5 YEARS) SURVEILLANCE INTERVALS AFTER ENDOSCOPIC

RESECTION ARE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED

Histology	Size	Number	Location	Interval in years
4P	<10mm	Any number*	Rectosignoid	10*
4P	≤5mm	\$3	Proximal to sigmoid	10
₽P	Any	24	Proximal to sigmoid	5
(P	>5mm	-21	Proximal to sigmoid	5
SAP or TSA	<10mm	<3	Any	5
SSAP or TEA	210mm	1	Any	3
SSA/P or TSA	<10mm	23	Any	3
SSAP	≥10mm	22	Any	1-34
SSA/P w/dysplasia	Any	Arty		1.3

### GENETICS, AND CLINICAL MANAGEMENT-(HMPS)

- > This syndrome is restricted to one large and extended Ashkenazi Jewish family and smaller Ashkenazi Jewish families
- Recently, the genetic defect that causes HMPS was identified as 40 kb duplication on the long arm of chromosome 15 upstream from the *GREM1* gene
- > The management of these patients is not clearly defined.
- Colonoscopy and polypectomy is recommended every 1-2 years and due to the proximal location of many polyps, sigmoidoscopy has no role in surveillance

Jaeger E, Leedham S, Lewis A, Segditsas S, Becker M, et al. (2012) Hereditary mixed polyposis syndrome is caused by a 40-kb upstream duplication that leads to increased and ectopic expression of the BMP antagonist CREM1. Nat Genet 44: 699–703.



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- Participation of HPS in epidemiology of CRC does not play a key role (only 5%) but in some of them the occurence of CRC is very expressive (100% or nearly to 100%)
- > To have a suspicion on dg of HPS in case of finding 5 polyps or more, younger age (below 45 y)
- > Genetic testing that is currently available does not identify a mutation in every case. A gene mutation is not need for dg

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- Clinical picture- overlaping
- > Thorough surveillance is needed



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# IBD AS A RISK FACTOR FOR COLORECTAL CARCINOMA. A REAL THREAT OR MORE LIKELY FICTION AT THIS TIME?

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Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) requires clinical monitoring and long-term treatment in order to achieve remission and to prevent relapse and colorectal carcinoma (CRC). Patients with IBD have an increased risk of 10–15% for the development of CRC, which is a complication of high economic costs in developed countries.

In contrast to clinical and pathogenetic differences, there is little known about how prognosis differs between these patients and those of sporadic CRC. In a subgroup analysis of UC patients with CRC, female sex was significantly better prognostic factor. This finding implies that estrogens may play a protective role in UC-associated carcinogenesis. 5-aminosalicylates as a class have been associated with protective effects against colorectal cancer in Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Only mesalamine at doses higher than 1.2 g per day is currently widely recommended in this setting. Mesalamine, particularly at doses over 1.2 a per day, produces a modest reduction in the risk of CRC in IBD patients. Sulfasalazine does not seem to reduce the risk of colorectal carcinoma. Authors from Denmark and France used MEDLINE, EMBASE and Cochrane databases from international relevant literature. Meta-analysis did not find a significant protective effect of treatment with thiopurines on the risk of CRC in patients with IBD. Colonoscopic surveillance may have a significant role in the reduction of the risk of advanced and interval CRC. Given the ongoing risk of early CRC, patients with any grade of dysplasia who are managed endoscopically, should be closely monitored with advanced techniques. In patients with IBD, the intestinal microbiota plays a fundamental role in their health status and in the progression of complications or CRC. Mucus seems to play an important role in protecting the intestinal mucosa and in maintaining its integrity. Japan investigators from Kyoto referred about agonist for EP<sub>4</sub>-receptor, a prostagladin  $E_2$ -receptor subtype, which appear to be a promising therapeutic strategy for UC due to their anti-inflammatory and epithelial regeneration activities. Recently there was identified KAG-308 as an orally-available EP<sub>4</sub>-selective agonist. Investigators compared KAG-308 and sulfasalazine for the prevention of colitis and promoting mucosal healing in a mouse model. Results indicated that orally administered KAG-308 suppressed colitis development and promoted mucosal healing. Moreover, this substance exhibited preventive effects on colorectal carcinogenesis, and thus may be a new therapeutic strategy for the management of IBD that confers a reduction of colorectal carcinogenesis.

