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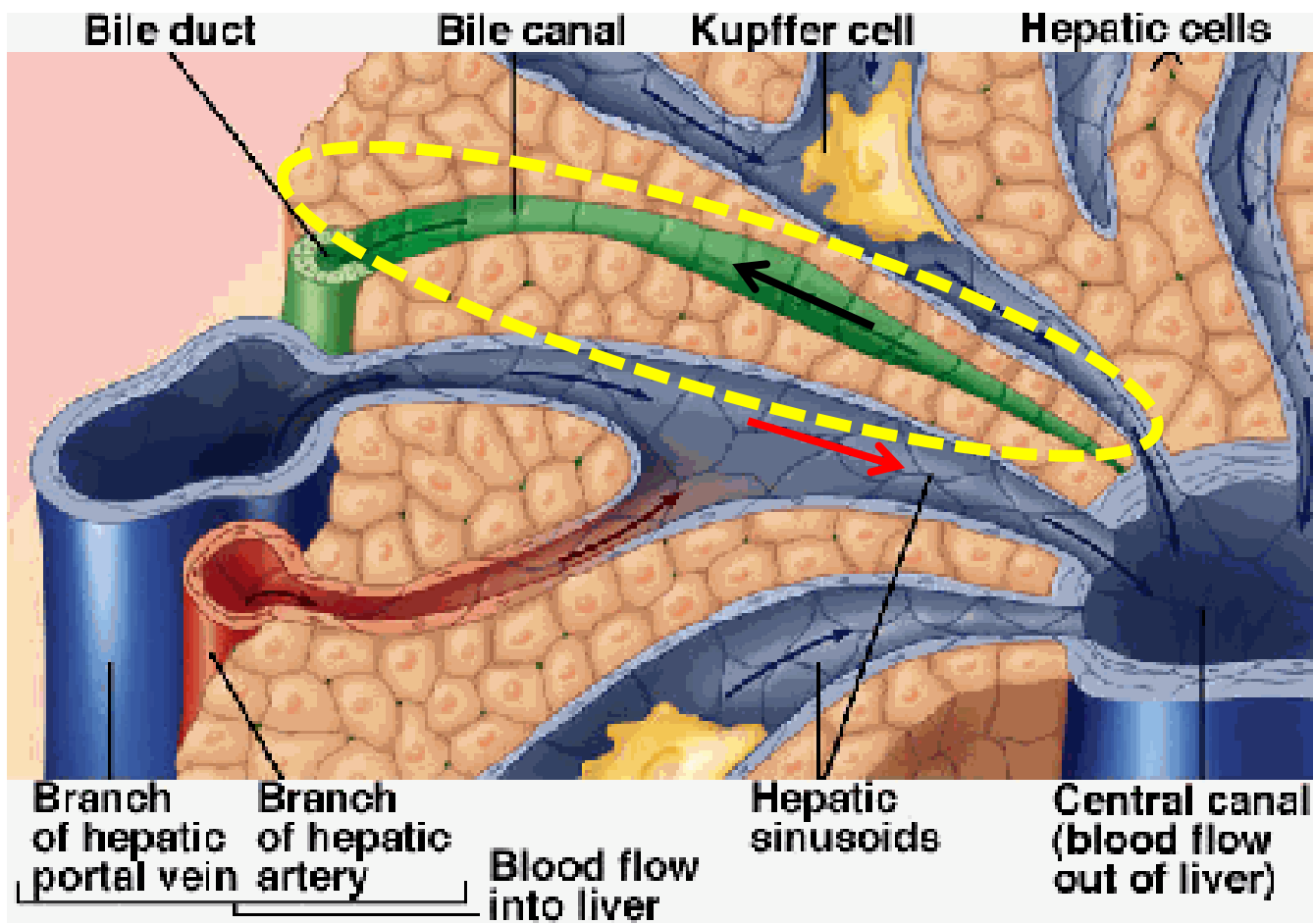
**Physiology:** Bile, Bilirubin

Liver and the Lab

# Bile Physiology - WYNTKFTB

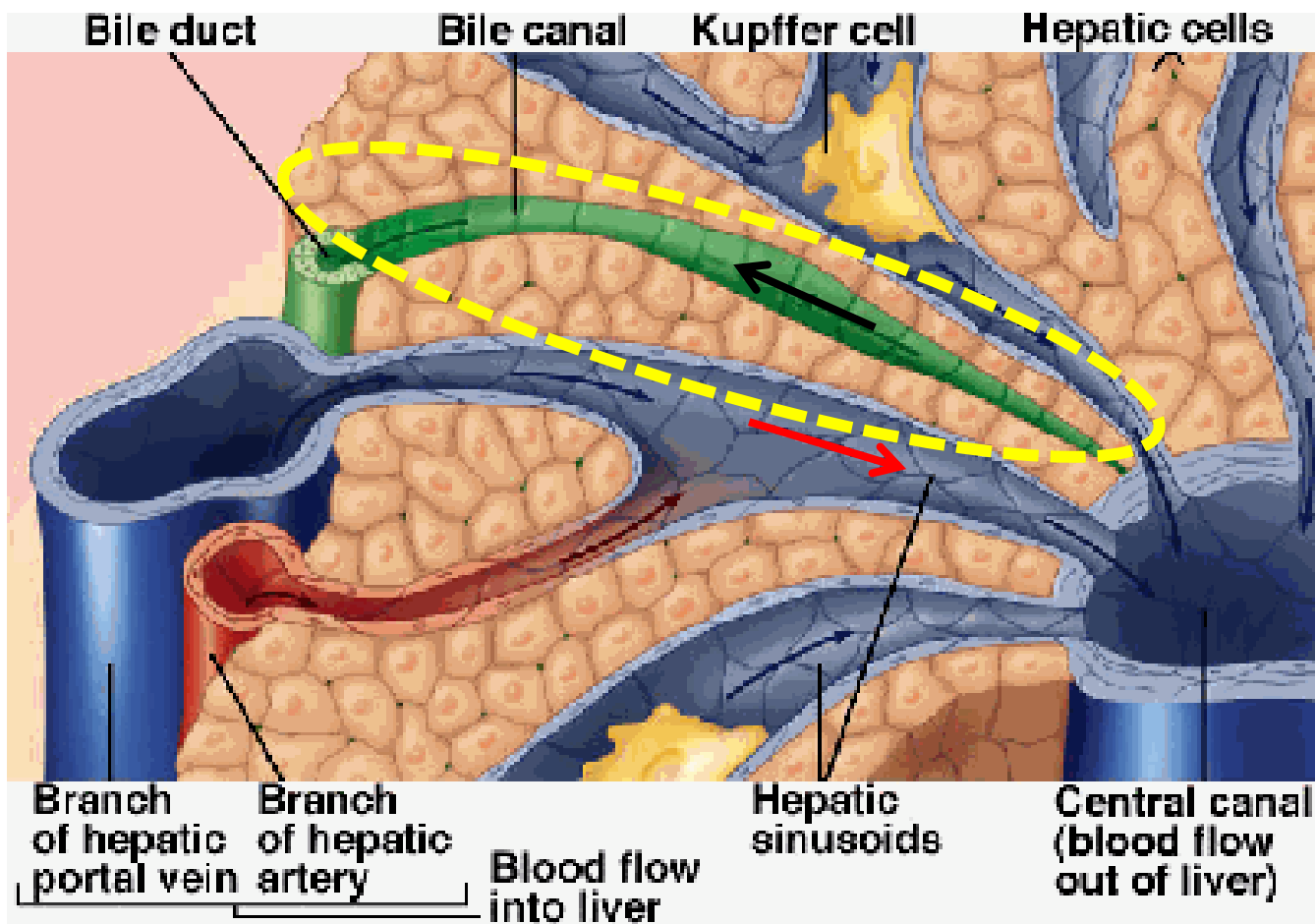
## (Intro to Pathology)

