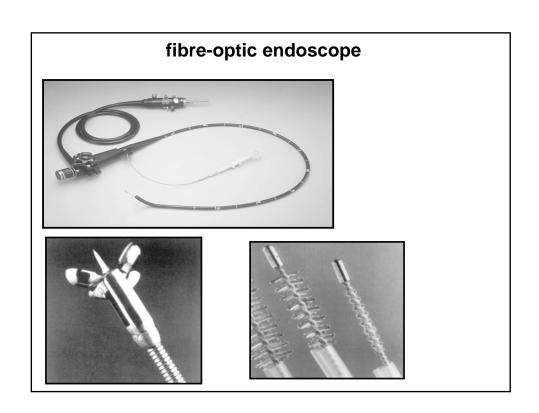


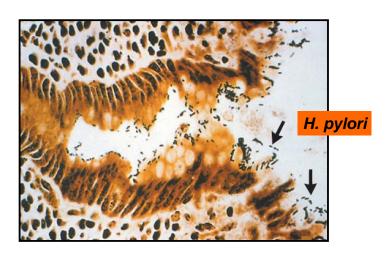
Serology an unreliable indicator of infection because of the high carrier rate of *H. pylori* in the general population: 20% of people are carriers by the age of 30, and 50% by the age of 60 higher carrier rates occur in patients with active gastritis and duodenal ulcer (about 95%) and with gastric ulcer (75%) the prevalence rates are falling in the UK, probably because of improving hygiene the high rate of gastric cancer in Peru is associated with a 50% prevalence of *H. pylori* in infants from poor families, and 60% of children by age 10 years, whereas juvenile infection is uncommon in the UK and the gastric cancer rate is much lower



tests for Helicobacter pylori Infection

Test	Advantages	Disadvantages	
Nonendoscopic			
Serologic test	Widely available; the least expensive of available tests	Positive result may reflect previous rather than current in- fection; not recommended for confirming eradication	
Urea breath test	High negative and positive predictive values; useful before and after treatment	False negative results possible in the presence of PPIs or with recent use of antibiotics or bismuth preparations; considerable resources and personnel required to perform test	
Fecal antigen test	High negative and positive predictive values with monoclonal-antibody test; useful before and after treatment	Process of stool collection may be distasteful to patient; false negative results possible in the presence of PPIs or with recent use of antibiotics or bismuth preparations	
Endoscopic			
Urease-based tests	Rapid, inexpensive, and accurate in selected patients	False negative results possible in the presence of PPIs or with recent use of antibiotics or bismuth preparation	
Histologic assessment	Good sensitivity and specificity	Requires trained personnel	
Culture	Excellent specificity; provides opportunity to test for antibiotic sensitivity	Variable sensitivity; requires trained staff and properly equipped facilities	

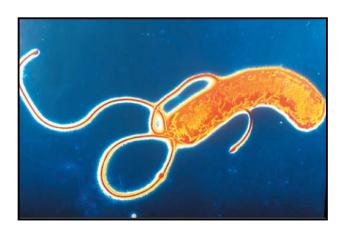
Gastric-Biopsy Specimen Showing *Helicobacter pylori*Adhering to Gastric Epithelium and Underlying Inflammation



Helicobacter pylori

- first identified in the early 1980s
- ☐ Gram-negative, multi-flagellate ,spiral, micro-aerophilic bacterium, which appears to be an obligate parasite of gastric epithelium
- found only on gastric epithelium under the mucus layer and on areas of gastric-type epithelium that sometimes occur in the duodenum
- the powerful flagellae that help it to penetrate the mucus, and survives in the hostile gastric environment partly because of the bicarbonate-laden mucus and partly by the action of bacterial urease to produce ammonia
- implicated in: chronic active gastritis, non-ulcer dyspepsia, peptic ulcer, gastric cancer and a rare low-grade lymphoma (MALT [mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue] lymphoma

