The Liver

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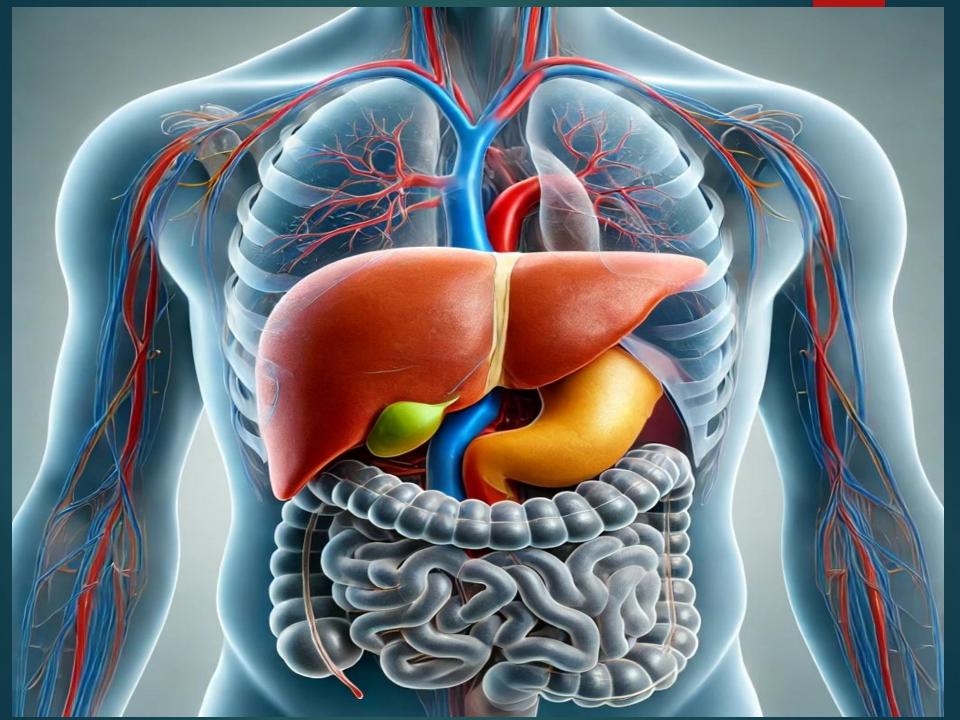
Introduction to the Liver

The liver is the largest internal organ and plays a crucial role in metabolism, digestion, and detoxification.



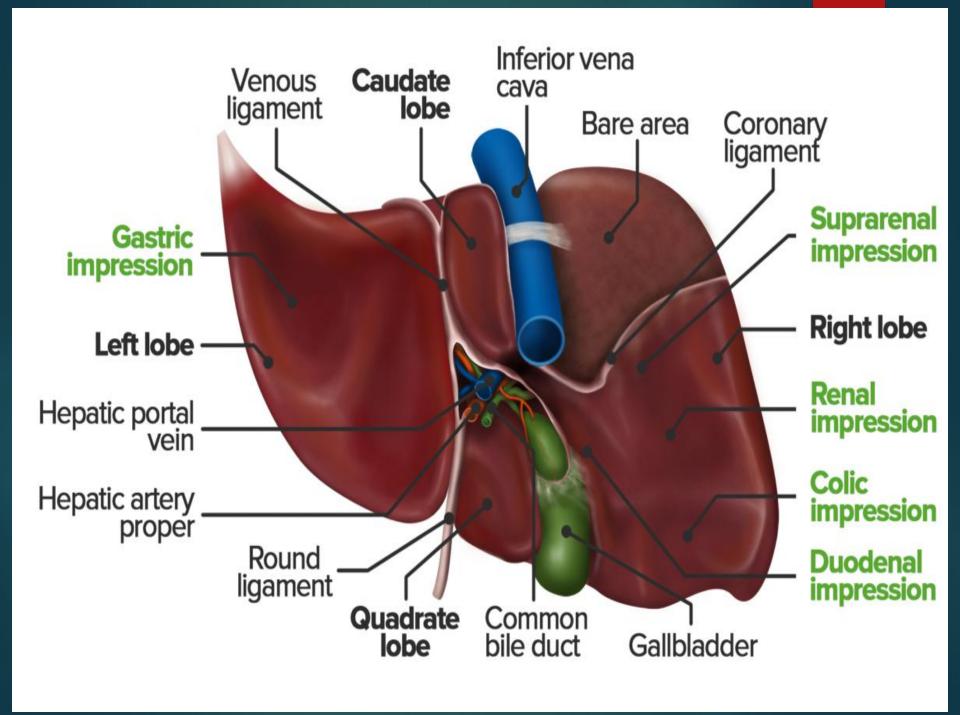
Liver Anatomy

- Located in the upper right abdomen.
- ▶ Divided into the right and left lobes.
- Connected to the gallbladder and intestines via bile ducts.