- Applied Anatomy
- Components
- Function
- Synthesis
- Enterohepatic circulation
- Imbalance of components (i.e. **lithogenesis**)
- Marker of biliary injury



the Bile

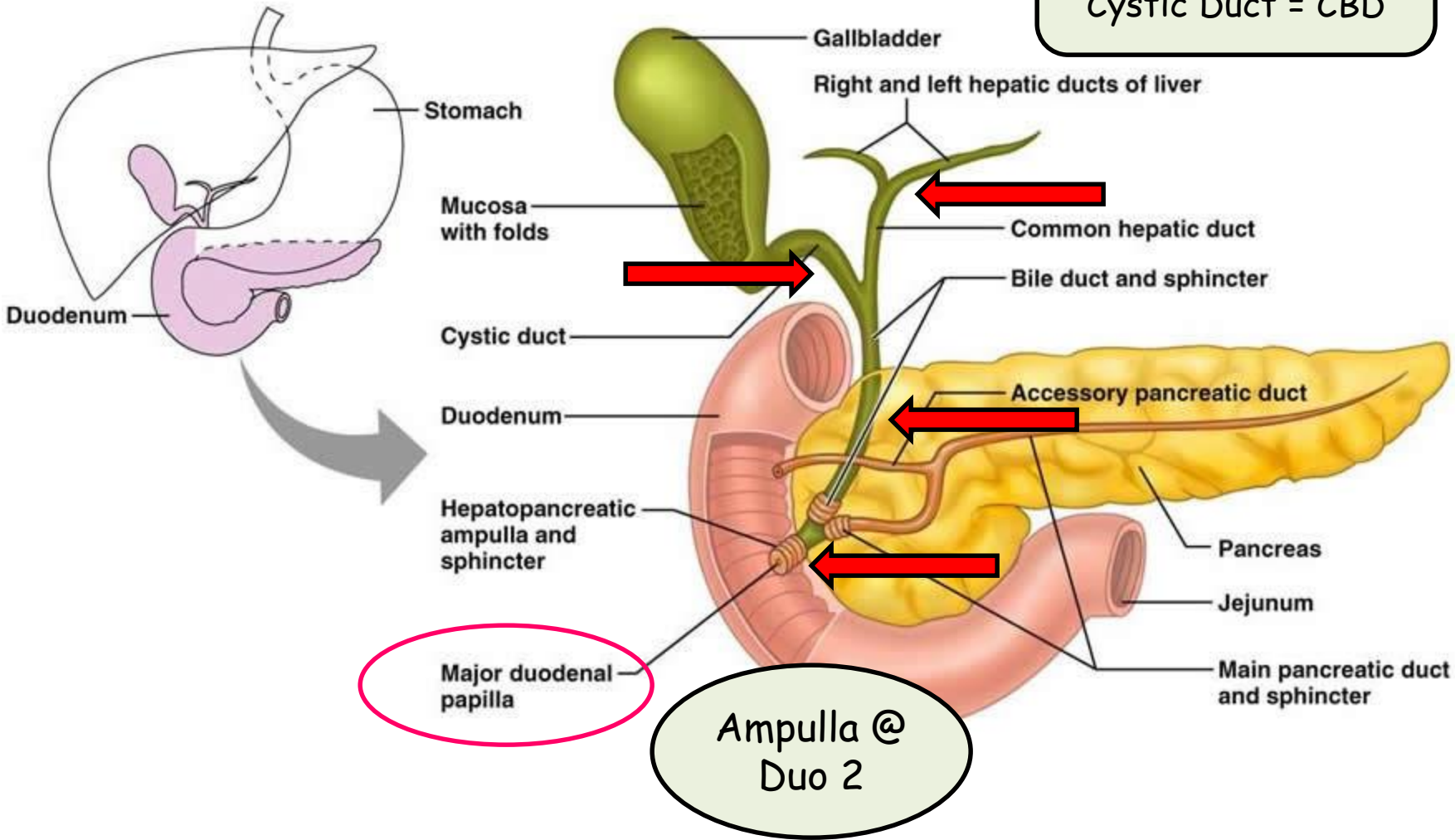
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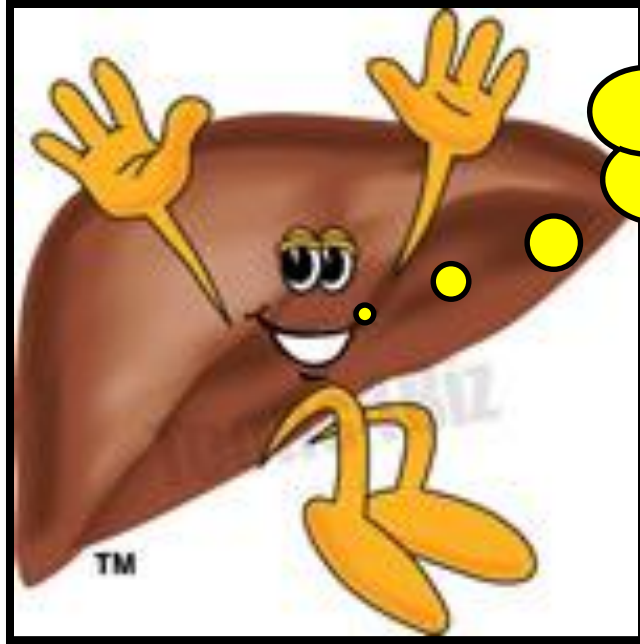


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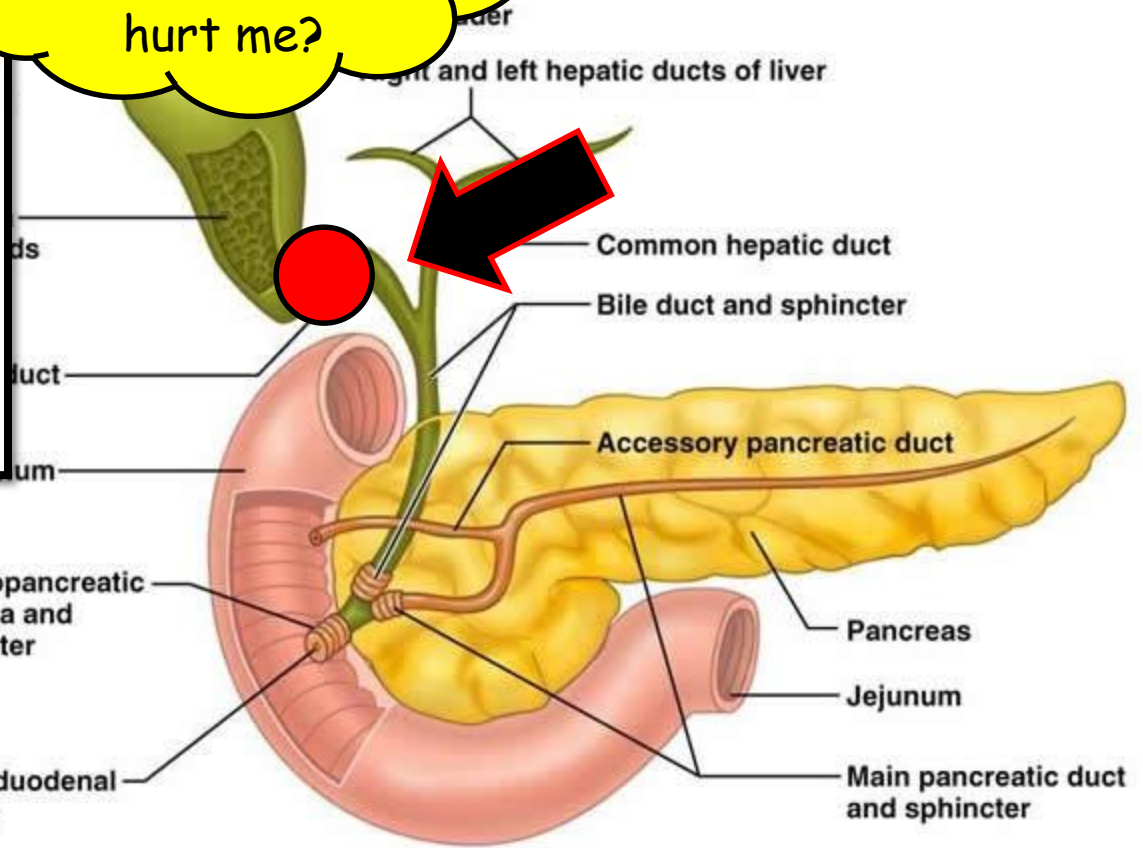
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Cannicular Markers: Alk  $\Phi$ ,  $\gamma$ -GT  
Components: BS, Cholesterol, Bilirubin  
Function: Fat Digestion, Excretion  
Dysfunction: Obstruction, Destruction

**Biliary Anatomy:**  
Hepatic Ducts +  
Cystic Duct = CBD





Can a cystic duct stone or obstruction hurt me?



