

Mistakes in acute jaundice and how to avoid them

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Jaundice arises from abnormalities in bilirubin formation, metabolism, or excretion, or from biliary tree obstruction at any anatomical level, and numerous conditions can cause it.

KEY POINTS

- Jaundice can result from abnormalities in bilirubin formation, metabolism, and excretion processes
- Obstruction of the biliary tree from intrahepatic origins to the ampulla of Vater can cause jaundice even when bilirubin processing is functioning properly
- The material presents the view that a careful diagnostic approach is warranted to identify the underlying cause
- The material states that prompt intervention saves lives in many cases, contrasting with conventional wisdom that jaundice by itself never killed anyone

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