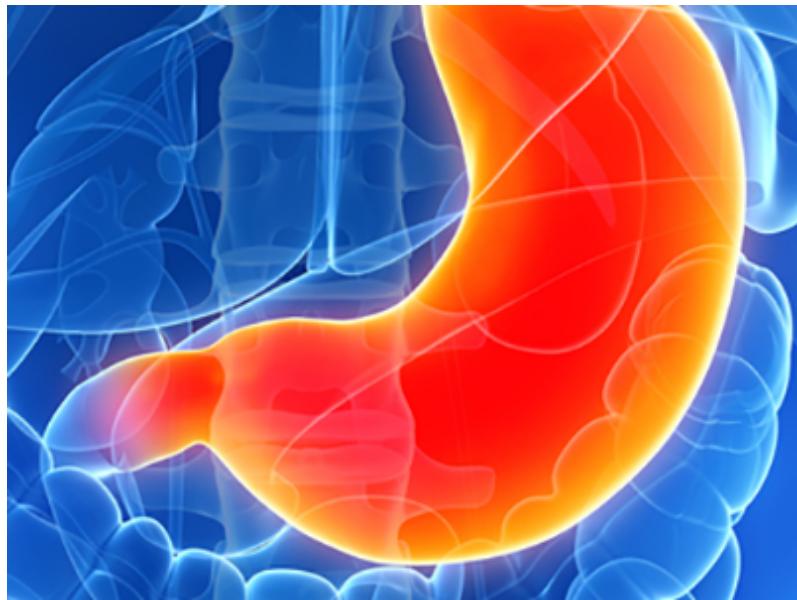


Digestive Diseases

The digestive system made up of the gastrointestinal tract (GI), liver, pancreas, and gallbladder helps the body digest food. Digestion is important for breaking down food into nutrients, which your body uses for energy, growth, and cell repair.

Some digestive diseases and conditions are acute, lasting only a short time, while others are chronic, or long-lasting.



Your Digestive System & How It Works

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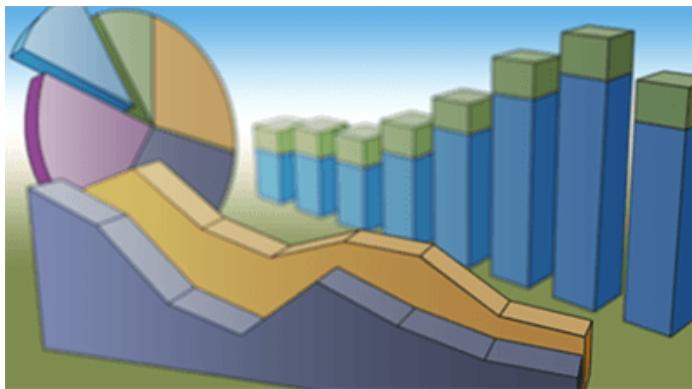
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- Colon Polyps
- Constipation
- Crohn's Disease
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- Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)
- Food Poisoning
- Gallstones
- Gas
- Gastritis
- Gastroparesis
- GI Bleeding
- Hemorrhoids
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- Indigestion (Dyspepsia)
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- Intestinal Pseudo-obstruction
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)
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- Ostomy Surgery of the Bowel

- Pancreatitis
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Statistics



Statistics for Digestive Diseases in the United States

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- Dermatitis Herpetiformis
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Research Discoveries & News

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- Uncovering Biological Links Between Stress and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Flare-Ups
- Expanded Study Diversity Uncovers New Genetic Risk Factors for Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- A Link Between Cellular Stress and Gut Inflammation
- Signals between nervous system and intestinal cells control protective mucus layer production in gut

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