# MALIGNANCY IN GASTROINTESTINAL TRACTUS

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# Objectives

- Describe adenocarcinoma of the stomach in terms of
  - etiology,
  - epidemiology,
  - signs and symptoms,
  - the risk factors for development of colorectal cancer.
- Outline the pathophysiologic development of colorectal cancer.
- Describe the following inheritable factors and syndromes for colorectal cancer:
  - Polyposis
  - Gardner's syndrome
  - Juvenile polyposis
- Describe the work-up and preventive measures for patients with familial polyposis.
- Discuss the clinical features and presenting signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer
- Summarize the Dukes classification of colorectal cancer and TNM classification and discuss the significance of staging.

- List and describe the factors that predict a poor outcome after total surgical resection for colorectal cancer
- Discuss the treatment of other colorectal tumors.
- Identify the symptoms that may indicate small bowel tumors, and discuss appropriate diagnostic imaging techniques and treatment
- Describe the following types of small bowel tumors
  - Adenomas
  - Polypoid adenomas
  - Leiomyomas
  - Lipomas
  - Angiomas
  - Carcinoid tumors





#### Locations of Stomach Cancer by Percentage



# **EPIDEMIOLOGY**

• Rare before the age of 40,

-Incidence steadily climbs thereafter

-Peaks in the seventh decade of life.

- It is estimated that
  - -876,340 cases of primary gastric cancer-650,000 deaths worldwide.

- In North America
  - The lifetime probabilities of developing and dying: 1.5% and 1.0%, respectively.
- Mortality rates
  - Females: 9.9 to 4.2 per 100,000
  - Males: 21.2 to 9.1 per 100,000
- In the United States
  - 24,000 new cases and 14,000 deaths annually.
  - 65% present at an advanced stage (T3/T4), with nearly
     85%: node metastasis at diagnosis.

# **RISK FACTORS**

#### ETHNIC FACTOR

- Incidence:
  - Highest in Japan
    - >40 per 100,000, Eastern Asia, South America, and Eastern Europe
  - Lowest in canada
    - 10 per 100,000, Northern Europe, Africa, United States
- Ethnicity is identified into 3 groups:
  - 1. High

Koreans, Vietnamese, Japanese, Native American, Hawaiian

2. Intermediate

Latino, Chinese, and black

3. Low

Filipino and white

# **RISK FACTOR**

#### DIETARY FACTOR

• Rich in salt

Leads to atrophic gastritis ---- Alteration in the gastric environment---- Generation of carcinogenic N-nitroso compounds.

- Rich in fruits and vegetables : reduced risk of cancer.
- Raw vegetables and fruit: decreased the risk of gastric cancer
- Calcium, vitamin A, and vitamin C: protective effect on the gastric mucosa----- through the reduced formation of N-nitroso carcinogenic compounds.

#### **BEHAVIORAL FACTORS**

- Cigarette smokers: 2- 3 times increased risk of proximal gastric cancer.
- Smoked or poorly preserved foods,
- Habitual alcohol consumption.

# **RISK FACTOR**

#### NON-GENETIC

- Sporadically,
- **GENETIC :** inherited familial component
- 8% to 10%:
  - Germline mutations in p53 (Li-Fraumeni syndrome)
  - BRCA2
- In 1% to 3%
  - Germline mutations in the gene encoding the cell adhesion protein E-cadherin--- leads to an autosomal-dominant
  - Hereditary diffuse gastric cancer
  - Should prompt prophylactic gastrectomy in affected kindreds.
- Hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer (HNPCC) syndrome
- Gastrointestinal polyposis syndromes,
  - Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) and Peutz-Jeghers syndrome.

### **RISK FACTOR**

#### **INFECTION-INFLAMATION**

- *Helicobacter pylori* infection.
  - 10 or more years before the cancer diagnosis
  - Induce changes in the gastric mucosa and the gastric flora
  - Capable of adhering to the Lewis blood group antigen---important factor facilitating chronic infection--- increased cancer risk in blood group A phenotype.
- Chronic atrophic gastritis
  - Pernicious anemia
- OTHERS
- Previous gastric surgery with bile reflux,
- Hypertrophic gastropathy (Metenier's disease),
- Gastric polyps,
- Obesity.

#### **H.PYLORI-AUTOIMMUNE GASTRITIS**

- Create an environment conducive to gastric inflammation.
  - Gastritis persists
  - Gastric atrophy----- Intestinal metaplasia--- lead to dysplasia.
- Dysplasia can arise in either
  - the native gastric or
  - "intestinalized" gastric epithelium



#### CLASSIFICATION

- The 2 most commonly used are
- 1. Lauren System
- 2. WHO Systems
- This system describes tumors on the basis of microscopic configuration and growth pattern.

