

## A REVIEW ON PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE

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## ABSTRACT

Peptic ulcer can be delineated as the presence of a deep destruction of the mucosa of the stomach and/or duodenum, reaching beyond the muscularis mucosa, specifically to the muscle submucosa owing to the environmental gastric acid conflation. Peptic ulcer, also known as stomach ulcer, is a breakage of mucosal lining of stomach, first section of the small intestine and occasionally in the lower oesophagus. Caffeine and coffee are nowhere considered to precede or exaggerate pains, appear to have lower consequence. Goals of operation are to relieve ulcer pain, heal the ulcer, avert ulcer relapse, minimize ulcer-related complications, and eradicate *Helicobacter-pylori* in *Helicobacter-pylori*-positive cases.

**KEYWORDS:** Peptic ulcer disease; *Helicobacter pylori* infection, Pathophysiology, Symptoms, Types, Treatment.

## INTRODUCTION

Peptic ulcer can be delineated as the presence of a deep destruction of the stomach lining or mucosa and/or duodenum, reaching beyond the muscularis mucosa, specifically to the muscle submucosa owing to the environmental gastric acid conflation. The two consummate ubiquitous etiological precedents are the habitual infection with *Helicobacter-pylori* (Hp) and the use of NSAIDs, involving of course, the ASA. There are distinctive lower ubiquitous precedents that can beget a PU, which are thought-out together, responsible for < 5% of cases. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome (ZES) or gastrinoma is one amid them which is a neuroendocrine tumour, frequently located at the head of the pancreas or in the duodenal wall, hyperactive and gastrin secretory.<sup>[1]</sup> Ageing is claimed to escalate the pitfall for several gastroduodenal diseases, like as gastric atrophy with intestinal metaplasia, PUD, ulcer bleeding and gastric cancer.<sup>[2]</sup> The unknown cause peptic ulcer diseases are delineated as a painful sore that is not well-known precedent or a painful sore seems to arise spontaneously. Peptic ulcers are acid-initiated lesions rebounded in the stomach & duodenum described by peeled mucosa with the failing dragging into the submucosa or muscularis propria. Lesions that do not reach this depth are called attritions.<sup>[3]</sup> Gastric acid is well characterized as the precedent of peptic ulcer, while *H. pylori* infection is honoured as the major causative factor in ulcer conformation. The bacterium precedents amp in the stashing of gastric acid owing to gastritis, and this cycle attributes to corrosion of the mucosa and ulcer conformation. Likewise, imbalance between obnoxious

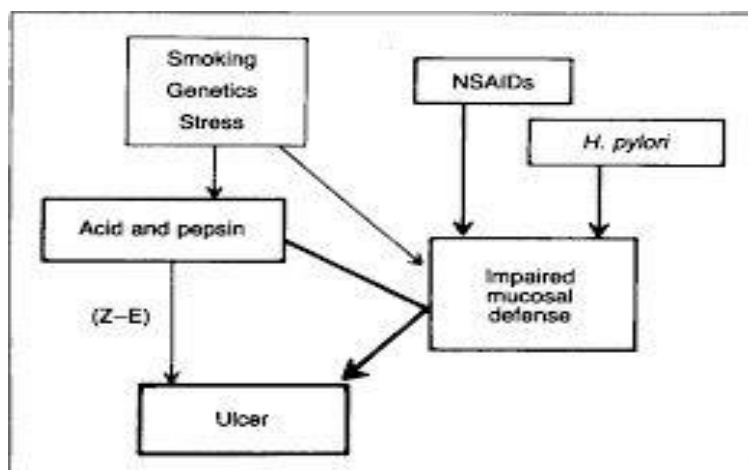
factors (inordinate gastric acid, *H. pylori*, gallbladder fluid, and elevated free revolutionaries) and protective factors (mucosa, blood fluid, prostaglandins, and antioxidants) perhaps also result in development peptic ulcer. Traditionally, mucosal dislocation in cases with the acid peptic complaints is considered to be a result of a hypersecretory acidic terrain together with salutary factors or stress. Threat factors for developing peptic ulcer include *H. pylori* infection, alcohol and tobacco consumption, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) use, and Zollinger-Ellison syndrome.<sup>[4]</sup> The main threat factors for both gastric and duodenal ulcers are *H. pylori* infection and NSAID use.<sup>[5]</sup> NSAIDs develop peptic ulcer complaint, meaning that individual vulnerability is important in the beginning of mucosa damage. Functional polymorphisms in different cytokine genes are associated with peptic ulcers. For illustration, polymorphisms of interleukin 1 beta (IL1B) affect mucosal interleukin 1 $\beta$  product, causing *H. pylori*-associated gastroduodenal conditions.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Pathogenesis of Peptic Ulcer