**Conclusion.** Colonoscopy surveillance programs are recommended to reduce the risk of CRC and 5-aminosalicylates might represent a favourable therapeutic option for chemoprevention of CRC. ECCO guidelines recommend 5-ASA long term use, as this treatment may decrease the incidence of CRC in ulcerative colitis.

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Extensive Colitis: CRC Morbidity 5+ Years From Onset (Corrected for Operation)						
	Site	Observed Cancers	Expected Cancers	RR	95%	
UC (n = 486)	Colon	22	0.90	24.4***	1.53–3	
	Rectum	7	0.61	11.5***	4.6-23	
000	Total	29	1.51	19.2***	12.9-2	
CD (n = 125)	Colon	6	0.16	37.5***	13.7–8	
100	Rectum	2	0.28	7.1*	0.8-25	
	Total	8	0.44	18.2***	7.8-35	





### COMPARISON OF CRC RISK IN PATIENTS WITH CD AND UC: A POPULATION-BASED COHORT STUDY



# PATIENTS WITH EXTENSIVE UC AND CD INCREASED RISK FOR CRC



### CRC RISK IN PATIENTS WITH EXTENSIVE CD: EVIDENCE FROM META-ANALYSIS

Parameter	Results (95% CI)
Overall incidence of CD-associated colorectal cancer	0.5/1000 pyd (0.3/1000-0.6/1000)
Overall prevalence of CD-associated colorectal cancer	0.24% (0.19–0.28)
Mean patient age at diagnosis of CD	33.3 years (31.5-35.1)
Mean age at CRC diagnosis	51.5 years (51.4–51.6)
Pooled incidence of CRC in patients having involvement of both small bowel and colon	0.4/1000 pyd (95% CI, 0.3/1000- 0.6/1000)
Pooled incidence of CRC in patients having involvement of colon	0.4/1000 pyd (95% Cl, 0.3/1000- 0.5/1000)
<ul> <li>Patients with CD are at 2–3 times higher</li> <li>Age of onset of CRC was reported to be</li> </ul>	risk of CRC about 20 years earlier in these patients



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5-ASA reduces CRC risk

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CRC, colorectal cancer; IBD, inflammatory bow Tang J et al. *Dig Dis* Sci. 2010;55(6):1696–1703 CONCLUSION Patients with IBD are at increased risk of CRC<sup>1</sup> Patients with extensive CD: 18-fold increased CRC risk Patients with extensive UC: 19-fold increased CRC risk > Chemotherapy of CRC included NSAIDs, 5-FU and MABs and chemoprophylaxis included salicylates, 5-ASA.<sup>2</sup> KAG-308 > 5-ASA (≥ 20 mM) induces and increases apoptosis in CRC cells<sup>8</sup> Regular use of 5-ASA > 1.2 g/day significantly reduces CRC risk<sup>9</sup> However, some of these results were inconsistent and limited by heterogeneity involved<sup>11</sup>

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5-ASA, 5-aminosalicytic acid; CI, confidence i van Staa TP et al., Gut. 2005;54:1573–1578.

### **EFFECT OF 5-ASA ON CRC IN PATIENTS** WITH IBD: A CASE-CONTROLLED STUDY (CONT'D)

Results

Results of multivariate analysis showed that there was a reduction in CRC risk by 97.6% in patients who received 5-ASA at a cumulative dose of  $\geq$  4.5 g (p = 0.047)

Regular treatment with 5-ASA reduces the CRC risk in UC when compared with irregular users

# **Future**

agonist EP4 receptor and receptor subtype prostagladin E2 UC – promote mucosal healing EP4 - orally avalaible selective agonist (mouse model) promising theraputic strategy for UC

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# Take home message

– colonoscopy surveillance programs

 – 5-aminosalicylates longterm use decrease incidence CRC in UC (ECCO guidelines, 2015)



# HOW TO MAKE THE SCREENING FOR COLORECTAL CARCINOMA MORE EFFECTIVE

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Effectiveness of colorectal cancer screening is measured with the effect on colorectal cancer mortality and incidence. The effectiveness of screening is determined by four major factors: compliance with a screening test, efficacy of a screening test to detect precursor lesions and cancers, low complication rates and efficacy of treatment of screen detected lesions. In order to make screening for colorectal cancer more effective all these four driving factors have to be optimized. This talk aims to summarize available evidence on the methods to optimize compliance, efficacy of screening test, efficacy of treatment and complication rates.