#### LAUREN SYSTEM

- The Lauren classification divides gastric cancer into 2 major histologic types:
  - 1. Diffuse
  - 2. Intestinal
- Useful in evaluating the natural history of gastric carcinoma, especially with regard to
  - Incidence trends,
  - Clinicopathologic correlations
  - Etiologic precursors.



### WHO SYSTEM

- Has revised the definition:
   "malignant epithelial tumors of the gastric mucosa with glandular differentiation.
- Based on the degree of resemblance to metaplastic intestinal tissue.
- Histologic patterns into 5 subtypes:
  - 1. Adenocarcinoma (intestinal and diffuse),
  - 2. Papillary
  - 3. Tubular
  - 4. Mucinous
  - 5. Signet-ring cell.

# **DIFFUSE-TYPE CANCER**

- Noncohesive tumor cells diffusely infiltrating the stroma of the stomach
  - Deep infiltration of the stomach wall with little or no gland formation.
- Desmoplasia
- Associated inflammation
- More often in young
- Worse prognosis
- Not associated with intestinal metaplasia
- Not localized to the antrum
- Single-cell mutations within normal gastric glands-hereditary diffuse gastric carcinoma

Adenocarcinoma – (colloid/mucus)

Infiltrated smooth muscle fibers from muscularis propria

Adenocarcinoma (tumor cells)

#### **INTESTINAL TYPE CANCER**

- Recognizable gland formation similar in microscopic appearance to colonic mucosa.
- Glandular formation ranges from well to poorly differentiated tumors
- Grow in expanding, rather than infiltrative
- Secondary to chronic atrophic gastritis.



#### ADENOMA

- Dysplastic proliferation produces a macroscopic protruding lesion and as tubular, tubulovillous, or villous adenoma morphologically.
- In the distal stomach
- Prolonged precancerous phase---expanding growth pattern.
- Carcinoma is diagnosed when the tumor invades into the lamina propria or through the muscularis mucosae.
- Up to 80% of dysplastic lesions may progress to invasion



#### **CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS**

- Symptoms
- No specific symptoms when it is superficial
  - Up to 50% of patients: Nonspecific gastrointestinal complaints-- Dyspepsia
- Often delays the diagnosis-- 80% to 90%: advanced or metastatic tumors
- Anorexia and weight loss (95%) as well as abdominal pain that is vague and insidious in nature.
- Nausea, vomiting, and early satiety
  - Occur with bulky tumors that obstruct the gastrointestinal lumen or infiltrative lesions that impair stomach distension.
- Ulcerated tumors may cause bleeding: hematemesis, melena, or massive upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage.

# **CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS**

- Physical examination
- Usually uninformative ( in early)
- Advanced tumors may present with
  - Palpable abdominal mass
  - Cachexia,
  - Bowel obstruction
  - Ascites
  - Hepatomegaly
  - Lower extremity edema
- Peritoneal seeding may cause involvement of
  - Ovaries (Krukenberg tumor)
  - Pelvic cul de sac (Blumer's shelf) detectable on rectal examination
- Metastasis may manifest as
  - Enlarged supraclavicular lymph node (Virchow's node),
  - Left axillary lymph node (Irish's node), or
  - Periumbilical lymph node (Sister Mary-Joseph's node)

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### **Gastric Cancer Survival by stage**

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# **TABLE 1.** Japanese Classification for Gastric Carcinoma(JCGC)

Lymph Node Group	Anatomic Location	<b>D</b> Categor
Group 1	Left cardiac, right cardiac, greater and lesser curvature supra- and infrapyloric	D1
Group 2	Left gastric, common hepatic, splenic artery, splenic hilum hepatic proper, celiac	D2
Group 3	Lepatoduodenal, posterior pancreas, root of mesentery, paraesophageal, diaphragmatic	D3

D indicates extent of surgical resection according to Western nomencla ture; D1, group 1; D2, groups 1 + 2; D3, groups 1 + 2 + 3 +paraaorti dissection.

Reprinted from Karpeh MS, et al. Ann Surg. 2000;232:362-371.