A. Yes

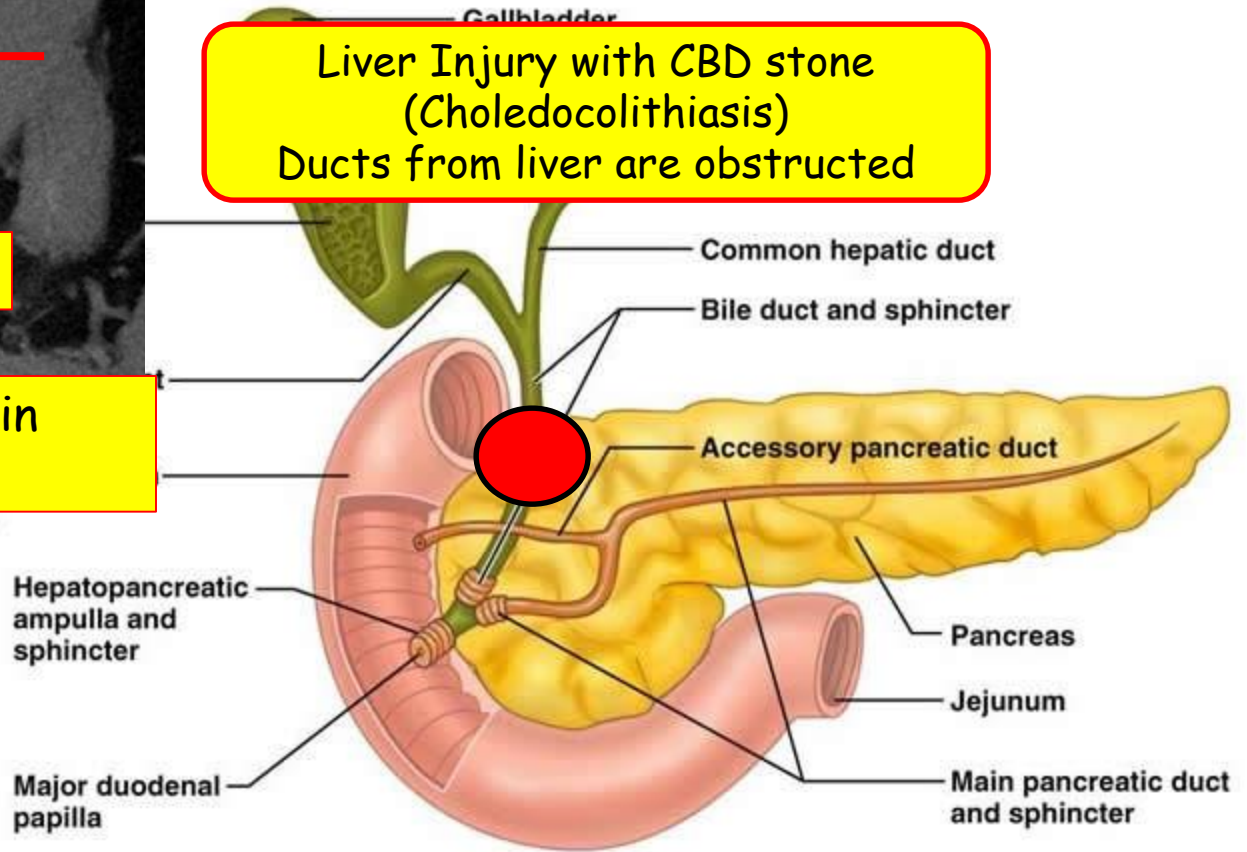
B. No

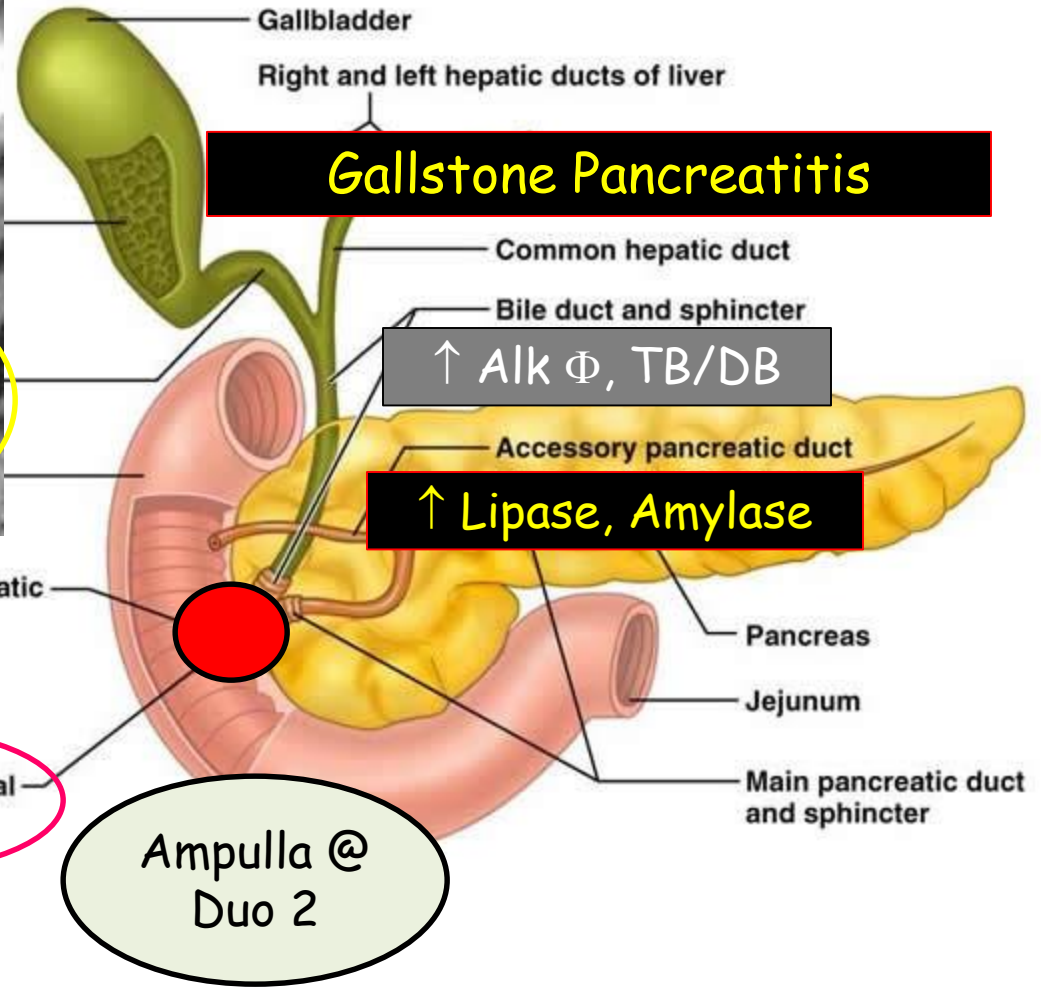
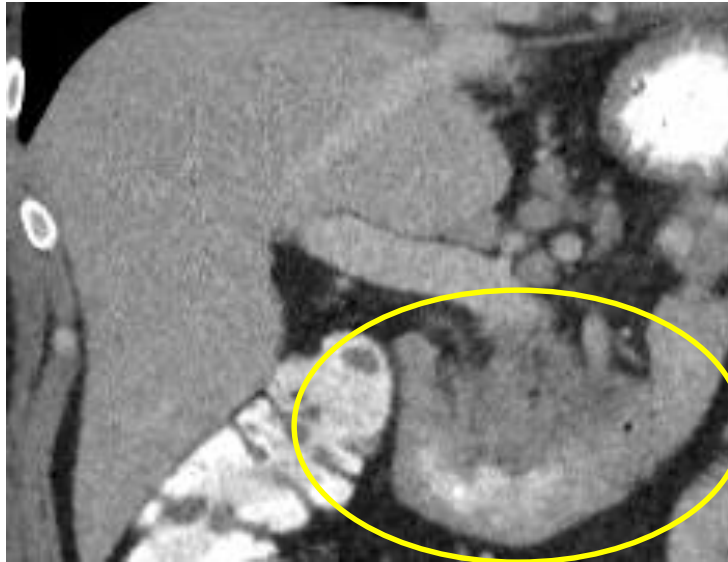
# Obstructive Jaundice

Liver Injury with CBD stone  
(Choledocolithiasis)  
Ducts from liver are obstructed

