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A GI Smorgasbord: Common Problems: Part II

Thursday, February 9, 2012
11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Patient Presentation

Required reading:

Cecil's Essentials of Medicine, 8th edition, 2010, pp 522-523, iron deficiency anemia
(7th edition, 2007, page 499)

Learning Objectives:

1. You should be able to describe the current concepts of the cause of these problems and be able to explain them to your patients.
2. You should be able to describe the current treatment options (or lack of options) for these problems and be able to describe them to your patients.
3. You should be able to describe from a patient's perspective the complications of inflammatory bowel disease and colectomy/ostomy construction.

Key Words:

Anemia, obscure bleeding, hemorrhoids, iron deficiency

Further reading for your interest (not required for the exam):

1. Rectal bleeding:
 1. Mulcahy HE, et al. Yield of colonoscopy in patients with nonacute rectal bleeding: a multicenter database study of 1766 patients. *Am J Gastro* 97:328-333, 2002.
 2. Lieberman D. Rectal bleeding and diminutive colon polyps. *Gastroenterology* 126:1167-1174, 2004.
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 1. Raju GS, et al. American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Institute Medical Position Statement on Obscure Gastrointestinal Bleeding. *Gastroenterology* 133: 1694-1696 and 1697-1717, 2007.
 2. Rockey DC. Occult gastrointestinal bleeding. *New England Journal of Medicine* 341:38-46, 1999.