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# Foreword

From its inception, the *Textbook of Gastroenterology* was intended to provide an encyclopedic reference to the rapidly evolving science and practice of gastroenterology to practitioners who encountered patients with digestive and liver diseases and to researchers in the field. Recognizing the need to provide access to the essential elements of the *Textbook* in a more concise format that was optimized to provide information of particular usefulness to medical students, house officers and fellows, we undertook the editing of *Yamada's Handbook of Gastroenterology*. The success of the first two editions of the *Handbook* has provided evidence of its utility not only as a guide to those in training but also as a resource for practicing physicians.

Dr. John Inadomi, the Associate Editor, has carried forward the best elements of past editions and improved on them in the third edition of *Yamada's Handbook of Gastroenterology*, with important additions such as key practice points, case studies, management algorithms and questions and answers, all within fewer pages. Moreover, this edition is available in electronic format to make it more compatible with the needs of practicing physicians.

I am indebted to Dr. Inadomi and his contributing authors Drs. Renuka Bhattacharya, Jason Dominitz and Joo Ha Hwang for the enormous time and effort they put into making this edition so clear and complete and hope that these qualities provided to the reader will help them to deliver the best possible care to their patients.

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# Preface

On behalf of my co-authors, Drs. Bhattacharya, Dominitz and Hwang, I am pleased to introduce the third edition of *Yamada's Handbook of Gastroenterology*. *Yamada's Handbook* is based on the *Textbook of Gastroenterology* and *Principles of Clinical Gastroenterology* by Tadataka Yamada, and is divided into two major sections: symptom-based evaluation chapters and disease-based management chapters. In addition to updating the content for this version of *Yamada's Handbook*, Dr. Yamada challenged us to change the format for this version by incorporating pedagogical features that would enhance the learning experience for the reader. For this reason this version differs from previous editions of *Yamada's Handbook* by providing Key Practice Points, easily identified in "call-out boxes" in each chapter, which highlight the most important factors that guide clinical care. The case scenarios created for each chapter in Part I: "Approach to Patients with Gastrointestinal Symptoms" are accompanied by discussions that we hope will provide the context necessary to translate medical knowledge to clinical practice. Finally, we have written a series of questions, with detailed answers located in the back of *Yamada's Handbook*, that should provide a means to test and solidify the reader's knowledge base.

We hope *Yamada's Handbook of Gastroenterology* is a useful companion to the *Yamada Textbook of Gastroenterology* and *Principles of Clinical Gastroenterology*, especially for readers interested in a condensed reference guiding the care of patients with gastrointestinal and liver diseases. In addition, we expect that trainees of all levels will benefit from *Yamada's Handbook* by providing a solid foundation upon which they may build a comprehensive understanding of this exciting and rapidly evolving field of medicine.

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# List of Abbreviations

<b>5-ASA</b>	5-aminosalicylate
<b>6-MMP</b>	6-methylmercaptopurine
<b>6-MP</b>	6-mercaptopurine
<b>6-TG</b>	6-thioguanine
<b>ACCR</b>	amylase-to-creatinine clearance ratio
<b>ACE</b>	angiotensin-converting enzyme
<b>ADH</b>	alcohol dehydrogenase
<b>AFP</b>	$\alpha$ -fetoprotein (AFP)
<b>AIDS</b>	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
<b>AIH</b>	autoimmune hepatitis
<b>ALD</b>	alcoholic liver disease
<b>ALDH</b>	acetaldehyde dehydrogenase
<b>ALT</b>	alanine aminotransferase
<b>AMA</b>	antimitochondrial antibody
<b>ANA</b>	antinuclear antibody
<b>APC</b>	adenomatous polyposis coli; argon plasma coagulation
<b>ASCA</b>	anti- <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> antibody
<b>ASMA</b>	anti-smooth muscle antibody
<b>AST</b>	aspartate aminotransferase
<b>BRIC</b>	benign recurrent intrahepatic cholestasis
<b>BUN</b>	blood urea nitrogen
<b>CBC</b>	complete blood count
<b>CC</b>	chronic constipation
<b>CCK</b>	cholecystokinin
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CEA</b>	carcinoembryonic antigen
<b>CHRPE</b>	congenital hypertrophy of the retinal pigment epithelium
<b>CREST</b>	calcinosis, Raynaud phenomenon, esophageal dysmotility, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasia
<b>CRP</b>	C-reactive protein
<b>CT</b>	computed tomography
<b>CTC</b>	computed tomography colonography
<b>DES</b>	diffuse esophageal spasm
<b>DS</b>	double strength