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# POSTER PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

# HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN CENTRAL SLOVAKIA: COHORT FROM TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTRE

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**Introduction.** Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) from various geographical regions differs significantly in epidemiologic, demographic and clinical characteristics; the aim here was to describe the cohort from tertiary referral centre in Slovakia.

**Methodology.** Analysis of charts of consecutive patients (pts) seen in Liver unit of regional university hospital (catchment area with 662 121 inhabitants). **Inclusion** criterion: Diagnosis (Dg) of HCC according to EASL guidelines 2001, 2005 and 2006 and EASL-EORTC guidelines 2012 as recorded in electronical database Care Center of Roosevelt hospital. **Exclusion** criterion: Impossibility to retrieve sufficient data for final analysis. Study interval: July, 2007–Feb, 2015.

**Results.** Cohort consisted of 161 pts, 95% with liver cirrhosis, 77% men. Median age was 61.2 years (21-86); men: 61 years (41-81), women: 62 years (21-86). Etiology of underlying liver disease: ALD - 72 pts (45%); HCV - 27 pts (17%); HBV - 21 pts (13%); NASH - 16 pts (10%); cryptogenic - 13 pts (8%); pts without Ci - 8 (5%); HCV + HBV - 2 pts (1%); hereditary hemochromatosis -1 pt (0.5%), PBC -1 (0.5%). Thirty-six cases (23%) were diagnosed by surveillance, other 68% presented as non-surveillance, 9% of pts were unknown. The average of HCC lesions in pts performed by surveillance was 4.6 cm and performed by non-surveillance was 8.3 cm. BCLC classes: a) whole cohort: A – 25 pts (16%); B – 40 (25%); C – 65 (40%); D – 31 (19%). b) according to Dg-modality (Dg by surveillance) vs. non-surveillance): A – 12/36 (33%) vs. 11/110 (10%); B – 15/36 (42%) vs. 25/110 (23%); C – 6/36 (17%) vs. 48/110 (43%); D – 3/36 (8%) vs. 26/110 (24%). Treatment: Surgical resection – 13 pts (7%); liver transplant (LTx) – 12 (6%); RFA – 15 (8%); DEB-TACE – 39 (21%); sorafenib - 76 (40%); best of supportive care - 35 (18%). Data for survival analysis were available for every 161 pts. Median **survival** in whole cohort was 15.9 months (0.25–92.5); survival in BCLC classes: A – 29.5 months (2–92.5); B – 18.7 months (3–69); C – 14.8 months (0.25–81); D – 3.33 months.

**Conclusion.** 1) Demographics in this cohort resemble those of HCC in western world, except from absence of gender age difference. 2) Alcoholic liver disease was the commonest etiology of underlying liver disease. 3) Its stage was cirrhosis in 95% of cases. 4) The most important finding was that only 23% of HCC cases were detected via surveillance program. 5) There was marked right-sided shift in BCLC distribution with ensuing treatment allocation and survival. 5) One possible explanation of rather good survival in BCLC-C could be the availability of sorafenib.

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# PILOT SCREENING OF NAFLD IN PATIENTS WITH OVERWEIGHT/OBESITY AND DIABETES

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**Introduction.** Obesity, together with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and diabetes mellitus have increasing worldwide prevalence. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is a broad spectrum of clinical and pathological conditions. The risk factors for the development of NAFLD include: obesity, diabetes mellitus (DM) type 2, hypertriglyceridemia. NAFLD mainly associated with type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome is the world's most common chronic disease that affects 15–40% of the world's population. More than 70% of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM) have at the same time NAFLD.

**Methods.** Transient elastography (TE) is a non-invasive painless method that measures the liver stiffness. TE evaluates the propagation of the speed shock wave in the liver. With high accuracy TE confirms respectively excludes liver cirrhosis. Investigations are performed on the device Fibroscan 502 touch, in obese patients we use XL probe. As a screening method for liver steatosis we use abdominal ultrasound, including Doppler examination.

**Objective.** To detect the liver fibrosis through TE in patients with overweight/obesity arriving to internal ambulance for the purpose of differential diagnostics of liver diseases.

