

Chapter 1 : Cholestasis of Pregnancy: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment

Cholestasis of pregnancy is a condition in which the normal flow of bile in the gallbladder is affected by the high amounts of pregnancy hormones.

After the gallbladder removal the physiology of gallbladder bile formation is changed. Absence of the gallbladder leads to development of functional biliary hypertension and dilatation of common bile duct and the common hepatic duct. The dilatation of right and left hepatic ducts may be formed within years after cholecystectomy. During this period in some patients this is accompanied by chronic pancreatitis progression, dysfunction of the sphincter of Oddi and duodeno-gastral reflux. Therefore, depending on dysfunction hyper tonus or relaxation hypo tonus of the sphincter of Oddi, pathology in hepato-biliary-pancreato-duodenal-gastral zone will form after cholecystectomy. Postcholecystectomy syndrome is a dysfunction of the sphincter of Oddi, caused by noncalculous obstructive disorder, which decrease bile passage and pancreatic juice outflow into the duodenum. The sphincter of Oddi incompetence is accompanied by increased hepatic bile passage into the duodenum and formation of duodeno-gastral reflux. Causes of the biliary pain and chronic inflammation in the biliary tract and the sphincter of Oddi Pathology of the smooth muscle cells and epithelial cells in the biliary tract high degree of COX-2 expression in the smooth muscle cells and epithelial cells of the bile ducts and the sphincter of Oddi. Hypersecretion of glycoprotein biliary mucin into bile ducts lumen high degree of COX-2 expression in the epithelial cells of the bile ducts. Increased basal common bile duct resistance high degree of COX-2 expression in the smooth muscle cells of the sphincter of Oddi. Mechanism of development of pathologic disorders Absence of the gallbladder leads to surplus passage of hepatic bile only into the duodenum and increases frequency of gallbladder-independent enterohepatic circulation of bile acids. There is only gallbladder-independent enterohepatic circulation of bile acids in patients after cholecystectomy fig. Absence of the gallbladder after cholecystectomy causes the increase in passage of hepatic bile into the duodenum and the gallbladder-independent enterohepatic circulation of biliary cholesterol and bilirubin fig. Increase in the gallbladder-independent enterohepatic circulation of biliary cholesterol helps in increase of absorption of biliary cholesterol in the small intestine, the biliary cholesterol entering hepatocytes, and hypersecretion into hepatic bile fig. Increase in the gallbladder-dependent output of biliary cholesterol and in the concentration of total bile acids in duodenal bile cause causes the precipitation of cholesterol monohydrate crystals in the duodenum lumen in postcholecystectomic patients fig. Due to the sphincter of Oddi incompetence surplus hepatic bile passage into the duodenum causes formation of duodeno-gastral reflux and development of chronic atrophic bile-acid-dependent antral gastritis, often accompanied by intestinal metaplasia, and gastroduodenitis fig. Pathogenetic treatment of patients after cholecystectomy Accordingly, treatment for patients after cholecystectomy Postcholecystectomy syndrome is a dysfunction or incompetence of the sphincter of Oddi with biliary pain , aiming for the prophylactics of choledocholithiasis, duodeno-gastral reflux, antral atrophic bile-acid-dependent gastritis and chronic biliary pancreatitis includes Celecoxib - mg, 2 times a day after meal for days, after which Ursodeoxycholic acid - mg, once a day in the evening for 2 month. Celecoxib is a selective inhibitor of COX Inhibiting COX-2 activity in the smooth muscle cells of the biliary tract and the sphincter of Oddi it brings relief of the biliary pain within days, restoration of the passage of the hepatic bile into the duodenum. Celecoxib is a selective inhibitor of COX-2, inhibiting COX-2 activity in the epithelial cells of the biliary tract mucosa causes decrease in secretion of glycoprotein mucin into the biliary tract lumen, concentration of the glycoprotein biliary mucin in the hepatic bile and viscosity of hepatic bile, which prevents formation of biliary sludge and gallstones in the common hepatic duct and common bile duct. Low COX-2 activity in the epithelial cells and the smooth muscle cells of the biliary tract helps in lowering the risk of choledocholithiasis development. Ursodeoxycholic acid, is a hydrophilic hepatoprotective bile acid. Ursodeoxycholic acid, is a hydrophilic hepatoprotective bile acid, decreasing aggressive properties of bile, prevents development of duodeno-gastral reflux and chronic atrophic bile-acid-dependent antral gastritis, often accompanied by intestinal metaplasia, and gastroduodenitis. Celecoxib and Ursodeoxycholic acid,

