

GASTROPARESIS

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Definition?

Definition of Gastroparesis

- Typical symptoms
- Proof of delayed emptying
- Obstruction absent

Delayed GE alone does NOT
imply GP

Symptoms suggestive of Gastroparesis?

Clinical Score?

Gastroparese-Cardinal-Symptom-Index-Score

		none	Very mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Very severe	Sum	Arithmetic Mean
1.	Nausea	0	1	2	3	4	5		
2.	Retching	0	1	2	3	4	5		
3.	Vomiting	0	1	2	3	4	5		
4.	Stomach fullness	0	1	2	3	4	5		
5.	Not able to finish a normal sized meal	0	1	2	3	4	5		
6.	Feeling extensively full after meals	0	1	2	3	4	5		
7.	Loss of appetite	0	1	2	3	4	5		
8.	Bloating	0	1	2	3	4	5		
9.	Stomach or belly visibly larger	0	1	2	3	4	5		

1-3 = nausea/vomiting

4-7 = post-prandial fullness/
early satiety

8-9 = bloating

Sum

Total GCSI-Score:

Sum of all points
Of all questions

Average GCSI-Score:

arithmetic mean of the
three symptom subscores
(=mean of 1-3, 4-7, 8-9)

Average GCSI Score: Es wird der Mittelwert für jeden der 3 Subscores errechnet, dann der Mittelwert aus den Punkten der Subscores. Ein GCSI von > 2.3 gilt als vereinbar mit Gastroparese.

Differential diagnosis?

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Gastroenterology 2021;160:2006–2017

Functional Dyspepsia and Gastroparesis in Tertiary Care are Interchangeable Syndromes With Common Clinical and Pathologic Features

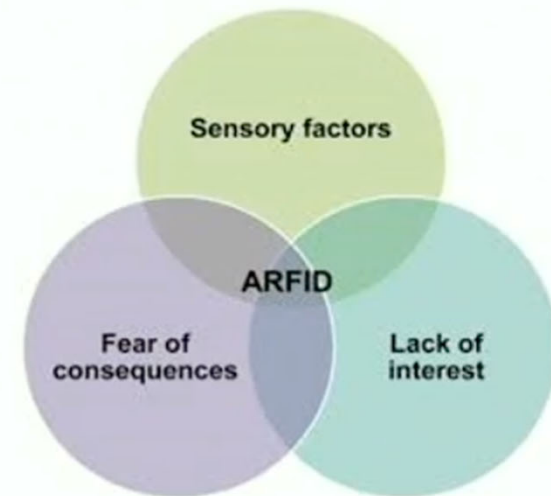
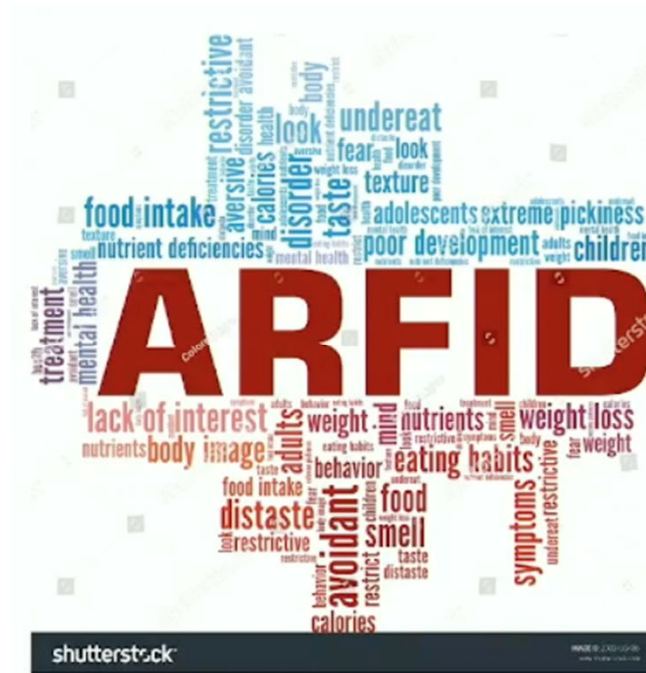


944 FD, 720 GP patients, 244 patients with normal emptying

- Identical symptoms at baseline
- Finding of delayed GE: unstable (48% category change)
- No correlation between GE and severity of symptoms

