

## EATING DISORDERS CAN LEAD TO ACUTE GASTRIC DILATATION, ISCHEMIC NECROSIS, AND RUPTURE - A CASE REPORT AND LITERATURE REVIEW

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### **Abstract:**

#### **Introduction**

Eating disorders are disturbances of eating impairing health or psychosocial functioning. These disorders can lead to potentially lethal complications like acute gastric dilatation, necrosis, and perforation. There are only 75 cases identified in the literature up to the beginning of 2022 and this is the 1st reported case in Saudi Arabia.

#### **Case presentation**

A 19-year-old Saudi female known case of anorexia nervosa. She presented to the Emergency room c /of abdominal pain for 12 hours after ingesting a heavy meal. The patient became unstable, an exploratory laparotomy was done. It revealed frank spillage of several liters of partially digested food. During the evaluation of the stomach, there was a large area of necrosis and perforation extending along the proximal greater curvature. damage control surgery was performed, which required a total gastrectomy, cervical esophagectomy, and feeding jejunostomy. The patient expired the next day with septic shock

#### **Discussion and conclusion**

Acute gastric dilation has potentially fatal consequences, so a low threshold of suspicion is required for any patient presenting with severe abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating. The treatment should probably be before the occurrence of any irreversible damage.

#### **Introduction:**

Eating disorders are disturbances of eating impairing health or psychosocial functioning. They include anorexia nervosa, binge eating disorder, bulimia nervosa, and other non-specified eating disorders [1]. Many Surgeons think eating disorders are psychological problems unrelated to life-threatening conditions. However, that is not the truth. These disorders can sometimes lead to potentially lethal complications like acute gastric dilatation. It was described for the first time by Duplay in 1833[2]. In 1966 Russell linked it to eating disorders [3]. Since then, 75 cases have been published in the literature, and complications were recorded for many of them such as gastric necrosis and perforation. Here we present the first case reported in Saudi Arabia for a young lady well known to have anorexia

nervosa, who presented to the emergency room with severe gastric dilation complicated with necrosis and perforation. Unfortunately, this story ended with losing the patient. Therefore, we would like to discuss this case in addition to a comprehensive literature review of similar published cases.

Our message for the surgeons is to be aware of the possibility of acute gastric dilatation if a young woman, who may be undernourished and anorexic, complains of abdominal pain after ingestion of a large meal. Treatment should probably be before the occurrence of any irreversible damage. If the gastric dilatation progresses, the stomach loses its contractility, resulting in venous occlusion, infarction, and gastric perforation. An extensive operation is required, and the patient undergoes an often complicated and prolonged hospital course.

### **Case presentation:**

A 19-year-old female patient is well-known to have anorexia nervosa. She presented to the emergency room at King Abdulaziz Specialist Hospital, Taif, Saudi Arabia, complaining of persistent generalized abdominal pain for 12 hours after ingesting a heavy meal. The pain was Associated with Abdominal distention. There was no nausea, vomiting, or change in bowel habits. She denied any history of fever or night sweats. There was no history of previous surgery, chronic use of medications, or allergies. On arrival, the patient was conscious and alert, her BMI was 15 Vtally, her blood pressure was 110/70 mm Hg, her pulse rate was 96/min, her temperature was 36.5, and her oxygen sat at 95 in room air. The abdomen was distended with mild tenderness over the epigastric with no peritoneal signs. Her labs showed that the patient had leukocytosis and a high lactic acid level.

**Figure 1: Erect abdominal x ray**

The chest and abdomen X-rays revealed the extended fundus towards the base of the left lung and a dilated stomach reaching the pelvis border electrocardiogram (ECG) was normal. Abdomen X-rays revealed the dilated stomach reaching the pelvis borders. She received IV omeprazole and IV fluid bolus, a nasogastric tube inserted, and drainage of 3 L of undigested food, with mild improvement of the patient's symptoms. The next day in the early morning, the patient was tachycardic in the 120s and hypotensive her blood pressure was 90/50. SpO<sub>2</sub> on 5 L nasal canula was 86%. The physical exam now demonstrated peritonitis signs. The patient was shifted to the operating room (OR) for an exploratory laparotomy. It revealed frank spillage of several liters of partially digested food. During the evaluation of the stomach, there was a large area of necrosis and perforation extending along the proximal greater curvature. The patient was hemodynamically unstable, so damage control surgery was performed, which required a total gastrectomy, cervical esophagectomy, and feeding jejunostomy.