<b>EAC</b>	esophageal adenocarcinoma
<b>ECG</b>	electrocardiogram
<b>EGD</b>	esophagogastroduodenoscopy
<b>EGG</b>	electrogastrography
<b>EHEC</b>	enterohemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i>
<b>EIEC</b>	enteroinvasive <i>Escherichia coli</i>
<b>ELISA</b>	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
<b>EMR</b>	endoscopic mucosal resection
<b>EPEC</b>	enteropathogenic <i>Escherichia coli</i>
<b>ERCP</b>	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
<b>ERP</b>	endoscopic retrograde pancreatography
<b>ESD</b>	endoscopic submucosal dissection
<b>ESR</b>	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
<b>ETEC</b>	enterotoxigenic <i>Escherichia coli</i>
<b>EUS</b>	endoscopic ultrasound
<b>FAP</b>	familial adenomatous polyposis
<b>FIT</b>	fecal immunochemical test
<b>FNA</b>	fine needle aspiration
<b>FOBT</b>	fecal occult blood test
<b>GABA</b>	$\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid
<b>GAVE</b>	gastric arteriovenous ectasia, gastric antral vascular ectasia
<b>GERD</b>	gastroesophageal reflux disease
<b>GGT</b>	$\gamma$ -glutamyl-transferase
<b>GI</b>	gastrointestinal
<b>GIST</b>	gastrointestinal stromal tumor
<b>HAART</b>	highly active antiretroviral therapy
<b>HAV</b>	hepatitis A virus
<b>HBIG</b>	hepatitis B immune globulin
<b>HBV</b>	hepatitis B virus
<b>HCC</b>	hepatocellular carcinoma
<b>HCT</b>	hematocrit
<b>HCV</b>	hepatitis C virus
<b>HDV</b>	hepatitis D virus
<b>HE</b>	hepatic encephalopathy
<b>HEV</b>	hepatitis E virus
<b>HGD</b>	high-grade dysplasia
<b>HHC</b>	hereditary hemochromatosis
<b>HIAA</b>	hydroxyindoleacetic acid
<b>HII</b>	hepatic iron index
<b>HIV</b>	human immunodeficiency virus
<b>HNPCC</b>	hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer
<b>HPF</b>	high-power field
<b>HVPG</b>	hepatic venous pressure gradient

<b>IBD</b>	inflammatory bowel disease
<b>IBS</b>	irritable bowel syndrome
<b>IBS-C</b>	irritable bowel syndrome – constipation predominant
<b>ICU</b>	intensive care unit
<b>Ig</b>	immunoglobulin
<b>IGF</b>	insulin-like growth factor
<b>IHC</b>	immunohistochemistry
<b>IL</b>	interleukin
<b>IM</b>	intramuscular
<b>I-MIBG</b>	I-labeled metaiodobenzylguanidine
<b>INR</b>	international normalized ratio
<b>IPMN</b>	intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm
<b>IPSID</b>	immunoproliferative small intestinal disease
<b>IU</b>	international unit
<b>IV</b>	intravenous
<b>LAP</b>	leucine aminopeptidase
<b>LDH</b>	lactate dehydrogenase
<b>LES</b>	lower esophageal sphincter
<b>MALT</b>	mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue
<b>MCV</b>	mean corpuscular volume
<b>MELD</b>	Model for End-Stage Liver Disease
<b>MEN</b>	multiple endocrine neoplasia
<b>MRCP</b>	magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
<b>MRI</b>	magnetic resonance imaging
<b>NADH</b>	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
<b>NAFLD</b>	nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
<b>NASH</b>	nonalcoholic steatohepatitis
<b>NCCN</b>	National Comprehensive Cancer Network
<b>NG</b>	nasogastric
<b>NSAID</b>	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
<b>OLT</b>	orthotopic liver transplantation
<b>pANCA</b>	perinuclear antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody
<b>PAS</b>	periodic acid-Schiff
<b>PBC</b>	primary biliary cirrhosis
<b>PCNA</b>	proliferating cell nuclear antigen
<b>PCR</b>	polymerase chain reaction
<b>PDGFR</b>	platelet-derived growth factor receptor
<b>PEG</b>	polyethylene glycol
<b>PEI</b>	percutaneous ethanol injection
<b>PET</b>	positron emission tomography
<b>PFIC</b>	progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis
<b>PICC</b>	peripherally inserted central catheter
<b>PJS</b>	Peutz–Jeghers syndrome