**Results.** From 12/2015 to the end of 1/2016 we examined 150 patients (75 men / 75 women) who are overweight/obese. They arrived to our clinic for elevations of liver transaminases or for finding of hepatic steatosis in ultrasonography. In all patients we realised transient elastography. In 8 patients (5 men / 3 women) we diagnosed impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), type 2 diabetes had a total of 46 patients (20 men / 26 women). Patients with IGT and DM2T accounted for 36% of the group (54/150). The presence of liver fibrosis (F1 or greater) was observed in 50/54 patients (92.6% of the group), the finding of severe liver fibrosis (F2 or greater) was observed in 37/54 patients (20 men / 17 women) with type DM2T, which represents 68.5% of the group. Liver fibrosis was diagnosed in 52.1% patients without DM2T (50/96), severe fibrosis we performed the differential diagnostics of liver diseases and began complex treatment.

**Conclusions.** NAFLD is the world's most widely used form of liver damage in adults and children. TE achieves a high level of accuracy in the detection of liver fibrosis in patients with chronic liver diseases. TE can be used in monitoring of patients and also such a screening of chronic liver diseases. Given the high prevalence of NAFLD in patients with DM2T these patients may benefit from screening through transient elastography. Detection of advanced fibrosis or cirrhosis is in patients with type 2 diabetes very important because liver diseases are the fourth leading cause of mortality in patients with diabetes. Interdisciplinary

cooperation of more experts is needed for early diagnostics of NAFLD and avoiding of its late complications.

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## *IN SITU SPLIT LIVER RESECTION – A NEW METHOD OF INDUCING REMNANT VOLUME REGENERATION*

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**Introduction.** At the time of discovering a disease, liver resection appears to be impossible in a number of cases. One of essential reasons of liver non-resectibility is a small volume of the remnant parenchyma.

**Materials and Methods.** Patient K., 43. Clinical diagnosis: *hepatocellular carcinoma T3aN0M1 (Hepar) Sg 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Tumor compression of lobe biliary structures. Obstruct- ive jaundice.* 

According to SCT, the liver remnant volume was 136.2 cm<sup>3</sup> – 16.4% of the overall volume not involved in the tumor process. Taking into consideration the extremely low remnant volume and biliary hypertension, in situ split liver resection was scheduled.

1<sup>st</sup> stage of the surgical procedure. The surgery was performed routinely. J-laparotomy. Inspection results: the size of the liver was expanded through the right lobe in the parenchyma of which two large tumor formations were detected. The left lateral liver section (Sg 2, 3) bore no signs of focal pathology. We performed hepatoportal devascularization of the right liver lobe, transection of the liver parenchyma along the border of the left lateral and medial liver lobes.

2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the surgical procedure. On the 9<sup>th</sup> day after the surgery relaparotomy was performed. After division of loose commissures, a haematoma was detected in the space between the left lateral and medial sections. The haematoma volume was up to 250 ml. It was evacuated. The right and medial liver veins were singled out, stitched and intersected. We mobilized the subhepatic segment of the lower vena cava, clipped and intersected short hepatic veins. After total devascularization of the removable part, the right coronary and triangular ligaments were intersected. The right lobe was extracted from the abdominal cavity as a whole block with Sg 4, 9 (right trisection ectomy).

**Results.** Beginning with the first day after the surgery, bile started running along the drainage pipe up to 80–100 ml a day. Along the drainage system of the abdominal cavity, up to 3.5–4 liters of ascitic fluid was running a day without a tendency for decreasing, which was considered to be a sign of hepatoportal hypertension through stitching the right lobal portal vein. We observed considerable hyperplasia of the left lateral liver section (Sg 2, 3) and increase of the distance between Sg 4 and Sg 2, 3 by 62%. Sg 4 was weakly contrasted, in some areas it was not contrasted at all. Another segmental area of absence of contrasting was also detected in the part of the large-size tumor adjoining S4 segment.

With the therapy provided, the period after the relaparotomy was characterized by slow positive dynamics. The right reactive pleurisy up to 150 ml did not require tapping. The patient was discharged from hospital in a relatively satisfactory state on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after the

surgery. At present, it has been 1.5 years since the surgery, the patient is in a satisfactory state, we have obtained no information on relapses.

**Conclusions.** Liver resection in situ split proves to be effective, and in most cases it is the only possible method to treat patients with liver parenchyma affection of over 80% of its volume.

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# PLACE OF APPLICATION INHIBITORS OF THE PROTON PUMP IN TREATMENT OF THE CHRONIC PANCREATITIS

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**Research objective.** Studying of clinical efficiency rabeprasole in complex therapy of an aggravation of a chronic pancreatitis.