**Figure 2: Total gastrectomy specimen**

The patient was shifted post-op to the intensive care unit (ICU) with a plan of delayed reconstruction. Unfortunately, the patient deteriorated postoperatively, became progressively hypotensive, and developed renal failure. The platelet count dropped to 12,000/mm: prothrombin and partial thromboplastin time were elevated to (15–5/12 and 45/36, respectively). Also, the white blood count was: 20,000/ml.

### Discussion:

We performed a literature search across three online databases (PubMed, Embase, Medline) for articles published from 1966 up to 2022 on cases of Acute gastric dilation associated with eating disorders. After the exclusion of SMA syndrome and acute pancreatitis cases. We identified only a total of 75 patients.

We have found that the most common eating disorder was anorexia nervosa 55%. About 88 % of all the reported cases were Females, with a mean age of 24, with the youngest being 3 -years old and the oldest being 70 -years old. Most of the patients developed the symptoms after eating a heavy meal. The exact pathophysiology behind the condition and its complications are not well known. Many papers hypothesize that starvation is associated with atony and muscular atrophy of the stomach [4]. Scobie talked about the association of AN with neurogenic gastric paralysis. [5]

In the literature review, the most common symptoms are abdominal pain, vomiting, abdominal distention, shortness of breath, and others. However, some patients presented with unusual severe signs and symptoms, like lower limb ischemia [6,7,8,9,10,9,16] acute compartment syndrome [11], Acute renal failure [12], seizures [13], tension pneumothorax [14], sudden death [15]. Most of these symptoms

result from the high intraabdominal pressure that compresses the vessel and leads to ischemia.

On examination, if the patient presented to the emergency room with stable vitals, no sign of peritonitis or complication. Moreover, Images only showed a dilated stomach, so the best management is conservation with gastric drainage through NGT and fluid, electrolyte, and nutritional support. Furthermore, this approach treated 31% of the patients successfully. However, sometimes this approach fails if the patient becomes or the beginning the patient was unstable and has peritoneal signs, which means some complications are going on. Therefore, urgent surgical intervention is needed for 69% of the patients.

All the complicated patients underwent exploratory laparotomy except one done by laparoscope [16]. Intraoperative findings were different. All of the patients had gastric dilation. However, few of them were found isolated and ended by only gastrotomy. However, 94% of operated cases reported gastric necrosis and perforation. The pathophysiology behind them is complicated. In a general role, the stomach is always protected from ischemia and necrosis by its rich blood supply. It is protected from perforation by its elastic wall and its two openings that work as venting pressure [17,18]. In cases of the atonic atrophied stomach wall, sudden ingestion of a large amount of food content leads to sudden dilation. This dilation leads to vagotomy or sympathetic stimulation of body relaxation. It increases tension at the pyloric sphincter and decreases gastric emptying [17], which leads to retention and further stimulation of gastric secretion [17]. If the Fundus is over-distended, this will decrease His angle and then form a one-way valve that can prevent regurgitation. Many patients recoded with losing the ability to vomit [18].

An overdistention leads to an increase in the intragastric pressure above its venous pressure. If more than 30 cmH<sub>2</sub>O ends with decreasing intramural venous outflow, gastric necrosis or even perforation can happen [19]. The most common perforated site is the lesser curvature. This was expected because it is considered the weakest part of the stomach because of its smaller number of mucosal folds and the limited mobility of the gastro-hepatic ligament [17,19].