Liver Lobes

- The liver is divided into two main lobes:
- Right lobe (larger)
- Left lobe (smaller)
- Additional lobes:
- Caudate lobe (posterior)
- Quadrate lobe (anterior, near gallbladder)

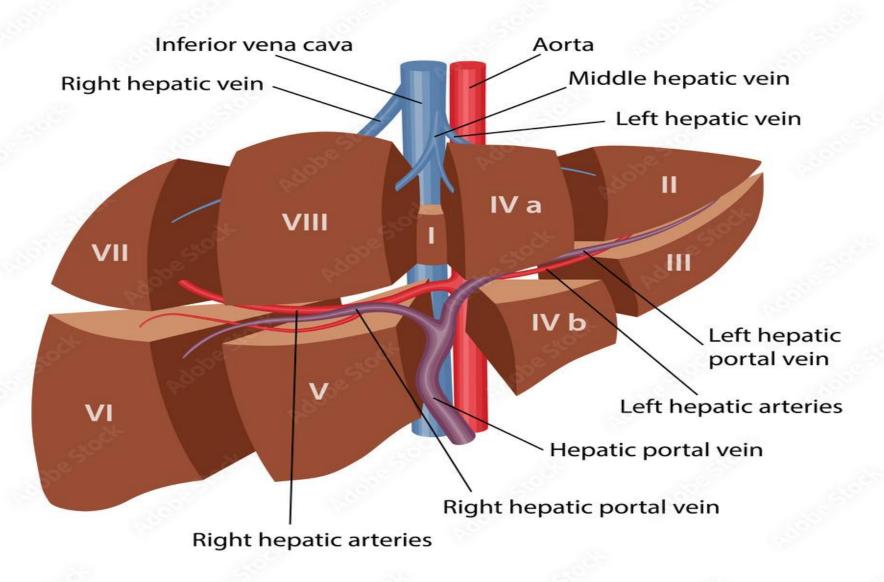


Liver Segments (Couinaud Classification)

- The liver is divided into 8 segments
- Each segment has its own vascular inflow, outflow, and bile drainage
- Segments:
- I Caudate lobe
- II, III, IV Left lobe
- V, VI, VII, VIII Right lobe
- Used in liver surgery for precise resections

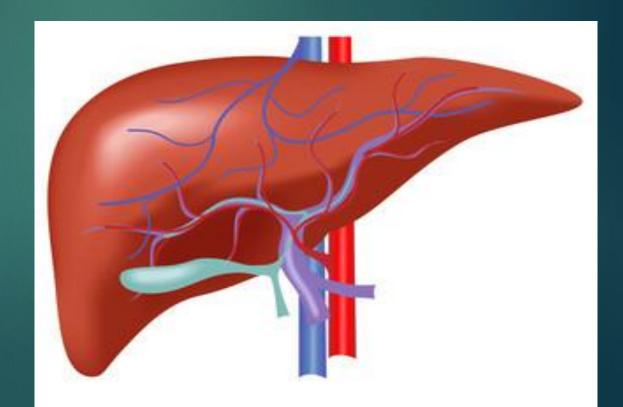
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Liver segments



