

ON-LINE CONTENT (1H)

Review the assignment and place your answers to the questions in the Z-CH # 23 drop box by 0800 on March 27, 2023.

*In order to receive full credit (1H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignment not completed in its entirety will result in missed class time.*

Patients often use the Internet to search for health-related issues. Search the Internet for any health-related issue of your choosing. Evaluate the website by answering the following questions:

**1. Do the authors have qualifications listed? What are their qualifications? What is the domain? (.gov, .edu, .org)**

The health-related issue I chose to look up is gastroparesis and the website I am looking into is the American College of Gastroenterology website. There are four authors who all have qualifications listed. The first one Peter S. Buch who is a MD, Doctor of Medicine, and is a fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology. The second author Frank H Netter is also a MD which was acquired at the School of Medicine in North Haven, Connecticut. The third author Jean Fox is also a MD, and the fourth Amy Foxx-Orenstein is a DO, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. They both are fellows of the American College of Gastroenterology and have the Mayo Clinic listed. The domain of the website is .org.

**2. When was the site created? When was the site last updated or revised?**

The site was created in December 2012 but updated in June of 2021.

**3. Who is the targeted audience? Does the web site present facts or opinions?**

The target audience is individuals or loved ones of individuals who have gastroparesis. It explains what gastroparesis is, symptoms, causes, how its diagnosed, and treatment options all in simple terms to allow understanding. The website presents facts on gastroparesis.

**4. How complete and accurate is the content information? Does it agree with other expert sources?**

The websites content is all accurate and agrees with other well-known reliable sources. I do not feel as though this website is complete though. When looking into known expert sources such as the Mayo Clinic I see that they have included information that the American College of Gastroenterology website did not such as risk factors and complications of the disease. Also when looking through the Cleveland Clinics website they offered more information.

**5. Does the site load quickly? Is it a secured site? Are there graphics, or pictures on the page that serve a purpose? If so what are they and how do they relate to the health issue?**

The site does load quickly and is secured. There are graphics on the website that serve a purpose. First, they have a table that shows all the medications that are associated with impaired gastric emptying. Then they have a photo that shows the anatomy of the digestive tract from the mouth to the anus. This is placed with the information about diagnostic tests. Then, under treatments there are several photos that show a

gastrostomy, jejunostomy, an oro-jejunal feeding tube, a wireless capsule monitoring system, and electrical gastric stimulation.

#### Resource

Buch, P. S., Netter, F. H., Fox, J., & Foxx-Orenstein, A. (2022, November 23). *Gastroparesis*. American College of Gastroenterology. Retrieved March 24, 2023, from <https://gi.org/topics/gastroparesis/>