

Post-Gastrectomy Complications - An Overview

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Abstract

Post-gastrectomy complications have been the associated sequelae after curative gastrectomy for long time. They include a conundrum of symptoms ranging from serious metabolic alterations to disorders attributed to mechanical and neural factors after reconstruction of the digestive continuity. Though, with the advancement in the surgical expertise and techniques and shift towards medical and endoscopic management for benign gastro-duodenal ulcer disease, there has been a decline in the incidence of these complications; they continue to raise 'red flags' after major oncologic gastric resections. Identification of these symptoms and protocol-based management of the same is of utmost importance in the surgical armamentarium of trainees and practicing physicians and surgeons.

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