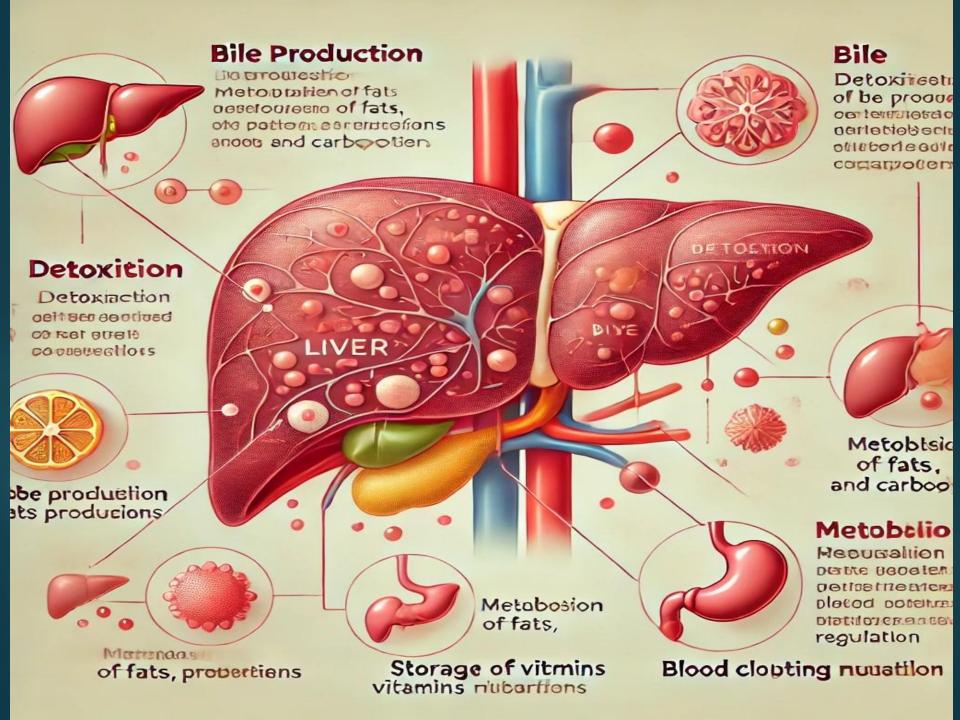
Blood Supply to the Liver

- Hepatic artery supplies oxygen-rich blood.
- Portal vein supplies nutrient-rich blood from the intestines.
- Hepatic veins drain blood into the inferior vena cava.



Major Functions of the Liver

- Metabolism of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins.
- Detoxification of drugs and toxins.
- Bile production for digestion.
- Storage of vitamins and minerals.
- Regulation of blood clotting.



Liver's Role in Digestion

- Produces bile, which helps break down fats.
- Bile is stored in the gallbladder and released into the intestines.
- Helps in the absorption of fatsoluble vitamins (A, D, E, K).

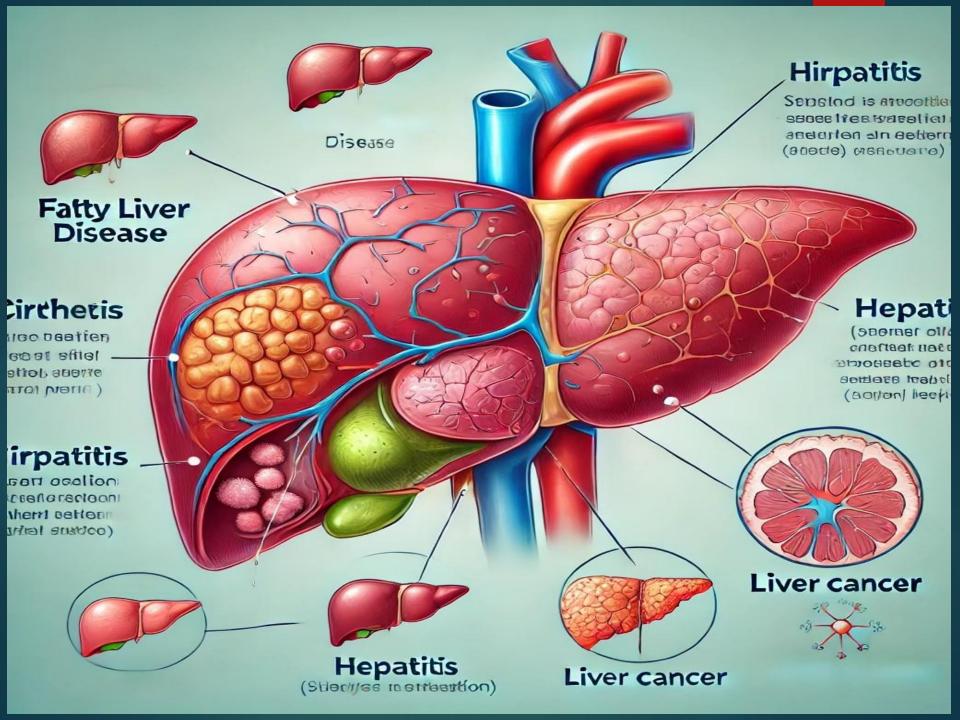
Liver and Detoxification

- Converts ammonia (toxic) into urea for excretion.
- Breaks down alcohol and drugs.
- Filters toxins from the bloodstream.