<b>po</b>	<i>per os</i>
<b>PPI</b>	proton pump inhibitor
<b>PPN</b>	peripheral parenteral nutrition
<b>PSBL</b>	primary small bowel lymphoma
<b>PSC</b>	primary sclerosing cholangitis
<b>PTC</b>	percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography
<b>PUD</b>	peptic ulcer disease
<b>qid</b>	<i>quater in die</i>
<b>RFA</b>	radiofrequency ablation
<b>RUQ</b>	right upper quadrant
<b>SAAG</b>	serum-ascites albumin gradient
<b>SBP</b>	spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
<b>SCC</b>	squamous cell carcinoma
<b>SGOT</b>	serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase
<b>SGPT</b>	serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase
<b>SLA</b>	soluble liver antigen
<b>SO</b>	sphincter of Oddi
<b>SOD</b>	sphincter of Oddi dysfunction
<b>SVR</b>	sustained virological response
<b>TACE</b>	transarterial chemoembolization
<b>TARE</b>	transarterial radioembolization
<b>TCA</b>	tricyclic antidepressant
<b>TGF</b>	transforming growth factor
<b>TIBC</b>	total iron-binding capacity
<b>TIPS</b>	transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt
<b>TLESR</b>	transient lower esophageal sphincter relaxation
<b>TNF</b>	tumor necrosis factor
<b>TPMT</b>	thiopurine methyltransferase
<b>TPN</b>	total parenteral nutrition
<b>TSH</b>	thyroid-stimulating hormone
<b>tTG</b>	tissue transglutaminase
<b>TTS</b>	through-the-scope
<b>UES</b>	upper esophageal sphincter
<b>UGT</b>	uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase
<b>VCE</b>	video capsule endoscopy
<b>VEGF</b>	vascular endothelial growth factor
<b>VIP</b>	vasoactive intestinal peptide
<b>WBC</b>	white blood count
<b>WDHA</b>	watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, and achlorhydria
<b>ZES</b>	Zollinger–Ellison syndrome



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## **PART 1**

# Approach to Patients with Gastrointestinal Symptoms



## CHAPTER 1

# Approach to the Patient with Dysphagia or Odynophagia

Dysphagia is the sensation of food hindered in its passage from the mouth to the stomach. Dysphagia is differentiated from odynophagia (pain on swallowing) and from globus sensation (perception of a lump, tightness, or fullness in the throat that is temporarily relieved by swallowing). The act of swallowing has four phases: the oral preparation phase, the oral transfer phase, the pharyngeal phase, and the esophageal phase. An abnormality of any of the phases can produce dysphagia. Dysphagia is usually divided into two categories: (1) oropharyngeal: disorders of the oral preparation, oral transfer, or pharyngeal phases of swallowing; and (2) esophageal: dysfunction of the esophageal phase of swallowing (Table 1.1).

## Clinical presentation

### History

The patient's symptoms help define whether dysphagia or odynophagia is oropharyngeal or esophageal in location and structural or neuromuscular in origin. If dysphagia occurs within 1 sec of swallowing or is associated with drooling, choking, coughing, aspiration, or nasal regurgitation, an oropharyngeal process is likely. Conversely, an esophageal cause is probable if dysphagia occurs more than 1 sec after swallowing, if there is retrosternal pain or if there is regurgitation of unchanged food. Dysphagia perceived in the retrosternal or subxiphoid area is nearly always diagnostic of an esophageal source. Dysphagia perceived in the cervical area may result from either oropharyngeal or esophageal disease. Structural esophageal disorders generally produce solid food dysphagia with progression to liquid dysphagia only if luminal narrowing becomes severe. Patients with neuromuscular disorders of the esophagus usually report both liquid and solid dysphagia from the onset of symptoms. Both structural and neuromuscular oropharyngeal disorders produce early liquid dysphagia.

