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Posted by John Snell - 2008/11/17 08:48

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so difficult to digest. She asked if I could search the Internet. I wasn't able to find sites on the Web that were especially helpful, so I thought I'd ask one of the newsgroups. If you have ideas, could you please post them here? Thanks in advance for all your help. Your message reminds me so much of when I was first dx'd with arthritis... the military doctors prescribed 24 aspirin a day to control the inflammation... it burned a hole in my stomach. I couldn't eat. I couldn't drink. I Lost 50+ lbs in less than 2 months. Finally I got a chance to meet a few doctors at the VA hospital and one of them prescribed Carafate & Zantac and switched from aspirin to a few other NSAIDS. Immediate relief!!! Things were back to normal within a few months and I haven't had any GI problems since! As far as a diet, during these few months it was recommended that I not consume any red meat and/or alcoholic beverages. Hope this helps!

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Posted by Cuchulain Libby - 2008/11/17 08:48

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Your friend should find a competent physician. Stomach ulcers are the result of a viral infection, and are treated quickly and effectively with the proper antibiotics/antivirals. I think you're a tad confused. *Some* ulcers have been found to have a coexisting problem of H.pylori *bacteria* (not viral) presence. Others are caused by certain drugs (NSAIDS, ASA and others) and some can be stress induced (we give hospitalized patients H2 blockers to help avoid stress ulcers..often even without prior ulcer history) Goomba

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Posted by Gina * - 2008/11/17 08:48

Re: bland recipes for an ulcer sufferer Group: rec.food.cooking Date: Sat, Mar 23, 2002, 5:30am (EST+5) From: jefd...@best.com (Jeff Dodd) ..snip. Stomach ulcers are the result of a viral infection, and are treated quickly and effectively with the proper antibiotics/antivirals. Surgery for ulcers usually indicates an uninformed physician, or one who is pushing a surgery practice. The surgery may eliminate the current ulcer(s), but does nothing to prevent recurrence. If your friend receives the proper treatment, he will be cured in a matter of days, and will require no special diet due to stomach ulcers. Given his age, he may or may not have other digestive considerations, but that is a separate matter.

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Surgery for ulcers usually indicates an uninformed physician, or one who is pushing a surgery practice. My goodness, for someone who patently doesn't know much about ulcers, you certainly aren't shy about offering a second surgical opinion, are you? There could be several reasons for the surgery, including extensive damage. How much do you want to bet that the surgeon and the referring physician know a whole lot more about the patient and his condition than you? Mac

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so difficult to digest. She asked if I could search the Internet. I wasn't able to find sites on the Web that were especially helpful, so I thought I'd ask one of the newsgroups. If you have ideas, could you please post them here? Thanks in advance for all your help. Not so terribly bland... rice, cooked in chicken or beef stock seasoned with herbs and with added diced veggies. Steamed or baked/roasted vegetables. Meat loaf might work ;-) Chicken breast halves browned in a bit of olive oil, then add a little chicken or vegetable stock and a dash of white wine (if he can take it) with whatever herbs (parsley, dried marjoram, tarragon, basil, crushed thyme). Cover and simmer about 10 minutes, remove the cover and to simmer to thicken the sauce (which can be thickened with a roux of cornstarch + water). For breakfast... Egg Beaters (or the equivalent) make fine scrambled eggs with no added milk. Serve with toasted bread. Oatmeal also comes to mind... my grandpa couldn't go a day without his parritch! <G Good luck to your friend! Jill

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Posted by Cuchulain Libby - 2008/11/17 08:48

is so much scar tissue and damage in his gut that he's beyond this particular form of treatment. He had peritonitis in his mid 40s and he has bleeding ulcers in areas that normally do not have them. So what he needs at this point is a diet that he can tolerate. Hopefully someone has some ideas in terms of a menu, rather than a mode of treatment. See, there are no 'general' questions, are there? Sorry to seem flippant. Sounds like a dietician's services are needed. One may post that which you seek now that the details are known. Pasta, rice? Are eggs ok? I mean it would seem the exclusion list would be shorter.

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Posted by LIMEYNO1 - 2008/11/17 08:48

Not all ulcers are cureable by anti-biotics.

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My husband had ulcers caused by this bacteria, he was cured by the course of antibiotics. I'm glad he found relief. My father, now dead, suffered with an ulcer for years before having a surgical resection in the mid-1950's....before it was known about the bacterial cause of ulcers. Mac

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Posted by The Hackett Family - 2008/11/17 08:48

But if you drink enough Scotch and milk you might not notice the pain...

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