Nearly half of the world's population is settled by *H. pylori*, which remains one of the most common causes of peptic ulcer complaint.<sup>[7]</sup> The frequency of *H. pylori* is advanced in developing countries, especially in Africa, Central America, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe.<sup>[8]</sup> The organism is generally acquired in nonwage in an terrain of unsanitary conditions and crowding, sustainably in countries with lower socioeconomic status. *H. pylori* cause epithelial cell degeneration and injury, which is generally more severe in the antrum, by the

sedition response with neutrophils, lymphocytes, plasma cells, and macrophages. The medium by which *H. pylori* induce the development of different types of lesions in the gastroduodenal mucosa is not fully explained. Pylori infection can cause either hypochlorhydria or hyperchlorhydria, therefore determining the type of peptic ulcer. The main intercessors of Pylori infection are cytokines that inhibit parietal cell stashing, but *H. pylori* can directly affect the H<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase  $\alpha$ -subunit, spark calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) sensitive neurons linked to somatostatin, or inhibit the production of gastrin.<sup>[9]</sup> Although the conformation of gastric ulcers is associated with hypo stashing, 10–15% of cases with *H. pylori* infection have increased gastric stashing caused by hypergastrinemia and reduced antral somatostatin content.<sup>[10]</sup> This leads to increased histamine stashing, and subsequently the increased stashing of acid or pepsin from parietal and gastric cells. Also, the eradication of *H. pylori* leads to a drop in gastrin mRNA expression and an increase in somatostatin mRNA expression.<sup>[11]</sup> In the remaining majority of cases, gastric ulcers are associated with hypochlorhydria and mucosal atrophy. The main medium of NSAID-associated damage of the gastroduodenal mucosa is the systemic inhibition of constitutively expressed cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1),

which is responsible for prostaglandin conflation, and is associated with dropped mucosal blood flow, low mucus and bicarbonate stashing, and the inhibition of cell proliferation. NSAIDs inhibit the enzyme reversibly in an attention-dependent manner. The co-administration of exogenous prostaglandins and cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2)-inhibitory NSAIDs use reduces mucosal damage and the threat of ulcers.<sup>[12]</sup> still, the different physicochemical parcels of NSAIDs cause differences in their toxicity.<sup>[20]</sup> NSAIDs disrupt mucus phospholipids and lead to the uncoupling of mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, therefore initiating mucosal damage. When exposed to acidic gastric juice (pH 2), NSAIDs become protonated and cross lipid membranes to enter epithelial cells (pH 7.4), where they ionize and release H<sup>+</sup>. In that form, NSAIDs cannot cross the lipid membrane, and are trapped in epithelial cells, leading to the uncoupling of oxidative phosphorylation, dropped mitochondrial energy product, increased cellular permeability, and reduced cellular integrity. Cases who have a history of peptic ulcers or hemorrhage, are over the age of 65, also use steroids or anticoagulants, and take high boluses or combinations of NSAIDs are at the loftiest threat for acquiring NSAID-convinced ulcers.<sup>[1]</sup>



### Pathophysiology

Under normal conditions, duodenal and gastric mucosa integrity is maintained by the mucus-bicarbonate barrier, the neutral pH, and nonstop epithelial cell renewal.<sup>[13,25]</sup> PGE<sub>2</sub> amp cell proliferation, mucus, and H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> stashing, promoting an essential work in mucosa preservation. Distinctive pivotal factor in gastric homeostasis is sufficient blood flow. The NO and PGs Ubiquitous pitfall factors precedents for PUD and gastritis involve infection with *Helicobacter pylori*, and NSAIDs. Lower ubiquitous pitfall factors involve alcohol, smoking, cocaine, severe illness, autoimmune problems, and radiation remedy and Crohn disease amid distinctive.<sup>[16]</sup>