pathogenetically blocking main mechanisms of gallstone formation, help in prophylactics of gallstone formation in the biliary tract, and lower the risk of development of choledocholithiasis and chronic biliary pancreatitis. Remission period is months. Contraindications for Ursodeoxycholic acid: This web page does not bear any legal responsibility for the use of the proposed treatment schemes without consulting your doctor. Extrahepatic biliary system diseases: Associated diseases of organs of duodenocholedochopancreatic zone. Radio and ultrasonic diagnosis of biliary tract diseases. Is biliary lithiasis associated with pancreatographic changes? Influence of age and biliary lithiasis on the diameter of the common bile duct. An update on the pathogenesis and treatment of cholesterol gallstones. Impaired gallbladder and gastric motility and pathological gastroesophageal reflux in gallstone patients. 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Lithocholic acid Bile salts constitute a large family of molecules, composed of a steroid structure with four rings, a five- or eight-carbon side-chain terminating in a carboxylic acid, and several hydroxyl groups, the number and orientation of which is different among the specific bile salts. The D-ring is smaller by one carbon than the other three. The structure is commonly drawn with A at the left and D at the right. The hydroxyl groups can be in either of two configurations: All bile acids have a 3-hydroxyl group, derived from the parent molecule, cholesterol, in which the 3-hydroxyl is beta. The four rings A-D form a sterane core. There are multiple steps in bile acid synthesis requiring 14 enzymes in all. This bile acid was first isolated from the domestic goose, from which the " cheno " portion of the name was derived. The term "cholan" denotes a particular steroid structure of 24 carbons, and the "oic acid" indicates that the carboxylic acid is found at position 24, at the end of the side-chain. Chenodeoxycholic acid is made by many species, and is the prototypic functional bile acid. CYP27A1 contributes significantly to total bile acid synthesis by catalyzing sterol side chain oxidation, after which cleavage of a three-carbon unit in the peroxisomes leads to formation of a C24 bile acid. Minor pathways initiated by hydroxylase in the liver and hydroxylase in the brain also may contribute to bile acid synthesis. As this had already been described, the discovery of chenodeoxycholic acid with 2 hydroxyl groups made this new bile acid a "deoxycholic acid" in that it had one fewer hydroxyl group than cholic acid. It is poorly water-soluble and rather toxic to cells. To avoid the problems associated with the production of lithocholic acid, most species add a third hydroxyl group to chenodeoxycholic acid. Over the course of vertebrate evolution, a number of positions have been chosen for placement of the third hydroxyl group. Ursodeoxycholic acid was first isolated from bear bile , which has been used medicinally for centuries.

Hormonal actions[edit] Bile acids also act as steroid hormones, secreted from the liver, absorbed from the intestine and having various direct metabolic actions in the body through the nuclear receptor Farnesoid X receptor FXR , also known by its gene name NR1H4. Many of their functions as signaling molecules in the liver and the intestines are by activating FXR, whereas TGR5 may be involved in metabolic, endocrine and neurological functions. Activation of FXR in the liver inhibits synthesis of bile acids, and is one mechanism of feedback control when bile acid levels are too high. Secondly, FXR activation by bile acids during absorption in the intestine increases transcription and synthesis of FGF19 , which then inhibits bile acid synthesis in the liver.