Helicobacter pylori

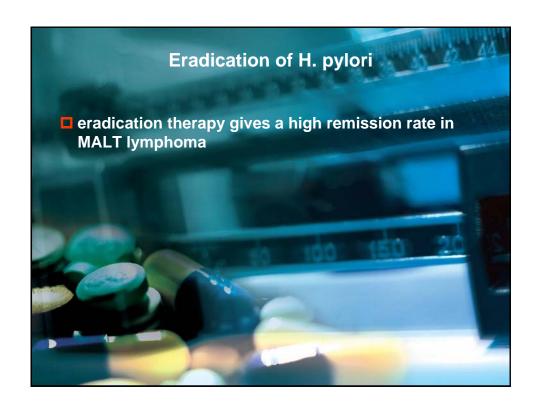


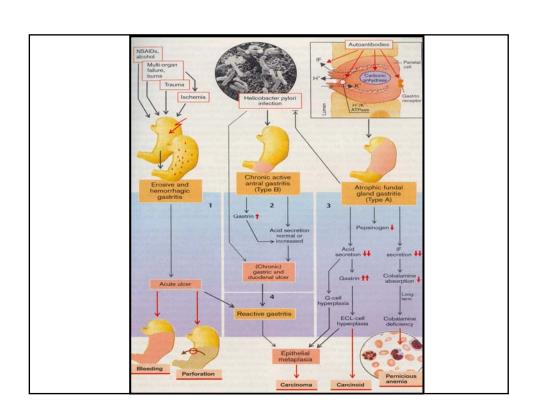
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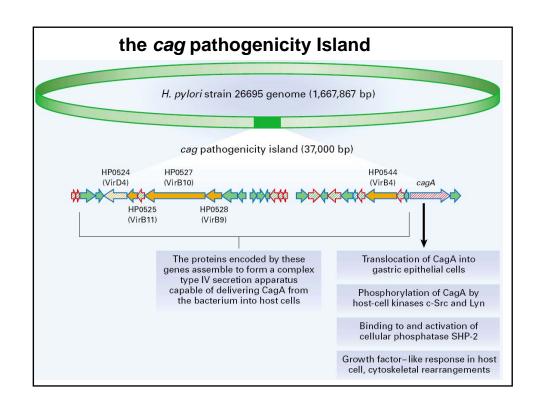
- Helicobacter infection has not been proven unequivocally to be the prime cause of gastritis and gastro-duodenal ulceration, the circumstantial evidence is very strong:
- gastritis developed in two early research workers with previously normal gastric mucosa after deliberate self-infection
- ✓ the presence of the organism in 95% of symptomatic patients
- resolution of symptoms when the organism is eradicated
- eradication of the organism results in longer remissions (up to 4 years in duodenal ulcer disease), than does simple suppression of acid production

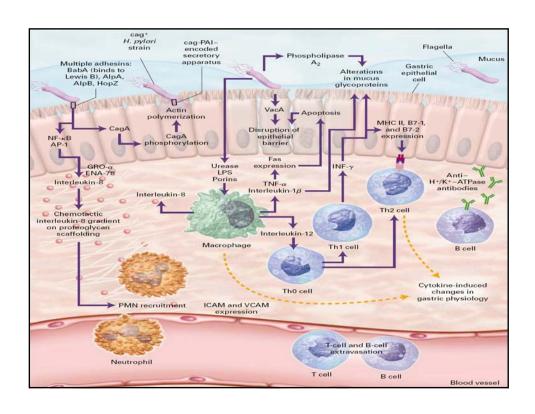
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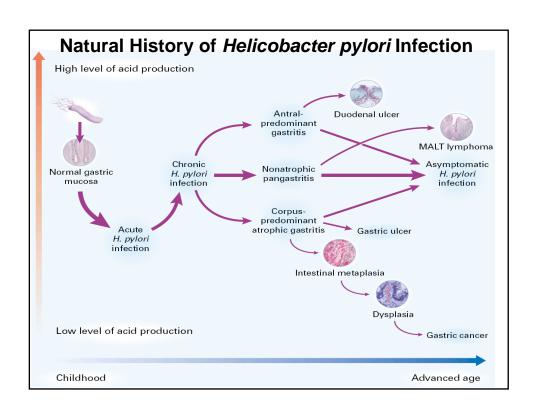
- the presence of mucosal changes in asymptomatic carriers, and association with a series of pre-malignant gastric changes
- ✓ H. pylori causes:
 - local cytokine release, e.g. IL-6 and IL-8, and so recruitment of inflammatory cells
 - suppression of somatostatin release and stimulation of histamine levels
- the sum of these effects causes increased acid production, which produces gastric meta-plasia in the duodenum, duodenal colonization with H. pylori, and duodenal ulcer