**Table 1.1** Differential diagnosis of dysphagia and odynophagia

<b>Oropharyngeal dysphagia</b>
<i>Neuromuscular diseases</i>
Cerebrovascular accident
Parkinson disease
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
Brainstem tumors
Bulbar poliomyelitis
Myasthenia gravis
Muscular dystrophies
Polymyositis
Metabolic myopathy
Amyloidosis
Systemic lupus erythematosus
<i>Local mechanical lesions</i>
Inflammation (pharyngitis, abscess, tuberculosis, radiation, syphilis)
Neoplasm
Congenital webs
Extrinsic compression (thyromegaly, cervical spine hyperostosis, adenopathy)
Radiation or caustic damage
<i>Upper esophageal sphincter disorders</i>
Primary cricopharyngeal dysfunction
Cricopharyngeal bar
Zenker diverticulum
<b>Esophageal dysphagia</b>
<i>Motor disorders</i>
Achalasia
Scleroderma
Diffuse esophageal spasm
Other spastic motor disorders
Other rheumatic conditions
Chagas disease
<i>Intrinsic mechanical lesions</i>
Benign stricture (peptic, lye, radiation)
Schatzki ring
Carcinoma
Eosinophilic esophagitis
Esophageal webs
Esophageal diverticula
Benign tumors
Foreign bodies
<i>Extrinsic mechanical lesions</i>
Vascular compression
Mediastinal abnormalities
Cervical osteoarthritis

Table 1.1 (cont'd)

<b>Odynophagia</b>
<i>Mechanical</i>
Trauma
<i>Inflammatory</i>
Pill-associated ulceration
<i>Infectious</i>
CMV, HSV, HIV

CMV, cytomegalovirus; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; HSV, herpes simplex virus.

In patients with odynophagia, risk factors for opportunistic infection should be assessed and a careful medication history is warranted if pill esophagitis is a consideration.

Physical examination

The head and neck must be examined for sensory and motor function of the cranial nerves, masses, adenopathy, or spinal deformity. The patient should be observed swallowing water to visualize the co-ordinated symmetrical action of the neck and facial musculature. Evidence of systemic disease, including sclerodactyly, telangiectasias, and calcinosis in scleroderma, neuropathies or muscle weakness from generalized neuromuscular disease, and hepatomegaly or adenopathy due to esophageal malignancy should be sought. The presence of thrush suggests candidal infection as a cause of odynophagia.

Additional testing

If dysphagia is believed to be oropharyngeal, barium swallow radiography or endoscopy of the pharynx and esophagus may show occlusive luminal lesions. Transnasal or peroral endoscopy also may reveal vocal cord paralysis, indicating neural dysfunction. Videofluoroscopy of mastication and swallowing of three different preparations (thin liquid, thick liquid, solid) is helpful in examining the co-ordination of the swallowing process in patients with suspected neuromuscular disease. In some instances, specialized manometry can reveal abnormal upper esophageal sphincter (UES) relaxations.

Endoscopy has become the preferred mode for assessing suspected esophageal dysphagia; however, contrast esophageal radiographic testing remains more sensitive for subtle structural lesions. Endoscopy is also optimal for identifying the etiology of odynophagia.