Surgical intervention is required when conservative management fails and if necrosis or perforation is suspected. The surgical treatment is decided case by case depending on many factors, including intraoperative findings, if there is necrosis depending on its extension, if there is perforation on its size and location, dealing with other findings, and patient stability. Options include gastric decompression, primary repair of perforation, or partial/total gastrectomy with the immediate or elective planned reconstruction. The mortality rate recorded is 18%, and most of the time, it was related to shock (hypovolemic, neurogenic, or septic), aspiration, or disseminated intravascular coagulopathy.

### **Conclusion:**

Acute gastric dilation has potentially fatal consequences, so a low threshold of suspicion is required for any patient presenting with severe abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating. And the treatment should probably be before the occurrence of any irreversible damage.

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### **Ethical approval:**

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### Literature review summary:

N O	Author	Ye ar	Se x	Ag e in yea rs	Hx of Eating Disord ers	Presentati on	Management	Site of perforati on	Outco mes
1	Sarya Swed [20]	202 2	F	40	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge- eating. Vitally unstable Peritoneal signs	Direct EL Stomach Dilated Rapture: 5 cm necrotic features in the fundus. DCS : partial gastrectomy post op: progressively hypotensive and developed renal failure, DIC Re-exploration: infarction of remnant stomach + bowel Gastrostomy septic shock expired	GC	Expire d
2	David Wein stein [21]	202 2	F	28	BED	abdominal pain following an episode of binge- eating. Vitally stable	NGT Decompression DAMA Return with peritoneal signs EL Stomach Dilated necrosis and perforation the proximal greater	GC	recover y

							curvature to spleen DCS : total splenecto my and partial gastrectomy. 2 <sup>nd</sup> time for closure		
3	You Jin Han [22]	202 2	F	21	BED	abdominal pain following an episode of binge- eating. Vitaly unstable Peritoneal signs Lower limb ischemia	EL Stomach Dilated Perforation and gastric ischemia: 15 cm small and large bowels were dilated no ischemia or perforation DCS : total gastrectomy post op: DIC and multi-organ failure expired	LC	Expire d
4	Tyler Pitre [23]	202 1	F	21	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitaly stable	NGT Decompression	non	recover y
5	Damian Wiedbrauck [24]	202 1	F	23	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge	NGT Decompression	non	recover y

						eating Vitally stable			
6	Yun-Hu Chen [6]	202 1	F	33	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitally stable Lower limb ischemia	NGT Decompression Failure promoted defecation	non	Recover y
7	Árpád Panyko [25]	202 0	F	26	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitally stable	NGT Decompression	non	recover y
8	Roa Esparza [26]	202 0	F	43	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitally stable	NGT Decompression	non	Recover y
9	Jonathan Hancher [13]	202 0	F	21	EDNO S	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitally	EL resuscitation Dilated stomach gastric perforation and ischemic segments of small	after Non specific	Expire d



						unstable seizure – hypernatre mia	bowel. gastric decompression, repair of the gastric perforation, and small bowel resection. Post op: unstable relook extensive bowel ischemia. Septic shock		
10	Achamrah N [27]	202 0	F	37	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitally stable acute renal failure	NGT Decompression Patent unstable EL Dilated stomach Necrosis no perforation Total gastrectomy and jejunostomy were performed.	non	recover y
11	Alexander [28]	202 0	F	17	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitally stable	NGT Decompression Patent unstable EL Dilated stomach gastric fundus and greater curve necrosis no perforation gastrotomy and partial gastrectomy	non	recover y
12	Vittorio Gatto [7]	202 0	F	30	AN	abdominal pain following	NGT Decompression Patient unstable	LC	expired

							an episode of binge eating Vitality stable Lower limb ischemia	Before shifting to or expired Autopsy: Dilated stomach + perforation		
13	Kailash [29]	DO	201 9	F	60	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating Vitality stable	NGT Decompression	non	Recovery
14	di Luca et al. [30]		201 8	F	18	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitality unstable	Expired in ER Autopsy: overeating and gastric rupture (Fig. 2a). The stomach was hyper-distended and perforated in three different areas [two lesions on the gastric fundus near the cardial notch and a third on the antrum near the lesser curva- ture]. overeating and gastric rupture (Fig. 2a). The stomach was hyper-distended and perforated in	Fundus Antrum	Expired