**Material and methods.** All patient were underwent esofagogastroduodenoscopy, ultrasonic research, research of pancreatic enzymes. The dynamics of painful abdominal syndrome was estimated by a technique of value judgment of expressiveness of a painful syndrome (on a 10-mark scale). Patients have divided into 3 groups, on expressiveness painful abdominal syndrome; 20 patients received omeprazole on 20 mg 2 times a day, 22 – pantoprazole in a daily dose of 80 mg, 25 – rabeprazole on 40 mg a day. Control group was consist of 10 practically healthy faces.

**Results.** Against the appointed therapy in all groups was marked the tendency to reduction of expressiveness painful abdominal syndrome was marked, considerable decrease in intensity painful abdominal a syndrome is noted in the second (up to 7.2 + 0.9 a point) and the third group (up to 6.4 + 0.7 a point) patients. The maintenance pancreatic amylase of blood prior to the beginning of treatment was authentically raised in all groups (144.8 + 10.2, 152.1 + 9.8 and 149.7 + 7.2 units/l accordingly) in comparison with control values (41.2 + 10.2 units/l, p < 0.05). After the leaded treatment in both groups the tendency to decrease in this indicator is noted. In comparison with reference values (p < 0.05) also have approached with control sizes (53.9 + 7.3, 48.8 + 7.5 and 42.8 + 11.3 units/l accordingly).

**Conclusions.** Thus, pantoprazole and rabeprazole render more expressed contra-selective marker effect, in comparison with omeprazole. The revealed dependence between degree of suppression gastric acid formation and expressiveness painful abdominal syndrome, level of a reduction of biochemical indicators of a pancreas allows inclusions pantoprazole and rabeprazole in the scheme of complex therapy of a chronic pancreatitis.

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# THE PATHOGENETIC APPROACH TO THERAPY OF CHRONIC PANCREATITIS OF THE BILIARNIC ETIOLOGY

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**Research objective.** To study efficiency microcapsulinic fermental preparation at illness of a chronic pancreatitis (CP) biliarnic etiologies.

**Material and research methods.** 30 patients with a chronic pancreatitis have been investigated. For diagnosis verification by all patient were carried out transabdominal ultrasonic research and a blood test on a pancreatic and hepatic profile.

The concentration of pancreatic I in a stool of patients was defined by a method immunoenzymatic analysis (ELISA).

**Results.** Research of indicators of the maintenance elastase in faecal matter before treatment has shown its tendency to decrease in both groups of patients: in the basic group the corresponding indicator has made  $194.5 \pm 27.3$  mkg/g, and in comparison group – 201.6  $\pm$  12.8 mkg/g (> 0.05). After the spent treatment indicators elastase in faecal matter have made 210.3  $\pm$  17.2 mkg/g in the first group and 256.6  $\pm$  18.2 mkg/g in the second group of patients. At the analysis of changes of laboratory indicators against therapy of Trizim microcaps 20 000 has been established that neutral fat is revealed in faecal matter at 16 patients, fat acids – at 13 which for 21 day of treatment have been eliminated at 65% of patients. At 19 patients, investigated activity decrease elastazy-1 in faecal matter was revealed. After the spent treatment with inclusion of Trizima microcaps 20 000 activity elastazy-1 at 85% of patients tended to normalization that correlates with disappearance painful abdominal a syndrome whereas in the first group sick receiving pancreatine considerable changes both to, and after course of treatment it was not observed.

Signs of the speeded up chair were normalized at 45% of the first and 75% of patients of the second group. Steathorea has disappeared at 40% of patients' control, against 89% of the basic group.

**Conclusions.** For pathogenesis treatment CP billiarnic with exocrine insufficiency pancreatic NA application microencapsulation fermental preparation of Trizim microcaps 20 000 is recommended to an aetiology.

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## GILBERT'S SYNDROME AND CHANGES IN LIPOPROTEIN SPECTRUM

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**Introduction.** The analysis of the serum bilirubin levels, lipid and lipoprotein parameters with the emphasis on the presence of atherogenic lipoproteins in the individuals with Gilbert's syndrome and control group.

