

Intractable Bowel Syndrome

- Recurrent abdominal pain & abnormal Bowel motility (constipation / or Diarrhea) with absence of structural abnormality in contrast with IBD (IBS symptom + Inflammation & Ulcer).

Etiology

- young women 2-3 times more than men.
- Associated with physical or sexual abuse.
- Associate with Non-ulcer dyspepsia, Chronic fatigue syndrome, dysmenorrhea and fibromyalgia.

Pathophysiology

① Behavioural and psychological factors (Anxiety, depression, nervous).

② Psycho Physiological factor.

- ↑ D-JBS, CIEBC, ↑ Mucosal mast cells
- Triggered by previous gastroenteritis of Salmonella or Campylobacter.

③ Luminal factors.

- Present with Small Intestine bacterial overgrowth or Some Food allergy.

Abdominal Pain

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Visceral hypersensitivity
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Sensory nerve ending has abnormal strong response to stimuli
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Stretching → Pain

Bowel Motility

Short-chain Carbohydrates
(Lactose, Fructose)
↓
Draws in water (Diarrhea)
↓
Metabolized by Gut Bacteria
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- Alternate diarrhea and constipation -
- Diarrhea with low volume of stool -
- Pellety stool passed sometime
- Colicky abdominal pain relieved by passing stool
- Abdominal bloating due to excess gas
- No blood passed in stool, no loss of weight, no abnormal findings

Investigation

Rome III Criteria → 3 days in a month for 3 months

- Improvement with defecation
- change in frequency of stool
- change in appearance of stool, when 2 or more present
- Endoscopy to rule out cancer
- Faecal calprotectin⁺
- Justification for celiac disease other malabsorption

Management

- Eat regularly at time
- Take time to eat
- Ensure hydration
- Avoid carbonated drinks, alcohol, artificial sweeteners
- Consider a diet low in FODMAPs (Fermentable, oligo^d, monosaccharide and polyols)
- Consider wheat free diet, lactose exclusion diet