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Dilated stomach  
3 perforations

15	Vasquez et al. [31]	2017	F	54	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Perforation huge Necrosis LC Total gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y anastomosis	LC	recovery
16	Dincel and Goksu [32]	2016	F	24	ND	abdominal pain	EL Dilated stomach	antrum	expired

						following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable Lower limb ischemia	Perforation was closed primary Post DIC + septic shock		
17	Dewangan et al [33]	201 6	M	17	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating peritoneal signs	LEL Dilated stomach There was a necrotic patch surrounding perforation Primary repair of the defect Feeding jejunostomy	AW	recover y
18	Kim, S-C; [34]	201 5	F	34	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating cardiac arrest cpr	NGT decompression Endoscopy decompression	non	recover y
19	Jorge Panach- Navarrete, [35]	201 5	F	36	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating peritoneal signs	NGT decompression EL Dilated stomach necrosis of the posterior wall and gastric fundus, and patchy necrosis throughout the greater curvature total gastrectomy	non	recover y

							and esophagojejunos- tomy		
20	Rosset [11]	201 5	F	41	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating peritoneal signs abdominal compartment syndrome	NGT decompression After 10 days endoscopy Gastric mucosa necrosis After 6 weeks gastric perforation total gastrectomy with Roux-en-Y esophagojejunos- tomy	?	recovery
21	Kimura [36]	A 5	F	34	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recovery
22	Seung-Mok Youm [9]	201 4	F	21	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating lower limb ischemia	EL Dilated stomach Gastrostomy for decompression Necrotic bowel and stomach no perforation cardiac arrest	non	expired
23	Jose Retamal [37]	201 4	F	19	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	recovery

24	Van Eetvelde [16]	2014	F	19	AN	painful white left leg vitally unstable peritoneal signs	NGT decompression Endoscopy gastric necrosis decompression restore of blood in lower limb Next day LSG	non	Recovery
25	Repesse [12]	2013	F	18	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating ,Acute renal impairment	NGT decompression	non	Recovery
26	Tatsuo et al [38]	2013	F	26	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression failed pt deteriorated EL necrosis from the fundus to the body of stomach, Partial gastrectomy post op : multiple organ failure and intra-abdominal abscess caused gastric necrosis and gastric perforation.	PW	Recovery
27	Sahoo et al [39]	2013	M	36	ND	abdominal pain following	NGT decompression not improvement	LC	Recovery

						an episode of binge eating	EL stomach dilated patchy necrosis at two areas, one on LC and the other on the fundus		
28	Heijneman [40]	201 3	F	43	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating unstable	EL : stomach completely necrotic and had perforated a subtotal gastrectomy A total of 16 re- recurrent gastrointestinal leakage	distal oesopha gus to the pylorus.	Recove ry
29	Răzvan Popescu [41]	201 3	F	50	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating unstable	EL Dilated stomach Necrosis and perforation total gastrectomy with stapled Roux-en-Y anastomosis. The	Antrum	Recove ry
30	Jung et al [42]	201 2	F	23	EDNO S	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating unstable	EL Dilated stomach Necrosis and perforation	Fundus	Recove ry
31	Mishima et al. [43]	201 2	M	12	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating unstable	EL Dilated stomach Necrosis and perforation partial gastrectomy	AW	Recove ry



32	Franco-López et al [44]	2012	F	31	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression fail EL Dilated stomach decompression gastrostomy was performed;	non	recover y
33	Darji [45]	2012	M	11	AN	RIF pain ? acute appendicitis	Open appendectomy large amount of free gas and free purulent fluid in right iliac fossa and right paracolic gutter with normal looking appendix. The incision was extended transversely and inspection gastric perforation. Primary repair	AW	recover y
34	Mishima et al[ 46]	2012	M	12	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating unstable	EL Dilated stomach Necrosis and perforation Partial gastrectomy	AW	Recove ry
35	Hausler [47]	2011	F	21	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression Hospital course: Chronic lung aspiration, haemothorax,	non	Recove ry