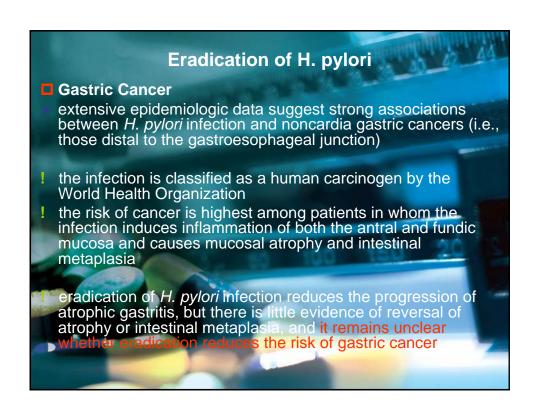












Guidelines for Evaluation and Management of Helicobacter pylori Infection

American College of Gastroenterology

Maastricht III Consensus Report

Criteria for testing

Active gastric or duodenal ulcer, his- Same as American College of Gastrotory of active gastric or duodenal ulcer not previously treated for H. pylori infection, gastric MALT lymphoma, history of endoscopic resection of early gastric cancer, or uninvestigated dyspepsia

enterology criteria, with the following additional criteria: gastric cancer in first-degree relative, atrophic gastritis, unexplained iron-deficiency anemia, or chronic idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura

Criteria for test-and-treat strategy

Age <55 yr and no alarm symptoms \(\) Age <45 yr and no alarm symptoms \(\)

Duration of therapy

10-14 Days

7 Days

- † Eradication of H. pylori in patients with chronic idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura has been reported to increase the platelet count, although the data are limited.
- ‡The age cutoff varies among countries, depending on the prevalence of upper
- § Alarm symptoms include dysphagia, weight loss, evidence of gastrointestinal bleeding, and persistent vomiting

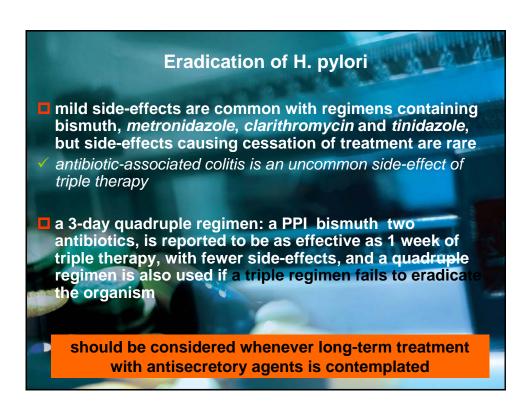
Eradication of H. pylori this is usually using triple therapy with a PPI plus antibiotics, or bismuth chelate plus antibiotics, there are six different, though similar, regimens but none has been proved superior ? it is unclear why a PPI is included as there have been reports of success with antibiotics alone ! it may minimize further damage to a pre-existing ulcer and provide superior conditions for ulcer healing dual therapy regimens comprising a PPI and a single antibiotic are not recommended, because resistance is common

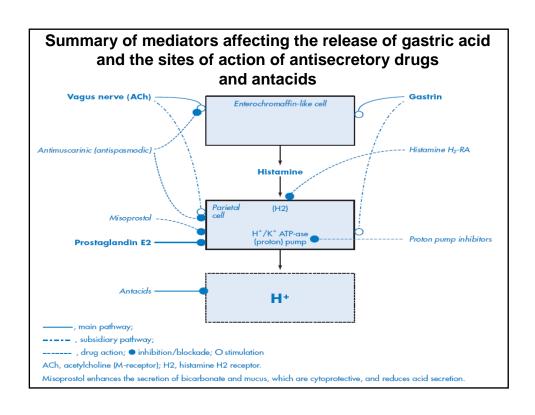
drug regimens f	for He	elicobac	ter pylori eradication
Treatment for 1–2 weeks wit	th any of	the triple regi	mens given below
Antisecretory			Antibiotic combination
Esomeprazole or Pantoprazole or Rabeprazole		PLUS	Amoxicillin + clarithromycin or Clarithromycin + metronidazole
Lansoprazole or Omeprazole or Ranitidine bismuth citrate	}	PLUS	Amoxicillin + clarithromycin or Amoxicillin + metronidazole ^(a) or Clarithromycin + metronidazole
Treatment for 3 days with a	quadrup	le regimen, e.	g.
Lansoprazole + clarithromy	cin + me	tronidazole +	bismuth subcitrate
(a) The combination of amoxicillin and	d metronidaz	zole is slightly less	effective than the others.

