

# Gastrinoma

## Risk

- Occurs in about 0.1–3 cases per million, usually in pts aged 20–50 y; male/female predominance about equal.
- 65–80% of gastrinomas are sporadic and have high (40–85%) malignant potential.
- 20–35% of cases occur with MEN1, with low (7–12%) malignant potential.
- Less than 0.1% of all PUD is caused by gastrinomas.

## Perioperative Risks

- Risks associated with PUD
- Associated abnormalities of MEN1
- Risks associated with metastatic disease (regional lymph nodes, liver, bone)

## Worry About

- Large gastric fluid volume
- Esophageal reflux (common)

- Lyte imbalance and volume depletion secondary to secretory diarrhea
- Coagulopathy due to liver metastases/resection

## Overview

- Gastrinoma is a gastrin-secreting neuroendocrine tumor (non-beta islet cell tumor), occurring most commonly in duodenum and/or pancreas.
- Gastrin release stimulates gastric acid hypersecretion, causing symptoms of abdominal pain (due to refractory peptic ulcer disease), diarrhea, and reflux.
- Diagnosis often delayed several years from onset of symptoms because of difficulties distinguishing gastrinoma from other causes of PUD.
- Symptom control with PPIs also may delay diagnosis.
- May occur with other functional pNETs (e.g., carcinoid, insulinoma, parathyroid hormone-related peptide secreting tumor, Cushing).

- See also Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Type I and II, Cushing Syndrome, Carcinoid Syndrome, Insulinoma, and Hyperparathyroidism for more information.

## Usual Treatment

- Control gastric acid hypersecretion with PPIs and H<sub>2</sub> blockers.
- Chemotherapy, mTOR or tyrosine-kinase inhibitors, and/or somatostatin analogues for metastatic disease.
- Surgical exploration and resection.

## Assessment Points

System	Effect	Assessment by Hx	PE	Test
CV	Hypovolemia Right-sided valvular disease* Tachyarrhythmias*	Weakness, dizziness Dyspnea, edema, ascites, palpitations	Vital signs Cardiac murmur Cardiac exam	Orthostatics ECHO ECG
RESP	Wheezing*	Dyspnea	Pulmonary exam	CXR
GI	Gastric acid hypersecretion	Abd pain, reflux, diarrhea	Abdominal exam	Fasting gastrin, secretin stim
METAB	Hypokalemia	Weakness, muscle cramps		Lytes, ECG
ENDO	Hyperparathyroidism* Hypoglycemia*	Confusion, nausea/vomiting, abdominal pain, nephrolithiasis Dizziness, confusion	Mental status exam, abdominal exam	Serum parathyroid hormone, serum calcium CBG
RENAL	Nephrolithiasis*	Flank pain, hematuria	CVA tenderness	Urinalysis
CNS	Pituitary adenoma*	Headaches, visual changes	Visual field exam	MRI, prolactin level
MS	Weakness, arthralgias*	Proximal muscle weakness	Strength, reflexes	Serum calcium
HEME	Coagulation disorder	Bleeding abnormalities		INR/PT, PTT

\*If gastrinoma presents as component of MEN I or other functional pNETs.

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## Perioperative Implications

### Preoperative Preparation

- Ensure adequate treatment of gastric hypersecretion.
- Evaluate for other endocrinopathies of MEN I syndrome.
- Evaluate for other functional pNETs; plan intraop management accordingly.
- Assess volume status.
- Check lytes and coagulation tests.
- Consider epidural catheter for intraop/postop pain control if no contraindications.
- Consider preop NG tube placement.

### Monitoring

- May require central venous pressure monitoring and arterial line, depending on associated symptoms and comorbidities. Measure urine output with a bladder cath.

### Induction

- Treat as full stomach due to increased gastric acid volumes and increased risk for aspiration.
- Use rapid-sequence induction with cricoid pressure.

### Extubation

- Ensure adequate respiratory function and neuromuscular blockade recovery before extubation.

### Postoperative Period

- Decreased vital capacity and functional residual capacity due to pain and ileus.

## Anticipated Problems/Concerns

- Continued symptoms may occur if surgical resection is not curative.
- There are lower cure rates after resection for pts with gastrinomas associated with MEN1 or in the presence of metastatic liver disease.

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# Gastroesophageal Reflux in Children

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## Risk

- Physiologic GER usually resolves by 12–15 mo of age.
- 10% of pyloric stenosis pts.
- After diaphragmatic hernia, tracheoesophageal fistula, and esophageal atresia repairs
- Neurologically impaired, developmentally delayed, trisomy syndromes, and hiatal hernia.

## Perioperative Risks

- Aspiration during induction of anesthesia
- Severe bronchospasm in pts with RAD

- Decreased pulm reserve secondary to chronic aspiration and pneumonitis

## Worry About

- Pulm complications from aspiration pneumonitis and RAD
- Anemia and malnutrition

## Overview

- Lower esophageal sphincter function matures by 6 wk postnatal age.

- GER is defined as regurgitation without pathologic consequences. GERD is defined as regurgitation resulting in esophagitis, nutritional compromise, and/or respiratory complications.
- Presence of a hiatal hernia does not necessarily mean pt will have GER.
- Sandifer syndrome: Opisthotonos or other abnormal head movements.
- Older children may complain of heartburn, dysphagia, and chest and abdominal pain.
- Degree of reflux, duration of acid exposure in the esophagus, and ability of the esophagus to clear the