

THE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE GALL BLADDER

The gallbladder is situated on the underside of the liver and the right side of the abdomen. The biliary tract or biliary tree is the anatomical path that bile takes after it is secreted by the liver and concentrated in the gallbladder, and before it arrives in the duodenum. Hence, the main function of the gallbladder is to concentrate, store, and excrete bile, which is produced in the liver. Bile leaves the liver via the common hepatic duct, which merges with the cystic duct from the gallbladder to form a common bile duct. The common bile duct merges with the pancreatic duct, forming the ampulla of Vater, which enters the duodenum.

About 95 percent of the bile salts are reabsorbed into the blood from the small intestine, about in the upper half by diffusion through the mucosa in the upper part of small intestine and half by active transport in the intestinal mucosa of the distal ileum. This recirculation of bile salts is called enterohepatic circulation. When food reaches the duodenum, the release of intestinal hormones such as cholecystokinin and secretin is initiated. This stimulates the gallbladder and pancreas and causes relaxation of sphincter of Oddi to relax, allowing pancreatic juice and bile to flow into the duodenum at the ampulla of Vater to assist in fat digestion and absorption.

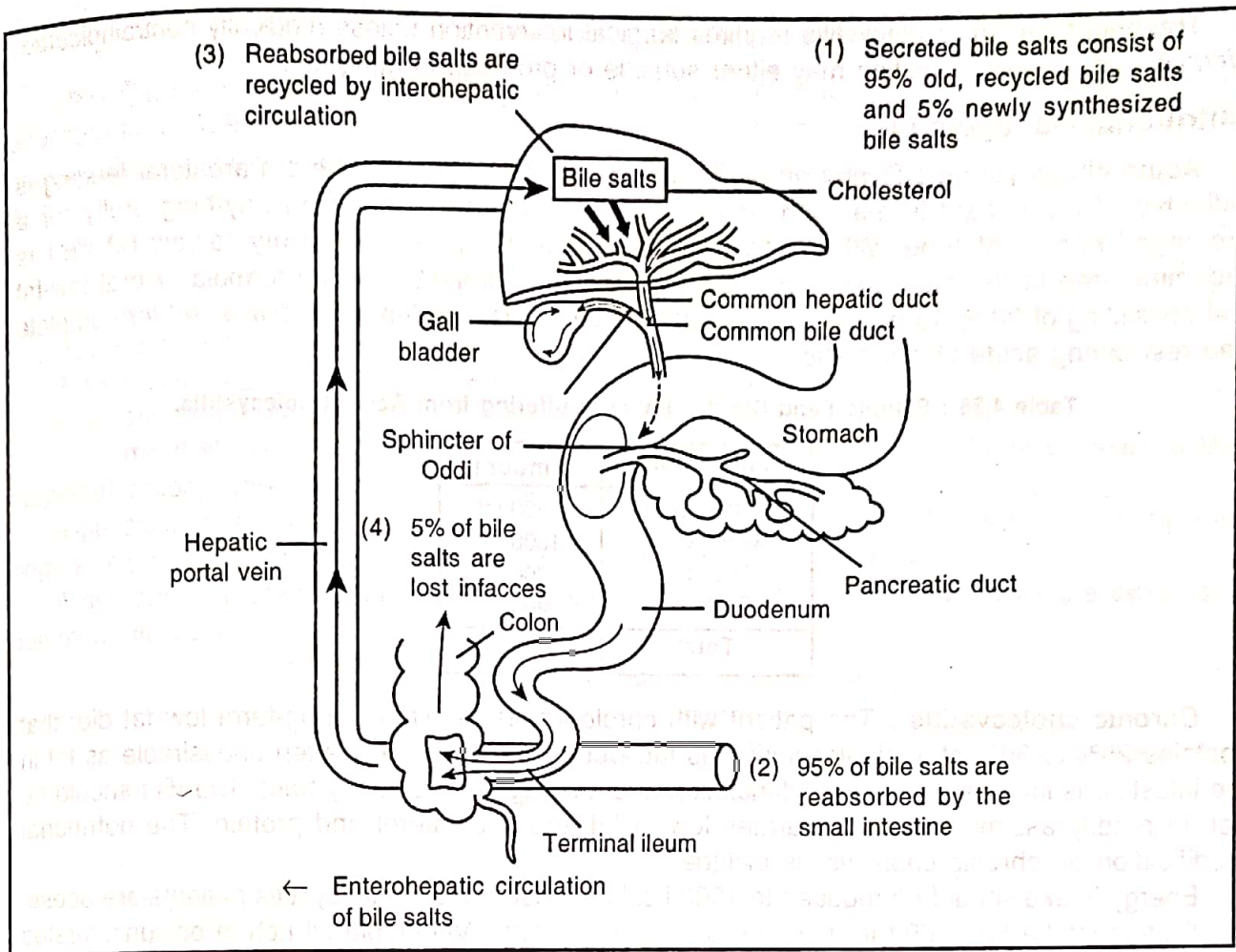


Fig. 4.16 : Enterohepatic Circulation.