Differential diagnoses

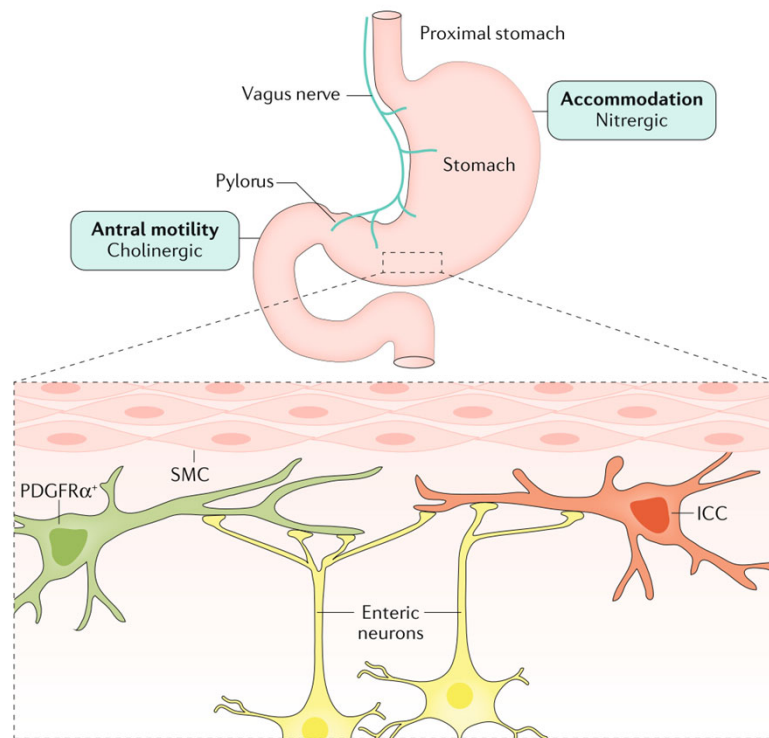
- Eating Disorders
 - Anorexia Nervosa
 - Bulimia Nervosa
 - ARFID
(Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder)



Common in GI patients: 20% in tertiary clinics
Harper et al. 2020

Pathophysiology of Gastroparesis?

Impaired neuromuscular gastric function



1. Function: impaired motor gastric activity, pylorospasm, impaired antral coordination, small bowel and gradient. Altered signal processing in pain.
2. Cell: loss of expression of NO, loss of ICCs (diabetic AND idiopathic GP). Immune activation. Neuropathy in diabetes
3. Iatrogenic

Aetiology of Gastroparesis?

Box 1 | **Causes of gastroparesis**

- Idiopathic
- Diabetes mellitus — type 1 and type 2
- Post-surgical (fundoplication and vagotomy)
- Medications (opioids, antibiotics, antiarrhythmics and anticonvulsants)
- Neurologic disorders (Parkinson disease, amyloidosis and dysautonomia)
- Post-viral infection (norovirus, Epstein–Barr virus, cytomegalovirus and herpesvirus)
- Connective tissue disorders (scleroderma and systemic lupus erythematosus)
- Renal insufficiency

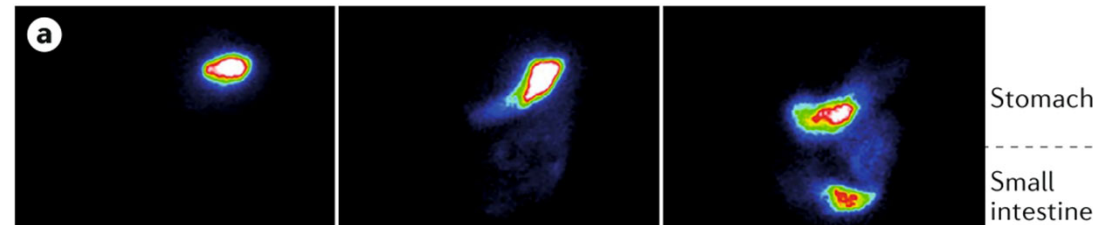
Data from REF. [119](#)

Measurement of Gastric Emptying?

