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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

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## 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.


## Greater Omentum




## 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 $6^{\text {th }}$ 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 $1 / 2$ inch to the right of the midline.
- It is guarded by anatomical sphincter (thick circular fibers)

- It has 2 surfaces: Anterior \& posterior.
- It has 2 curvatures:
- 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 $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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.


Sigmoid colon
Rectal valve

Anal valve

## 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.




## ANTERIOR SURFACE OF LIVER



INFERIOR \& POSTERIOR SURFACES 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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