							ECMO/ICU prolonged stay, cholecystitis Conservative* for dilatation, but surgical for other complications [intubation, chest tube, cholecystectomy]		
36	Choirat [48]	201 0	F	19	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recovery
37	Morse [14]	201 0	F	18	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable peritoneal signs tension pneumothorax	Chest tube Gastric dilatation, necrosis and perforation. Total gastrectomy, ruptured diaphragm, repaired compartment syndrome of the abdomen necrotic right hemi-colon, necrotic appendix right hemicolectomy, placement of an esophageal drain and colostomy; subsequent distal ileum resection	LC	Recovery

							hospital course: ARDS, DIC, multi-system organ failure.		
38	García Salido et al [49]	2010	F	16	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recovery
39	Tweed-Kent [50]	2010	F	26	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression no improvement Surgical [gastrotomy, surgical decompression]	non	Recovery
40	Kashyap AS [51]	2009	F	36	ED	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression no improvement Surgical [gastrotomy, surgical decompression]	non	Recovery
41	Trindade et al. [52]	2008	F	13	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Necrosis and perforation Partial gastrectomy Partial gastrectomy partial gastrectomy	AW	Recovery

42	Hattori et al. [53]	200 8	F	22	BED	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Necrosis extended to spleen and perforation Partial gastrec- tomy Partial gastrec- tomy A total gastrectomy with splenectomy Post op DIC MOF	GC	Expire d
43	Arie [54]	200 8	F	16	AN	Admitted electively for feeding abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Gastric necrosis and perforation Total gastrectomy roux-en-y esophagojejunost omy. A feeding jejunostomy	cardia	recover y
44	Libeer et al. [19]	200 7	F	3	ND	vomiting after a large meal unstable	EL Perforation Sleeve gastrectomy Post op cardiac arrest	AW	Recove ry
45	Gyurkovics et al [10]	200 6	F	22	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally	NGT failed EL Dilated stomach Gastrostomy femoral pulses reappeared. exploration	non	expired

							unstable lower limb ischemia	around the ileocecal region revealed a chronic, inflammation-like bowel mass with inter-intestinal fistulas and abscesses. suspicious of Crohn's disease. ileocecal resection with an ileoascendostomy Post op DIC +MOF		
46	Sinicina et al. [15]	2005	F	19	AN	Autopsy Neurogenic shock	EL Dilated stomach necrosis and perforation	AW	expired	
47	Mathevon[55]	2004	F	25	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recovery	
48	Qin et al [56]	2000	F	4	ND	vomiting after a large meal unstable	EL Dilated stomach Perforation Partial gastrectomy	GC	Recovery	
49	Nakao et al. [57]	2000	F	17	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	EL Dilated stomach necrosis and perforation Partial gastrectomy	AW	Recovery	

							vitaly unstable			
50	De [58]	Caprio	200 0	M	16	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recove ry
51	Willeke et al [59]		199 6	F	19	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitaly unstable	EL Dilated stomach necrosis and perforation Partial gastrectomy	PW	Recove ry
52	Adson et al [60]		199 5	F	35	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recove ry
53				F	30	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recove ry
54	Roseboroug h and Felix [61]		199 4	F	43	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitaly unstable	EL Dilated stomach necrosis and perforation DIC post op	LC	expired

