

Pork Borne Related Hepatogastrointestinal Disease

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EDITORIAL

Pig is the domestic animal fed worldwide. Pork is the specific meat that is the source of food of millions of people around the world. The disease related to pork intake is an important concern in public health. If there is a poor sanitation and there is a contamination in pork, one who intakes pork will have risk to get the pork borne infectious disease. The pork borne infection might be bacterial, parasite or viral infections. The good examples are Streptococcus suis infection [1], which is a bacterial infection, taeniasis, which is a parasitic infection [2], and hepatitis E virus infection [3], which is a viral infection.

The gastroenterologic and hepatic problems due to pork borne infection is very interesting. The patients with pork borne infection might have abdominal pain and diarrhea. The jaundice might be seen if there is a hepatitis problem. Of interest, the patient might firstly present with gastrointestinal or hepatic clinical manifestations and the diagnosis of pork borne infectious disease require good history taking. Asking about the history of food intake is the basic requirement in dealing with any patient with gastrointestinal or hepatic complaint.

The sanitation control for pork meat becomes important issue in any countries that local people consume pork as regular meat source. Indeed, pork is considered not acceptable in several countries, especially those with Islamic background.

“He has forbidden you only dead animals, and blood, and the swine, and that which is slaughtered as a sacrifice for other than God.” (Quran 2:173).”

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