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# GERD

## Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease



Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) continues to be among the most common diseases seen by gastroenterologists, and primary care physicians. GERD is the condition in which there is reflux of gastric contents into the esophagus. This causes symptoms and/or complications. It is characterized by mucosal injury seen at endoscopy and/or abnormal esophageal acid exposure demonstrated on a reflux monitoring study.

The pathophysiology of GERD includes a poor function of esophagogastric junction; the antireflux barrier composed of the LES and crural diaphragm, coupled with impaired esophageal clearance and alterations in esophageal mucosal integrity.

Typical symptoms of GERD include heartburn and regurgitation. Heartburn is the most common GERD symptom and is described as substernal burning sensation rising from the epigastrium up toward the neck. Regurgitation is the effortless return of gastric contents upward toward the mouth, often accompanied by an Acid or bitter taste.

Chest pain, indistinguishable from cardiac pain, may present in addition to Heart burn and regurgitation or as the only symptom. The symptoms of GERD are nonspecific and may overlap or confused with other disorders such as rumination, achalasia, eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), reflux hypersensitivity, functional disease, cardiac or pulmonary disease, and para esophageal hernia.

Extra esophageal manifestations of GERD can include laryngeal and pulmonary symptoms such as hoarseness, throat clearing, and chronic cough and conditions such as laryngitis, pharyngitis, and pulmonary fibrosis. GERD might exacerbate asthma also in some cases.

The diagnosis is based on a combination of symptom presentation, endoscopic evaluation of esophageal mucosa, reflux monitoring, and response to therapeutic intervention. Heartburn and regurgitation remain the most sensitive and specific symptoms for GERD, although not as reliable as one might believe. A systematic review found a variable sensitivity of heartburn and regurgitation for erosive esophagitis (EE) (30%-76%), with the specificity ranging from 62 to 96%. Upper endoscopy is the most widely used for evaluating the esophageal mucosa. For patients with GERD symptoms who also have alarm symptoms such as dysphagia, weight loss, bleeding, vomiting, and/or anemia, endoscopy should be performed as soon as feasible. The endoscopic findings of EE and Barrett's esophagus are specific for the diagnosis of GERD. Esophageal manometry can be used to assess motility abnormalities associated with GERD. A recently approved device for evaluation of GERD uses a catheter-based balloon lined by sensors that measure mucosal impedance during endoscopy.

Management of GERD requires a multifaceted approach. Common recommendations include weight loss for overweight patients, elevating the head of the bed, tobacco and alcohol cessation, avoidance of late night meals and bedtime snacks, staying upright during and after meals, and cessation of foods that potentially aggravate reflux symptoms such as coffee, chocolate, carbonated beverages, spicy foods, acidic foods such as citrus and tomatoes, and foods with high fat content.

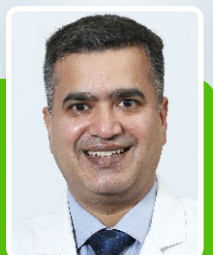
The backbone of pharmacologic therapy for GERD are medications that are directed at neutralization or reduction of gastric acid. Agents in this class include antacids, H2RA, and PPIs. PPIs are superior for heartburn and regurgitation relief, as well as improved healing compared with H2RAs. The addition of bedtime H2RA has been suggested for patients on PPIs with persistent nocturnal symptoms. Use of prokinetic agents has shown to increase LES pressure, enhance esophageal peristalsis, and augment gastric emptying.

GERD that fails to respond to medical therapy is valid indication for antireflux procedures, but one that requires meticulous pre procedure evaluation to achieve good surgical outcomes. Fundoplication, especially Nissen fundoplication, is widely regarded as the "gold standard" among the antireflux procedures for its efficacy in improving the physiologic parameters of GERD such as LES pressure and esophageal acid exposure time.

Laparoscopic antireflux surgery (LARS) has become the standard operative approach to fundoplication, essentially replacing open antireflux surgery. LINX Reflux Management System, a necklace of titanium beads with magnetic cores that encircles the distal esophagus to bolster the LES and prevent reflux, was developed as a less invasive and more readily reversible GERD treatment than fundoplication.

A number of endoscopic devices for treating GERD have been introduced. Presently, the only endoscopic GERD treatments still widely available are radiofrequency antireflux treatment (Stretta; Restech, Houston, TX) and TIF (endogastric solutions).

