

SNS COLLEGE OF NURSING COIMBATORE-35

COURSE : B.Sc Nursing

SUBJECT : Midwifery & Obstetrical Nursing

UNIT : I

TOPIC : Hyperemesis Gravidarum

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Introduction



• Hyperemesis gravidarum (HG) is a severe form of morning sickness characterized by persistent nausea and vomiting during pregnancy.



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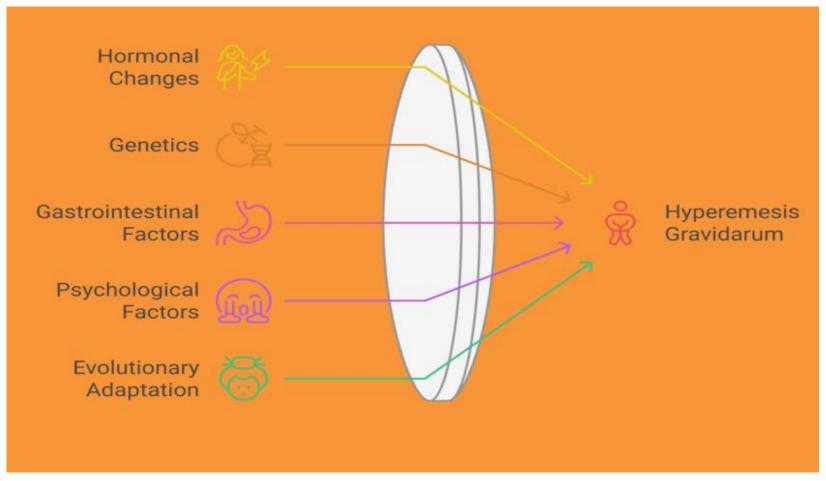


• Which usually subsides after the first trimester, HG can persist throughout the pregnancy and significantly impact a woman's health and quality of life.



