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* Inflammatory bowel disease:

Inflammatory bowel disease refers to chronic inflammation of the digestive tract.

Types:

- **Crohn's Disease:** Can affect any part of the digestive tract, often deeper layers of the bowel.
- **Ulcerative Colitis:** Primarily affects the colon (large intestine), starting from the rectum.

Causes:

Exact cause unknown; thought to involve immune system malfunction triggered by genetic and environmental factors.

Symptoms:

- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Fatigue
- Weight loss
- Blood in stool

Diagnosis:

- Medical history and physical exam
- Blood test (to check for inflammation)
- Colonoscopy or Sigmoidoscopy with biopsy.

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Treatment:-

- Medications: Anti-inflammatory drugs, immunosuppressants, biologics.
- Lifestyle Changes: Dietary adjustment, stress management.
- Surgery: In severe cases or complications.

Management:-

- Regular monitoring with healthcare provider.
- Compliance with medications and treatment plan.
- Support groups for emotional and practical support.

★ Jaundice:-

Jaundice is a condition characterized by yellowing of the skin, whites of the eyes, and mucous membranes due to elevated levels of bilirubin in the blood.

Causes:-

- Excessive breakdown of RBC: Leads to increased bilirubin production.
- Liver disease: Impairs bilirubin processing and excretion.
- Obstruction of bile ducts: Block the flow of bilirubin into the digestive tract.

Symptoms:-

- yellow discoloration of the skin, eyes, and mucous membranes.

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- Dark Urine (due to elevated bilirubin excretion)
- Pale Stools (Lack of normal bile pigments)

Diagnosis:-

- physical exam (observation of yellowing)
- Blood test (to measure bilirubin levels and liver function)
- Imaging tests (ultrasound, CT scan) to detect underlying causes like gallstones or tumors.

Treatment:- Depends on the Underlying Cause:

- Liver disease: Treatment of the underlying liver condition.
- Bile duct obstruction: Surgery or procedures to clear the blockage.
- Hemolytic disorders: Managing the underlying conditions causing red blood cell breakdown.

prevention:-

- prevention depends on the cause: for example, Vaccination against hepatitis viruses can prevent certain types of liver disease.

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Hepatitis :-

- Hepatitis is Inflammation of liver tissue.

Causes :

- **Viral Infections:** Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E viruses are common causes.
- **Autoimmune Conditions:** Where the immune system mistakenly attacks liver cells.
- **Toxic Substances:** Such as alcohol, certain medications and chemicals.
- **Other Infections:** Like bacteria and parasites.

Types :-

- **Hepatitis A:** Spread through contaminated food or water.
- **Hepatitis B:** Transmitted through body fluids, including blood & semen.
- **Hepatitis C:** Usually spread through blood to blood contact.
- **Hepatitis D:** Only occurs in those already infected with hepatitis B.
- **Hepatitis E:** Spread through contaminated water in areas with poor sanitation.

Symptoms :-

- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eye)
- Fatigue
- Abdominal pain
- Loss of Appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Dark urine and light stool.

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Diagnosis :-

- Blood test to detect viral antibodies or genetic Material
- Liver function test to assess liver enzyme and bilirubin level.
- Imaging test like ultrasound or CT scan may be used to evaluate liver Condition.

Treatment :-

- Hepatitis A and E : often resolves on its own with Supportive Care (rest, fluids, proper nutrition).
- Hepatitis B and C : Antiviral medications may be prescribed to manage or suppress the virus.
- Hepatitis D : No specific antiviral treatment; Vaccination against hepatitis B is recommended.
- Autoimmune hepatitis : Corticosteroids and other immunosuppressive drug May be used.

Complications :-

- Chronic hepatitis Can lead to Liver Cirrhosis (Scarring) and liver failure.
- Hepatitis B and C Infection Increase the risks of liver Cancer (Hepato Cellular Carcinoma).

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★ Alcoholic liver disease:-

ALD refers to liver damage caused by long-term, excessive alcohol consumption.