↑ ALk  $\Phi$ , TB/DB

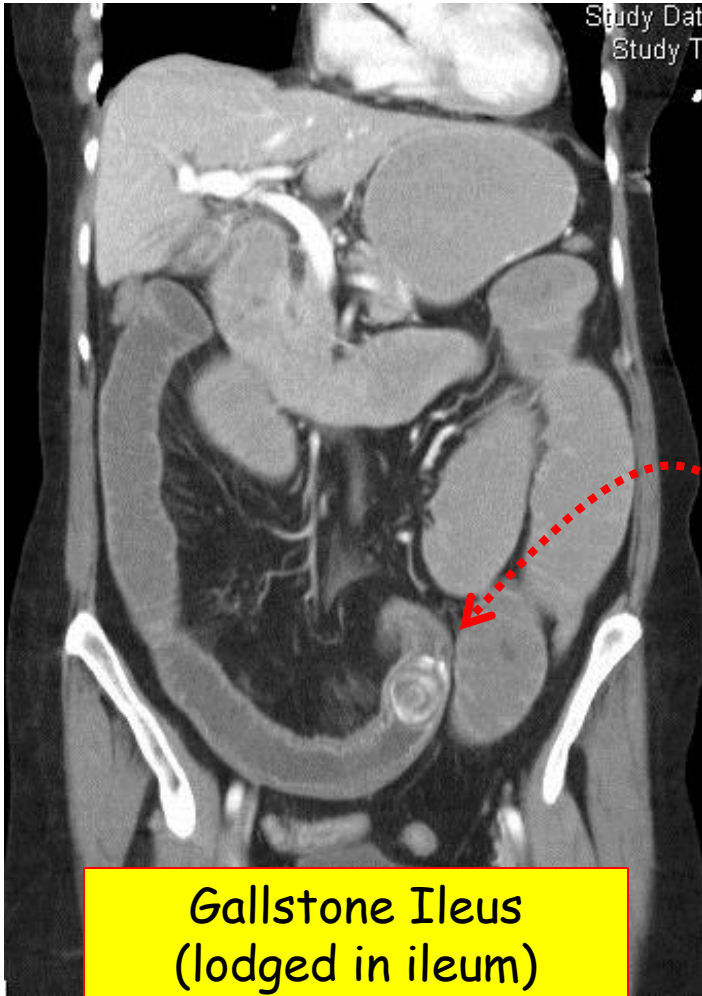
DB: Direct bilirubin  
Conjugated



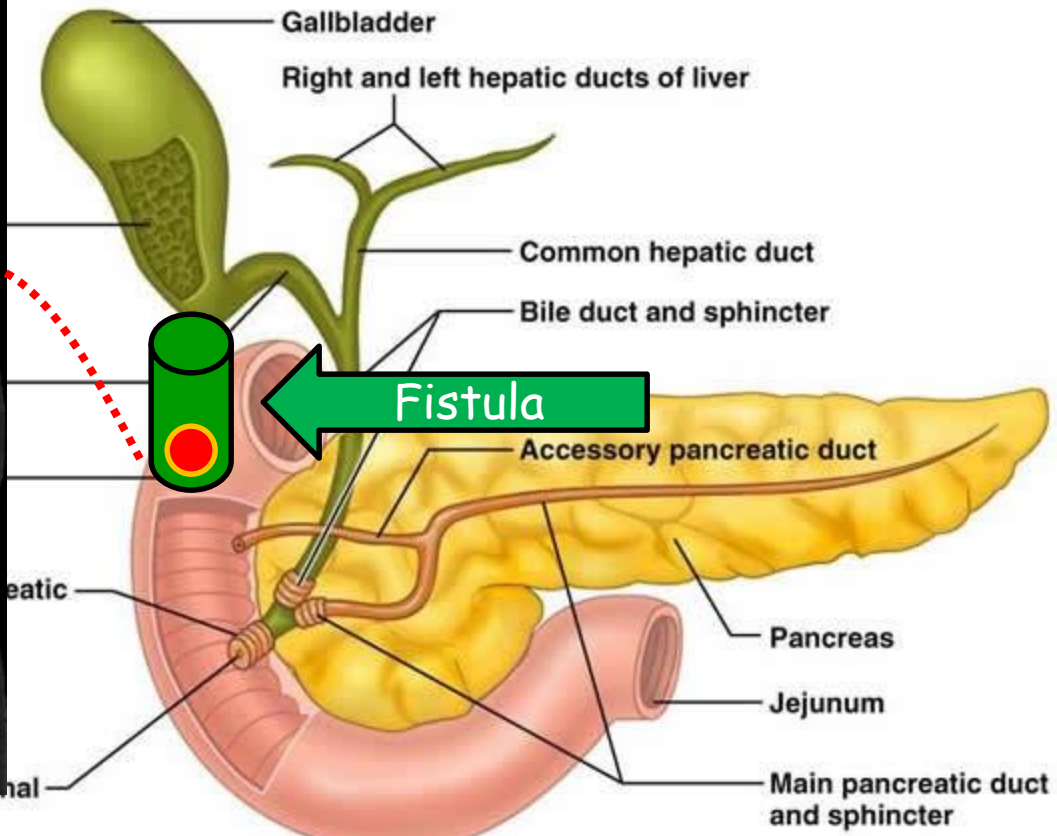




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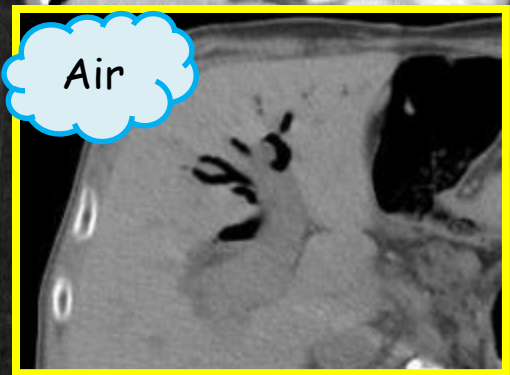


Gallstone Ileus  
(lodged in ileum)



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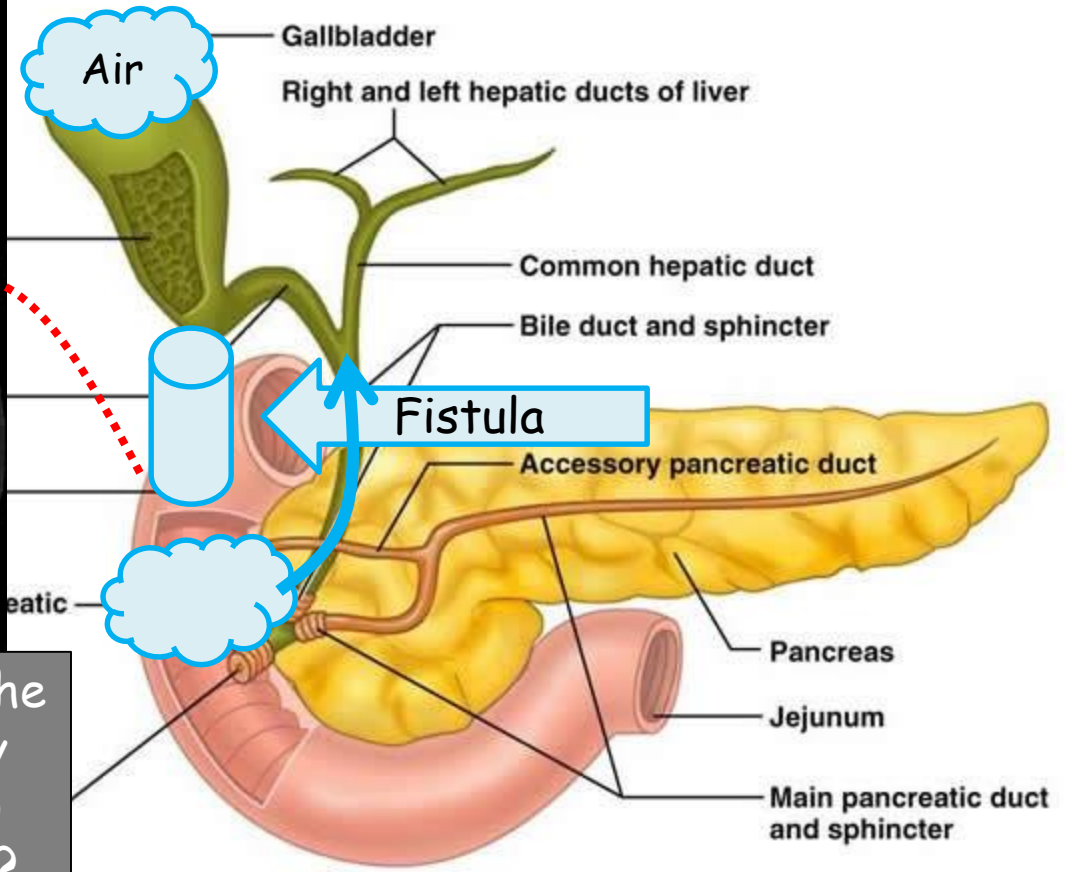
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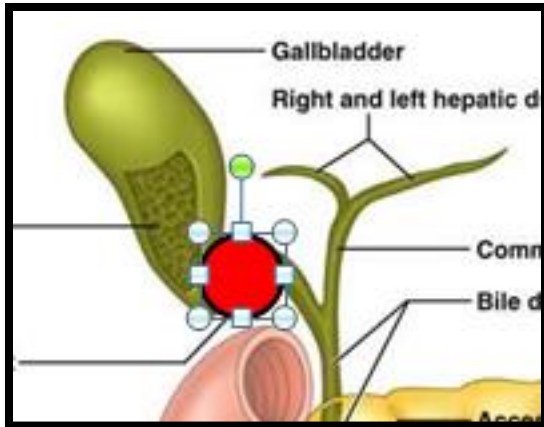