eradication of H. pylori

- one week of triple therapy is usually adequate, but 2 weeks' treatment has eliminated the bacteria in 91% of patients in one trial, with no relapse within a year
- these longer regimens are often associated with more sideeffect and compliance problems
- other trials have demonstrated protection against relapse in duodenal ulcer for up to 4 years
- the recommended duration of triple therapy is typically 10 to 14 days in the United States and 7 days in Europe
 - a recent meta-analysis of 21 randomized trials showed that the rate of eradication increased by:
- 4 % points with the use of triple therapy for 10 days as compared with 7 days
- 5 % points with the use of triple therapy for 14 days as compare with 7 days
- absolute differences that are statistically significant but of marginal clinical significance

Eradication of H. pylori Amoxicillin, nitroimidazole and clarithromycin resistance has been reported, and this is transmissible to other bacteria regimens using amoxicillin plus either clarithromycin or metronidazole (some clinicians use tinidazole) are suitable for use in the community, but those combining clarithromycin or metronidazole without amoxicillin are best managed by hospital consultants with testing for resistance and eradication on site resistance testing should preferably be done before treating: this requires endoscopy with biopsy and laboratory culture







another possible initial therapy in areas with a high prevalence of clarithromycin-resistant *H. pylori* infection (i.e., >20%) is quadruple therapy comprising the use of a proton-pump inhibitor, tetracycline, metronidazole, and a bismuth salt for 10 to 14 days; however, bismuth salts are not available in some countries, including the United States

a recent meta-analysis of 93 studies showed a higher rate of eradication with quadruple therapy that included both clarithromycin and metronidazole than with triple therapy that included both these agents in populations with either clarithromycin or metronidazole resistance

Eradication of H. pylori alternative initial regimen is 10-day sequential therapy, involving a proton-pump inhibitor plus amoxicillin for 5 days followed by a proton-pump inhibitor plus clarithromycin and tinidazole for 5 more days this regimen was reported to achieve an eradication rate of 93%, as compared with a rate of 77% with standard triple therapy, in a meta-analysis of 10 randomized trials in Italy in a trial in Spain, the eradication rate among patients randomly assigned to receive sequential therapy was only 84%, indicating a need to confirm its efficacy before it is used widely

Standard initial treatment (use one of the following three options)

Triple therapy for 7–14 days

PPI, healing dose twice/day*

Amoxicillin, 1 g twice/day†

Clarithromycin, 500 mg twice/day

Quadruple therapy for 10–14 days‡

PPI, healing dose twice/day*

Tripotassium dicitratobismuthate, 120 mg four times/day

Tetracycline, 500 mg four times/day

Metronidazole, 250 mg four times/day§

Sequential therapy

Days 1–5

PPI, healing dose twice/day*

Amoxicillin, 1 g twice/day

Days 6–10

PPI, healing dose twice/day*

Clarithromycin, 500 mg twice/day

Tinidazole, 500 mg twice/day§

* Examples of healing doses of proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs) include the following regimens, all twice per day: omeprazole at a dose of 20 mg, esomeprazole at a dose of 20 mg, rabeprazole at a dose of 20 mg, pantoprazole at a dose of 40 mg, and lansoprazole at a dose of 30 mg. In some studies, esomeprazole has been given at a dose of 40 mg once per day.

† If the patient has an allergy to amoxicillin, substitute metronidazole (at a dose of 500 mg or 400 mg) twice per day and (in initial triple therapy only) use clarithromycin at reduced dose of 250 mg twice per day.

‡ Quadruple therapy is appropriate as first-line treatment in areas in which the prevalence of resistance to clarithromycin or metronidazole is high (>20%) or in patients with recent or repeated exposure to clarithromycin or metronidazole.
§ Alcohol should be avoided during treatment with metronidazole or tinidazole, owing to the potential for a reaction resembling the reaction to disulfiram with alcohol use.