Chapter 3 : Postcholecystectomy syndrome

Biliary sludge develops when the flow of bile from the liver to the gallbladder slows down, causing bile acids to build up in the blood. Hormone changes play a major role in the development of cholestasis of pregnancy.

There is no direct 1: In fact there is a connection between poor digestion and methylation that involves the health and function of our gallbladder. As you will see the gallbladder plays a major role in optimum digestion and is directly related to methylation and MTHFR genes. Based on the biochemistry involved it is my opinion that the gallbladder is the most methylation-sensitive organ in our body. This might sound like a dramatic statement, but if you follow me through this article you will realize just how much methylation influences the health of our gallbladder. Gallbladder, Gut and Detoxification For starters we have to understand what bile is. Bile is basically soap. It performs nearly the exact same functions as your dish soap. Just like dish soap helps cut the grease and fats off your dishes, your bile helps break up the fats in your diet into small pieces. This process is often referred to as the emulsification function of bile – it literally acts like detergent on the fats we eat. Soap also rinses bacteria off your hands and bile rinses bacteria off the lining of your small intestine. Bile is made out of cholesterol, produced in the liver and sent into the gallbladder for storage. By the time bile is in the gallbladder it is a mixture of mainly water, bile salts, fats and half a dozen other minerals and salts. High stress lifestyles, low stomach acid, estrogen dominance, toxin and pesticide exposure can all stop the bile from being released. All these things hurt our methylation cycle, which in turn hurts the gallbladder. Gallbladder removal remains one of the most common surgeries performed every year, indicating that a lot of people unknowingly have a methylation problem that is slowly destroying their gallbladder. In addition to the ingredients listed above, bile does a few other things we might want to know about. You know that life-critical function that keeps our body clean and healthy? Yeah, the gallbladder is huge for that process. I describe the gallbladder like a fatty trash can, collecting all the garbage that our liver is trying to remove. When that trash can is emptied several times a day it stays pretty clean. But if you are like millions of people who have compromised methylation, then the gallbladder trash can will get pretty sick and inflamed as it stews and soaks in toxic garbage. What ends up in the gallbladder is some pretty toxic stuff. The bile contains xenobiotics bisphenol A, flame retardants, pesticides, glyphosate, etc. Many of these compounds like estrogen, mercury, and GMO pesticides require methylation to be fully detoxified. People with MTHFR genetics and an imbalanced methylation cycle are going to run out of methyl groups faster than other people. Here is how that works. As long as the bile is runny and healthy like dish soap think about how slippery your soap is! That will make sure the toxins our liver is trying to remove leave our body in short order during the digestive process. Unfortunately, bile often gets very thick and becomes too sticky. Estrogen is notorious for causing gallbladder problems and women are far more susceptible to gallbladder stones than men. The estrogen women make and the estrogen women take must be removed, via methylation, through the gallbladder. The more estrogen that ends up inside our bodies the more methyl groups and B-vitamins we will need to get rid of it. A whole lot of estrogen pregnancy, toxins, birth control pills for years, etc. But as you know not everyone can methylate in an optimum way and not everyone has good absorption of B-vitamins from their diet – these people will develop gallbladder problems unless they balance their digestion and methylation. The vast majority of all our hormones, including estrogen, are removed by the liver. Methylation problems will cause the liver to run out of methyl groups quicker, and force it to use sugar to try to complete the phase 2 detox process – something science calls glucuronidation meaning to glue together with glucose. I have no more methyl groups or sulfate groups to waste on estrogen detox, so we will now use sugar because I have plenty of that. Bile should not be sticky! When the liver shifts over to sugar for detoxification, the bile gets thick like molasses. The sugar being used to detoxify estrogen and other chemicals makes it so sticky that it gets sludgy. As the sticky, sludgy bile sits day after week after month after year, it begins to inflame and damage the gallbladder. This is when bile gets dehydrated, cholesterol starts to crystalize and the dreaded gallbladder stones begin to form. So the way we prevent this is through optimizing methylation by increasing taurine, phosphatidylcholine, folate, B12, and TMG. Taurine is produced by the methyl cycle, and when taurine is given to rats with gallbladder sludge, their