Gallstone Ileus →  
Pneumobilia

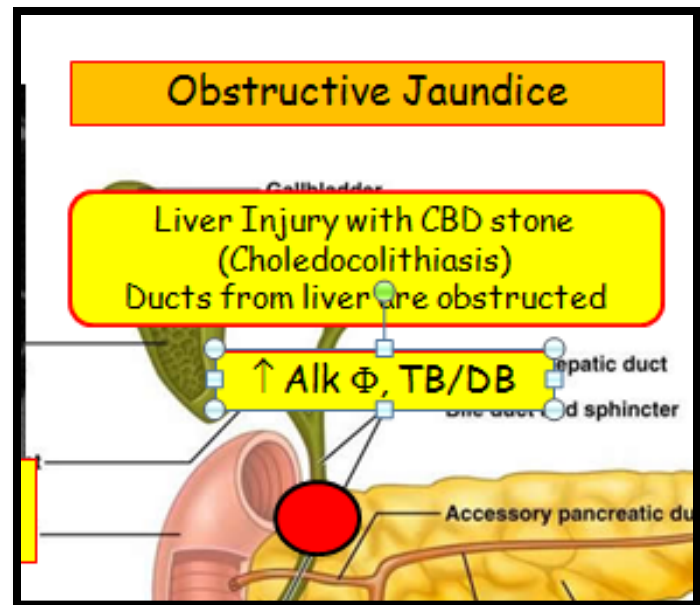


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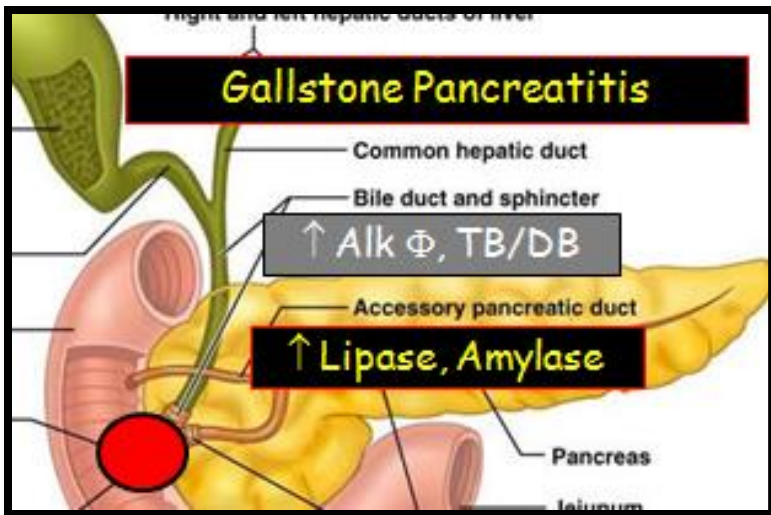




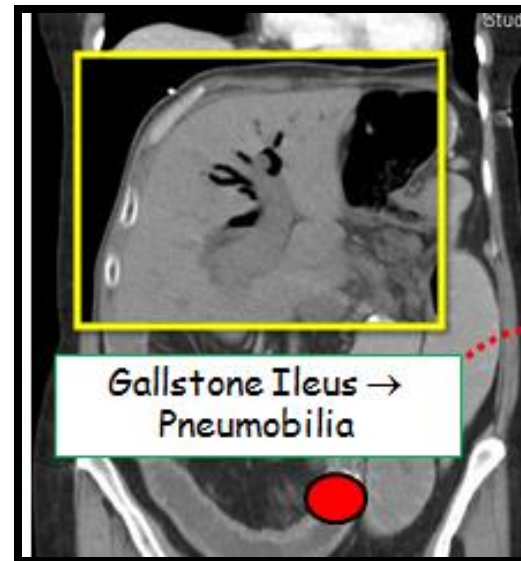
Cystic Duct



Common Bile Duct

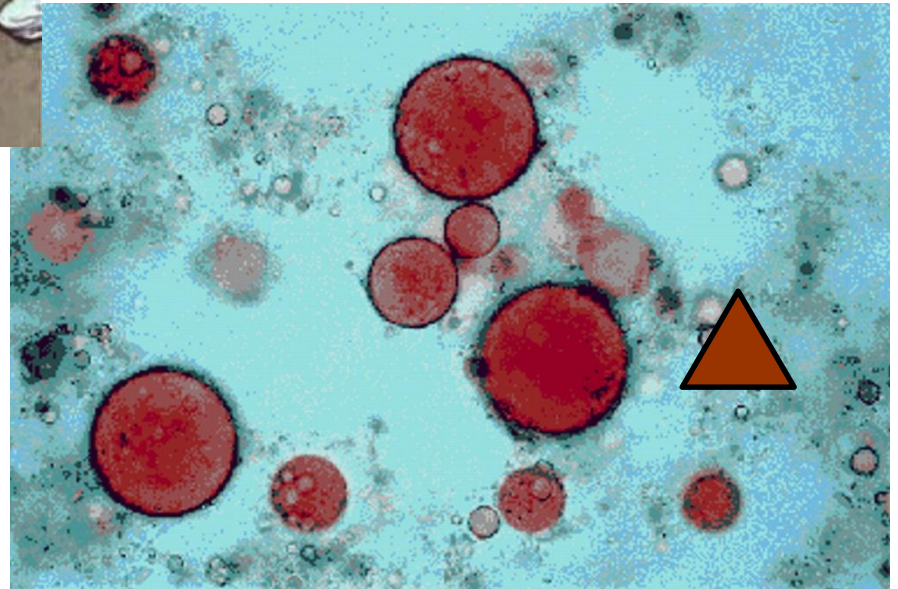
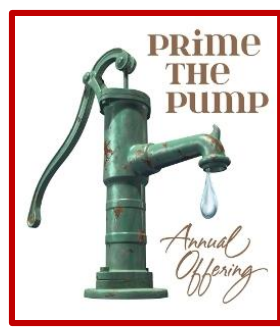


Obstruction, Ampulla

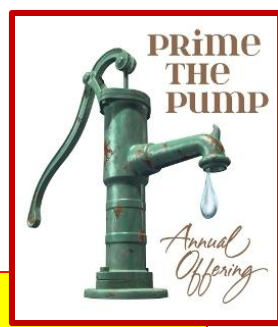


Fistula b/w GB & intestine with obstruction at ileocecal vv

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## Cholestyramine:

MOA: Binds bile salts → ↑ LDL receptor  
AE: ↑ Triglycerides

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7 $\alpha$ -hydroxylase.

→ (think fibrates and stones)

Fibrates:

