Endocrine pancreatic neoplasms and palliative

surgery

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Objectives

- 1. Palliation of pancreatic exocrine cancer
- 2. Clinical presentation and staging of pancreatic endocrine neoplasms (insulinoma, gastrinoma, glucogonoma, somatostatinoma and VIPoma)
- 3. Biochemical presentation and tests of endocrine pancreatic neoplasms
- 4. Indications and respectability of pancreatic endocrine neoplasms
- 5. Management of pancreatic endocrine neoplasms
- 6. Role of neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment in the management of endocrine neoplasms of the pancreas
- 7. Survival or pancreatic endocrine neoplasm





Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumours: General Considerations





Definition/Classification

- Neoplasms originating from endocrine pancreas
- Classification based on:
 - Size
 - Mitotic rate
 - Ki-67 labeling
 - Perineural/vascular invasion
 - Functional vs. non-functional





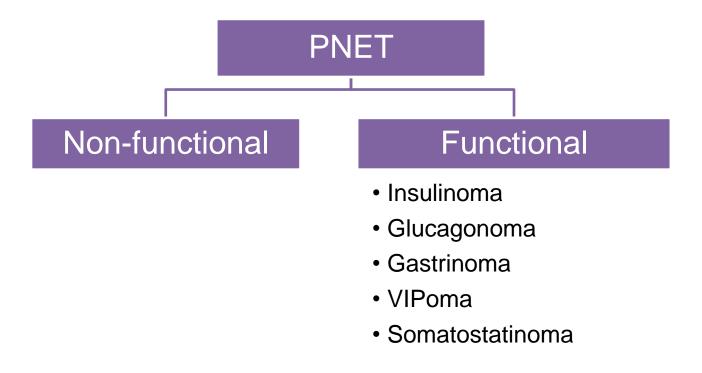
Definition/Classification

Factor	Neuroendocrine Tumor (low grade, G1)	Neuroendocrine Carcinoma (intermediate grade, G2)	Neuroendocrine Carcinoma (high grade, G3)
Mitotic rate per high- power field	< 2	2-20	> 20
Ki-67 index	< 3%	3-20%	> 20
Necrosis	Absent		Present
Size	< 2 cm	> 2 cm	Any size; invasion of adjacent organs, lymph node metastases
Angioinvasion	No	No	Yes
Distant metastases	No	No	Yes





Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors







Epidemiology

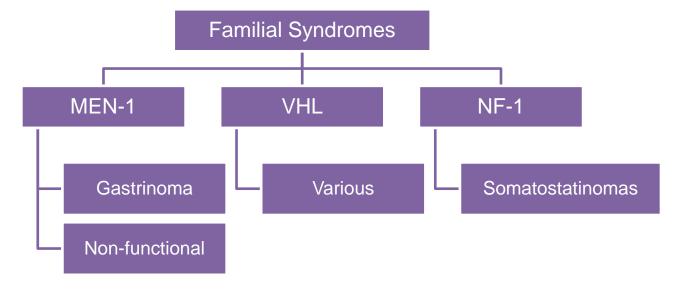
- < 2% of all pancreatic tumours
- 10% of all NET subtypes
- Incidence 0.32-0.55 per 100 000
 - 6-fold increase in Ontario from 1994 to 2009
- Autopsy prevalence up to 10%





Etiology

Majority are sporadic







Clinical Presentation

- Asymptomatic incidental finding
- Symptomatic
 - Mass effect
 - Syndrome from functional PNET





- Bloodwork
 - Elevated level of incriminated peptide
 - What about non-functional?
 - Chromogranin A
 - Caution in pts on PPI or with atrophic gastritis

