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#### Terms and Abbreviations in Gastric Operations and Acid Tests

Preferred Term	Preferred Abbreviations	Specification
Acid		
1 Basal acid output	BAO	Should be expressed in m-equiv/h.
2 Maximal acid output	MAO	Acid output in the whole period 0-60 min after a single parenteral injection of gastric stimulant, whether of histamine, histalog, gastrin, tetragastrin, or pentagastrin, should be expressed in m-equiv/h.
3 Peak acid output	PAO	Acid output in the highest two consecutive 5-, 10- or 15-minute collection periods after a single parenteral injection of gastric stimulant, whether histamine, histalog, gastrin, tetragastrin, pentagastrin, or insulin, should be expressed in m-equiv/h.
4 Plateau acid output	Plateau AO	Acid output in the highest two or more consecutive 5-, 10-, or 15-min collection periods after an intravenous infusion of gastric stimulant, whether histamine, histalog, gastrin, tetragastrin, pentagastrin or insulin, should be expressed in m-equiv/h.
5 Pentagastrin	Pg	• •
6 Maximum acid output after pentagastrin	MAO(Pg)	
7 Peak acid output after pentagastrin	PAO(Pg)	
8 Peak acid output after insulin	PAO(I)	
9 Cholecystokinin	CCK	
Operation		
10 Billroth I type partial gastrectomy	ΒI	
11 Partial gastrectomy with gastrojejunal anastomosis	B II	
12 Truncal vagotomy	TV	
13 Selective vagotomy	SV	
14 +Pyloroplasty (type not specified)	+P	
15 +Pyloroplasty (Finney)	+P(F)	
16 +Pyloroplasty(Heinecke-Mikulicz)	+P(HM)	
17 +Gastroduodenostomy	+GD	
18 +Gastrojejunostomy	+GJ	

#### Notes

- 5a The abbreviation for pentagastrin, Pg, may be better than PG, which to many suggests partial gastrectomy or prostaglandin.
- 5b Abbreviations such as Hist, Hm, Hn, or Hg, should not be used for histamine or histalog because of the risk of confusion. Tetragastrin and gastrin are used only rarely and should not be abbreviated either.
- 6, 7, 8 The bracket system, PAO(Pg), is preferred to subscript, PAO Pg, because of ease of typing and printing.
- 9 CCK-PZ is one polypeptide molecule with many actions. Since its cholecystokinin activity was discovered first, it is shorter and simpler to call it cholecystokinin (CCK) than cholecystokinin-pancreozymin (CCK-PZ).
- 10 & 11 The terms Billroth, Polya, and Pauchet are used to refer to particular technical variations of partial gastrectomy. Wherever these technical details are considered important they should be described in full. We are concerned here with an easily recognizable and internationally understood symbol to describe the two major variations in the technique of partial gastrectomy and therefore suggest BI and BII
- 13 Although the operation of selective hepatic vagotomy has been performed, it seems generally unnecessary to specify that selective vagotomy is a selective gastric vagotomy (SGV)
- 18 Gastrojejunostomy is more precise than gastroenterostomy

There was no decision for an acceptable abbreviation for the newest vagotomy operation in which only the parietal cell area of the stomach is denervated.

### Symposium on Applied Gastroenterology

This will be held at The London Hospital on Thursday afternoon, 5 October, and Friday 6 October 1972.

Session I: Thursday 5 October 1972-2 p.m. SPHINCTERS Chairman: Professor C. F. Code (USA)

Gastroesophageal sphincter

Studies on the isolated perfused gastrooesophageal sphincter Mr P. A. Thomas

Epigastric pain Mr R. J. Earlam

Biliary sphincter

An evaluation of radiomanometry Professor H. Harding Rains

An assessment of biliary sphincterotomy Mr A. G. Peel

Anal sphincter

Physiological studies on the anal sphincter Mr A. G. Parks

A new operation for rectal prolapse Mr C. V. Mann

Tea

Lecture: 'Alcohol and the pancreas' Professor H. Sarles (Marseilles)

