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GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

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Abdominal cavity

Boundaries :

Superiorly: the diaphragm.

Inferiorly: the pelvic cavity

Anteriorly: Anterior abdominal wall muscles.

Posteriorly: the lumbar vertebrae and abdominal

wall muscles.

Laterally: the lower ribs and parts of the muscles

of abdominal wall



Abdominal viscera



Abdominal viscera (greater omentum removed)

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Regions of Abdominal Area

Left Right Epihypochondriac hypochondriac gastric region region region Subcostal Plane (L 3) Right Left Umbilical lumbar lumbar region region region Intertubercular Plane (L 5) Нуро-Left Right iliac gastric iliac region region region **Midclavicular line**

THE PERITONEUM

Peritoneum is a serous membrane, which lines the abdominal cavity and is reflected over the viscera. The peritoneum has two layers; **parietal and visceral**, with peritoneal cavity in between.

The parietal layer lines the interior of the anterior and posterior abdominal walls, the lower surface of the diaphragm.

The visceral layer : surrounds the abdominal viscera .

Peritoneal folds

In the stomach,: the fold is named omentum *(lesser and greater OMENTUM)*

In the small intestine,: it is named *MESENTERY*.

In the large intestine,: it is named *MESO (mesoappendix, transverse mesocolon, sigmoid mesocoton).*

In the liver and spleen : the folds are named *LIGAMENTS*.



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THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

- DIGESTIVE TUBE
- The mouth cavity.
- The pharynx.
- The esophagus.
- The stomach.
- The small intestine.
- The large intestine.

DIGESTIVE GLANDS

- * The salivary glands.
- * The liver.
- * The pancreas.

The esophagus

- It is a muscular tube about 25 cm in length.
- It connects the pharynx with the stomach.
- It begins in the neck at the level of the 6th cervical vertebra, descends in the neck, thoracic cavity & in the abdomen.



The stomach

- It is widest part of the digestive tube.
- It lies in epigastrium, left hypochondrium & umbilical regions
- It has 2 ends:

Cardiac end:

- Connected with the esophagus.
- -It lies 1 inch to left of the midline
- -It is guarded by physiological sphincter

Pyloric end:

- Connected to the duodenum.
- It lies $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the right of the midline.
- It is guarded by anatomical sphincter (thick circular fibers)



- It has 2 surfaces: Anterior & posterior.
- <u>It has 2 curvatures</u>:
- Lesser curvature above & to the right.
- Greater curvature below & to the left.

4 Regions of the Stomach



The small intestine

- It is concerned with digestion & absorption of food.
- It is divided into 3 parts:
- 1) The duodenum
- 2) The jejunum.
- 3) The ileum.







Circular folds of jejunum



Circular folds of ileum

The large intestine

- It is concerned with absorption of water & minerals.
- It measures about 180 cm in length.
- It is characterized by the presence of:
- Haustrations (grooves) & Sacculations (it is divided into small sacs).
- **Teniae coli:** 3 muscular bands.
- Appendices epiploicae: small appendices filled with fat.



Components of the large intestine

- The caecum & vermiform appendix.
- The colon (ascending, transverse, descending & sigmoid), Right & left colic flexures.
- The rectum.
- The anal canal



Vermiform appendix:

- It is attached to the Caecum about one inch below the ileocaecal junction.
- It lies in the right inguinal region.
- It has a small fold of peritoneum (mesoappendix).
- It is supplied by appendicular branch of the ileocolic artery.
- It is very rich in lymphoid follicle (Tonsil of the abdomen).



The rectum

- Beginning : at the 3rd sacral vertebra as a continuation of the sigmoid colon
- Ends : 1.5 inches below & in front of the coccyx to become continuous with the anal canal.



The anal canal

- It begins one inch below & in front of the coccyx & is directed downwards & backwards.
- **Its upper part** is insensitive to general sensations (supplied by autonomic fibers).
- Its lower part is sensitive to general sensations (supplied by somatic fibers).



The liver

- It is largest organ in the body .
- It lies in the right hypochondrium, epigastrium & left hypochondrium.
- It is pyramidal in shape with an apex (to the left), a base (right lateral surface) & 4 surfaces: anterior, posterior, superior & inferior surfaces.



- It is divided into large right & small left lobe by the falciform ligament, fissure for ligamentum teres & fissure for ligamentum venosum.
- The right lobe contains 2 additional lobes;
 - Quadrate lobe (between the gall bladder & fissure for ligamentum teres).
 - Caudate lobe (between the groove of IVC & fissure for ligamentum venosum).
- Porta hepatis separates the caudate & quadrate lobes from each other.



coronary ligament left right lobe lobe falciform ligament gall bladder

ANTERIOR SURFACE OF LIVER



The biliary system

It consists of:

- Gall bladder
- Right & left hepatic ducts from the right & left lobes of the liver.
- They join to form common hepatic duct (CHD).
- CHD joins the cystic duct of the gall bladder & form together the common bile duct (CBD).
- CBD joins the main pancreatic duct forming hepato-pancreatic duct that opens in the middle of the second part of the duodenum.



The pancreas

- It is both exocrine & endocrine gland.
- The endocrine part secretes insulin & glucagon hormones which control glucose level in the blood.
- The exocrine part secretes digestive enzymes for proteins, carbohydrates & fat through the main & accessory pancreatic ducts.
- It lies on the posterior abdominal wall behind the stomach.
- It is divided into 4 parts: head, neck, body & tail.



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