MOA:  $\uparrow$  PPAR →  $\uparrow$  LPL

AE: interfere w/ 7 $\alpha$ -OHase →  $\uparrow$  cholesterol → stones

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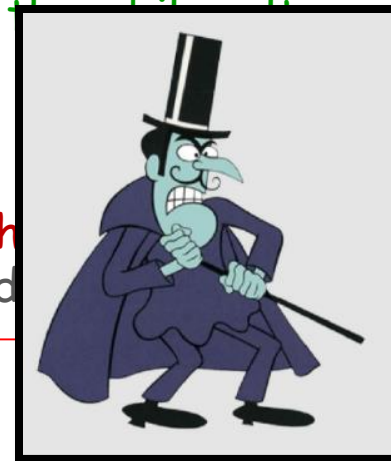
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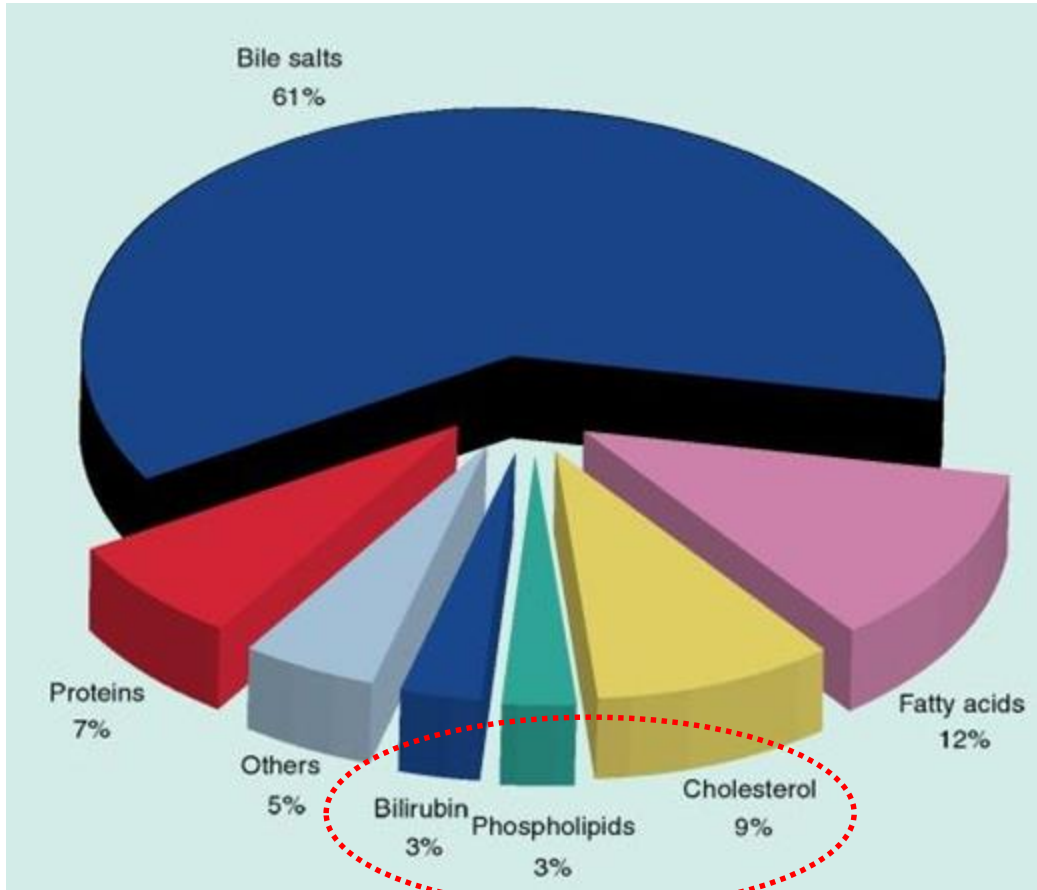
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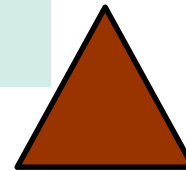
# Bile



Bile Salts  
(PPL)

Cholesterol

Bilirubin



Delicate balance



Stones

↓ Bile Salts

↑ Cholesterol

↑ Bilirubin

An imbalance in these factors → cholelithiasis



They are really interested in cause/consequence of this imbalance.

Decrease:

Liver failure  
Disease of ducts (PBC, CF)  
Failure of enterohepatic circulation

↓ Bile Salts

Increase:

Pregnancy  
Obesity

↑ Cholesterol

Bili

Increase:  
Hemolysis

Bili


↑ Bilirubin


## Enterohepatic Circulation of Bile (Salts)

The most important point of this discussion is awareness that bile acid/salts are recycled.

Failure to do so results in two testworthy situations:

1. Fat malabsorption
2. Gallstone formation

 BILE  
(15-30 g bile salts/day)

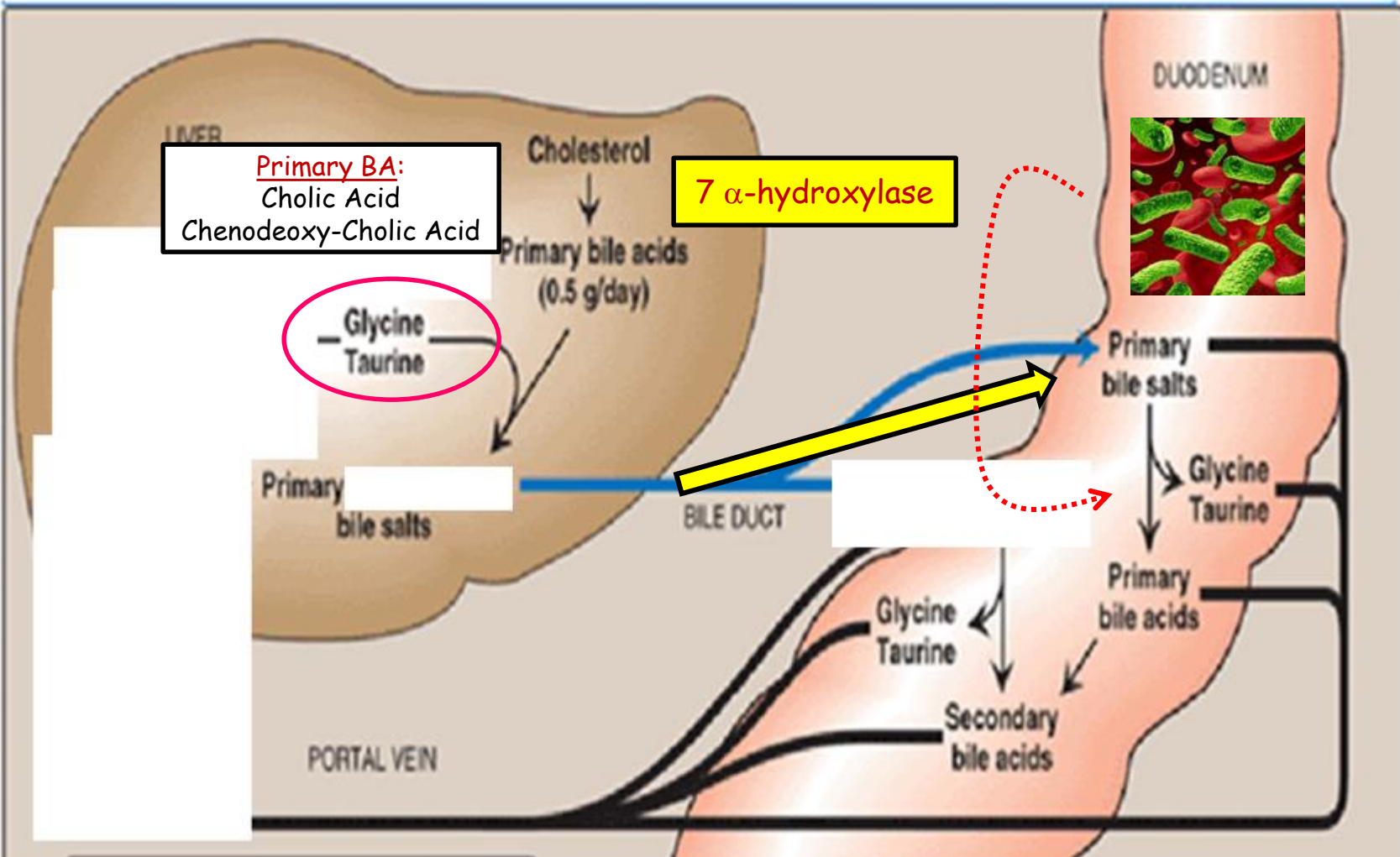
 PORTAL CIRCULATION  
(15-30 g bile salts and acids/day)

Fecal excretion of primary  
and secondary bile salts  
and bile acids (0.5 g/day)