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Second-line therapy, if triple therapy involving clarithromycin was used initially (use one or the other)

Triple therapy for 7–14 days

PPI, healing dose once/day*

Amoxicillin, 1 g twice/day

Metronidazole, 500 mg (or 400 mg) twice/day§

Quadruple therapy, as recommended for initial therapy

Eradication of H. pylori

- Confirmation of Eradication
- ✓ in patients who have had an H. pylori—associated ulcer or gastric MALT lymphoma or who have undergone resection for early gastric cancer
- avoid repeated treatment of patients whose symptoms are not attributable to *H. pylori*, follow-up testing is indicated in patients whose symptoms persist after *H. pylori* eradication treatment for dyspepsia
- by means of a urea breath test or fecal antigen test; these are performed 4 weeks or longer after completion of therapy, to avoid false negative results due to suppression of *H. pylori*
- can also be confirmed by testing during repeat endoscopy for patients in whom endoscopy is required

Eradication of H. pylori

- Management of Persistent Infection after Treatment
- first: to confirm that the infection is still present and consider whether additional antimicrobial treatment is appropriate
- further attempts at eradication are indicated in patients with confirmed ulcer or gastric MALT lymphoma or after resection for early gastric cancer
- if the initial therapy was for uninvestigated dyspepsia, which is associated with a low likelihood of underlying ulcer and symptomatic benefit from eradication, the appropriateness of further eradication therapy is unclear; data from studies designed to determine the optimal management of such
- cases are lacking

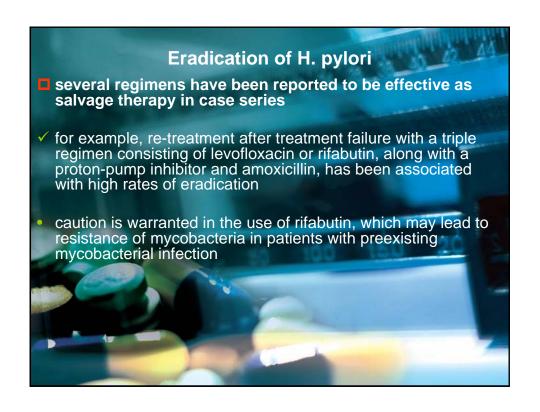
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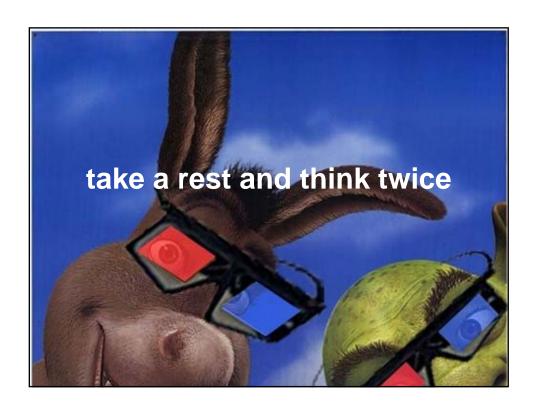
- options for treatment include empirical acid-inhibitory therapy, endoscopy to check for underlying ulcer or another cause of symptoms, and repeat use of the noninvasive test-and treat strategy
- the possibility that symptoms may be due to a different cause (e.g., biliary tract, pancreatic, musculoskeletal, or cardiac disease or psychosocial stress) should routinely be considered

if another course of therapy is administered to eradicate *H. pylori* infection, the importance of adherence to the treatment regimen should be emphasized, since poor adherence may underlie the failure of initial therapy

