



- Chronic cholestatic liver disease >6 months
- Male > female
- Associated with IBD both ( UC > crohns in colon )
- All PSC patient > colonoscopy done for them
- Leading to biliary cirrhosis and portal HTN

**Presentation :**

Usually Asymptomatic  
If symptomatic ; fatigue and pruritis , jaundice  
recurrent cholangitis > think of PSC

**Diagnosis :**

Hx , elevation of Alk phos by 2-3 fold for more than 6 months  
Mild elevated AST , ALT  
MRCP : beading appearance  
ERCP  
Biopsy ; onion skin fibrosis  
+Antibodies : P-ANCA , ANA ( but not diagnostic )

**Small PSC**

Normal MRCP but abnormal histology , only 5% of cases

**Complications :**

ADEK diff ( 40% A ) , steatorhea , celiec , chronic pancreatitis, osteoporosis

**Treatment :**

No medical treatment  
Dilatation or stenting of the strictures  
Treat complications  
Liver transplant if ( portal HTN complications, or recurrent cholangitis )

No response to steroids

**Risk of malignancy :**

Cholangiocarcinoma , colorectal , liver and pancreatic cancer

# PBC

- Chronic cholestatic liver diseases > 6months
- Middle aged Female
- Associated with autoimmune diseases :thyroid, rayanoid , sicca syndrome , scleroderma
- Has genetic predisposition
- Associated with smoking

## Presentation :

Asymptomatic - 40-50%

Fatigue (most common) , pruritus , xanthoma , xantholesma (without risk of CAD) , sicca syndrome ( dry eyes , dry mouth ) , portal HTN , metabolic bone diseases (osteopenia 50% , osteoporosis )

## Diagnosis :

Elevated Alk phos 3-4 times

Mild elevated ALT ,AST ,

Elevated bilirubin : late

High cholestrol

High IgM

+ AMA , ANA ( diagnostic )

Biopsy : florid duct sign

MRCP : normal

## Treatment :

Medical treatment : **UDCA** (first line) , OCA , fibrates

No response to steroids

-Low risk of cholngiocarcinoma

	Primary Biliary Cirrhosis PBC	Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis PSC
<b>Clinical</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Females &gt; Males</li> <li>Middle age</li> <li>Fatigue &amp; pruritis</li> <li>Cholestatic Labs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Males &gt; Females</li> <li>20-40's</li> <li>Progressive obstructive jaundice</li> <li>Cholestatic Labs</li> </ul>
<b>Site of Involvement</b>	Intrahepatic	Intrahepatic & Extrahepatic
<b>Cause of Obstruction</b>	Granulomatous inflammation destroying bile ducts	Fibrosis destroying bile ducts
<b>Key Microscopic Feature</b>	Florid duct lesion (granulomas)	Concentric "onion-skin" fibrosis around bile ducts
<b>Diagnostic clue</b>	Anti-mitochondrial antibodies (AMA) - Antibodies against the subunit of pyruvate dehydrogenase complex	Beaded appearance of bile ducts on cholangiogram/ERCP/MRCP Baronerocks.com
<b>Association</b>	Other autoimmune disorders Sjögrens, RA, etc.	Ulcerative colitis
<b>Long-term Complication</b>	Cirrhosis	Cirrhosis Cholangiocarcinoma

	Primary Biliary Cirrhosis/Cholangitis:	Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis:
<b>Definition</b>	Ongoing immunologic attack on the intralobular bile ducts that eventually leads to cirrhosis and liver failure	a progressive disease characterized by inflammatory strictures involving the intrahepatic and extrahepatic biliary tree.
<b>MC Symptoms</b>	Pruritis, jaundice, Sicca Syndrome	Fever, chills, Fatigue and pruritis
<b>Association with IBD</b>	No association with IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease, such as Crohn disease or ulcerative colitis, is identified in about 75% of patients with PSC.
<b>Autoantibodies</b>	Anti-mitochondrial antibodies are the hallmark of PBC	p-ANCA
<b>Male vs Female</b>	Female predominance	Male predominance
<b>Histopathology</b>	Scarring of intrahepatic bile ducts; nonsuppurative cholangitis and destruction of small- or medium-sized bile duct <b>Florid duct lesion</b>	Fibrosis around bile ducts within portal tracts (onion-skin pattern)
<b>Symptoms on diagnosis</b>	Most patients are asymptomatic when diagnosed	Most patients are symptomatic when diagnosed
<b>MRCP findings</b>	No beads on a string appearance on MRCP	MRCP revealing multiple dilations and strictures (beads-on-a-string) of the intra- and extrahepatic biliary tree
<b>Risk of Cholangiocarcinoma</b>	low risk of cholangiocarcinoma	High risk of cholangiocarcinoma
<b>Response to UDCA</b>	Good response to ursodeoxycholic acid	Poor response to ursodeoxycholic acid

# Autoimmune hepatitis

- Intermittently progressive inflammatory liver disease
- With absence of viral hepatitis or alcohol consumption 🍷
- mainly in Middle aged female
- Associated with other autoimmune diseases

## Presentation : very similar to viral hepatitis

Fatigue , Arthralgia , myalgia, oligomenorrhea , jaundice , hepatosplenomegaly

## Diagnosis :

Elevated ALT , AST ( in thousands )

High IgG

High SMA , ANA , p ANCA in type 1 // LKM1 in type 2

Liver biopsy :

- Interface hepatitis with lymphoplasmacytic infiltrate
- Rosetting of liver cells
- Bridging necrosis
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**Scoring system** : Autoantibodies, histology , IgG , absence of viral hepatitis

## Treatment :

**-Monotherapy** : prednisone ( 60 mg initial dose )

In : Cytopenia , TMPT diff , malignancy , pregnancy


-prednisone is taken as a maintenance therapy

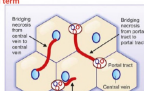
**-Combined therapy** : prednisone 30 mg w/Azathioprine 50 mg (initial dose )

In : Osteoporosis , HTN , DM , obesity, anca

**-Liver transplantation** : but there is high recurrence rate

### Indications for Treatment

Absolute	Relative	None
AST ≥ 10x normal	Symptoms	No symptoms
AST ≥ 5x normal and γ-globulin ≥ 2x normal	AST < 5x normal γ-globulin < 2x normal	Inactive cirrhosis 
<b>Bridging necrosis</b> <small>histological term</small>	<b>Interface hepatitis</b>	<b>Portal hepatitis</b>



### Sub-Types of Autoimmune Hepatitis

	Type 1 <small>More common (80%)</small>	Type 2
Age at Presentation	Any age <small>more with adults</small>	Predominantly children
Female:Male	4:1 <small>both are female-predominant</small>	8:1 <small>more associated with females</small>
Ig G Levels	Elevated IgG	Variable Ig G
Ig A Levels	Normal	+/- Low IgA
Auto-antibodies	ANA, SMA, pANCA	LKM-1, SLA/LP
Cirrhosis at 3 yrs	~ 40%	~ 80% <small>worse prognosis</small>