**Helicobacter pylori:** The mechanisms, through which the Hp favours the advancement of PU, are more known in the duodenal, than in gastric side.<sup>[17]</sup> *H. pylori*

precedent an seditious responses with neutrophils, lymphocytes, plasma cells, and macrophages within the mucosal subcaste and precedent's epithelial cell degeneration and damage. Gastritis is frequently further severe in the antrum, with little or no inflammation in the corpus. Entire cases resulted to have peptic ulcers should be tested for *H. pylori*.<sup>[18]</sup> Inflammation consorted with *H. pylori* infection can sequence in either hypochlorhydria or hyperchlorhydria,<sup>[19]</sup> and therefore ascertain the type of peptic ulcer formed.<sup>[20, 21]</sup>

**NSAIDs induced ulcer:** There are two principal mechanisms by which NSAIDs precedent injury to the duodenal and gastric mucosa. On one hand, these medications behave as weak non-ionized acids, that can access into the mucus subcaste simply, and inside the epithelial cells. Distinctive and consummate necessary consequence is the capability of cyclooxygenase

inhibitory enzyme, thereby de-escalating the intracellular concentration of prostaglandins. These play a significant role in maintaining the integrity of the gastroduodenal mucosa function, because of its intramucosal vasodilator outgrowth maintaining complete the blood inflow and degresively amp the local production of mucus and  $H_3CO_3$ , easing the cell developement and epithelization.<sup>[22, 23]</sup> NSAIDs are astronomically used for a variety of situations to support to minimize pain and inflammation; still, multiple druggies advance GI side effects. NSAIDs responsible for over 90% of all ulcers and roughly 25% of NSAID users will advance PUD.<sup>[24]</sup> Aspirin duggies are also doubly as likely to advance peptic ulcers as the general population.<sup>[25]</sup> Distinctive advance a milder position of topical damage, which is seen as mucosal hemorrhages and attritions and are appretained to as NSAID are responsible for the conversion of applicable perfusion to the gastric mucosa, icing the delivery of  $O_2$  and nutrients, as well as take-off poisonous metabolites, opreventing damages to the tissue.<sup>[15]</sup>

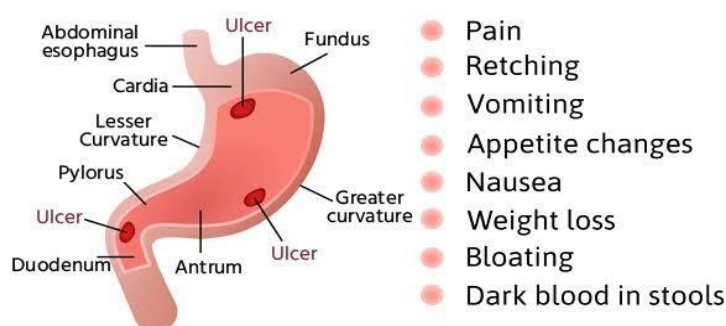
### Peptic Ulcer Disease Symptoms

- Mid-epigastric pain
- Eating or burning, nonradiating, reoccurring, episodic pain

- Pain is generally exacerbated by food or antacids
- Gastric ulcer
- Mid-epigastric pain
- Pain is typically aggravated by food and relieved by
- Indigestion
- Epigastric wholeness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Heartburn Alarm symptoms
- Symptom onset after 55 times of age
- Progressive dysphagia
- Persistent of intermittent vomiting
- Severe abdominal pain
- Weight loss and/or anorexia
- Family history of gastric malignancy
- Blood in stool, melena, hematemesis, and/or anemia

Note. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug-induced ulcers are frequently silent with perforation or bleeding as initial presentation. Adapted from "Peptic Ulcer Disease," by F. Akhtar, P. Shelton, and A. Dinh, 2019, In F. Domino, R. Baldor, J. Golding., & M. Stephens (Eds.), The 5-Minute Clinical Consult (27th ed., pp. 748–749), Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer.