DISEASES OF THE GALLBLADDER CHOLECYSTITIS

Inflammation of the gallbladder is known as cholecystitis and cholecystitis may be chronic or acute. Cholecystitis generally develops secondary to gallstones obstruction the bile ducts (calculous cholecystitis) leading to back flow of bile, infection, and ischemia of the gallbladder. When biliary tract is obstructed, then it prevents bile from reaching the intestine, it backs up and returns to the circulation. Bilirubin, the bile tissues, therefore, when it overflows into the general circulation, it causes the yellow skin pigmentation and eye discolouration typical of jaundice.

Acute cholecystitis without stones (acalculous cholecystitis) occurs in critically ill patients or due to bile and gallbladder obstruction. Due to decreased spontaneous contractile activity and contractile responsiveness of hormone cholecystokinin, the gallbladder emptying is impaired in chronic a calculous cholecystitis. As a result, the walls of the gallbladder become inflamed and distended and is superimposed with infection. In such conditions, patient experiences upper quadrant abdominal pain accompanical by nausea, vomiting, flatulence and fever.

Chronic cholecystitis is long-term inflammation of gallbladder and it occurs due to repeated mild attacks of acute cholecystitis. This can cause thickening of walls of the gallbladder. The gallbladder begins to shrink and eventually loses the ability to perform its function i.e., concentrating and storing bile. The symptoms increases on eating a high fat diet chronic cholecystitis is common in women than in men, and the incidence increases after the age of 40. The risk factors include presence of gallstones and a history of acute cholecystitis. The symptoms of flatulent dyspepsia consists of feeling of epigastric fullness, immediately after a fatty meal and biliary colic are common in chronic cholecystitis.

Treatment : Acute cholecystitis requires surgical intervention unless medically contraindicated. Without surgery, the condition may either subside or progress to gangrene.

Nutritional Management

Acute cholecystitis : During an acute attack, oral feeding is withheld. Parenteral feeding is indicated if the patient is malnourished and if the patient is not taking anything orally for a prolonged period of time. When the patient is able to take food orally, a low-fat diet is recommended to decrease gallbladder stimulation. An hydrolysed low fat formula or oral low-fat diet consisting of 30 to 45 g of fat per day can be given. The patient is also advised for complete bed rest during acute cholecystitis.

Table 4.36 : Sample Fluid Diet for Patient Suffering from Acute Cholecystitis.

Composition	Amount
Orange juice	1500 ml
Skimmed milk	1000 ml
Glucose	200 g
Sucrose	200 g
Total	2500 ml

Chronic cholecystitis : The patient with cholecystitis requires a long-term low fat diet that contains 25% to 30% of total kilocalories as fat. But strict restriction is often undesirable as fat in the intestine is important for some stimulation and drainage of the biliary tract. The diet should be rich in readily assimilable carbohydrates low in fat and cholesterol and protein. The nutritional modification on chronic cholecystitis include :

Energy intake should be reduced to 1500 kcal as most of the cholecystitis patients are obese.

Protein intake 50 to 60g to meet the daily requirements. Vegetable oil rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids should be consumed. Animal fats rich in cholesterol should be avoided vitamins and minerals should be as per ICMR (2020) recommendations.

Table 4.37 : Sample Menu Plan for a Patient Suffering From Chronic Cholecystitis.