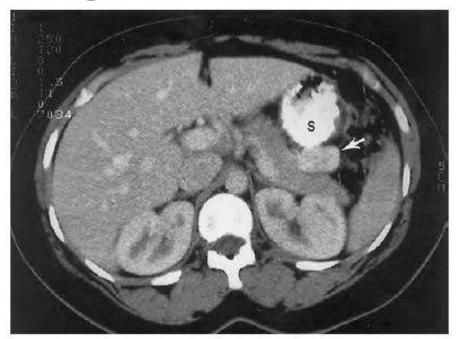


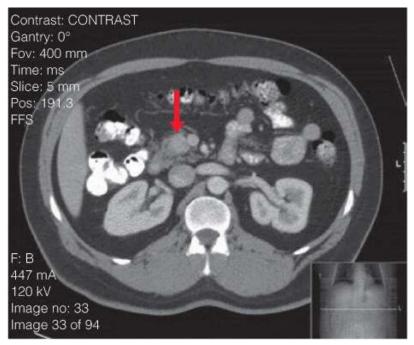


- Imaging
 - Contrast enhanced CT
 - PNETs enhance in arterial phase









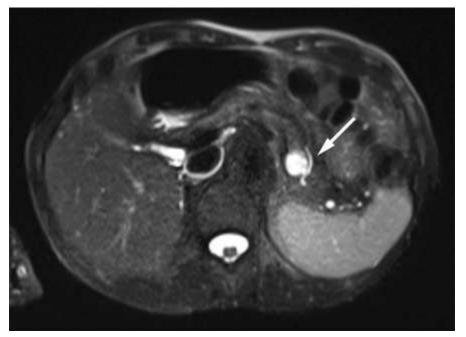




- Imaging
 - Contrast enhanced CT
 - PNETs enhance in arterial phase
 - MRI
 - Good for small lesions, sensitivity 74-100%
 - Enhances in arterial phase in T1 phase with gad
 - High signal intensity in T2 phase









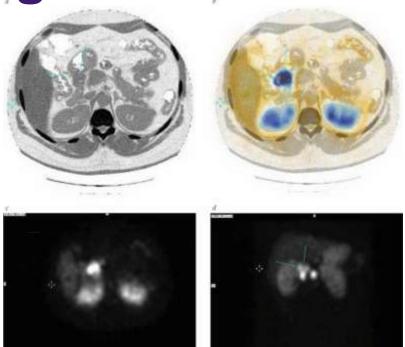


- 3. Somatostatin Receptor Scintigraphy
 - 74-100% sensitivity
 - Caution with non-functional tumours and insulinoma
 - Additional role for evaluating metastatic spread





Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors







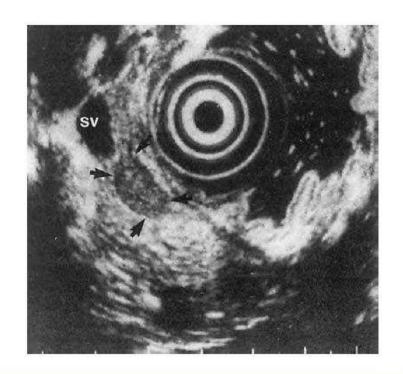


- 4. Endoscopic Ultrasound with FNA
 - Homogenous, hypoechoic mass
 - Sensitivity 82-93%, specificity 95%
 - Operator dependent













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- 5. Intraoperative Ultrasound

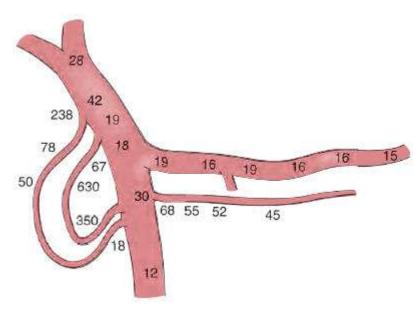




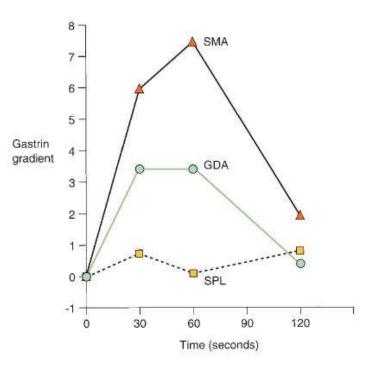
- 6. Venous sampling
 - For PNETs failing localization
 - Percutaneous transhepatic portal venous sampling
 - Sequential sampling splenic vein, SMV and PV
 - Arterial stimulation with venous sampling
 - Selective visceral arterial injection with hepatic vein sampling
 - Injection of secretogogue







PTPVS for Insulinoma



ASVS for Gastrinoma





Diagnosis - Principles

- 1. Recognize altered physiology or syndrome
- Detection of hormone elevations in serum
- 3. Localization and staging