Types:-

- Fatty liver: Buildup of fat in liver cells
- Alcoholic Hepatitis: Inflammation of the liver
- Cirrhosis: Severe scarring of the liver tissue.

Causes:-

Chronic alcohol abuse over many years.

Symptoms:-

- Often asymptomatic in early stage
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and eye) in advanced stage.
- Abdominal pain or tenderness.
- Fatigue and weakness.

Diagnosis:-

- Medical history, physical exam and blood tests.
- Imaging (ultrasound, CT scan) and sometimes liver biopsy.

Treatment:-

- Abstinence: Essential to halt progression.
- Nutritional Support: Balanced diet and supplements (vit.)
- Medications: May be used to manage symptoms and complications.

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★ Disease of bones and Joints :-

① Rheumatoid arthritis :-

RA is a chronic autoimmune disorder that primarily affects the joints, causing inflammation, pain and eventually joint damage.

Etiology :-

The exact cause is unknown, but it involves a combination of genetic, environmental and hormonal factors.

Symptoms :-

- Joint pain and Swelling
- Stiffness, particularly in the Morning or after period of inactivity
- Fatigue
- Fever
- Loss of joint functions and deformities in advanced stage.

Commonly affected joints :-

- Wrists
- Hands (particularly the small joint)
- Knees
- Feet

Diagnosis :-

- Clinical Evaluation: Based on Symptoms and physical examination.

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- Laboratory test: Including rheumatoid factor, anti-citrullinated protein antibody and various inflammatory markers (e.g. ESR, CRP).
- Imaging: X-rays, ultrasound or MRI to assess joint damage.

Treatment:-

- Medication:-
 - Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs: e.g. Methotrexate, Sulfasalazine.
 - Biologics: Target specific part of the immune system.
E.g. TNF Inhibitor.
 - Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID): For pain relief.
 - Glucocorticoids: To reduce inflammation.
- Physical therapy: To improve joint function and mobility.
- Surgical options: Joint repair or replacement in severe case.

Lifestyle Modification:-

- Regular exercise
- Healthy diet
- Stress Management
- Smoking Cessation

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② Osteoporosis :-

osteoporosis is a condition characterized by weakened bones that are more prone to fractures and breaks due to reduced bone density and quality.

Causes :-

- primary: often age-related, occurring naturally as people get older.
- Secondary: Resulting from other conditions or medications, such as long term use of corticosteroids or hormonal imbalance.

Symptoms :-

- often asymptomatic until a fracture occurs.
- possible symptoms include back pain, loss of height, and a stooped posture.

Diagnosis :-

- Bone Density Test (DEXA Scan): Measure bone mineral density.
- Medical history and physical examination: To assess risk factors and symptoms.

Treatment :-

- Medication:
 - Bisphosphonates (e.g. alendronate, risedronate)
 - Hormone Replacement Therapy (For postmenopausal women)
 - Other drugs: Such as denosumab or teriparatide.

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- **Diet:** Increase Calcium and vitamin D intake
- **Exercise:** weight-bearing and resistance exercise to strengthen bones.
- **Lifestyle changes:** Avoid Smoking and limit alcohol.

Prevention :-

- **Balanced diet:** Rich in Calcium and vitamin D.
- **Regular Exercise:** To Maintain bone strength.
- **Bone health monitoring:** Especially for those at higher risk

③ Gout:-

Gout is a type of inflammatory arthritis caused by the accumulation of uric acid crystals in the joint, leading to sudden and severe pain, redness and swelling.

Causes:-

- **High Uric Acid Levels:** often due to the body producing too much uric acid or not excreting enough.
- **Diet:** Foods high in purines (e.g. red meat, shellfish) can increase uric acid levels.
- **Alcohol:** Especially beer and liquors.
- **obesity:** Can contribute to higher uric acid levels.

Symptoms:-

Sudden pain: Typically starts in one joint, often the big toe.

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- Redness and Swelling: Affected joint becomes ~~hot~~ hot, Swollen, and tender.
- Limited joint Movement: Due to pain and Swelling.