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- Scintigraphy: Solid meal Gastric Emptying Study over >3 hours
- Stable isotope (^{13}C -spirulina) breath test
(currently not distributed in Europe)
- MRI
- Wireless motility capsule: off the market
- Radioopaque markers

Diagnosis



Scintigraphy
with solid meal

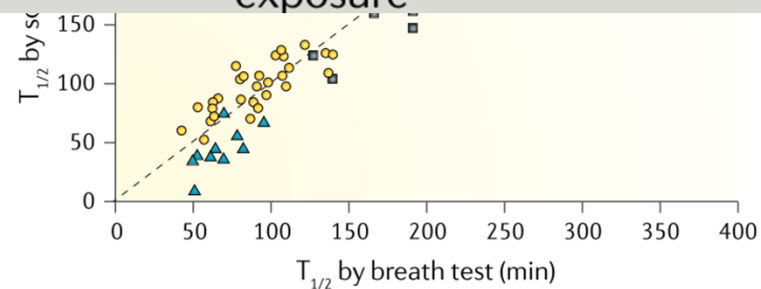
- Well validated
- Reproducible

- Western-style meal type is not familiar to Asian patients
- Solid meal is not tolerable in some patients

Stable isotope
breath test

- Easy to perform
- No risk of radiation exposure

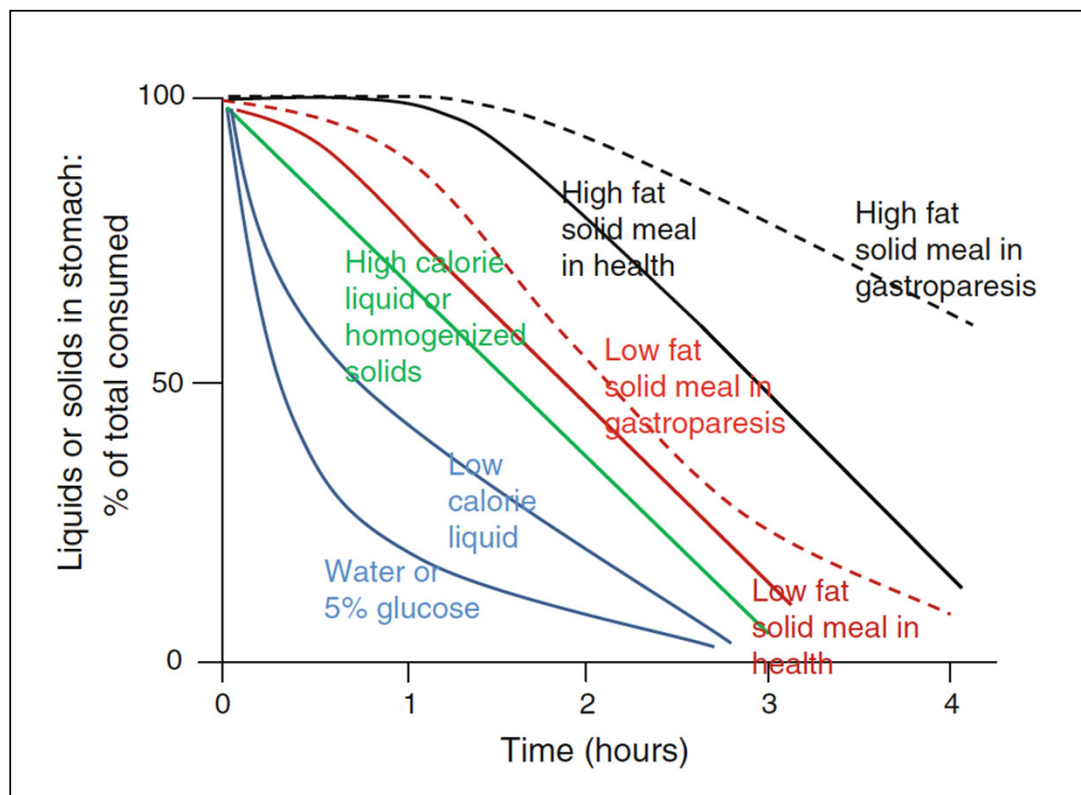
Easily influenced by physical activity



Viramontes, B. E. et al. Neurogastroenterol. Motil. 13, 567–574 (2001)

Drawbacks: intolerance to ingested test meal!

Physiology of gastric emptying



3 Phases:

Lag phase: Trituration to particle size <2 mm

Linear Phase: Influenced by caloric density

Migrating Motor Complex (MMC):
Emptying of large size remnants

Treatment of Gastroparesis?