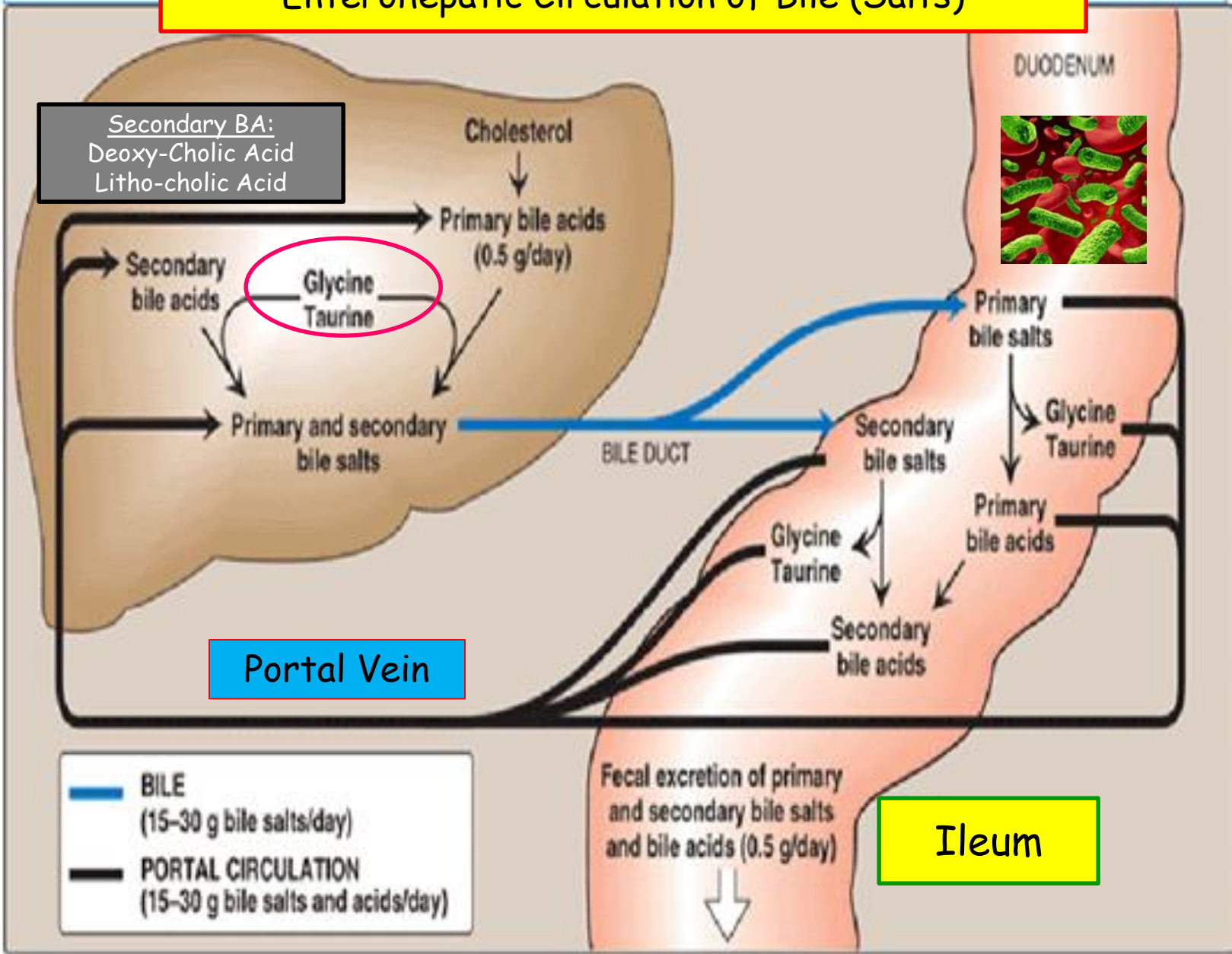
ILEUM



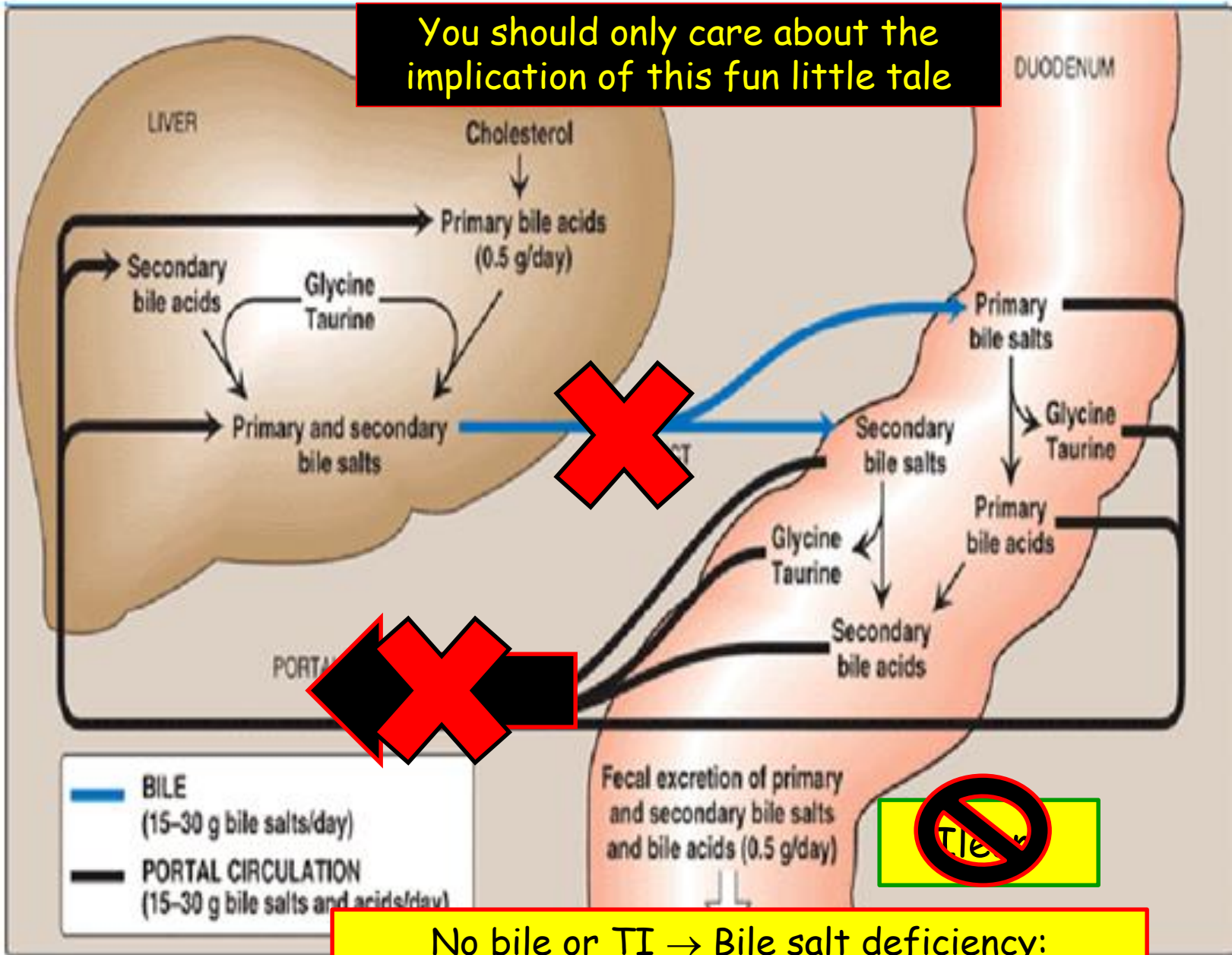
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You should only care about the implication of this fun little tale

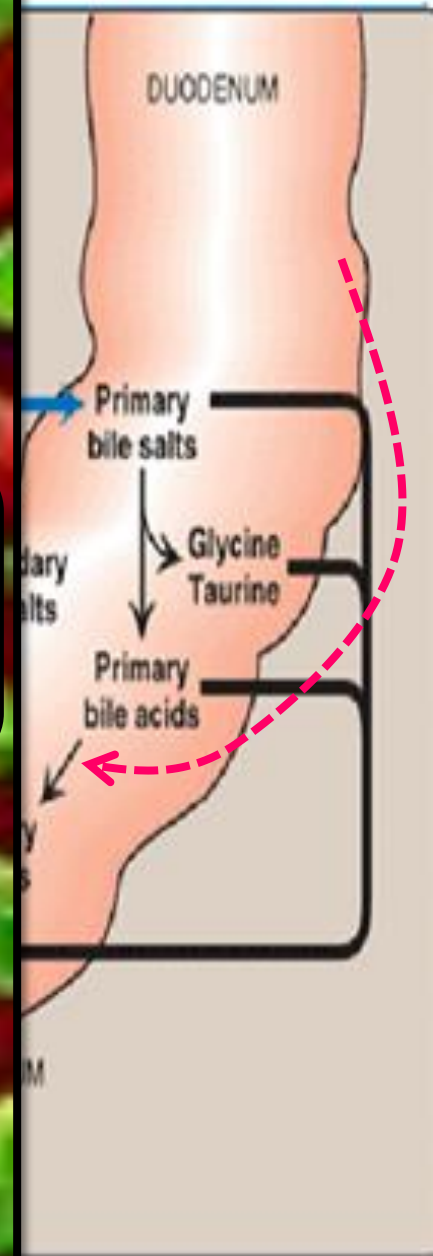


No bile or TI → Bile salt deficiency:  
Stones (↓ BS/ ↑ Chole), Fat Vit Def, (B-12)



### Bacterial Overgrowth:

- Bile salts deconjugated too soon.
- Bile acids reabsorbed (too soon) leading to incomplete absorption of fats



## Enterohepatic Circulation of Bile

Don't lose your bile on the fine particulars

You need to be familiar with the concept of enterohepatic circulation and implication of its failure