Meal Time	Vegetarian	Non-Vegetarian
Early Morning	Fruit juice - 1 glass	Fruit juice - 1 glass
Breakfast	Semolina porridge - 1 serving Bread toast with jam - 2 slices Fruits - 1 serving Tea - 1 cup	Semolina porridge - 1 serving Bread toast with jam - 2 slices Fruits - 1 serving Tea - 1 cup
Lunch	Cooked rice - 1 serving Dhal soup - 1 serving Cooked vegetables - 1 serving Curd - 2 cups Whole fruits - 1 serving	Cooked rice - 1 serving Chicken soup - 1 serving Cooked vegetables - 1 serving Curd - 1 cup Whole fruits - 1 serving
Afternoon tea	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 2 Fruit - 1	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 2 Fruit - 1
Dinner	Same as lunch	Same as lunch

CHOLELITHIASIS

Cholelithiasis or gallstones are aggregation of cholesterol pigments, calcium, bilirubinate, calcium, phosphate and proteins in various composition, which leads to formation of radio - opaque or radio lucent solid structure in gallbladder or biliary duct. When gallstone is present in the gallbladder and an inflammation is present, then it causes pain, particularly after eating or after a fatty meal.

Gallstones that pass from the Gallbladder into the common bile duct may remain there may pass into the duodenum with or without symptoms. Choledocholithiasis occurs when stones slip into the bile duct, producing obstruction, pain, and cramps. If there is obstruction in the flow of bile into duodenum, cholecystitis may result.

Pathophysiology : The gallstone formation involves several stages :

A genetic and metabolic stage in susceptible individuals

A chemical stage, when cholesterol concentration exceeds the solubilizing capacity of bile (supersaturation), cholesterol can no longer remain dispersed.

A physical state the super saturated bile is nucleated and growth of cholesterol monohydrate begins. Aggregation of microscopic crystals results in formation of stones.

A symptomatic stage occurring when stone initiates cholecystitis and blocks the cystic and common bile duct.

Table 4.38 : Risk factors for Gallstone

For Cholesterol Gallstone	For Pigmented Gallstone
Race (Pima Indian, Mexican american and Scandinavians)	Old age
Old age	Sickle cell anaemia
Family history	Thalassaemia
Obesity	Biliary tract infection
Diabetes mellitus	Cirrhosis
Use of lipid lowering drugs or oral contraceptive drugs	Alcoholism
Inflammatory bowel disease	Long term parenteral nutrition
Bacterial infection	

Treatment : Treatment of gallstone disease involves cholecystectomy specifically if the stones are numerous, large or calcified. The procedure is either done by traditional open laparotomy or as a less invasive laparoscopic procedure.

The chemical dissolution therapy is done with administration of bile acid, chenodeoxycholic acid ursodeoxycholic acid (Litholytic Therapy) or dissolution by extra corporeal shock wave (ESWL) can also be used.

Nutritional Therapy : A fat restricted low caloric, high fibre balanced diet is prescribed in gallstone patient. The nutritional modification in cholelithiasis include :

Energy : excess calorie intake may be a risk factor for gallstone formation. Gallstones are very common among obese people. Therefore, minimum amount of calories is advised to maintain the normal body weight.

Protein : Excess protein intake can increase biliary cholesterol concentration. So, in normal 50 - 60 gram of protein is recommended to meet the daily requirement.

Lipid : Vegetable oils rich in essential fatty acid should be consumed instead of animal fat or other cholesterol rich food. For patient to whom fat does not cause any discomfort, vegetable oil can be given. Fried foods should be avoided. At first, 20 to 30 gram of fat is given, gradually, as the patient become tolerable, 50-60 gram of fat is given daily.

As cholesterol can be formed carbohydrate, protein and fat metabolism in the liver. Therefore, there is no need to restrict dietary cholesterol. But reducing the amounts of egg and organ meats in diet can be considered as preventive measure.

Carbohydrate : Intake of excess simple sugars in beverages and sweets is associated with formation of gallstone.

Dietary Fiber : Fiber plays an important role in preventing gallstone. Fiber interacts with bile salt, insoluble fiber after combination of bile acid alter the composition bile acid pool, increases the level of chenodeoxycholic acid, enhances the biliary cholesterol solubility. So, a high fiber diet should be recommended.

Vitamins and Minerals : As a low fat diet is prescribed in cholelithiasis, supplementation of soluble vitamins A, D, E, K is necessary. requirement should be as per ICMR (2020) recommendation.

Fluids : An excess fluid intake advised for gallstone patients.

Table 4.39 : Foods to be Included and Avoided in Cholelithiasis.