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Nutritional support

Pharmacologic

Interventions at the pylorus

Gastric pacing

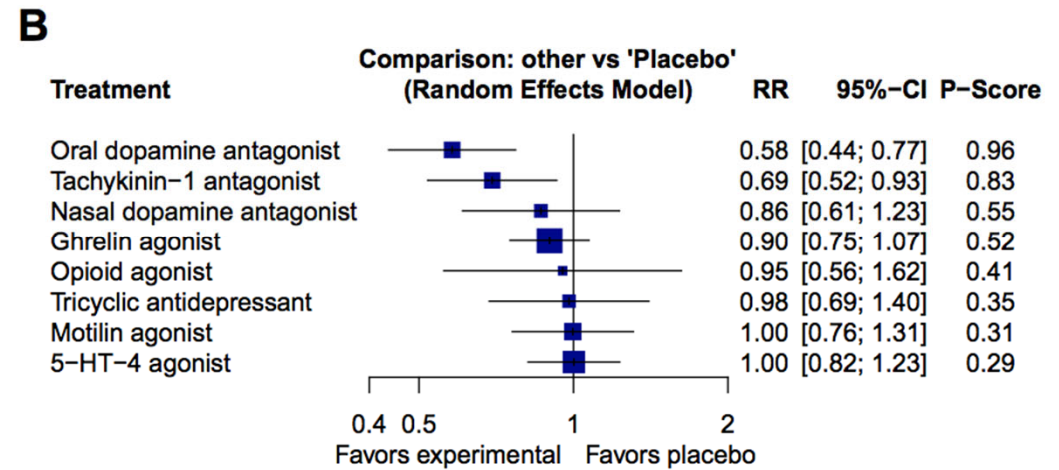
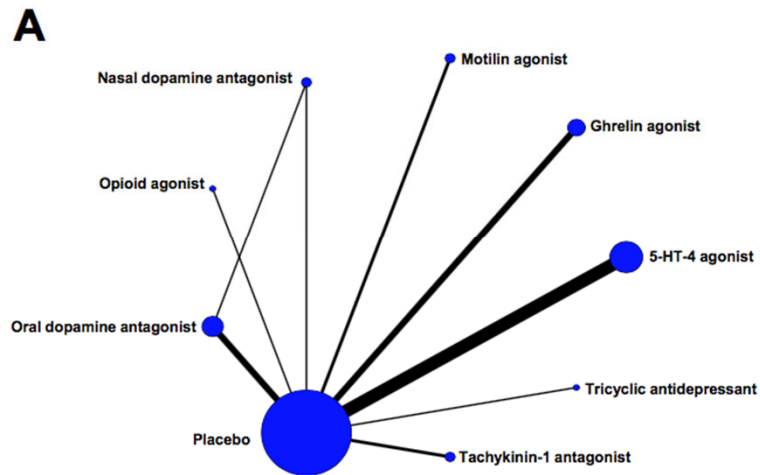
Resection

Treatment of Gastroparesis

Nutritional support:

- Frequent, small particle meals
- Nasojejunal catheter
- PEG with jejunal branch