Primary Tumor (T)	Description		
TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed		
ТО	No evidence of primary tumor		
Tis	Carcinoma in situ (includes PanInIII)		
T1	Tumor limited to pancreas, ≤ 2 cm in size		
T2	Tumor limited to pancreas, > 2 cm in size		
Т3	Tumor extends beyond the pancreas but without involvement of celiac axis or superior mesenteric artery		
T4	Tumor involves the celiac axis or superior mesenteric artery		
Regional Lymph			
Nodes (N)	Description		
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed		
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis		
N1	Regional lymph node metastasis		
Distant Metastasis (M)	Description		
M0	No distant metastasis		
M1	Distant metastasis		

Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

AJCC/WHO 2010 TNM Staging

Anatomic Stage	TNM Stage		
0	Tis	N0	MO
IA	T1	N0	MO
IB	T2	N0	MO
IIA	Т3	N0	MO
IIB	T1	N1	MO
	T2	N1	MO
	Т3	N1	MO
III	T4	Any N	MO
IV	Any T	Any N	M1





Primary Tumor (T)	Description		
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T0	No evidence of primary tumor		
T1	Tumor limited to pancreas, <2 cm in size		
T2	Tumor limited to pancreas, 2-4 cm		
Т3	Tumor limited to pancreas, > 4cm or invading duodenum or bile duct		
T4	Tumor invading adjacent organs (stomach, spleen, colon, adrenal gland) or wall of large vessels (celiac axis or SMA)		
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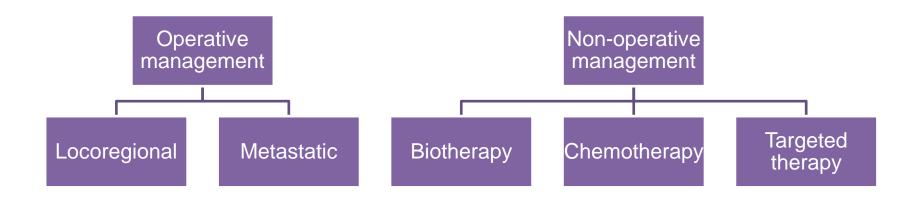
ENETS TNM Staging

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Management Principles







Locoregional Disease

- Complete surgical resection primary approach
- Negative margins and regional lymphadenectomy
- 5-year survival all PNETs 55-64%
- Aggressive multivisceral resection for locally advanced disease same survival benefit
 - Higher recurrence rate (47-100%)





Operative Metastatic Disease

- Most common site: liver
- > 50% of patients with PNETs have hepatic mets
- Debulking surgery
 - 48% 5-year overall survival (>90% tumor burden reduction)
- Complete metastasectomy when feasible
 - 61-69% 5 year overall survival





Operative Metastatic Disease

- Local ablative therapy
 - Poor surgical candidates
 - Bilobar disease combined with resection
 - RFA, HAE, cryoablation, EtOH ablation
- Liver transplantation
 - Mets confined to liver
 - 5-year overall survival 47-58% and disease free survival 20%





Operative Metastatic Disease

- Liver transplantation cont'd
 - ENETS 2012 guidelines
 - Patients refractory to other treatments
 - Favourable tumours
 - Low Ki-67
 - Normal E-cadherin
 - Histologically well-differentiated
 - No extra-hepatic disease
 - < 50 years old





Non-Operative Management

Biotherapy

- Somatostatin analogues (Octreotide) or interferon
- Alleviate hormonal excess states
- Symptomatic relief
- Tumoristatic effects





Non-Operative Management

- Chemotherapy
 - Advanced metastatic PNETs
 - Well-differentiated PNETs
 - Streptozocin, 5-FU and doxorubicin 20-45% response
 - Temozolomide + capecitabine up to 70% response
 - Poorly-differentiated PNETs
 - Cisplatinum + etoposide





Non-Operative Management

- Targeted Therapy
 - Everolimus mTOR inhibitor
 - 11 versus 4.6 month progression-free survival vs placebo (RADIANT-3 2010)
 - Sunitinib tyrosine kinase inhibitor
 - 11.4 vs 5.5 month progression-free survival vs placebo
 - Peptide Receptor Radionuclide therapy (PRRT)
 - 34 and 54 mo progression-free and overall survival





Non-functional PNETs





Epidemiology

- Majority of PNETs
- 1-3 per 1 000 000
- 60% are malignant





Clinical Syndrome

- Asymptomatic incidental findings
- Symptomatic from mass effect
 - Gastric outlet obstruction
 - Jaundice
 - Pain





