

Maternal child abuse as an unusual cause of exogenous obesity

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Introduction: Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat has accumulated. Exogenous obesity is thought a combination of excessive food energy intake and a lack of physical activity.

Case study: Here a 3-year-old boy with exogenous obesity was presented. He has been admitted to our clinic for vomiting. Obesity was observed in his physical examination. Detailed history showed maternal child abuse. His vomiting was related to overfeeding and his mother was giving antiemetic drug before feeding. After his mother was treated, health of our patient improved.

Conclusion: I recommend that detailed history is an important part of evaluation of exogenous obesity.