### STOMACH ULCER SYMPTOMS



### Types Of Peptic Ulcer

**Duodenal ulcer:** Most common peptic ulcer generally located in the proximal duodenum Multiple ulcers and/or ulcers distal to the alternate portion of the duodenum raise clinical dubitations of gastrinoma (Zollinger–Ellison syndrome).

**Gastric ulcer:** Lower common than duodenal ulcer in the absence of NSAID operating generally located along the lower curve of the antrum.

**Esophageal ulcers:** Located in the distal esophagus; generally secondary to gastroesophageal reflux disease Seen also with gastrinoma.

**Ectopic gastric mucosal ulceration:** Can develop with Meckel diverticulum.

### TREATMENT OF PEPTIC ULCER

Several conventional treatments, similar as PPIs,  $H_2$  receptor antagonists, potassium competitive acid blockers, antacids, and antibiotics, have been proved for the treatment of cases presented with peptic ulcers.<sup>[26,27]</sup> The PPIs have been proved to block the gastric hydrogen potassium( $H^+/K^+$ )ATPase, an enzyme that resides on the luminal face of the parietal cell membrane. The ulcer then heals as a result of the reduction in gastric filing vexation and the inhibition of gastric acid out put in the stomach and intestine.<sup>[28]</sup> Unexpectedly, PPIs have also been reported to treat *H. pylori* infection when used along with antibiotics. In addition, PPIs have also been used to help ulcers in the cases exposed to long-term use of NSAIDs.<sup>[29]</sup> The main PPIs are omeprazole, lansoprazole, rabeprazole, esomeprazole and pantoprazole.  $H_2$  receptor antagonists, which include

cimetidine, famotidine, ranitidine, and nizatidine, are a different class of medications that are constantly used to treat peptic ulcers.<sup>[30]</sup> It is known that the histamine type-2 receptors on the basolateral face of stomach parietal cells bind to H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists. This in turn inhibits the binding and exertion of histamine, thereby snooping with the gastric acid production pathway, ultimately leading to the inhibition of gastric acid stashing.<sup>[31]</sup> This inhibition of gastric acid stashing further reduces irritation to the gastric lining, eventually helping in the mending of an ulcer. Antacids like aluminum hydroxide, sodium bicarbonate, magnesium hydroxide and calcium carbonate have been known to act by negating the gastric acid in the stomach and intestine.<sup>[32]</sup> Antacids have been known to increase the pH inside gastric and intestinal cells, thereby reducing the acid delivery to these sites. In addition, the antacids have been shown to restrain pepsin, a proteolytic enzyme inside gastric and intestinal cells, therefore producing potent therapeutic effects.<sup>[33]</sup> Another class of medicines that have a place in conventional remedy for the treatment of peptic ulcer is potassium-competitive acid blockers like vonoprazan and revaprazan.<sup>[34]</sup> These new medications have been discovered to reversibly bind to K<sup>+</sup> ions, inhibit H<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>-ATPase enzyme in gastric parietal cells, and eventually halt the generation of stomach acid.<sup>[35]</sup> In addition, this class of medicines possesses cure-dependent goods on gastric acid production, and is known to comprise of fast onset of action.<sup>[36]</sup> Antibiotics like amoxicillin, clarithromycin, metronidazole, tinidazole and levofloxacin have been specified used to annihilate *H. pylori* from the digestive tract. This has been seen that two antibiotics are specified to the cases presented with peptic ulcer because this has been well reported that combination treatment works more in the case of antibiotics when compared to monotherapy.<sup>[37]</sup> The correct choice of combination of antibiotics effectively kills *H. pylori*, which is regarded as a major source of numerous peptic ulcers. The antibiotic combination eradicates the bacteria, reduces gastric acid, and eventually leads to the protection of the gastric lining.

**Abbreviations:** ASA: Acetylsalicylic acid; COX: Cyclooxygenase; H<sub>2</sub>RAs: Histamine type 2 receptor antagonists; H<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>: Bicarbonate; Hp: *Helicobacter pylori* (Hp) NSAIDs: Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; Pgs: Prostaglandins; PCN: Penicillin; PPIs: Proton pump inhibitors; PUD: Peptic ulcer disease.

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