T = Primary Tumor			
Tx	Primary tumor cannot be assessed		
ТО	No evidence of primary tumor		
Tis	Carcinoma in situ		
T1	Invades lamina propria/submucosa		
Τ2	Invades muscularis propria/subserosa		
Т3	Penetrates serosa		
T4	Invades adjacent structures		
N = Lymph Node Status			
Nx	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed		
NO	No regional lymph nodes involved		
N1	Metastasis in 1-6 regional lymph nodes		
N2	Metastasis in 7–15 regional lymph nodes		
N3	Metastasis in more than 15 regional lymph nodes		
M = Distant Metastasis			
Mx	Distant metastasis cannot be assessed		
M0	No distant metastasis		
M1	Distant metastasis		
Stage Grouping			
Stage 0	Tis	N0	M0
Stage IA	T1	N0	M0
Stage IB	T1	N1	M0
	Τ2	N0	M0
Stage II	T1	N2	M0
	Τ2	N1	M0
	Т3	NO	M0
Stage IIIA	Τ2	N2	M0
	Т3	N1	M0
	Τ4	NO	M0
Stage IIIB	Т3	N2	M0
Stage IV	Τ4	N1, N2, N3	M0
	T1, T2, T3	N3	M0

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#### **TABLE 2.** American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Classification of Gastric Cancer (5th Edition)

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cytological evidence of malignancy with variation in nuclear size and shape, hyperchromasia, increased and abnormal mitoses Case 13: Gastric carcinoma

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#### **MOLECULER OF CANCER**

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- PIK3CA mutation
- PD-L1/2 overexpression
- CDKN2A silencing
- Immune cell signalling

- Hypermutation
- MLH1 silencing
- Mitotic pathways

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### **COLORECTAL CANCER**

- Cancer that starts in the colon or the rectum.
- Colon cancer or rectal cancer, depending on where they start.
- Grouped together because they have many features in common.
- Most colorectal cancers begin as a growth on the inner lining of the colon or rectum called a *polyp*.
- Some types of polyps can change into cancer over the course of several years, but not all polyps become cancer.
- The chance of changing into a cancer depends on the kind of polyp.

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#### YOU ARE AT RISK IF :-

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Source: National Cancer Institute, U.S. National Institutes of Health. www.cancer.gov

#### **Colon Cancer:**

- Age (over 50)
- Personal history of colorectal cancer or polyps
- Personal history of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)
- Family history of colorectal cancer or polyps
- Inherited syndromes
- Racial & Ethnic Backgrounds: African-Americans & Jewish persons of Eastern European descent
- Type 2 Diabetes

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# Colorectal Cancer: Risk Factors

#### Non Modifiable

- Age
- Personal History
- Family History
- Race

#### Modifiable

- Diet
- Physical Activity
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Alcohol Use

Colorectal Cancer Incidence Rates\* by Race and Ethnicity,† Male, United States, 1999–2013<sup>¶§</sup>

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#### Number of new cancer cases for most common cancers, IACR vs. NCI SEER rules, Ontario, 2010–2011

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Source: Ontario Cancer Registry, 2015 (Cancer Care Ontario)

#### Genetic alterations and bowel cancer

- Inherited (<10%)
- .HNPCC
- •FAP
- Unknown genes

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#### Non inherited (90%) Many genes unidentified

# Colon Polyps

Normal

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Hyperplastic polyp/ serrated adenoma

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Juvenile hamartoma

Peutz-Jeghers hamartoma

Pedunculated tubular adenoma SWWW

Sessile villous adenoma

Pseudopolyps

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Adenocarcinoma

# HISTOLOGIC CLASSIFICATION OF POLYPS

- Adenomas are one histologic subtype of colorectal polyps.
- Other histologic subtypes include mucosal polyps, hyperplastic/ serrated polyps, juvenile polyps, and inflammatory polyps.

 In addition, certain types of polyps can arise from layers deeper than the mucosa, including lipomas, carcinoid tumors, gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST), and serosal lesions.

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#### Crohn's-like reaction

Mucinous

Signet Ring

Medullary pattern

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#### Neoplastic polyps

#### Nonneoplastic (tumorlike) polyps

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adenoma polypoid carcinoma carcinoid tumor nonepithelial tumors (lipoma, leiomyoma, hemangioma, lymphangioma, etc.) Peutz-Jeghers polyp juvenile polyp hyperplastic polyp benign lymphoid polyp inflammatory polyp

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#### **Natural History of Colorectal Neoplasia**

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Normal epithelium **Colon lumen** Muscularis mucosae Mucosa Submucosa X - Point where muscularis mucosae is interrupted by tumor Infiltrative adenocarcinoma into the submucosa

AJCC/Dukes' stage	Anatomical extent of disease	5-year overall survival
I/A	Confined to mucosa (T1) or muscularis propria (T2) No nodal involvement No distant metastases	93.2%
II/B	Tumour penetrates muscularis (T3) or invades adjacent organs or structures (T4) No nodal involvement No distant metastases	82.5%
III/C	Any tumour stage Nodal metastases No distant metastases	59.5%
IV/D	Any tumour stage	8.1%

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