bile gets slippery again and rescues their liver from damage. Follow the advice you find below and you will be giving your gallbladder the methylation support it needs to take better care of your digestion. If more people took steps to support and protect their gallbladder, we would see a lot less SIBO, fewer surgeries, and a healthier group of people. Recommended Supplementation for Gallbladder Health: This protocol helps whether you still have your gallbladder or even if it has been surgically removed Lipo-Gen 2 tablets with each meal. This formula provides nutrients which help to the liver and gallbladder process fats more effectively and produce increased quantity of bile. This powerful formula combines significant levels of body-ready folate and easy-to-absorb vitamin B12 to support healthy SAME metabolism, methylation, and neurotransmitter synthesis for a balanced mood. Helps to support glutathione production in the liver and provides high doses of taurine to improve bile flow; also provides B6 which is necessary for multiple detoxification pathways inside the liver. Take this product right at the end of the meal. To find out what dose is best for you, please see the HCl stomach acid instructions page. Estrofactors promotes estrogen balance and relieves hormone-related symptoms by increasing methylation and detoxification of estrogen chemicals. Getting the supplements shipped to your door is very easy. Just follow the instructions below: You will find our prices are competitive with other outlets. The practitioner code is RedMountain. Metagenics batch tests every single raw ingredient. Meaning, they test every batch, every time before it is processed into a supplement. Once that starts, then your digestion can really fall apart. In the modern world of stress, toxins and malnutrition gallbladders are being destroyed at a rapid rate. Support methylation, keep the bile running, and your gut will thank you! Yours in Health, Dr. Rostenberg

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Chapter 4 : Actigall - FDA prescribing information, side effects and uses

Cholestasis is a condition where bile cannot flow from the liver to the blog.quintoapp.com two basic distinctions are an obstructive type of cholestasis where there is a mechanical blockage in the duct system that can occur from a gallstone or malignancy, and metabolic types of cholestasis which are disturbances in bile formation that can occur because of genetic defects or acquired as a side effect.

July 25, Stocksy Learn more about this condition of the liver, which causes intensely itchy hands and feet. But if you feel an extreme, intense itch on your hands and feet, be sure to see your doctor. Cholestasis is a rare but serious liver disorder that might be the cause. Cholestasis is a liver disorder that most often occurs late in pregnancy, typically during the third trimester. Fortunately, early diagnosis and active management by your doctor can help ensure you and your baby have a safe and healthy pregnancy and delivery. A quick biology lesson: Bile, excreted by the liver and stored in the gallbladder, helps your body break down fats into fatty acids that your intestines can absorb. Cholestasis is a condition that slows down the normal flow of bile into the gallbladder, resulting in a buildup of bile acids in the liver which in turn spills into the bloodstream, leading to intense itching. Extra estrogen can increase cholesterol levels in bile and decrease gallbladder contractions. This disease is often associated with a higher risk of cholestasis. If an immediate family member has had cholestasis during pregnancy, be sure to tell your doctor. A collection of small stone masses in the gallbladder caused by imbalances of bile pregnant women are also more at risk of gallstones due to increased estrogen levels can also be the culprit. Cholestasis is also more common in women carrying multiples and in those who have had previous liver damage. What are the symptoms of cholestasis? How is cholestasis diagnosed? What are the risks associated with cholestasis? With regular prenatal care and monitoring, your baby will likely not be affected during pregnancy and after delivery. Studies have found little increased risk to babies when their mothers have only mild cholestasis and low amounts of bile acids. How is cholestasis treated? You will most likely also have to be induced a bit early, in week 37 or The good news is that all of these symptoms disappear on their own within 48 hours after birth.

