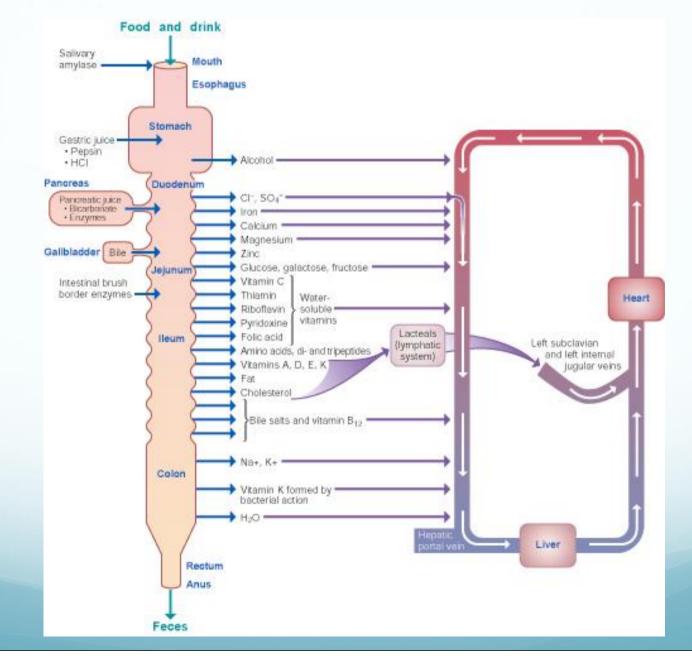
### Sites of Secretion and Absorption into Gastrointestinal Tract



# Neurotransmitters

- Alpha-aminobutyric acid: relaxes LES
- Norepinephrine: decreases motility, increases contractions of sphincters, inhibits secretions
- Acetylcholine: increases motility, relaxes sphincters, stimulates secretions
- Neurotensin: inhibits release of gastric emptying and acid secretion
- Neuropeptide-Y: stimulates feeding behavior

# Hormones and GI Function: Gastrin

- Released from gastric mucosa and duodenum in presence of peptides and amino acids;
- stimulates secretion of hydrochloric acid and pepsinogen;
- increases gastric antral motility, increases LES tone

# Hormones and GI function: Secretin

- Secretin: from duodenal mucosa in presence of acid in small intestine;
- stimulates pancreas to secrete water and bicarb; also insulin and pancreatic enzymes

# Hormones and GI function: Cholecystokinin (CCK)

 Released from proximal small bowel in presence of peptides, amino acids, fat, HCL, stimulates pancreas to release pancreatic enzymes

# Hormones and GI function: Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide (GIP)

- Released from small intestine in presence of glucose and fat.
- inhibits gastrin-stimulated release of gastric acid

# Hormones and GI Function (Motilin)

- Released from stomach and small and large intestine in presence of biliary and pancreatic secretions;
- promotes gastric emptying and increases GI motility

## Hormones and GI function: Somatostatin

- Released from stomach, pancreas, and upper small intestine in presence of acidity and products of protein and fat digestion.
- Inhibits release of gastrin, motilin, and pancreatic secretions; decreases motility of GI tract

### Heartburn

- Acid Reflux
- Symp- burning sensation
- avoid chocolate and peppermint, coffee, citrus, fried or fatty foods, tomato products – stop smokingtake antacids – don't lay down 2-3 hours after eating.
- When small quantities of stomach acid are regurgitated into the esophagus

#### **Heartburn remedies**

Some cases of heartburn are the result of a stomach disorder called gastroesophageal reflux disease, which forces stomach acid to travel backward and into the throat. Some cases are so bad they're correctable only by surgery, but medications can help.

Esophagus

Stomach acid

Diaphragm

Small

Large

intestin

intestine

Liver

Stomach

#### Types of relief

Remedies for heartburn and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) fall into five basic classes:

Antacids: (Tums, Alka-Seltzer, Milk of Magnesia, Maalox, etc.). These medications, which contain sodium bicarbonate, calcium, magnesium, aluminum or a combination, use basic chemical reactions to neutralize existing stomach acid.

Sodium alginate or alginic acid with other antacid ingredients: (Gaviscon). This type of medication produces a foam barrier between the stomach and the esophagus to prevent acid from back-flowing into the esophagus.

Promotility or prokinetic agents: (metoclopromide). This helps strengthen the valve that blocks acid from entering the esophagus by causing muscles in the upper intestinal tract to contract, resulting in a faster emptying of the stomach.

H2 blockers or histamine receptor antagonists: (Pepcid AC, Tagamet HB, Axid AR, Zantac 75). These partially block the production of acid in stomach cells by inhibiting histamine, which stimulates the secretion of stomach acid.

Proton pump inhibitors or acid pump inhibitors: (Prilosec, Prevacid, rabeproazole, pantoprazole). The newest development, these inhibit stomach acid production by deactivating the acid pumps (the site where stomach acid is produced) in stomach cells.

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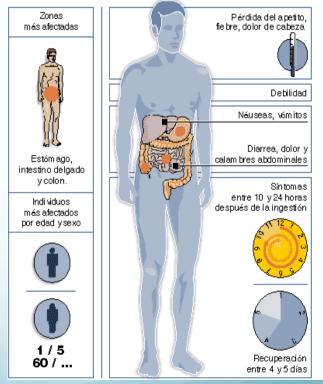
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#### Información general

#### Definición

Tam bién denominada gripe estom acal, la gastroenteritis es una infección e inflamación del tracto intestinal que puede causar alteraciones más o menos serias. La infección puede contraerse por contacto con otra persona afectada o por ingerir alimentos o agua en mal estado.



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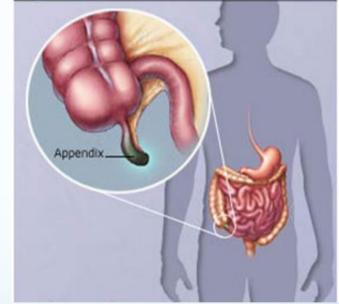
## Ulcer

- Sore or lesion that forms in the mucosal lining of the stomach
- Gastric ulcers in the stomach and duodenal ulcer in the duodenum
- Cause H. pylori (bacteria) is primary cause
- Lifestyle factors that contribute: cigarette smoking, alcohol, stress, certain drugs.
- Symp burning pain in abdomen, between meals and early morning, may be relieved by eating or taking antacids.
- Diagnosis x-ray, presence of bacteria
- Rx H<sub>2</sub> blockers (drugs) that block release of histamine

## Appendicitis

- A blind sac attached to the cecum and has no known function.
- When appendix becomes inflamed
- If it ruptures, bacteria from appendix can spread to peritoneal cavity.
- Symptoms- RLQ pain, rebound tenderness, fever, nausea, and vomiting
- RX appendectomy





| Diarrhea  | Constipation  | Jaundice                    |
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| Loose, watery, frequent<br>bowel movements when<br>feces pass along colon to<br>rapidly<br>Caused by infection ,<br>poor diet, nervousness,<br>toxic substances or<br>irritants in food | When defecation<br>delayed, feces becomes<br>dry and hard<br>RX –diet with cereals,<br>fruits, vegetables,<br>(roughage) drinking<br>plenty of fluids,<br>exercise, and avoiding<br>tension | Yellow color of<br>the skin |
| Places Neg<br>From Being<br>Lither Veryer<br>Diarrhea<br>Diarrhea   | Water removed<br>Liquid intestinal<br>content enters<br>colon from small<br>intestine<br>Excessive water<br>removal causes<br>hard stool  |                             |