Biochemical Profile

- Chromogranin A elevation
- Pancreatic polypeptide elevation





Localization

- Cross-sectional imaging
- SRS
- EUS +/- FNA for locoregional disease
- Percutaneous liver biopsy for metastatic disease

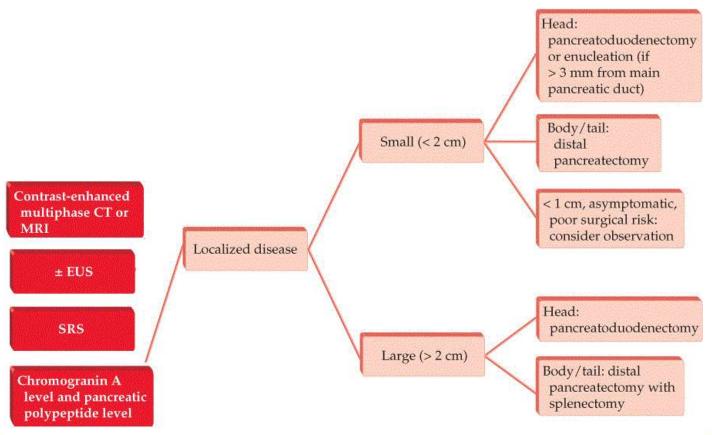


- Locoregional -> complete surgical resection
- Metastatic + resectable -> complete surgical resection
- What about incidentalomas?
 - Unclear role for observation vs. resection
 - <2cm, low Ki67, no invasion/metastasis
 - Biochem + imaging q6-12mo





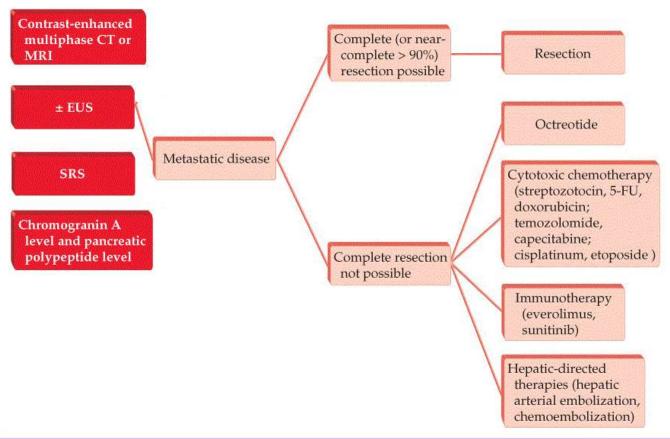
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Non-functional PNETs











Epidemiology

- Most common functional PNET
- 1-2 per 1 000 000
- 85-95% exhibit benign behaviour
- 5% associated with MEN-1





Clinical syndrome

- Whipple's triad
 - 1. Hypoglycemic symptoms
 - 2. Hypoglycemia at time of symptoms
 - 3. Resolution of symptoms with eating/glucose
- Hypoglycemic symptoms
 - Confusion, seizure, coma, personality change
 - Palpitations, trembling, diaphoresis, tachycardia
- Weight gain





Biochemical Profile

- 72-hour monitored fast
 - q6h glucose, insulin, c-peptide, proinsulin and βhydroxybutyrate
 - Measure above when pt symptomatic
 - Positive results
 - Glucose < 3 mmol/L
 - Insulin > 3µU/mL
 - C-peptide > 0.2 nmol/mL
 - Proinsulin > 5 pmol/mL

Insulin:glucose > 0.3





Localization

- Cross-sectional imaging
 - Usually diagnostic for lesions >1 cm
- EUS +/- FNA
- Limited role for SRS
 - Do not overexpress somatostatin receptors
- Venous sampling if other modalities failed
- Intraoperative ultrasonography





- Preoperative glucose control
 - Diazoxide to inhibit insulin release and increase glycogenolysis
 - Somatostatin analogues
- Vast majority are benign and dictates surgical intervention