Food to be Included	For to be avoided
Bread, chapatias	Fruits dried
Wheat, Oat meals	Nut
Rice cooked	Sweet and sweet meals
Pulses, beans	Condiments and spices
Veg salad cooked potatoes soup	Papad, Chutney, prickles
Meat, fish except organ meat	Organ meat
Milk and milk products	Egg
Sugar, Jam	
Pastry, Biscuit	
Fruits	
Beverages	
Fluid liberal	

Table 4.40 : Sample Menu Plan for a Patient Suffering Cholelithiasis.

Meal Time	Vegetarian	Non-Vegetarian
Meal Time Breakfast	Orange - 1 glass Porridge with skim milk - 1cup Toasted bread - 1 slice Tea - 1 cup	Orange Juice- 1 glass Porridge - 1bowl Toasted bread with jam- 1 slice Tea - 1 Cup
Mid - Morning	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 2 Apple baked - 1	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 2 Apple baked - 1
Lunch	Cooked Rice - 2 cup Veg. Dal - 1 cup Veg. curry - 1 bowl Soybean or paneer curry - 1 bowl	Rice cooked - 2 cup Veg. Dal - 1 cup Veg. curry - 1 bowl Soybean or paneer curry - 1 bowl Fish curry - 50gm.
Afternoon Tea	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 3	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 3
Dinner	Min, veg soup - 1 bowl Mashed potato - 1 Chapati - 2 pcs Green pea curry - 1 bowl Curd - 1 cup	Chicken soup with vegetable - 1 bowl Chapati - 2 pcs Green pea curry - 1 bowl Cucumber Raita - 1 bowl

DISEASE OF EXOCRINE PANCREAS

PANCREATITIS

Pancreatitis refers to the inflammation of the pancreas and is characterized by oedema autodigestion, cellular exudates, fat necrosis and haemorrhage of pancreatic tissue. This disease can range from mild to self limiting to severe condition which results in autodigestion necrosis and haemorrhage of pancreatic tissue.

Pancreatitis can be either acute pancreatitis or chronic pancreatitis.

Acute pancreatitis are due to formation of gallstone (including microlithiasis), acute and chronic alcoholism, hyper triglyceridaemia, trauma, post operative condition (abdominal and non abdominal operation), dysfunction of sphincter of Odi and several drug administration (Azathioprine), 6-mercaptopurine, sulfanamides, oestrogens, tetracycline, valproic acid, and anti HIV medication).

General pathology : Bile is synthesized by the liver stored in the gall bladder and secreted in the intestine. It has distinct role in fat metabolism and decreased production and secretion of bile can affect fat digestion leading to fat malabsorption. A building up of back pressure due to renal or post renal causes can lead to specification of jaundice can be a cause of secondary biliary cirrhosis and cholelithiasis. Obstruction of distal common bile duct can lead to pancreatitis if the pancreatic duct is blocked. Thus, liver gallbladder and pancreatic diseases can have an overlapping aetiology. The exact mechanism that can lead to pancreatic injury is not fully understood. However a common characteristic seems to be premature activation of trypsin within the pancreas resulting in auto digestion of pancreatic cells. The enzymes released by pancreatic cells eventually reach the blood stream, thereby causing elevation in serum amylase and lipase levels.

Clinical Features : While some cases of acute pancreatitis remain asymptomatic, common symptoms may include upper abdominal pain radiating to the back, generally worsening with ingestion of food. The other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal distension and steatorrhea. In severe conditions, hypotension and dehydration may occur.

The clinical features chronic pancreatitis include chronic abdominal pain and normal to mild elevation of pancreatic enzyme levels. In addition, steatorrhea with loss of pancreatic endocrine and exocrine function are also found. Jaundice may be present.

Treatment :

Acute pancreatitis : Pain associated with pancreatitis should be treated accordingly and vomiting can be controlled by removing the gastric content continuously.

Chronic pancreatitis : Blood transfusion, fluid and electrolytes management, antibiotic therapy and pain relief medication are advised in chronic pancreatitis.

Nutritional Management : Patients of pancreatitis are commonly malnourished as a result of : poor intake due to anorexia and severe pain; malabsorption of nutrients consumed; due to increased requirement in catabolic states and for the frequent episodes of nil by mouth during treatment.

So, provision of adequate nutritional support is essential for these patients. Planning a diet for a pancreatitis patient is a skilled job should be recommended by a registered dietitian.

Acute pancreatitis : Pain associated with acute pancreatitis is partially related to secretory mechanism of pancreatic enzyme and bile. So, nutritional therapy should be adjusted to provide minimum stimulation of these systems.