**Aims & Methods.** Serum lipoproteins and their subfractions were examined using Lipoprint LDL System Quantimetrix, CA, USA. With this method, twelve lipoprotein classes and their sub-populations can be identified: very low density lipoproteins (VLDL), three subpopulations of intermediate density lipoproteins (IDL), seven subpopulations of low density lipoproteins (LDL) and high density lipoproteins (HDL). Subfractions LDL 3–7 represent highly atherogenic forms. HDL and LDL 1,2 subfractions represent non-atherogenic lipoproteins. Gilbert's syndrome (GS) was diagnosed using fragment analysis method. Based on the the presence of mutation in the promotor gene for UDP-glucuronosyltransferase volunteers were divided in two groups. Group 1 consisted of 40 probands confirmed to have Gilbert's syndrome. In group 2 – control group there were 60 subjects in whom the diagnosis of Gilbert's syndrome was excluded.

**Results.** In group 1 unconjugated bilirubin levels were significantly higher than in group 2 – 16.23 µmol/l vs. 4.83 µmol/l. In group 1 and group 2 LDL cholesterol levels were 2.66 and 2.92 mmol/l, respectively. LDL 1,2 subfractions levels were almost the same in both group – 1.72 mmol/l in group 1 and 1.74 mmol/l in group 2. Levels of atherogenic LDL 3–7 subfractions were significantly lower in the group 1 – 0.010 mmol/l compared to control group – 0.070 mmol/l. We also found higher HDL cholesterol levels in proband with GS – 1.32 mmol/l compared to 1.25 mmol/l in control group. Serum triglycerides levels were higher in control group (1.23 mmol/l) compared to subjects with GS (1.01 mml/l). In the group I, we found significantly negative correlation between serum unconjugated bilirubin levels and atherogenic LDL 3–7 nlipoproteins as well as between bilirubin and triglycerides level. Significant positive correlation was found between LDL 1,2 lipoproteins and serum bilirubin levels.

**Conclusion.** The presence of an atherogenic lipoprotein spectrum according to numerous studies is significantly lower in patients with Gilbert's syndrome. These results suggest that patients with Gilbert's syndrome (presented with higher serum levels of unconjugated bilirubin) could be protected against the development of atherosclerosis and its complications.

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## THE METABOLISM OF LEPTIN IN TROPHOLOGICAL DISORDERS

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Trophological disorders as a malnutrition, overweight and obesity are associated with the risk of adverse events, including decompensation of chronic diseases, the development of infectious complications, fatalities. Leptin – a hormone produced by adipose tissue, is the main regulator of metabolic disorders.

**Objective.** To evaluate leptin and soluble leptin receptor in patients with various types of trophological disorders.

**Materials and methods.** In a cross-sectional comparative study cohort included 83 patients: 59 patients with symptoms of malnutrition of varying degrees (study group), 24 patients with normal trophological status (control group), 28 patients with excess body weight and obesity (control group). The median age was 20 (18.6–24.1) years. The groups were matched by sex and age. The criteria are not included in the study: the presence of acute or chronic disease at the time of entry into the study or history; conditions affecting the levels of leptin (recurrent thrombosis, diabetes, reproductive function, cardiovascular disease, pregnancy, lactation). Trophological status was assessed by anthropometric indicators: body mass index (BMI), the circumference of the shoulder muscles (CSM), the thickness of the skinfold above the triceps (TUZHST). The concentration of leptin was evaluated by enzyme immunoassay using the test system "LeptinELISAKit" (Canada), the concentration of soluble receptor – "HumanLeptinReceptor" (Czech Republic). Statistical analysis was performed using Statistica-8 packages. The correlation between the concentration of leptin and anthropometric measurements were assessed using Pearson's correlation test.

**Results of the study.** Malnourished patients had significantly lower values of leptin and higher concentrations of soluble leptin receptor as compared to the control group and comparison group (Table 1).

Table 1. Levels of leptin and soluble leptin receptor in the treatment groups

Indicator	Study group	Control Group	Comparing group	Statistically significant difference, p
BMI, kg/m²	17.5 (16.7–18.4)	20.8 (19.7–24.4)	32.8 (29.0–35.4)	p = 0.002* p = 0.001**
Leptin, ng/ml	12.3 (11.5–14.7)	22.1 (20.0–13.5)	32.8 (31.1–34.9)	p = 0.006* p = 0.004**
Soluble receptors for leptin, ng/ml	34.3 (33.8–36.7)	30.9 (24.6–33.5)	18.8 (14.9–25.1)	p = 0.003* p = 0.02**