## Differential diagnosis

### Esophageal dysphagia

#### Obstructive esophageal lesions

Esophageal dysphagia is most commonly caused by structural lesions that physically impede bolus transit. Patients with esophageal strictures secondary to acid peptic damage may present with progressive dysphagia after a long history of heartburn. These strictures usually are located in the distal esophagus. More proximal strictures develop above the transition point to columnar mucosa in patients with Barrett esophagus. A Schatzki ring, a thin, circumferential mucosal structure at the gastroesophageal junction, causes episodic and nonprogressive dysphagia that often occurs during rushed ingestion of poorly chewed meat. Eosinophilic esophagitis should be considered in younger patients who present with intermittent solid food dysphagia or food impaction. Patients with squamous cell carcinoma also report progressive dysphagia, similar to peptic disease, but affected patients often are older and have had long-standing exposure to tobacco or alcohol and no prior pyrosis. Esophageal adenocarcinoma develops in areas of Barrett metaplasia resulting from prolonged gastroesophageal reflux. Other mechanical lesions (e.g. abnormal great vessel anatomy, mediastinal lymphadenopathy, and cervical vertebral spurs) can cause dysphagia.

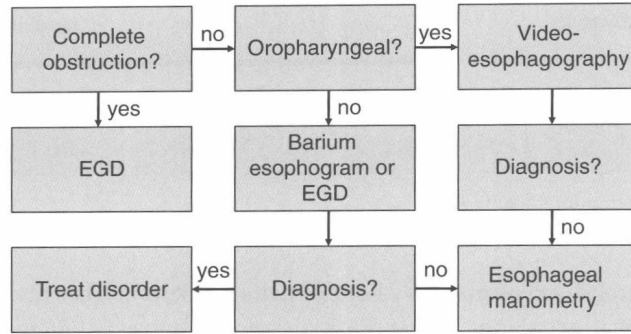
#### Motor disorders of the esophagus

Primary and secondary disorders of esophageal motor activity represent the other main etiology of esophageal dysphagia. Primary achalasia is an idiopathic disorder characterized by esophageal body aperistalsis and failure of lower esophageal sphincter (LES) relaxation on swallowing with or without associated LES hypertension. Conditions that mimic primary achalasia include secondary achalasia, a disorder with identical radiographic and manometric characteristics caused by malignancy at the gastroesophageal junction or by paraneoplastic effects of a distant tumor, and Chagas disease, which results from infection with *Trypanosoma cruzi*. Other spastic esophageal dysmotilities, such as diffuse esophageal spasm, have also been associated with dysphagia. Systemic diseases (e.g. scleroderma and other rheumatic diseases) also cause dysphagia because of reduced rather than spastic esophageal motor function.

### Odynophagia

Oropharyngeal odynophagia most commonly results from malignancy, foreign body ingestion, or mucosal ulceration. Esophageal odynophagia usually is a consequence of caustic ingestion, infection (e.g. *Candida albicans*, herpes simplex virus, cytomegalovirus), radiation damage, pill esophagitis, or ulcer disease induced by acid reflux (see Table 1.1).





**Figure 1.1** Evaluation of dysphagia or odynophagia. EGD, esophagogastroduodenoscopy.

## Diagnostic investigation

Patients who present with complete obstruction should undergo upper endoscopy (Figure 1.1). Contrast radiography is not only associated with an aspiration risk but lesions found on radiography may be obscured by the contrast media. Airway protection is mandatory so there should be a low threshold for endotracheal intubation.

In the absence of complete obstruction, the history further dictates the next step in investigation. For dysphagia of presumed esophageal origin, barium swallow radiography or endoscopy may reveal occlusive lesions such as carcinomas, strictures, rings, or webs. Barium swallow testing also can show the characteristic bird's beak deformity of achalasia. The addition of a solid bolus (e.g. a marshmallow or barium pill) can increase the detection of subtle abnormalities during contrast radiography. Upper endoscopy affords the additional capability to perform a biopsy of any suspicious areas, including evaluation for eosinophilic esophagitis. If structural testing is nondiagnostic, manometry of the esophageal body and LES may detect the characteristic findings of achalasia, systemic diseases such as scleroderma, and other primary and secondary esophageal motor disorders.

Oropharyngeal dysphagia is best evaluated by video-esophagography. Endoscopy is rarely diagnostic so further evaluation of oropharyngeal symptoms should be directed towards manometric testing.

Since mucosal lesions are common, endoscopy is the procedure of choice for odynophagia. In addition, plain radiography of the neck may detect pharyngeal foreign bodies.

## Management

### Dysphagia

Selected causes of oropharyngeal dysphagia, including Parkinson disease, hypothyroidism, polymyositis, and myasthenia gravis, may have specific