

HEPATIC PATHOPHYSIOLOGY: DISEASES AND MECHANISMS

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Abstract: This article explores hepatic pathophysiology, its major diseases, and their underlying mechanisms. The etiology, pathogenesis, and clinical manifestations of liver diseases are analyzed. Additionally, modern diagnostic and treatment approaches are discussed.

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Introduction

The liver is one of the most vital organs in the body, playing a key role in metabolism, detoxification, and immune processes. Liver dysfunction can lead to the development of various diseases. This article discusses key aspects of hepatic pathophysiology and associated diseases.

Hepatic Pathophysiology and Diseases

1. Hepatitis

Hepatitis is an inflammatory disease of the liver caused by viruses, toxins, or autoimmune processes. Viral hepatitis is classified into types A, B, C, D, and E. Chronic forms of hepatitis B and C increase the risk of cirrhosis and carcinoma.

2. Hepatic Steatosis (Fatty Liver Disease)

Hepatic steatosis occurs due to excessive fat accumulation in liver cells. It is commonly associated with metabolic syndrome, diabetes, and obesity. Prolonged steatosis can progress to fibrosis and cirrhosis.

3. Liver Fibrosis and Cirrhosis

Fibrosis is characterized by excessive connective tissue formation in response to liver cell injury. If fibrosis persists, it leads to cirrhosis, which results in impaired liver function, portal hypertension, and severe complications.

4. Oxidative Stress and Liver Injury

Oxidative stress plays a crucial role in liver disease progression. Free radicals cause liver cell damage, promoting inflammation and fibrosis. Antioxidant therapy is essential in preventing and managing liver diseases.

Diagnosis and Treatment

Liver diseases are diagnosed through blood tests, ultrasound imaging, biopsy, and elastography. Treatment varies based on the underlying cause. Antiviral therapy is

used for viral hepatitis, lifestyle modifications for steatosis, and symptomatic treatment for cirrhosis.

Conclusion

Liver diseases are prevalent, and understanding their mechanisms is essential for improving treatment strategies. Early diagnosis and effective management can help prevent severe complications associated with liver disorders.

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