

# Dumping early and late dumping syndrome even though



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Dumping Syndrome This, (van Beek et al., 2016) is a collection of symptoms that occur due to the disruption of the length of the GI tract usually after oesophageal, gastric or bariatric surgery. As the name suggests it is due to the rapid transition of nutrients through the shortened tract into the small intestine. It is conveniently divided into early and late dumping syndrome even though patients can have both. Early dumping syndrome usually occurs within an hour of ingestion due to the hyperosmolarity of food in the small intestine, fluid shifts from plasma to lumen of the intestine resulting in low blood pressure and a compensating sympathetic response.

Patients will typically have GI symptoms such as abdominal pain, bloating, rumbling noises, nausea and diarrhoea and vasomotor symptoms such as tiredness, especially after meals, palpitations, flushing, low blood pressure, increased heart rate and sometimes even syncope. Late dumping syndrome occurs a bit later about 1-3 hours after a meal and is mainly due to production of incretin which increases insulin especially after a carbohydrate diet resulting in hypoglycaemia. The patient will complain of fatigue, weakness, hunger, syncope, sweating, palpitations and tremors. In people with hypoglycaemic unawareness diagnosis might prove difficult. Copied from (van Beek et al.

, 2016) A high index of suspicion for susceptible patients presenting with the above symptoms is needed for diagnosis. Several questionnaires have even been developed for this condition such as:- Sigstad's score which separates patients post peptic ulcer surgery to diagnose postoperative dumping syndrome -Arts dumping questionnaire which helps differentiate between early and late dumping syndrome. -Visual Analogue Score which evaluates patients with  
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dumpingsyndrome after gastrectomy for gastric cancer, Provocative testing with OGTT mixed meal tolerance test are used in some countries although the former has low diagnostic accuracy and is not supported by the Endocrine society and the former needs further validation and standardisation of normal values for healthy people. A study, (Emous et al., 2017), found the prevalence of early and late dumping syndrome to be 18.8% and 11.

7% respectively after primary gastric bypass surgery and were associated with significant reduced Quality of Life. Management, (van Beek et al., 2016), should include modifying the diet for at least 3-4 weeks, adding acarbose for patients with hypoglycaemia after eating. Second line treatment would be to introduce somatostatin analogue therapy especially with severe incapacitating symptoms. In treatment resistant cases then surgical intervention or gastric/enteral feeding might need to be considered. Copied from (van Beek et al., 2016)