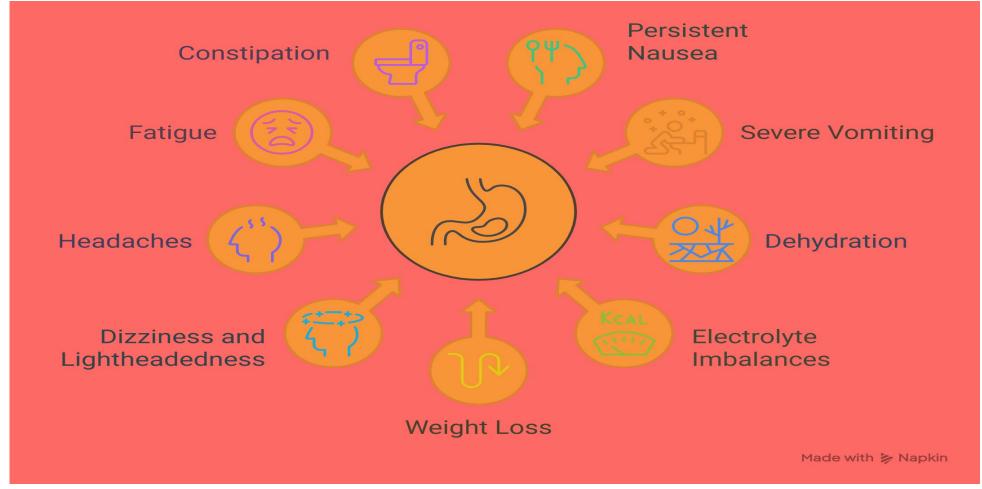
Causes





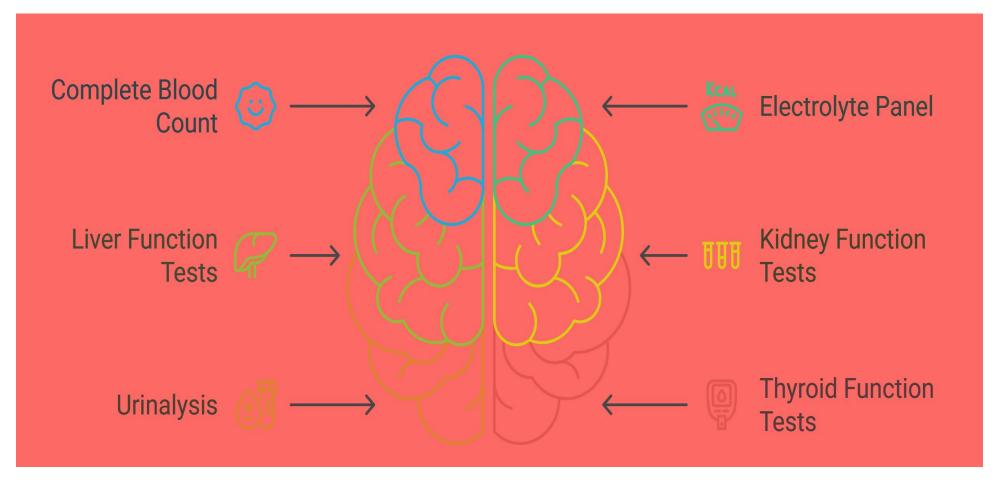
Signs & Symptoms

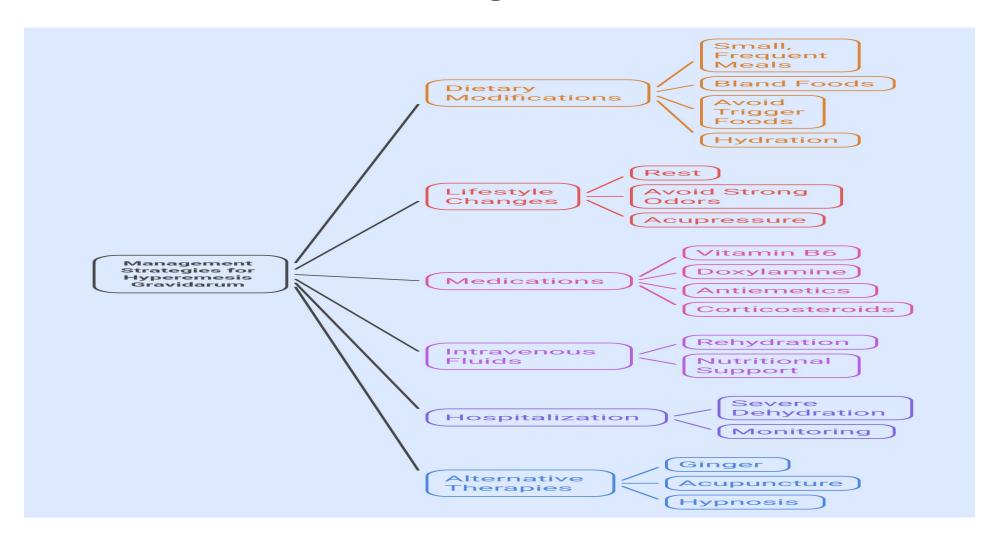




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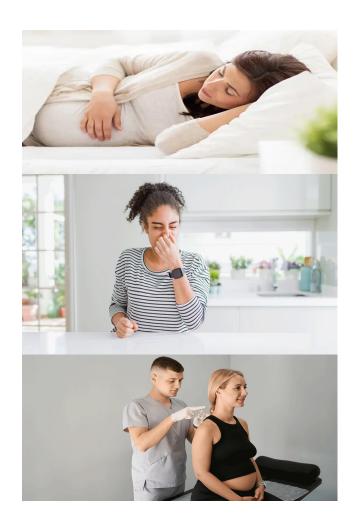








- Lifestyle Changes
- Rest: Getting adequate rest can help reduce nausea and fatigue.
- Avoid Strong Odors: Avoiding strong smells that can trigger nausea.
- Acupressure: Using acupressure bands on the wrists to reduce nausea.





• Intravenous (IV) Fluids:

 Nutritional Support: In severe cases, total parenteral nutrition (TPN) may be necessary to provide adequate nutrition.



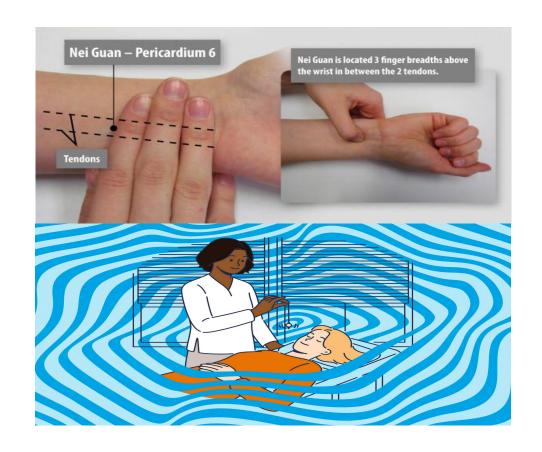


- Hospitalization:
- Monitoring: Close monitoring of maternal and fetal health.





- Acupuncture: Some women find relief from nausea and vomiting through acupuncture
- Hypnosis: Hypnosis may help reduce anxiety and control nausea



Maternal Complications



- Dehydration and Electrolyte Imbalances: Can lead to cardiac arrhythmias, muscle weakness, and neurological problems
- Nutritional Deficiencies: Lack of essential vitamins and minerals can affect overall health and immune function.



Maternal Complications



• Wernicke's Encephalopathy: A neurological disorder caused by thiamine deficiency.

• Kidney Damage: Severe dehydration can lead to acute kidney injury

Wernicke's Encephalopathy



Fetal Complications





• Preterm Birth: Increased risk of premature delivery.



• Developmental Problems: Severe nutritional deficiencies can affect fetal development.

Conclusion



- Hyperemesis gravidarum is a severe condition that can significantly impact a woman's health and well-being during pregnancy.
- Early diagnosis and appropriate management are essential to prevent complications and ensure a healthy pregnancy outcome.

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