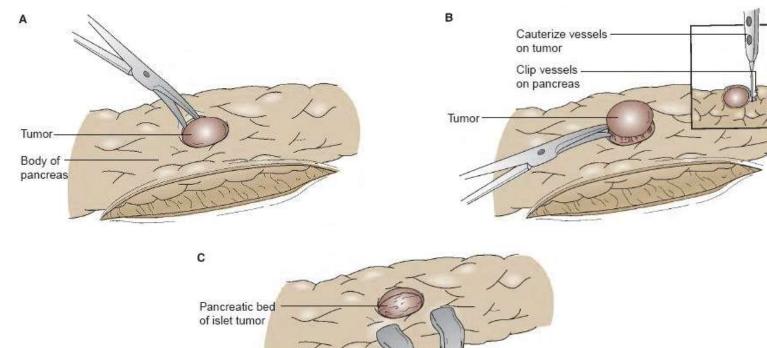




- Operative approaches
 - Parenchymal-preserving techniques
 - Enucleation
 - Central pancreatectomy
 - Distal pancreatectomy
 - Pancreaticoduodenectomy
 - Lymphadenectomy in large or invasive tumors









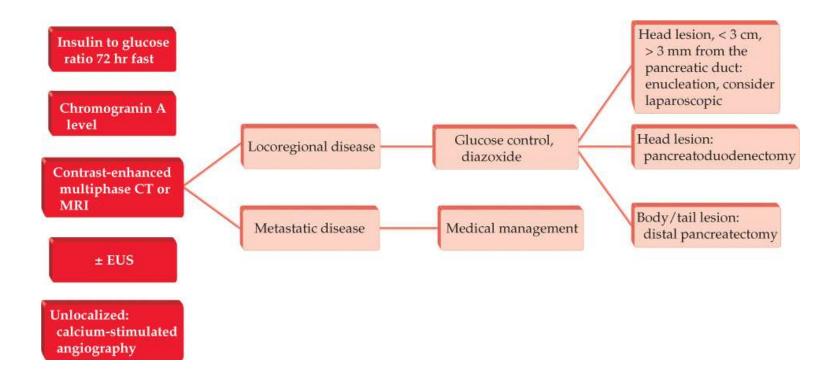


Laparoscopic Enucleation

Laparoscopic Central Pancreatectomy











Gastrinoma









Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours







Epidemiology

- Second most common functional PNET
- 0.3 to 5 per 1 000 000 per year
- 60-90% exhibit malignant behaviour
- 25-40% associated with MEN-1





Clinical Syndrome

- Abdominal pain (90%)
- Refractory peptic ulcer disease (90%)
- Diarrhea (50%)





Biochemical Profile

- Elevated serum gastrin
 - Stop PPI 2/52
 - Fasting > 1000pg/mL
- Secretin or Ca²⁺ stimulation test
 - 2 U/kg secretin or calcium gluconate
 - Serial gastrin 30min or 3 hrs (Ca²⁺)
 - $> 200 \text{ pg/mL or} > 400 \text{ pg/mL (Ca}^{2+})$

Gastrinoma

Antral G cell hyperplasia

Conditions associated with achlorhydria or reduced gastric acid secretion

Pernicious anemia

Chronic atrophic gastritis

Proton pump inhibitor therapy

Conditions associated with gastric acid hypersecretion

Helicobacter pylori infection

Gastric outlet obstruction

Truncal vagotomy

Retained gastric antrum (in patients who have undergone prior antrectomy)

Short bowel syndrome

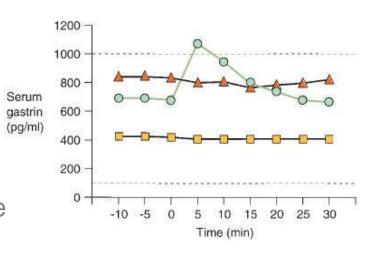
Renal failure





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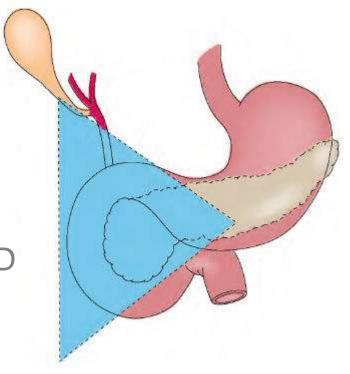






Localization

- Gastrinoma triangle
 - Neck of the pancreas
 - Junction of D2 and D3
 - Junction of cystic duct and CBD





Localization

- Cross-sectional imaging
 - CT with IV + oral contrast to enhance duodenum
- SRS 53-72% sensitivity
- EUS 67-100% sensitivity
- Venous sampling if not localized



- Preoperative optimization
 - PPI
 - MEN-1 -> screen for hyperCa and parathyroid adenoma
 - Treat prior to OR