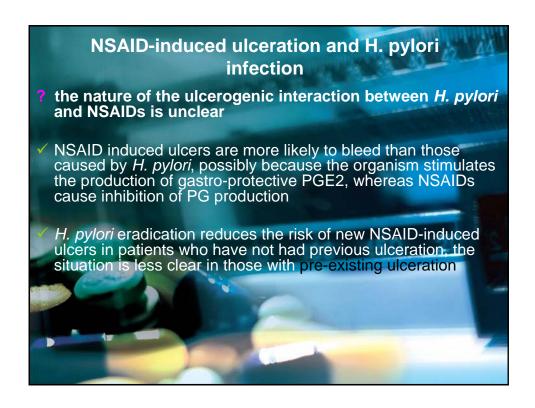
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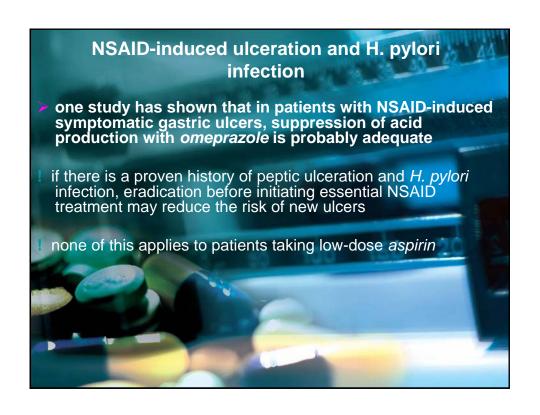
- the choice of second-line treatment is influenced by the initial treatment:
- reatment failure is often related to *H. pylori* resistance to clarithromycin or metronidazole (or both agents)
- if initial therapy did not include bismuth salt, bismuth-based quadruple therapy is commonly used as second-line therapy, with eradication rates in case series ranging from 57 to 95%
- triple therapies have also been tested as second-line therapies in patients in whom initial therapy failed
- a proton-pump inhibitor used in combination with metronidazole and either amoxicillin or tetracycline is recommended in patients previously treated with a proton-
- pump inhibitor, amoxicillin, and clarithromycin
- clarithromycin should be avoided as part of second-line therapy unless resistance testing confirms that the *H. pylori* strain is susceptible to the drug

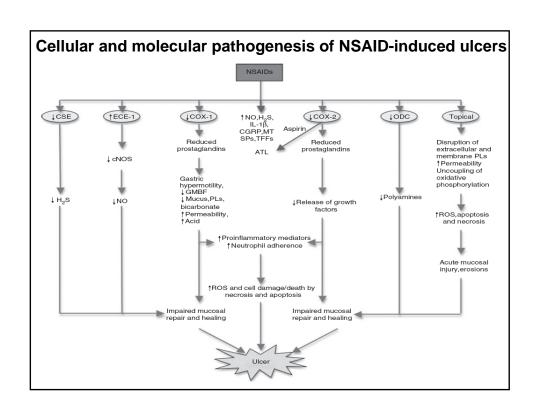




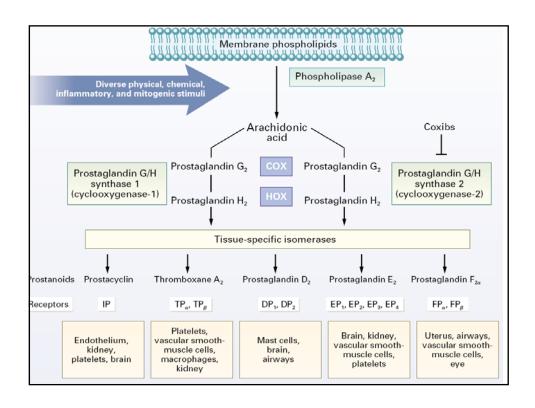


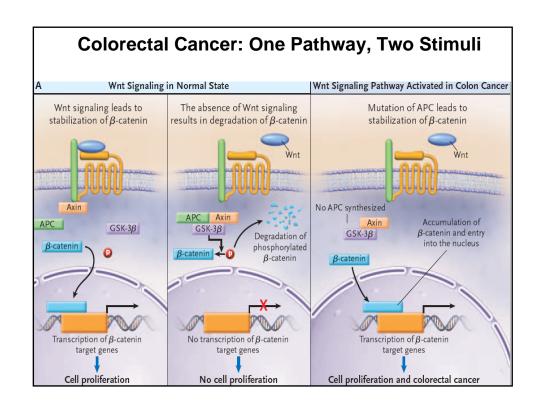


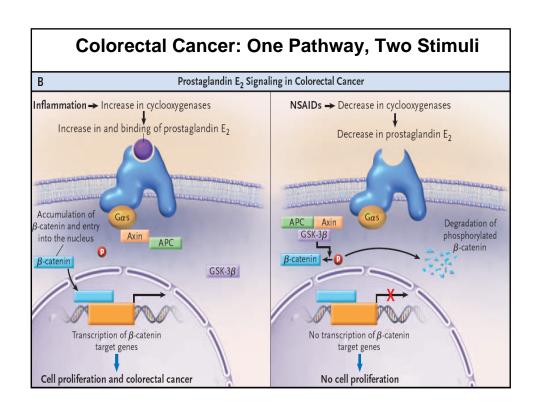




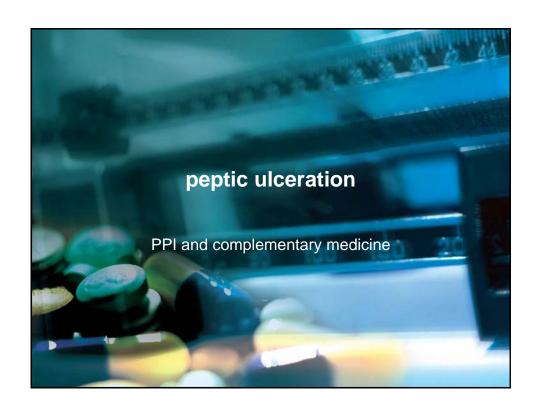
gastrointestinal ulcers							
Protein	Abbreviation	Function	NSAID effect	Mechanism of apoptosis			
Tumour necrosis factor alpha	TNF−α	Induces apoptosis when bound to TNFR I and II	Upregulates levels	Direct activation of effector caspases or indirect activation of mitochondrial apoptotic pathway			
Caspase 8		Initiator caspase	Activation	Cytochrome c release and sequential activation of caspases-9, and effector caspases			
Caspase 9		Initiator caspase	Activation	Activation of effector caspases Mediates Smac-induced apoptosis			
Cytochrome c		Promotes apoptosis	† Release via †mitochondrial permeability	Sequential activation of initiator caspase-9 and effector caspases			
Second mitochondria- derived activator of caspase	Smac	Promotes apoptosis	Induces release	Activation of effector caspases			
Apoptosis inducing factor	AIF	Promotes caspase- independent apoptosis	† Release via †mitochondrial permeability	Caspase-independent apoptosis-like cell death			
Nuclear factor kappa-B	$NF-\kappa B$	Promotes cell survival		Activation of effector caspase-3			
Survivin		Apoptosis inhibitor	↓ Levels	↑ Effector caspase-3 mediated apoptosis ↑ Caspase-independent apoptosis			
Ubiquitin proteosome system	UPS	Promotes cell survival	↓ Proteosome activity	Activation of caspase- 9 and effector caspase-3			
Protein kinase C-β1	PKC- β 1	Promotes cell survival	Downregulates expression	↓ Cell survival			
Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase	PARP	Mediates DNA repair	Cleavage	Enables effector caspase-3			
C/EBP homologous protein	СНОР	Controls development of apoptosis	Upregulates expression	Initiates apoptotic response			







Gastroprotective effect	Receptor/s (species)	COX-Isoform
Inhibit acid secretion	EP ₃ (mouse, rat) IP (mouse)	COX-1
Stimulate acid secretion	EP ₄ (rat)	
Stimulate mucus secretion	EP4 (rat)	
Stimulate bicarbonate secretion in stomach	EP ₁ (rat, mouse)	COX-1
Stimulate bicarbonate secretion in duodenum	EP4 (rat, human)	
Maintain mucosal surface hydrophobicity	? (mouse)	COX-1
Increase GMBF	$EP_2/EP_3/EP_4$ (rat), EP_1 (mouse)	COX-1
Facilitate CGRP-mediated hyperaemic response	EP ₂ , IP (rat)	
Suppress increased TNF-α expression	EP ₂ , EP ₄ (mouse)	COX-2
Inhibit neutrophil adherence and activation	EP ₂ /EP ₄	COX-2
Inhibit epithelial cell apoptosis	EP2/EP4 (guinea pig)	
Decrease gastric hypermotility	EP ₁ (rat)	COX-1
Decrease epithelial paracellular permeability	? (rat)	COX-1
Adaptive gastric cytoprotection	EP ₁ (rat, mouse)	
Accelerate restitution	? (rat, mouse)	COX-1, COX-
Accelerate ulcer healing	EP ₄ (mouse)	COX-2
Resist ischaemia /reperfusion	IP	COX-2



topic

- long-term safety concerns with protonpump inhibitors
- safety of concomitant use of proton pump inhibitors and clopidogrel
- gastric acidity inhibitors and the risk of intestinal infections
- probiotics and peptic ulceration