Reception (by invitation of the Board of Governors of The London Hospital Medical College)

Session II: Friday 6 October 1972-9.30 a.m. STOMACH Chairman: Mr J. E. Richardson

Acid secretion from the perfused stomach Mr W. E. R. Green

The methylation of histamine during acid secretion Prof C. F. Code (USA)

The significance of acid secretory studies in the assessment of patients with duodenal ulcer Dr J. H. Baron

Coffee

Lysolecithin: a factor in the pathogenesis of gastric ulceration? Mr A. Johnson Criteria for elective surgery of duodenal ulcer Professor V. Speranza (Rome) Results of surgery for bleeding in portal hypertension Dr A. M. Dawson Sherry

Lunch

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Session III Friday 6 October 1972-2 p.m. DUODENUM AND PANCREAS Chairman Professor H. Sarles (Marseilles)
The relevance of enterokinase in health and disease Mr J. Hermon-Taylor
The purification and characterization of porcine enterokinase Mr D. Grant

Hypotonic duodenography Dr J. C. Swann

Tests of pancreatic function Speaker to be arranged

Duodenal cell cytology Dr C. Brown Duodenal motility in man Professor A. Torsoli (Rome)

Tea

Lecture: 'Stress ulcers' Professor M.
Mercadier (Paris)
Open discussion

Those wishing to attend the symposium should apply to The Surgical Unit Secretary, The London Hospital, Whitechapel, London, E1.

The Symposium fee (including coffee, lunch and tea) is £6.

## Notes on books

Clinics in Gastroenterology. Crohn's Disease. Vol. 1, no. 2. May 1972. Edited by Bryan N. Brooke. (pp. vii + 261-536. W. B. Saunders. Annual subscription to three consecutive issues £9). This is a most important contribution to the subject and the 18 chapters bring together all the important growing points arising from histopathology, electron microscopy, experimental pathology, genetics, and immunology. The diagnosis is well covered, and so is the present-day medical and surgical treatment. There is a separate chapter on azathioprine for Crohn's disease.

The Coeliac Handbook. Edited by Bee Nilson. The Coeliac Society, P.O. Box 181, London NW2 2QY (88 pages. Price 75p). This revised edition was printed in March 1972. It has proved to be an invaluable dietary guide and patients should be encouraged to acquire their own copy. It can give them not only a clear understanding of their disease but also all the practical points about the gluten-free diet.

Gastroenterology. An Integrated Course. Edited by Iain E. Gillespie and T. J. Thomson (pp. ix + 270. Churchill Living-

stone. Price £1.50). In many medical schools a considerable amount of integration has been organized in clinical teaching, and this volume is based on the main topics discussed in the gastroenterological section of the fourth year clinical teaching at Glasgow. This excellent book should be made freely available for medical students.

**Delicious and Easy Rice Flour Recipes.** By Marion N. Wood (pp. xvii + 137. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill, 1972. Price \$5.50). This is a sequence to a previous book, *Gourmet Food on a Wheat-free Diet*, and develops the use of rice flour as a basic flour.

Crohn's Disease by James Kyle. (Pp. 210; illustrated. £3.00). London: William Heinemann Medical Books. 1972. This further contribution on Crohn's disease is written by a surgeon and provides an admirable, well balanced account of present-day knowledge and points the way towards further work. Atypical features and complications are well covered. There is a foreword by Dr Burrill B. Crohn who described the condition 40 years ago.

Peptide Transport in Bacteria and Mammalian Gut A Ciba Foundation Symposium Edited by Katherine Elliott and Maeve O'Connor. (Pp. viii + 161; illustrated. £2·40). Amsterdam, London, and New York: Associated Scientific Publishers. 1972. This is a report of a Ciba Foundation conference which brought together gastroenterologists, microbiologists, and biochemists. Bacteria can obtain amino acids from peptides taken into the cells from the external environment and there is evidence that the same process may occur in the small intestine of mammals.