- Operative approaches
 - Parenchymal-preserving techniques
 - Enucleation
 - Central pancreatectomy
 - Distal pancreatectomy
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 - Lymphadenectomy in large or invasive tumors





- Operative approach in cases failing localization
 - Mobilization of duodenum and pancreas
 - Palpation and intraoperative ultrasonography
 - Duodenal transillumination and duodenotomy
 - Small duodenal lesion can be enucleated with lymphadenectomy



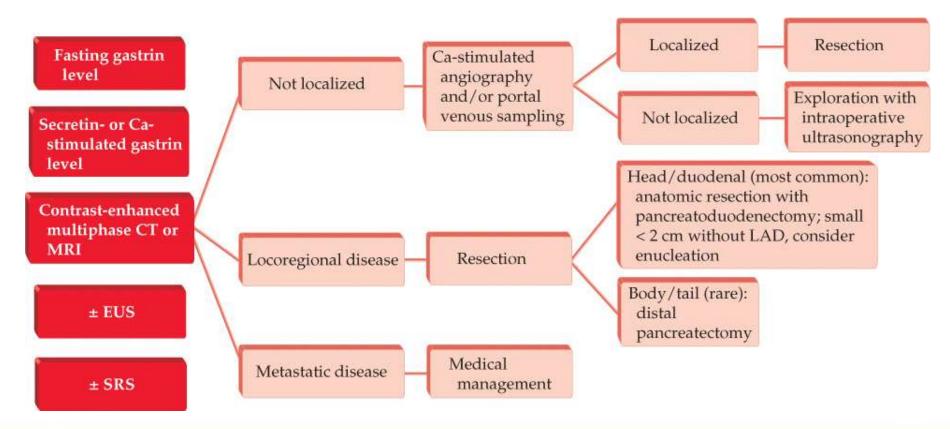


Outcomes

- 15 year disease-free survival
 - 41-46%
- 15 year disease-specific survival
 - 98% in operated patients
 - 74% for unoperated patients



Gastrinomas







Glucagonoma





Epidemiology

- 0.1 per 1 000 000
- 50-80% exhibit malignant behaviour
- Metastatic at initial presentation in 78-90%
- 10% associated with MEN-1





Clinical Syndrome

- Diabetes
- Necrolytic migratory erythema (70%)
- DVT (Factor X-like mediator release from tumour)
- Weight loss and malnutrition
- Anemia from bone marrow suppression





Clinical Syndrome











Biochemical Profile

- Hyperglycemia
- Elevated serum glucagon > 1000 pg/mL
- Hypoproteinemia
- Hypoaminoacidemia





Localization

- Most in pancreatic tail
- Cross-sectional imaging
- SRS
- EUS +/- FNA
- Portal venous sampling if not localized



- Preoperative optimization
 - Tight blood glucose control
 - Correction of malnutrition
 - Zinc deficiency common
 - Amino acid replacement
 - Somatostatin analogue therapy
 - Consider anticoagulation therapy





- Operative approaches
 - Formal anatomic resection with lymphadenectomy
 - Distal pancreatectomy
 - Pancreaticoduodenectomy
 - +/- cholecystectomy (?long-term SSA use)





Somatostatinoma





Epidemiology

- 0.1 per 1 000 000
- 70-80% exhibit malignant behaviour
- 45% associated with MEN-1





Clinical Syndrome

- Diabetes
- Cholelithiasis
- Malabsorption
- Steatorrhea
- Abdominal pain (39%)
- Jaundice (28%)
- GI Bleeding (22%)





Biochemical Profile

- Elevated fasting serum somatostatin
 - > 160 pg/mL





Localization

- Common in head of pancreas or duodenum
- Cross-sectional imaging
- SRS
- EUS +/- FNA





Management

- Operative approaches
 - Formal anatomic resection with lymphadenectomy
 - Distal pancreatectomy
 - Pancreaticoduodenectomy
 - + cholecystectomy





VIPoma





Epidemiology

- 0.1 per 1 000 000
- 40-70% exhibit malignant behaviour
- Metastatic at initial presentation in 50%
- 5% associated with MEN-1





Clinical Syndrome

- Verner-Morrison (WDHA) Syndrome
- Watery Diarrhea
 - Persists despite fasting
- Hypokalemia
- Achlorhydria





