

Mistakes in the management of enterocutaneous fistulae and how to avoid them

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Gastrointestinal fistulae are challenging complications that create abnormal connections between the gut and other organs, tissues, or skin, causing malnutrition, infection, and significant impact on quality of life.

KEY POINTS

- Gastrointestinal fistulae are abnormal tracts connecting the epithelialised gut surface to another part of the gut, another organ or tissue, or to the skin.
- These connections can cause enteric contents to bypass absorptive surfaces, resulting in malnutrition or diarrhoea, infection in other organs, or faeculant material appearing in the vagina or on the skin.
- Fistulae have a major impact on quality of life, psychological wellbeing, and overall prognosis in terms of general health.
- Multidisciplinary management includes stoma management, medical therapies to control output, nutritional support, and surgery, which plays a central role in resolving fistulae.

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