### Failure

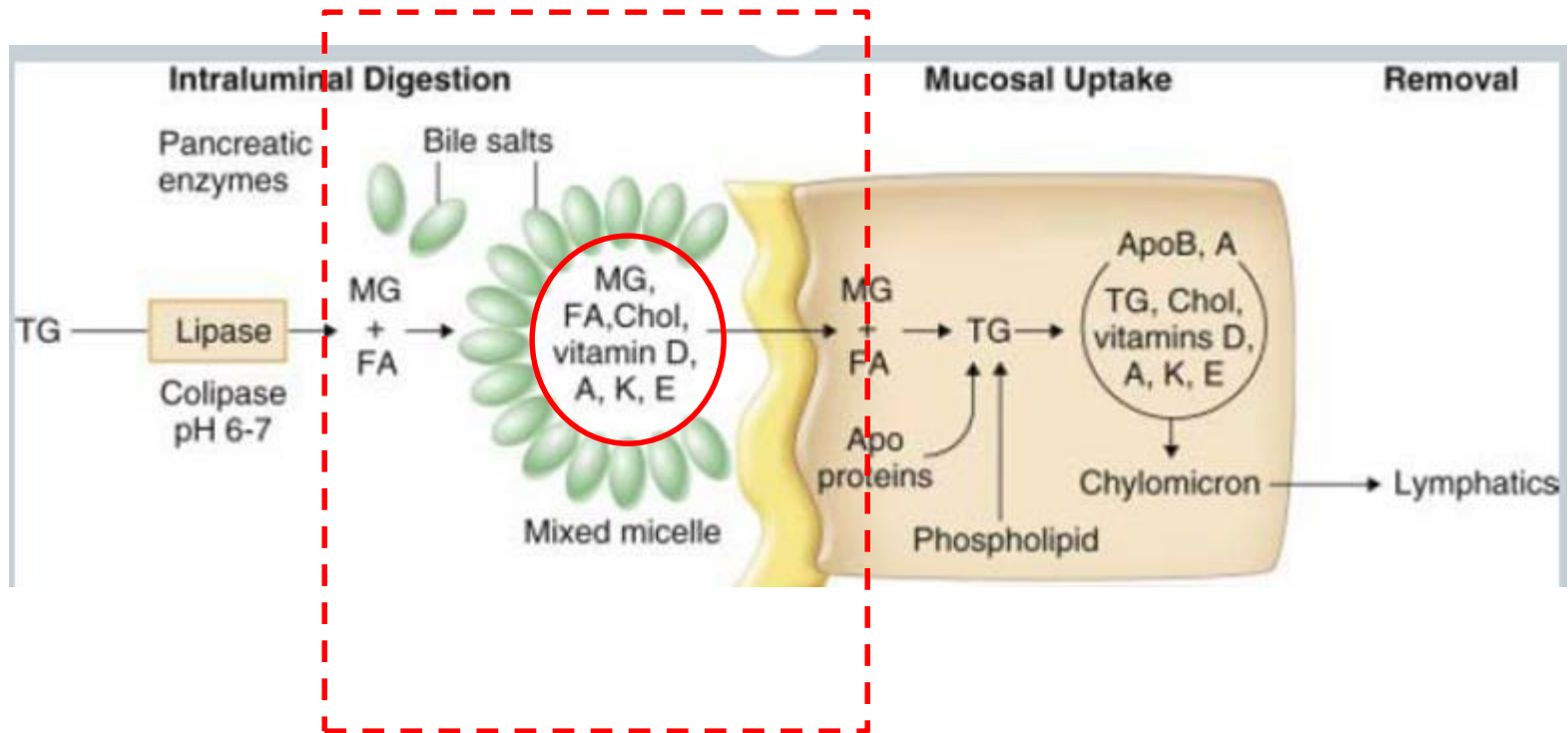
Liver (cirrhosis; no bile acids/salts)  
Duct destruction (PBC, PSC), obstruction  
Disease/loss of terminal ileum (Crohn's, resection)

### Implication

Steatorrhea →  
Malabsorption (including fat soluble vitamins)  
Stones

From bile salt deficiency?

# Bile Function???



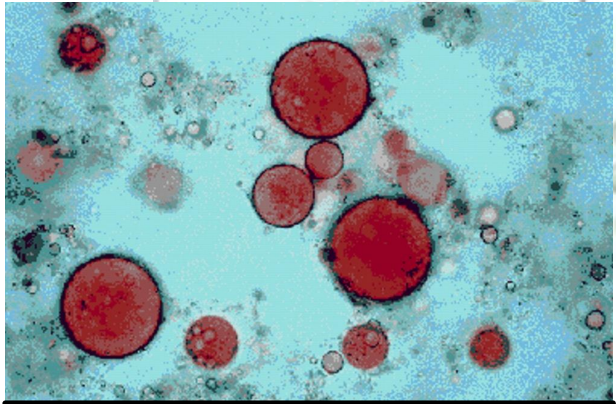
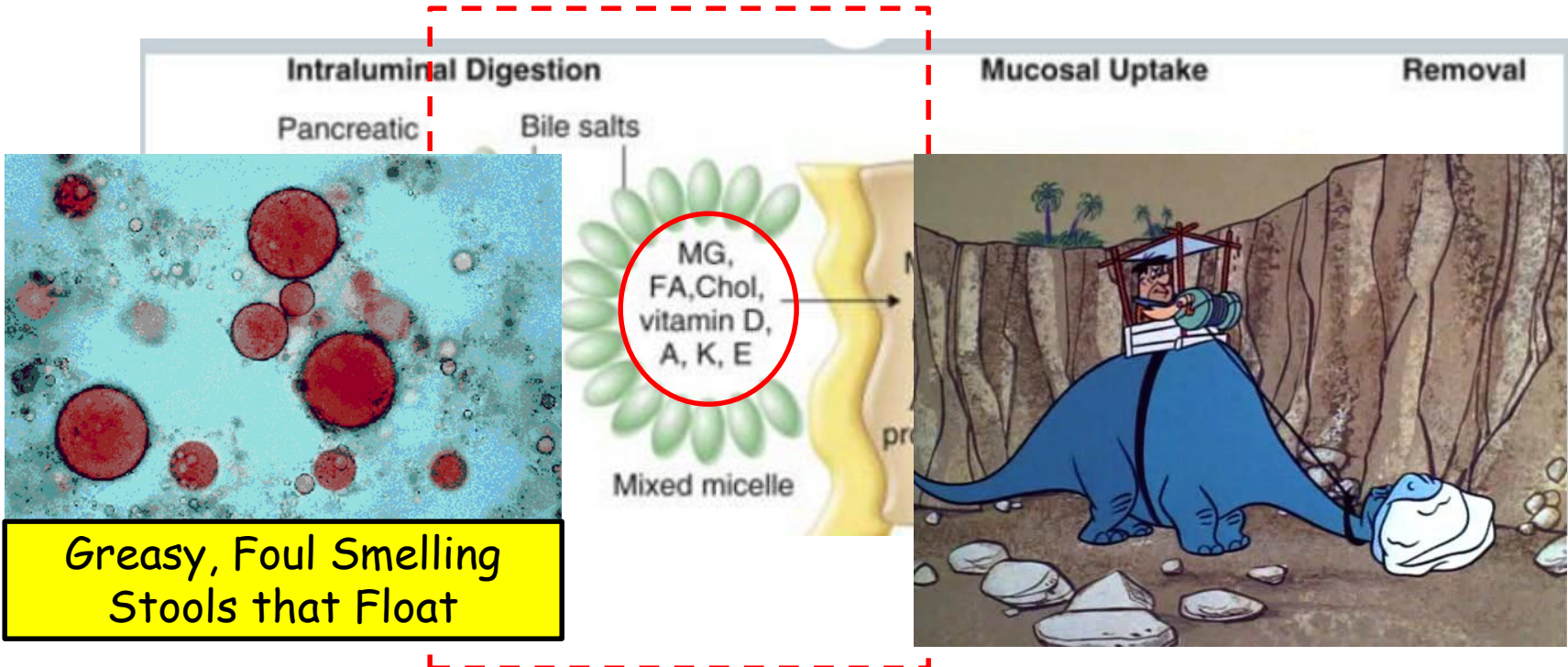
Pancreatic  
Lipase

Bile Salts

Enterocytes

Fat Absorption (3 components)

# Bile Function???



Greasy, Foul Smelling Stools that Float

Pancreatic Lipase	<b>Bile Salts</b>	Enterocytes
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Fat Absorption (3 components)

# Bile WYNTKFTB

- Components
  - Bile salts, cholesterol, bilirubin
- Function
  - Emulsify fats, cholesterol excretion/secretion
- Synthesis
  - Cholesterol, 7- $\alpha$  hydroxylase, primary bile acids
  - Conjugation w/ taurine/glycine yields bile salts
- Enterohepatic circulation
  - Majority (85%) of bile is recycled
- Imbalance (pathology)
  - Bile salt  $\downarrow$  causes steatorrhea
  - $\downarrow$  BS:cholesterol ratio associated w/ stones
- Marker of injury (pathology)
  - Alk  $\Phi$ ,  $\gamma$ -GT
  - Conjugated bilirubin



We will review bile again in context of  
stones/obstruction...

This was background on bile physiology...