Biochemical Profile

- Hypokalemia
- Achlorhydria
- Elevated serum VIP





Localization

- Most common in body and tail
- Extrapancreatic mets
 - Adrenals, retroperitoneum, mediastinum, small bowel, kidney, colon
- Cross-sectional imaging, SRS, EUS





Management

- Preoperative optimization
 - Temporize diarrhea with SSA
 - Correction of electrolyte abnormalities
 - Correction of malnutrition



Management

- Operative approaches
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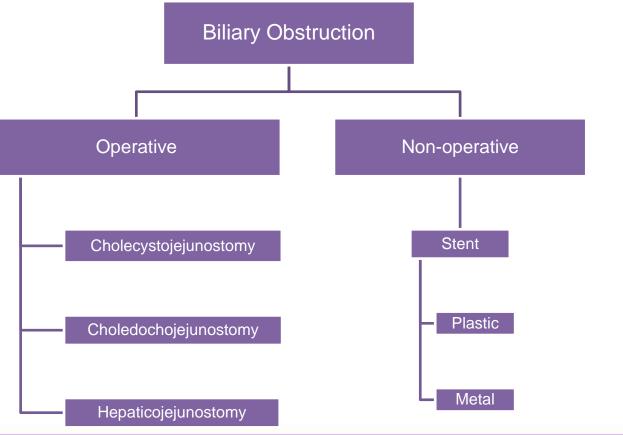


Biliary Obstruction

- 65-75% adenocarcinomas present with symptomatic biliary obstruction
- 81% will develop obstruction
- 20% develop pruritis
- Untreated -> cholangitis, cholestasis, liver failure
 - Cause of death in up to 40% without palliative care











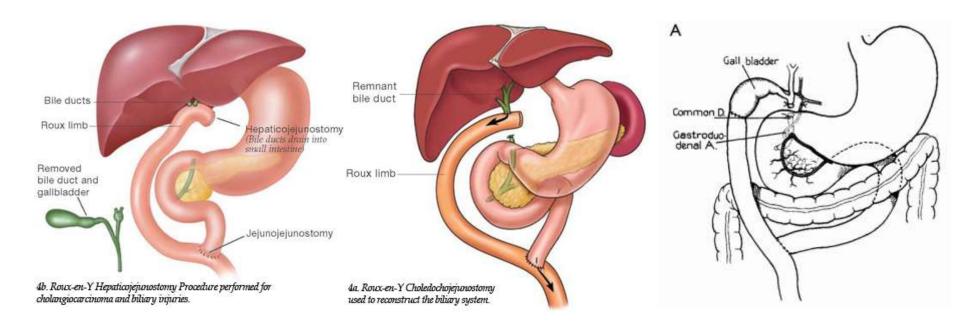
Open Biliary Bypass

- Hepatico-J vs. Choledocho-J vs. Cholecysto-J
 - Choledocho > cholecysto in short and long-term
- Roux-en-Y vs Loop
- 2-15% rate of recurrent jaundice
- High morbidity (60%) and mortality (23%)





Open Biliary Bypass







Endoscopic Biliary Drainage

- ERCP, may require rendezvous
- Plastic stents -> retrievable
- Self-expandable metal stents -> non-retrievable
 - Covered or uncovered
- 90% success rate of placement





Endoscopic Biliary Stent Placement





Endoscopic Biliary Drainage

- 5% early complication rate
 - Pancreatitis
 - Bleeding
 - Cholangitis
- Late complications
 - Up to 17-38% obstruction
 - Migration
 - Up to 20% in covered SEMS





Endoscopic Biliary Drainage

- Plastic vs. SEMS
 - Cochrane 2006 SEMS lower risk of 4-6month obstruction
 - Plastic median patency 1.8-4.2 months
 - SEMS median patency 3.6-9.1 months
 - Plastic cheaper individually (\$20 vs \$900)
 - 28% fewer procedures with SEMS for stent-related issues
 - Cost savings favour plastic up to 4 months



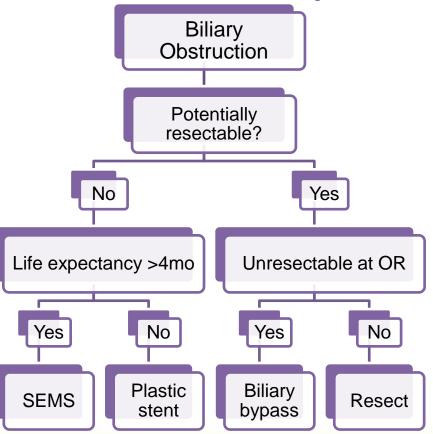


Bypass vs. Endoscopic Drainage

- Lower risk of complication (RR 0.6) of endoscopic drainage
- Higher risk of recurrent biliary obstruction (RR 18) with endoscopic drainage