Common Liver Diseases

- Hepatitis (A, B, C, D, E)
- Cirrhosis (scarring of liver tissue)
- Fatty Liver Disease (alcoholic and nonalcoholic)
- Liver Cancer (Hepatocellular carcinoma)





Symptoms of Liver Disease

- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes)
- Fatigue and weakness
- Swelling in the abdomen and legs
- Dark urine and pale stools
- Nausea and loss of appetite

Diagnosing Liver Diseases

- Liver function tests (ALT, AST, bilirubin levels).
- Imaging (Ultrasound, MRI, CT scan)
- Liver biopsy (to check for damage or disease)

Treatment and Prevention

- Healthy diet and weight management.
- Avoid excessive alcohol consumption.
- Medications for viral hepatitis.
- Liver transplant in severe cases.

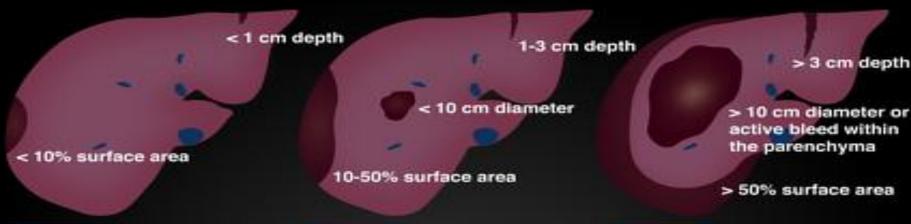
Liver Trauma: Types and Management

Introduction

- The liver is the most commonly injured organ in abdominal trauma.
- Liver trauma can result from blunt or penetrating injuries.
- Management depends on injury severity and hemodynamic stability.

Classification of Liver Injuries (AAST Grading)

- **Grade I:** Minor subcapsular hematoma (<10%) or capsular tear (<1 cm).
- **Grade II:** Larger hematoma (10-50%) or laceration (1-3 cm).
- **Grade III:** Hematoma (>50%) or deep laceration (>3 cm).
- **Grade IV:** Parenchymal disruption (25-75%) or major vessel injury.
- **Grade V:** Parenchymal disruption (>75%) or juxtahepatic venous injury.
- **Grade VI:** Hepatic avulsion (non-survivable injury).



Grade I

- laceration
- subcapsular haematoma

Grade II

- laceration
- intraparenchymal haematoma
- subcapsular haematoma

Grade III

- laceration
- intraparenchymal haematoma.
- contained active bleed
- subcapsular haematoma
- vascular injury
 e.g. pseudoaneurysm or AV fistula

25-75% hepatic lobe disruption

> 75% hepatic lobe disruption Caval and central major hepatic vein injury

Active bleed extending into the peritoneum

Grade IV

- parenchymal disruption
- active bleeding

Grade V

- parenchymal disruption
- juxtahepatic venous injury

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*Advance one grade for each additional injury upto grade III.

Mechanisms of Injury

- **Blunt Trauma:**
- Motor vehicle accidents, falls, sports injuries.
- **Penetrating Trauma:**
- Stab wounds, gunshot wounds.
- May involve major vascular structures leading to hemorrhage.

Clinical Presentation

- Right upper quadrant (RUQ) pain.
- Signs of hemorrhagic shock (tachycardia, hypotension, pallor).
- Rebound tenderness, distension, peritonitis.
- Associated injuries (rib fractures, spleen trauma).

Diagnosis

- **FAST (Focused Assessment with Sonography in Trauma):** First-line screening for hemoperitoneum.
- **CT Scan with Contrast:** Gold standard for stable patients.
- **Laboratory Tests:** Hemoglobin, hematocrit, liver enzymes (AST, ALT).
- **Diagnostic Peritoneal Lavage (DPL):**
 Used selectively.

Management Overview

- **Non-Operative Management (NOM):** For hemodynamically stable patients.
- **Surgical Intervention:** For unstable patients with ongoing bleeding.
- **Angioembolization:** Used for selective arterial bleeding.

Non-Operative Management (NOM)

- Bed rest, hemodynamic monitoring.
- Serial hemoglobin checks.
- Repeat imaging if clinical deterioration occurs.
- Used for Grades I-III in stable patients.

Surgical Management

- **Indications for Surgery:**
- Uncontrolled hemorrhage.
- **Surgical Techniques:**
- Hepatorrhaphy (suturing liver lacerations).
- Liver packing with gauze.
- Partial hepatectomy.
- Damage control surgery in severe cases.

Postoperative Care & Complications

- **Monitoring:** ICU admission, serial hematocrit monitoring.
- **Complications:**
- Bile leak, intra-abdominal abscess.
- Coagulopathy, sepsis.
- Liver failure (rare but serious).