During an acute attack, all foods by mouth is withheld and hydration is maintained through intravenous feeding. In less severe attacks, a clear fluid diet with restricted fat is given for the first few days. The patient should be monitored for any symptom such as pain, nausea or vomiting. There after the patient is progressed as tolerated to easily digested food, to with low fat content. Instead of heavy large meals, the food should be divided into six small meals for better toleration. Patients with mild to moderate stress can tolerate dextrose based solution, where as patients with more severe stress require a mixed fuel system of dextrose based solution. where as, patients with

move severe stress require a mixed fuel system of dextrose and lipid to avoid complications of glucose in tolerance.

Nasogastric feeding is feasible in more than 80% of patients.

In contrast to acute pancreatitis chronic pancreatitis is characterised by recurrent attacks of epigastric pain of long duration that radiates into the back. The goal of nutritional therapy of patients of chronic pancreatitis to prevent further damage to the pancreas, decrease the number of attacks of acute inflammation, alleviate pain, decreased steatorrhea and correct malnutrition. The frequency of attack may be reduced by advising frequent, small meals of a moderate to low fat diet.

Pancreatic enzymes are prescribed to be taken at each meal may vary depending on the fat content of the food consumed.

Substitution of dietary fat with MCT (medium chain triglycerides) may relieve steatorrhea and lead to weight gain as MCTs do not require lipase for digestion. Supplementation of vitamins and minerals is commended. Water soluble forms of fat soluble vitamins and parenteral administration of vitamin B₁₂ may be necessary. Dietary recommendations should be adjusted for other pancreatitis, such as diabetes, obesity and alcoholism. Approximately, one third of patient with chronic pancreatitis will develop diabetes mellitus; a compromise should be reached between dietary advice to optimize blood sugar and to enhance intake to maintain body weight or reverse weight loss. For those patients with a history of alcoholism thiamine (100 mg orally once a day) and folate (1mg by mouth once a day) should be advised abstaining from alcohol is advisable a continuing alcoholism is associated with increased morbidity & mortality.

Table 4.41 : Sample Menu Plan for a Patient Suffering from Chronic Pancreatitis.

Meal Time	Vegetarian	Non-Vegetarian
Early Morning	Fruit juice - 1 glass	Fruit juice - 1 glass
Breakfast	Mike semolina - serving Fruits - 1 serving Tea - 1 cup	Mike semolina - serving Fruits - 1 serving Tea - 1 cup
Mid morning	Fruit juice - 1 glass	Fruit juice - 1 glass
Lunch	Cooked rice or Roasted bread - 1 serving Vegetab soup - 1 serving Cooked tender vegetables - 1 serving Curd - 1 cups Fruit - 1 serving Skim milk pudding - 1 serving	Cooked rice or Roasted bread - 1 serving Vegetab soup - 1 serving Fish curry - 1 serving Curd - 1 cups Fruit - 1 serving Skim milk pudding - 1 serving
Afternoon tea	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 2 Fruit - 1	Tea - 1 cup Biscuits - 2 Fruit - 1
Dinner	Same as lunch	Same as lunch

Pancreatitis

Pancreatitis is a disease in which the pancreas becomes inflamed. (pancreatic damage

happens when the digestive enzymes are activated before they are released into the small intestine and being attacking the ~~pancreas~~ pancreas.)

Types :-

Acute Pancreatitis :- It is

sudden inflammation that last for a short time. It may range from mild discomfort to a severe life threatening illness. Most of the people with acute pancreatitis recover completely after getting right treatment. In

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severe cases acute P
can result in bleeding into
the gland, serious tissue
damage, infection, and cyst
formation.

Chronic Pancreatitis :-

It is long lasting discomfort
inflammation of - the pancreas.
It most of time happens after
an episode of acute pancreatitis.
Heavy alcohol drinking is the
one other sig cause. Damage
to the pancreas from heavy
alcohol use may not cause
symptoms for many year
but then the person may
suddenly develop severe
pancreatic symptoms.

Pathophysiology :-

↳ ^{due to} Activation of P. Enzyme inside
the pancreas causing damage.

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In normal condition digestion the inactivated p. enzyme move through p. ducts travel to the s. i, where the enzymes becomes activated & help w/d digestion.