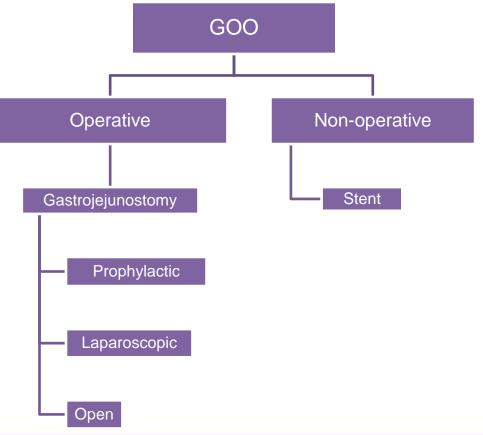


Gastric Outlet Obstruction

- 10-25% adenocarcinoma have symptoms of gastric outlet obstruction from duodenal invasion
- Presenting symptom in 6% of patients
- 10-25% who undergo OR without bypass develop GOO prior to death





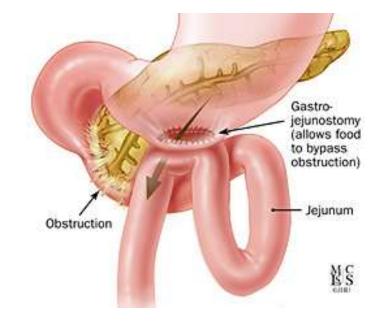






Gastrojejunostomy

- Laparoscopic vs open equivocal
- Antecolic vs retrocolic
- 2% recurrence of GOO







Endoscopic Enteral Stent

- 20-22mm diameter, 60-90mm length SEM
- +/- fluoroscopy
- 80-90% clinical success
- 25-30% late complications
 - Stent obstruction or migration





Enteral Stent Placement





Surgical vs Endoscopic

- Recurrent GOO higher with endoscopic stents
- SUSTENT RCT 2010
 - Stent quicker return to eating
 - Proportion of patients tolerating diet at 30 and 60d higher in surgical cohort
- Predicting survival key to determine intervention

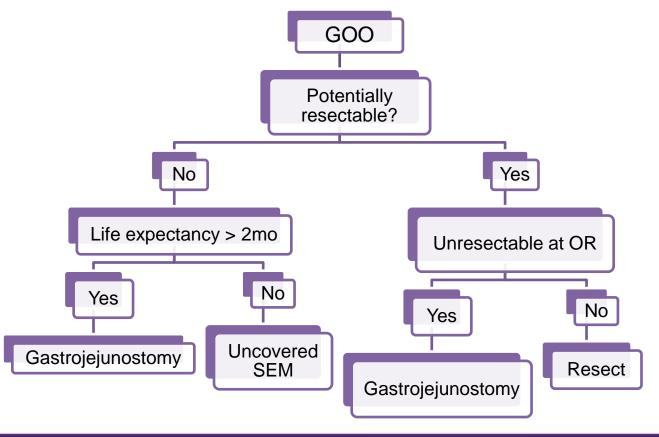




Surgical vs Endoscopic

- Risk factors for < 6 months survival after palliative bypass:
 - Distant metastasis
 - Severe preop nausea + vomiting
 - Lack of preop biliary stent









Prophylactic Bypass

- 33% of patients unresectable at OR
- Hopkins group RCT (Lillemore KD, *Ann Surg*, 1999)
 - Biliary bypass alone 19% rate of GOO
 - Double loop bypass (biliary + gastroj) 0%
- Dutch group RCT (Van Heek NT, Ann Surg, 2003)
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Pain

- Celiac plexus neurolysis
 - If unresectable at OR: 20ml of 50% EtOH injected, 10 ml on either side of the aorta at level of celiac axis
 - Improved pancreatic cancer pain control versus placebo at 2, 4 and 6 months (RCT, Lillemoe Ann Surg 1993)
 - EUS-guided celiac plexus block 85% response rate
 - Cochrane reduced subjective pain at 4 and 8 weeks
 - Reduced overall opioid consumption





EUS Celiac Plexus Neurolysis