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Chapter 6 : Bile acid - Wikipedia

Bile acids are also useful for the medical treatment (dissolution) of gallstones by increasing bile acid and decreasing cholesterol concentrations in bile (causing a less saturated bile). Bile acids can also be useful as replacement therapy in patients with bile acid synthetic defects.

Actigall Description Actigall is a bile acid available as mg capsules suitable for oral administration. Actigall is ursodiol, USP ursodeoxycholic acid, a naturally occurring bile acid found in small quantities in normal human bile and in the biles of certain other mammals. It is a bitter-tasting, white powder freely soluble in ethanol, methanol, and glacial acetic acid; sparingly soluble in chloroform; slightly soluble in ether; and insoluble in water. Ursodiol, USP has a molecular weight of Its structure is shown below: Colloidal silicon dioxide, magnesium stearate, and starch corn. Gelatin capsules contain ferric oxide, gelatin, and titanium dioxide. The capsules are printed with edible ink containing black iron oxide. After absorption, ursodiol enters the portal vein and undergoes efficient extraction from portal blood by the liver i. Ursodiol in bile is concentrated in the gallbladder and expelled into the duodenum in gallbladder bile via the cystic and common ducts by gallbladder contractions provoked by physiologic responses to eating. Only small quantities of ursodiol appear in the systemic circulation and very small amounts are excreted into urine. Beyond conjugation, ursodiol is not altered or catabolized appreciably by the liver or intestinal mucosa. A small proportion of orally administered drug undergoes bacterial degradation with each cycle of enterohepatic circulation. Ursodiol can be both oxidized and reduced at the 7-carbon, yielding either 7-keto-lithocholic acid or lithocholic acid, respectively. Further, there is some bacterially catalyzed deconjugation of glyco- and tauro-ursodeoxycholic acid in the small bowel. Free ursodiol, 7-keto-lithocholic acid, and lithocholic acid are relatively insoluble in aqueous media and larger proportions of these compounds are lost from the distal gut into the feces. Reabsorbed free ursodiol is reconstituted by the liver. Absorbed 7-keto-lithocholic acid is stereospecifically reduced in the liver to chenodiol. Lithocholic acid causes cholestatic liver injury and can cause death from liver failure in certain species unable to form sulfate conjugates. Lithocholic acid is formed by 7-dehydroxylation of the dihydroxy bile acids ursodiol and chenodiol in the gut lumen. The 7-dehydroxylation reaction appears to be alpha-specific, i. Man has the capacity to sulfate lithocholic acid. Although liver injury has not been associated with ursodiol therapy, a reduced capacity to sulfate may exist in some individuals, but such a deficiency has not yet been clearly demonstrated. **Pharmacodynamics** Ursodiol suppresses hepatic synthesis and secretion of cholesterol, and also inhibits intestinal absorption of cholesterol. It appears to have little inhibitory effect on synthesis and secretion into bile of endogenous bile acids, and does not appear to affect secretion of phospholipids into bile. With repeated dosing, bile ursodeoxycholic acid concentrations reach a steady-state in about 3 weeks. Although insoluble in aqueous media, cholesterol can be solubilized in at least two different ways in the presence of dihydroxy bile acids. In addition to solubilizing cholesterol in micelles, ursodiol acts by an apparently unique mechanism to cause dispersion of cholesterol as liquid crystals in aqueous media. Thus, even though administration of high doses e. The overall effect of ursodiol is to increase the concentration level at which saturation of cholesterol occurs. The various actions of ursodiol combine to change the bile of patients with gallstones from cholesterol-precipitating to cholesterol-solubilizing, thus resulting in bile conducive to cholesterol stone dissolution. **Clinical Results Gallstone Dissolution** On the basis of clinical trial results in a total of patients with radiolucent gallstones treated in 8 studies three in the U. Age, sex, weight, degree of obesity, and serum cholesterol level are not related to the chance of stone dissolution with Actigall. A nonvisualizing gallbladder by oral cholecystogram prior to the initiation of therapy is not a contraindication to Actigall therapy the group of patients with nonvisualizing gallbladders in the Actigall studies had complete stone dissolution rates similar to the group of patients with visualizing gallbladders. However, gallbladder nonvisualization developing during ursodiol treatment predicts failure of complete stone dissolution and in such cases therapy should be discontinued. Of 16 patients in the U. Serial ultrasonographic examinations should be obtained to monitor for recurrence of stones, bearing in mind that radiolucency of the stones should be established before another course of Actigall is instituted. A prophylactic dose of Actigall has