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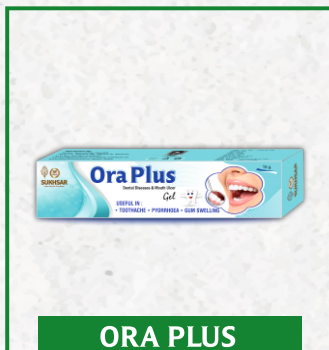
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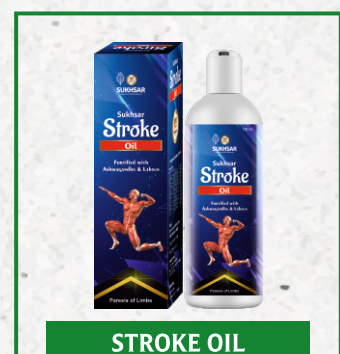
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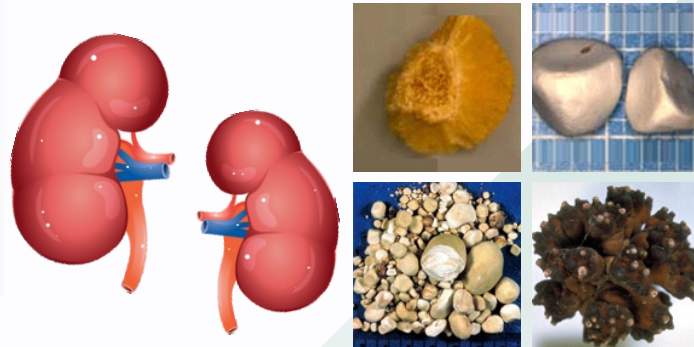
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# Kidney Stone EDUCATION



Human body possesses two Kidneys, one each on right and left side of abdomen. They act as a filter for blood, removing waste products from the body and making urine.

## WHAT IS KIDNEY STONE?

- The Kidney Stones are solid concretions or calculi (crystal aggregations) formed in the kidneys from dissolved urinary minerals.
- Historically, it is not a new world disease. Stones have been found in Egyptian mummy - 4800 BC.

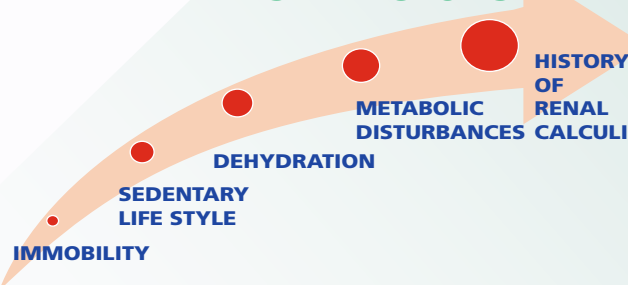
## PREVELANCE:

- 1 in 10 persons develop Kidney stones in life time.
- 5 - 10 % population is affected, 50 % of them have recurrence in next 5 to 10 yrs.
- It accounts for approximately 7-10 of every 1000 hospital admissions.
- Men are more commonly affected than women (approx. 3 times more!!!).
- It is more prevalent in hot and dry areas.
- Diet and Hereditary factors also play a role.
- Uncommon before age 20.
- Peak incidence in 4th - 6th decade.
- Prevalence and incidence directly correlate with weight and BMI.

## WHAT CAUSES KIDNEY STONES?

- Reasons can be different - wrong eating habits, overuse of certain drugs and medicines, genetic abnormalities, etc.
- Most important cause is poor intake of oral fluids.
- Genetics, diet, fluid intake, work environment, and even geographical location are all factors which influence the formation of stones.
- Kidney stones form when urine has too many crystal-forming chemicals and/or not enough substances that protect against crystal formation. If the crystals do not rapidly pass through the urinary tract, they can grow and form stones. When the volume of urine is too low, stone-forming materials become concentrated, helping to promote stones.
- Stones form when urine becomes supersaturated, due to one of the following reasons
  1. Decreased urine volume
  2. Abnormal urine pH
  3. Absence of inhibitors
  4. Infection

## RISK FACTORS



## WHAT HAPPENS TO A KIDNEY STONE, ONCE FORMED?

- Once a stone is formed, it cannot be dissolved by ANY MEANS.
- It will fall from its origin and pass through the system and come out of urine; or it may get stuck up at any point in the system and may require intervention or surgery.
- When a stone breaks loose from the place it formed on, it falls into the urine collecting system and may attempt to pass through into the bladder.
- Small stones, less than 5mm in size, usually pass through.
- Those above 10 mm usually do not.
- Between 5-10 mm, a patient may require medical treatment/intervention to promote stone expulsion (known as MET or Medical Expulsive Therapy).
- Whenever a stone attempts to pass, it can produce extreme pain/bleeding and/or obstruction of the kidney it is passing from.
- Pain is what most often signals stone disease to a patient.

## TREATMENT

- Stones which do not fall and cause symptoms need treatment.
- Treatment modalities include MET, Endoscopic surgery and Open Surgery.
- Modalities are chosen as per patient and stone status, stone burden, stone location and other various factors.
- All modalities are safe in Experienced Hands. Please consult your Urologist for all stone related issues.

## CAN KIDNEY STONES BE PREVENTED?

- Yes, kidney stones can be prevented! During the last many years, treatment plans incorporating diet, fluids, and medications have been developed to prevent or stall the formation of new stones.
- The primary treatments have been proven in controlled clinical trials. Your preventative treatment may consist of fluid, diet, and/or medications. It is then up to you to follow your treatment every day. Fluid and diet changes are just as essential as any medications your doctor may prescribe. Stopping your treatment will cause your chemistries to go back to a stone forming state within DAYS.

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# PAE (Prostatic Artery Embolisation)

Prostatic Artery Embolisation is a cutting-edge procedure performed to help improve urinary symptoms caused by an enlarged prostate without the risk of sexual side effects.

Prostate Artery embolisation is performed through a small puncture in the groin a catheter is inserted through the artery and directed towards the prostate.

Once the catheter is positioned in the prostatic artery supplying blood to the prostate tiny particles called microspheres are injected that plug up the artery blocking blood flow. A solution containing thousands of microscopic plastic beads is injected. These block the blood supply by shutting down blood flow to the prostate. All this is accomplished through a tiny quarter inch hole in the groin.

The procedure can take anywhere from 1 to 3 hours, depending on the location & size of the prostatic arteries. PAE blocks blood flow to the areas of the prostate that are most affected by benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) resulting in death or necrosis of isolated areas.

## How Successful is PAE

PAE has high success rate with over 90% men experience relief within 6 months & **100% relief in 1 year**, unlike other treatments that may have unwanted side effects like **retrograde ejaculation meaning semen does not come out and his partner does not get sexual satisfaction. PAE also does not effect sexual performance.**

## What happens to Prostate after PAE ?

Following PAE, the prostate gland is starved of its blood supply and therefore shrinks down in size. This allows the urethra to open up and urine to flow normally.

Is PAE Safe ?

**PAE is 100% safe** as compared to all other procedures like- Laser TURP or Bipolar TURP

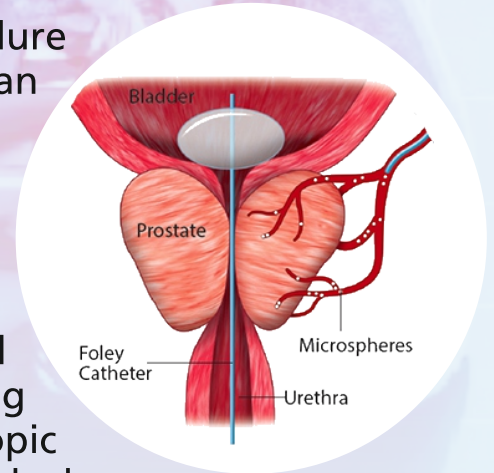
**After other Procedures patients has to take Dutasteride tab 0.5 mg life long** to prevent the prostate cells from multiplying and growing into cancer cells.

## Prostate Cancer :

About 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his life time about 6 cases in 10 are diagnosed in men after 65 or older. **After PAE there is no risk of developing prostate cancer.**

**No medications are required to be taken after PAE unlike.**

Patients who have not got done PAE. They have to take medication life long, even if he has undergone laser TURP or Bipolar TURP.

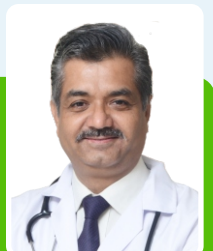


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