Diagnosis:-

- Clinical Evaluation: Based on symptoms and physical exam.
- Joint Fluid Analysis: Microscopic examination of fluid from the affected joint to detect uric acid crystal.
- Blood test: To Measure uric acid levels, although high level alone don't confirm gout.

Treatment:-

• Medications —

- NSAIDs: For pain relief and inflammation (e.g. Ibuprofen, naproxen)
- Colchicine: Reduce inflammation.
- Corticosteroids: For severe cases.
- Urate-lowering therapy: Long term treatment to lower Uric acid level (e.g. Allopurinol, Febuxostat).

Lifestyle change:-

- Diet: Limit purine-rich foods and alcohol.
- Hydration: Drink plenty of fluids.
- Weight Management: Maintain a healthy weight.

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★ Principle of Cancers:-

- Cancer is characterized by unregulated Cell proliferation that defines the regular Cycle of cell divisions. These Cells are referred to as Cancer Cells.
- Signal transduction is used to supervise the growth, proliferation, and Cell division of normal Cells. However, Cancer Cells Create independent Mechanism for growth and reproduction.
- Cancer is disease which turns the normal Cell into Cancer Cell by the process Called Carcinogenesis.
- Clinically there are many types of Cancers, but biologically the origin of Cancer is similar, which is due to defect in gene expression.
- There are various factor that Cause normal Cells to turn into Cancer cells. These Substance are referred as Carcinogenic.
- It is believed that all cells Carry certain Cancer producing oncogenes.
- The genes that Cause tumors to form are known as Oncogenes.

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Classification of Cancer:-

A tumor can be either benign or malignant.

Benign tumor: A tumor that remains confined to its original location, neither invading surrounding normal tissue nor spreading to distant body sites. It is known as benign tumor. For example: skin warts.

Malignant tumor: A tumor which is capable of both invading surrounding normal tissue and spreading (metastasis) throughout the body via the circulatory or lymphatic system. It is known as malignant tumor.

— only malignant tumors are properly referred to as cancer.

— pathologically, cancers are classified into three categories:

① Carcinomas:-

This type of cancer arises from epithelial cells or ectodermal tissues lining the internal surface of the various organs.

For Example:- Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, Skin Cancer, brain Cancer, Cancer of internal surface of the various organs.

② Sarcomas:-

These cancers arise from connective and muscular tissue derived from mesoderm.

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For Example:- Bone tumours, muscle tumours, Cancer of Lymph nodes.

③ Lymphomas or Leukemia:-

- It is the malignant growth of leucocytes (WBC)
- Person affected with this Cancer show the excessive production of Leucocytes (blood cancer) and Cancer of bone marrow.

Etiology of Cancer:-

① Environmental factors:-

- Tobacco, Smokes, diets, environmental pollutants etc.
- Heavy Smoking Cause Lungs, oral Cavity and Oesophagus Cancer.
- Excessive intake of alcohol Cause liver Cancers.

② Chemical Carcinogens:-

- Nickel Compound, Cadmium, arsenic, nitrosamine, trichloroethylene, arylamines, benzopyrene, aflatoxins reactive oxygen radical etc.

③ Physical Carcinogens:-

UV rays (ultraviolet),
gamma rays)

Ionizing radiation (x-ray and

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④ Biological Carcinogens:-

- Virus: has also been associated with various type of Cancers. These virus are called oncoviruses.
- Bacteria: *Helicobacter pylori*.

⑤ Endogenous factors:-

Mutation, change in DNA replication, metabolic reaction generating, reactive oxygen radicals, immune system defects, Ageing.

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① Initiation

- Mutation: Genetic changes in normal cells that start the cancer process.

② Promotion:

- Cell Growth: Mutated cells are stimulated to grow and divide uncontrollably due to various factors e.g. Chronic inflammation, hormonal change.

③ Progression:

- Advanced changes: Accumulation of additional mutations leads to more aggressive and invasive cancer. Cells may acquire the ability to invade surrounding tissue and spread to other parts of the body (metastasis).

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④ Metastasis:-

- Spread: Cancer Cells break away from the original tumor, travel through blood or lymphatic system and form new tumors in other organs or tissue.

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