not been established. Gallstone Prevention Two placebo-controlled, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, parallel group trials in a total of 1, obese patients were undertaken to evaluate Actigall in the prevention of gallstone formation in obese patients undergoing rapid weight loss. The trial drug treatment period was for 6 months following this surgery. Presumably the rate is higher for patients already having symptoms. Cholecystectomy For patients with symptomatic gallstones, surgery offers the advantage of immediate and permanent stone removal, but carries a high risk in some patients. The spectrum of surgical risk varies as a function of age and the presence of disease other than cholelithiasis. Mortality Rates for Cholecystectomy in the U.

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Bile acid concentration may rise as a result of cholestasis. Ultrasounds and radiographs may be done in order to identify any gallstone formation or ulcers that may be present in the duodenum of your canine.

Inability to digest certain foods
Cholestasis Treatments
1. Guar Gum Guar gum comes from the seed of the guar plant. It works as a binding and stabilizing agent to aid in cholestasis treatments. Research has shown that guar gum has the ability to prevent an increase in serum bile acids.
Milk Thistle Milk thistle works as a cholestasis treatment thanks to its ability to increase bile production and decrease inflammation. Studies have shown that milk thistle is an effective form of treatment in a variety of liver diseases, including cholestasis.
Activated Charcoal Activated charcoal has the ability to bind to chemicals and toxins in the body and flush them out before they have the chance to be absorbed. One study found that after eight days of treatment, activated charcoal lowered total bile acid concentrations in patients with ICP.
Dandelion Root Dandelion root is often used as a natural treatment for gallstones, one of the leading cholestasis causes. Research has shown that the vitamins and minerals dandelion root contains are able to help cleanse the liver and maintain the proper flow of bile. It helps activate and break down harmful chemicals. Studies have shown that SAMe has the ability to help metabolic pathways function properly to detox the metabolic system.
Vitamin K Unless the liver is severely damaged, Vitamin K can be used as a cholestasis treatment to help improve blood clotting. It reduces the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins that can cause a Vitamin K deficiency, which can lead to serious health complications, especially for pregnant women with cholestasis.
Vitamin D and Calcium Studies have shown that many patients with cholestatic liver disease also have metabolic bone disease. Vitamin D also plays an important role in calcium absorption. Spending time outdoors is the best way to increase Vitamin D levels.
Avoid Alcohol and Drugs Patients with cholestasis should avoid or stop using substances that are toxic to the liver, including alcohol and drugs. These substances can cause irreversible liver damage and worsen symptoms of cholestasis. Give these powerful cholestasis treatments a try!

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Ursodeoxycholic acid, though not licensed for use in pregnancy, is increasingly used in patients with obstetric cholestasis. 11 - 13 This hydrophilic bile acid was found to normalise the ratio of 3 β to 3 α hydroxysteroid in patients with obstetric cholestasis and decrease the accumulation of bile acids, in particular cholate, in the fetus.

Chapter 9 : 8 Natural Treatments of Cholestasis & Cholestasis of Pregnancy - Dr. Axe

Ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) is a naturally occurring bile acid that has been used to change the composition of bile in an effort to dissolve gallstones, and in the management of chronic cholestatic disorders. It also has been used as a therapy for intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy.