# Eating disorders (ED)

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## Classification of ED

• Anorexia nervosa (AN)

• Bulimia nervosa (BN)

• Atypical AN or BN

• Binge eating disorder

## Anorexie nervosa - behaviour

- Restricting type:
  - food restriction (dieting, shrinking portions, periods of starvation)

- Binge-eating/purging type:
  - alternation of periods with food restriction and periods of overeating
  - followed by self-induced vomiting, abuse of laxatives, appetite suppressants and diuretics

## Anorexia nervosa - behaviour

- Common symptoms
  - excessive exercise
  - body checking
    - mirror gazing, repaeted weighing
    - or avoidance the mirror and refusal to weigh
  - increased preoccupation with food
    - strict rules regarding food intake
      - counting the caloric value of foods
      - eating at precise time intervals
    - cooking for household members

# Anorexia nervosa - psychopathology

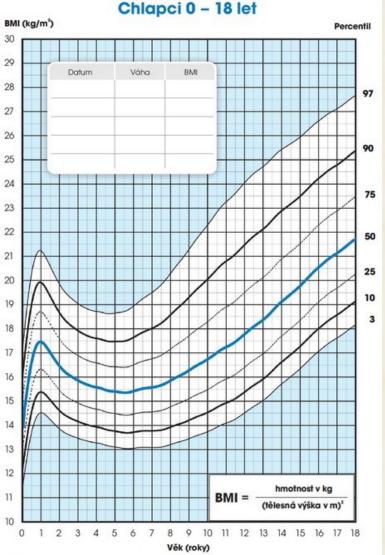
- Intrusive dread of fatness and weight gain
   even during severe malnutrition
  - leads to a self-imposed low weight threshold
  - remorse after eating
- Body image disturbance
  - overestimation of weight and body shape
    - particularly the buttocks, abdomen and thighs

## Anorexia nervosa - psychopathology

- Fluctuations of mood
  - reduction of social contacts
  - disrupted concentration
- Deny the severity of symptoms
   they tend to lie and manipulate other people



## Anorexia nervosa ICD-10 criterions



- Body weight
   decreases in BMI <17.5</li>
- Self-induced weight loss

   food restriction (restricting type)
   self-induced vomiting, abuse of laxatives, appetite suppressants and diuretics

(binge-eating/purging type)

– excessive exercise

### Anorexia nervosa ICD-10 criterions

- Psychopathology
  - intrusive dread of fatness
  - body image disturbance
    - negative emotional evaluation of their body
  - self-imposed low weight threshold

## Anorexia nervosa ICD-10 criterions

- Primary or secondary amenorrhea
  - usually not present when using hormonal contraceptives
- Delay or absence of pubertal symptoms
- Changes in hormone level
  - ↑ kortisol
  - secondary hypothyroidism

# Anorexia nervosa - epidemiology

- Lifetime prevalence
  - for women it is about 0.5-2%
  - for men 0.3%
- Just 1/2 are observed by specialists
- Beginning
  - between 12 and 15 years
  - 1. hospitalizazion between 15 and 19 years
  - rarely from 8 year

## Anorexia nervosa – personality

- Perfectionism
  - low selfesteem
  - performance orientation
- Neurotic and introversion personality

   anxious, inner insecure
- Dissatisfaction with one's body

## Anorexia nervosa – risk factors

- Family constelation
  - predominant and hyperprotective mother
  - emotional distant and passive father
- Lingering problems in the family

   divorce
  - performance pressure
  - competition with sibling for attention

## Anorexia nervosa - course

- 1 or a few episodes with healing
   complete remision 19%
- More episodes during long period of life
   partial remision 60%
- Chronic course with any remision

   persistent illness 21%
- Mortality > 10%

## Anorexia nervosa - comorbidities

- Depressive syndrom
   symptom of malnutrition
- Anxiety disorders
- Obsedant compulsive disorder

   intrusive thought of body shape, food
   urge to exercise, vomit

## Health complications – general I

Absence of sensations

 hunger, satiety, fatigue
 insensitive about pain

• Oedema

- from hypoproteinemia

# Health complications – general II

Deceleration or stopping of growth

 hormonal stimulation after restoration of weight

- Cortical atrophy
  - deteoriation of cognition and emotions
  - infantile behaviour

## Dermal complications

- Acrocyanosis
  - cold and violet hands and foots
- Hair loss
- Lanugo hair
  - fine pale hair
  - back, forearm
- Dry skinn
- Fragile nails

## Cardiovascular complications

- Bradycardia
  - by 94% of patients
  - 50% under 40 beats per minute
  - to 28 beats per minute
  - decreased response to exercice
- Postural hypotension
- Risk of malignant arrhythmia
   cause of 1/3 death

## Gastrointestinal complications

- Hypomotility
  - slow gastric empthying (tension of stomach)
  - constipation and flatulence
  - correction of motility over 2 weeks of regular eating

Salivary gland hypertrophy
from vomitting or persistnat feel of hunger

# Hormonal dysregulation

- Amenorhea, infertility
- Secondary hypothyroidism
  - $-\downarrow$  tyroxin (T4) a T3
  - normal level of TSH
- Osteoporosis
  - neuroendocrine inhibition of blastogenesis
  - $-\uparrow$  kortisol
  - 50% on densitometry

## Maternity complications

- Perinatal problems
  - higher perinatal mortality
  - more ofen anxiety and depression symtoms
  - relationship problems with newborns

Assisted reproduction

 1/3 client with eating disorder
 don't admit desease

# Differential diagnosis of anorexia nervosa

#### • GIT deseases

- esofagitis, gastritis, gastric ulcer
- inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's desease, ulcerative colitis)
- celiac desease, food intolerance
- Tumour
- Hyperthyroidism

## Treatment of anorexia nervosa

- Ambulatory
  - general practitioner
  - psychological care
  - psychiatric care
  - nutritive consultant
- Hospitalization
  - malnutrition (under 15 BMI)
  - somatic complications (collapse)
  - failure of ambulatory care

# Treatment during hospitalization

- Regime therapy
  - food 5-6x a day
  - weekend permit only in a case of weight gain
- Psychotherapy
  - individual, group or family (by children)
- Drug therapy
- Ergotherapy

# Anorexia mentalis - drug therapy

- Antidepressants
  - SSRI, mirtazapin, trazodon
  - anxiety and depressive disorders, OCD
- Anxiolytics
  - reduction of fear from wight gain and remorse after eating
- Antipsychotics
  - olanzapin: massive anxiety, excessive exercise
  - sulpirid: stomach ache after eating

## Anorexia nervosa - psychotherapy

- Individual
  - admit the severity of illnes
  - attitude to the body and food
  - personality and interpersonal problems
- Group
- Family
  - separation, competition with sibling
- Education
  - patient and relatives

# Complications of psychotherapy

- Effort to maintain the disease
  - feeling of uniqueness take self-confidence
  - need of attention (rivarly, divorce)
- Formal cooperation
  - ambivalnce to treatment and change
  - often change their attitude
  - they refer what we anticipate
    - not that they realy mean

## Bulimia nervosa - behaviour

- Typically
  - daily starvation with evening episodes of overeating of large amount of food
  - followed by self-induced vomiting

# Bulimia nervosa - psychopathology

- Intrusive dread of fatness and weight gain
   leades to a self-imposed low weight threshold
- Strong desire to eat
- Depressive moods and remorse
   after episodes of overeating

## Bulimia nervosa - somatic

No significant malnutrition

 even overweight can occur
 weight fluctuations are greater than in anorexia nervosa

## Bulimia nervosa ICD-10 criteria

- An intrusive dread of fatness
- Permanently busy of the food
  - strong desire to eat
  - episodes of overeating of large amount food
- Effort to suppress nutritious effect
  - self-induced vomiting
  - daily starvation
  - abuse of laxatives, appetite suppressants or diuretics, excessive exercise

## Bulimia nervosa - epidemiology

- Lifetime prevalence
  - for women it is about 1.5-2,5%
  - for men 0.2%
- Just 1/8 s recognise by general practitioner
- Beginning
  - between 16 and 25 years

# Bulimia nervosa - personality

- Impulsive
  - behaviour without consideration
  - feeling of lower self-control
  - reduction of uncomfortable feelings
- Inclination
  - depressive disorder, unstable mood
  - drug abuse, promiscuity
  - self-harm behaviour, suicide attempt

## Health complications

- Mineral imbalance
  - tetania, epileptoform seizures, arrhythmia
  - complication of
    - excessive vomiting
    - abuse of diuretics or overdrinking
- Due to frequent vomiting
  - tooth erosion
  - esophagitis

## Bulimia nervosa - treatment

- Don't search professional help
   often come for depression
  - after suicide attempts
- Psychotherapy
  - better motivation and cooperation than by anorexia nervosa

## Bulimia nervosa – drug treatment

- Antidepressants
  - SSRI: fluoxetin 60mg/day
    - heigher dosage than by depressive disorder
- Effect
  - comorbidities
    - depression, anxiety
  - heal itself disease
    - reduce frequency of bulimic episodes

# Binge eating disorder - behaviour

- Episodes of overeating of large amount of food
- Absence of compensatory behaviour
  - patients do not vomit
  - do not exercise
  - do not starve
    - due to dissatisfaction with their body, however, they may unsuccessfully diet

Binge eating disorder - psychopathology

Permanently busy of the food
– strong desire to eat

- Feeling of loss of control over food intake

   reduction of uncomfortable feelings
  - maladaptive treating of stressful situations

# Binge eating disorder – somatic and comorbidites

• Overweight or even morbid obesity

• Depressive and axiety disorders

# Binge eating disorder - treatment

- Psychotherapy
- Lifestyle changes
  - diet
  - exercise
- Bariatric surgical interventions

Eating disorders by diabetes mellitus

- 2x higher risk of eating diorder by DM I
- Manifest by noncompliance in healing of diabetes
  - "diabulimia": reduce of dosage of insulin
    - weight depletion despite enough intake of food
    - inexplicable hypergylkemia
    - polyuria

- binge eating diorder: 10-20x more frequent

## Thank you for attention!