Treatment: GE



Ingrosso et al. Gastroenterology 2023;164:642–654

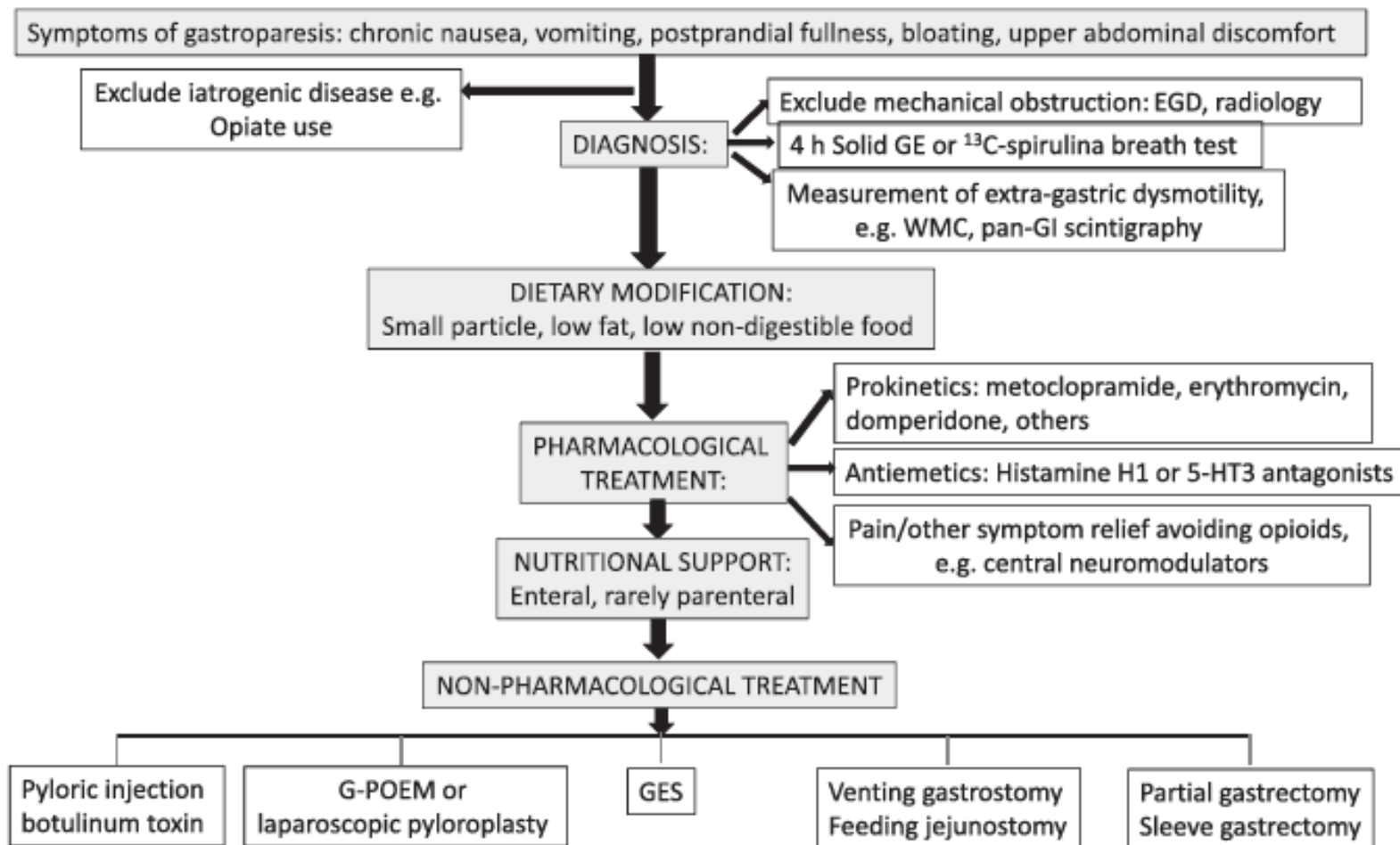
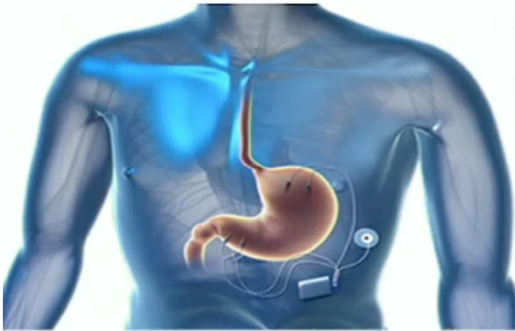


Figure 1. This algorithm updates the algorithm from the 2013 ACG guideline on gastroparesis (1). ACG, American College of Gastroenterology; EGD, esophagogastroduodenoscopy; GE, gastric emptying; GI, gastrointestinal; G-POEM, gastric per-oral endoscopic myotomy; WMC, wireless motility capsule.



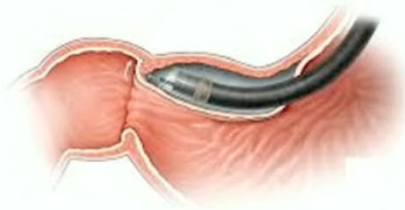
Gastric pacing:

Improvement in Sx, nutrition



Pyloric botox

Improvement in Sx, nutrition



G-POEM:

Improvement in gastric emptying > symptoms



Pyloric dilation

Improvement in Sx