Note: \* - difference from control group; \*\* - comparing group differences

Anthropometric indices patients correlated with serum leptin levels: BMI (rs = 0.54; p < 0.01), NBC (rs = 0.63; p < 0.01), TKZHST (rs = 0.65; p < 0.01), and soluble leptin receptor BMI (rs = -0.34; p < 0.01), NBC (rs = -0.43; p < 0.01), TKZHST (rs = -0.67; p < 0.01)

**Conclusion.** Concentrations of leptin and soluble leptin receptor correlated with changes trophological status of patients and can be used as serum markers of metabolic disorders. Evaluation of soluble leptin and its receptors will allow to individualize approaches to the management of patients at risk for metabolic disorders.

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# THE HETEROGENEITY GERD BASED ON DATA OF THE 24-HOUR pH-IMPEDANCEMETRY

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**Background.** Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is the most common disease of the upper gastrointestinal tract. Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are the gold standard treatment for gastroesophageal reflux disease. However, in clinical practice, failure of PPIs occurs frequently, and may affect up to 30% of patients in a typical gastroenterology practice. In recent years it was found that most of these patients has "non-acid" reflux (weakly acidic or weakly alkaline). Whereas the clinical approach to patients with persistent acid reflux seems evident, the approach to patients with non-acid reflux is less evolved.

The aim of the study is: to explore the clinical and pathogenetic features of "non-acid" GERD, to evaluate the effect of monotherapy and combination therapy on the disease.

**Methods.** Multichannel impedance monitoring combined with pH monitoring detects and regists a non-acid reflux. Non-acid reflux disease can be diagnosed if symptoms correlate with these non-acid reflux episodes.

The study included 46 patients diagnosed with "non-acid" GERD. These patients were divided into 4 groups: the 1<sup>st</sup> gr. – patients with "weakly acidic" GER treated with monotherapy of rabeprazole 20 mg daily (12 patients), the 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. – patients with "weakly acidic" GER treated with combine therapy with rabeprazole 20 mg and itopride (15 patients), the 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. – patients with "alkaline" GER treated with monotherapy of ursodeoxycholic acid – 8 patients, and the 4<sup>th</sup> gr. – patients with "alkaline" GER treated with combine therapy with ursodeoxycholic acid and itopride (11 patients). The period of follow-up was 6 weeks. Clinical symptoms of the disease, the social and psychological status, the endoscopic and histological pictures, the infection of *H. pylori* was evaluated in dynamics. 24-hour pH impedansometry was conducted repeatedly after treatment.

**Results.** Analysis of the clinical picture of the disease showed that the severity of heartburn depends on the version of GERD. So heartburn that occurs daily and negatively affects the way of life (severe form) was observed in the group with "weak acid" GER at 46.4% and only 18.2% of the patients with "alkaline" GER (p < 0.05). At the same time, in group of patients with "alkaline" gastroesophageal reflux dyspepsia was significantly more frequently syndrome (82% and 63% respectively, p < 0.05). Duodenogastric reflux (DGR), diagnosed with 24-hour pH-impedance of the esophagus, was registered in 72.3% of patients with weakly acidic and weakly alkaline refluxes. This resonance was detected in all patients with "non-acidic" GERD and cholecystectomy in the anamnesis.

Patients with reflux-esophagitis had a more severe motor disorders than patients with non-erosive form of reflux disease, which was manifested by a large number of refluxes per day: ( $104 \pm 92$  refluxes vs.  $82 \pm 78$ , p < 0.05); higher percentage of time with pH < 4 in the esophagus:  $2.3 \pm 1.7\%$  vs.  $1.45 \pm 1.2\%$  (p < 0.05); a greater number of refluxes lasting more than 5 minutes:  $4.7 \pm 3.4$  vs.  $4.9 \pm 7.0$  (p < 0.05).

**Conclusion.** Treatment with different combine therapy (rabeprazole + itopride, itopride + UDCA) leads to the acceleration in the reduction of clinical and endoscopic picture of GERD. In repeated pH-impedancemetry was found that using of PPIs with prokinetic for weakly acidic refluxes and prokinetic with UDCA for weakly alkaline refluxes reliably reduce the total number of GER, the total percentage reflux time and the number of proximal refluxes. It should be noted that positive dynamics was observed not only in groups of combine therapy, but in patients who were treated only by UDCA.

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