55	Beiles et al [62]	199 2	F	24	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach necrosis and perforation Partial gastrectomy	AW	Recovery
56	Coste [63]	199 2	F	19	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Gastric dilatation Gastric necrosis total gastrectomy	non	recovery
57	Trott et al [64]	199 0	F	17	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	NGT decompression failure EL Dilated stomach Gastrotomy	Non	Recovery
58	Downs and Stonebridge [65]	198 9	M	70	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Perforation Primary repair	LC	Recovery
59	Abdu et al [4]	198 7	F	17	BN	abdominal pain following an episode	EL Gastric dilatation, Necrosis, Total gastrectomy	non	Recovery

							of binge eating vitally unstable limb ischemia			
60	Breslow al. [66]	et 6	198	F	32	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Perforation Primary repair	LC	Recovery
61	Lazebnik al [67]	et 6	198	M	38	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Perforation Primary repair	LC	Recovery
62	Edwards [68]		198	F	23	BN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Dilated stomach Perforation infarction of the small bowel, septic shock	AW	expired
63	Mastrangelo and Moore [69]		198	M	31	ND	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally	EL Dilated stomach Perforation Primary repair	LC	Recovery



							unstable			
64	Saul et al [70]		198	F	22	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Gastric dilatation, necrosis and perforation Total gastrectomy, then developed small bowel and large intestine infarctions septic shock	AW	Expired
65	Matikainen [71]		197	F	18	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Gastric dilatation, necrosis and perforation primary closure gastrostomy; septic shock	AW	Expired
66	Froese [72]	AP	197	M	16	AN	Admitted for refeeding Developed abdominal pain	NGT decompression	non	recovery
67	Lebriquir [73]		197	F	23	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating vitally unstable	EL Gastric dilatation, necrosis and perforation	?	Expired
68	Brook	GK	197	F	18	AN	Admitted	NGT	Non	recovery

	[74]	7				for refeeding Developed abdominal pain	decompression	y	
69	Bossingham D [75]	197 7	F	19	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recover y
70			F	16	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recover y
71	Jennings KP [76]	197 4	F	14	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recover y
72			F	25	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recover y
73	Scobie [5]	BA 3	F	20	AN	abdominal pain following an episode of binge eating	NGT decompression	non	Recover y

74	Evans [77]	DS	196 8	F	20	AN	Admitted for refeeding. Developed acute abdominal pain	EL Distended stomach gastric infarction with perforation Gastrectomy and pyloroplasty	GC	Recovery
75	Russell GFM. [3]		196 6	F	16	AN	Admitted for refeeding. Developed nausea and vomiting	NGT decompression	non	recovery

**Abbreviations:**

AN: Anorexia Nervosa

ARDS: Acute respiratory distress syndrome

AW: Anterior Wall

BED: Binge-eating disorder

BN: Bulimia Nervosa

DIC: Disseminated intravascular coagulation

ECMO: Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

EDNOS: Eating disorder not otherwise specified

EL: Exploratory laparotomy

F: Female

GC: Greater Curvature

ICU: Intensive Care Units

LC: Lesser Curvature

M: Male

MOF: Multiple Organ Failure

ND: Not Described

NGT: nasogastric tube

PW: Posterior wall

**Statistical analysis of all reported cases in the literature**

Parameters	Total reported cases 75, n(%)
Age, mean	25.02

<b>Gender</b>	
M	8 (10.67)
F	67 (89.33)
<b>Eating disorders:</b>	
AN:	36 (48.0)
ND	21 (28.0)
EDNOS:	2 (2.67)
BED:	3 (4.0%)
BN	13 (17.3)
<b>Management:</b>	
Conservative	24 (32.0)
Surgical intervention	61 (81.33)
Laparotomy	60 (80.0)
Laparoscopic	1 (1.33)
<b>Gastrotomy</b>	
Total gastrectomy	2 (2.67)
Partial gastrectomy	2 (2.67)
Not described	1 (1.33)
Primary repair	4 (5.33)
LC: Lesser Curvature,	5 (6.6)
GC: Greater Curvature,	3 (4.0)
AW: Anterior Wall,	7 (9.33)
PW: Posterior wall,	1 (1.33)
Fundus	1 (1.33)
Cardia	1 (1.33)
<b>Outcome</b>	
Recovery	26 (34.67)
Expired	8 (10.67)
Septic shock	3 (4.0)
Small bowel ischemia	2 (2.67)

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