In pancreatitis the enzyme becomes activated while still in the pancreas. This causes the enzymes to irritate the cells of ~~your~~ pancreas, causing inflammation & the signs & symptoms associated w/d pancreatitis.

w/d ~~the~~ repeated attack of acute pancreatitis, damage to the pancreas can occur & lead to chronic pancreatitis. Scar tissues may form in pancreas, causing loss of function. A poorly functioning pancreas can cause digestion problems & diabetes mellitus.

A no of causes have been identified for acute pancreatitis & chronic pancreatitis. includes

- Alcoholism
- Gall stone
- Abdominal surgery.

Acute → is caused by gall stones or heavy alcohol use. other cause include infection, medication, trauma, metabolic disorder & surgery. up to 15% of people wd acute pancreatitis is unknown.

Chronic: — 70% of people chronic is caused by long-term alcohol use. other cause gall stones, hereditary disorder of pancreas, cystic fibrosis, high TG, certain medicine, 20-30%. Cause is unknown.

Risk factor

It happens to my one and most common in people with certain risk factor —

⊙ ~~Acute~~ Risk factor for acute pancreatitis

→ Gall stones

→ Heavy alcohol drinking

Gall stones can block the pancreatic duct, which is the cause of acute p.

→ Stopping p. enzyme from travelling to the S-Intestine where enzyme begin to irritate cells of pancreas, & causing pancreatitis.

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Risk factors for

Acute chronic :-

- heavy alcohol intake
- certain hereditary conditions such as cystic fibrosis.
- Gall stones
- high TG.

people wd chronic pancreatitis are usually men between age 30 and 40, chronic pancreatitis also may occur women.

Symptoms

Acute → upper abdominal Sunday 08

pain that radiate to the back & may be aggravated by eating specially foods high in fat.

→ ~~swollen~~ swollen & tender

abdomen

→ Nausea & vomiting

→ fever

→ increased heart rate

→ jaundice

→ steatorrhea

Symptoms of chronic pancreatitis

same as acute

→ patient frequently feel constant pain in the upper abdomen that radiate to

back

other symptoms

→ wt loss caused by

malabsorption of food due to

to unavailability of enzyme which helps in digestion of food.

Diabetes mellitus may develop as a result of

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Pancreas are damaged

→ steps to manage

→ jaundice

→ enlarged gall bladder

Complication

→ pseudo cyst

→ infection

→ breathing problems - can cause chemical change in body affect lungs
↓ O₂, incl in blood

→ Diabetes

→ kidney failure

→ malnutrition

→ pancreatic cancer

Diagnosis —

→ Measurement of amylase & lipase — the two digestive enzymes. High level ^{strongly} suggest B.A.P.

→ Pancreatic function test to find out if the pancreas is making the right amt of digestive enzymes.

→ Glucose tolerance test to measure the damage to the cell in the pancreas that make ~~insulin~~ insulin.

→ Ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, to make image.

→ Biopsy.

should

Treatment

hospitalization

→ Acute → Typically treated w/ IV fluid & pain killer in hospital.

→ severe → ER, closely watched.

→ Surgery to remove OR if refer.

→ Removal of gall stone gallbladder surgery of bile duct.

chronic (difficult - lot of)

→ Relieve Pain

→ improve nutrition problem

→ Insulin

→ low fat diet.

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Nutritional support

high Δ (35 kcal/kg^{ibw})

high Protein (1-1.5g/kg)

↑ CHO

~~moderate~~ fat (0.7-1.0g/kg)
low

→ If diabetes is present then ↓
simple CHO.

Normally

→ Veg fat is better tolerated than animal fat.

→ MCT ~~is~~ must be used ~~less~~

it can't increase fat absorption bec-
they need minimal digestion and
Don't require lipase, colipase,
& bile salts.

→ MCT should be increased
slowly ~~acc~~ according to the
tolerance of the patient.

~~It is~~ Oral nutrition
therapy should be low in B & A
or it delay absorption of nutrients.

→ A, D, E, K, B₁₂, antioxidants

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should be replaced as clinically indicated.

→ Ca & Vit D supplementation within a physiologic dosage range are recommended for Vit D deficiency. E. even in the face of pancreatic calcification.

lipase supplements reduce steatorrhea in CP.

→ jejunal feeding improves wt, reduces necrotic syndrome, & improves patient's quality of life.

To keep pancreas healthy, high chole, ↑ Cal, and ↑ consumption of alcohol should be avoided.

Sunday 15

acute

~~parenteral~~ parenteral administration of -

200 2L to 2.5 L of 10% glucose (if blood sugar is normal) to provide minimal amounts of calories. should be done.