

Stomach Problems Caused by Stress

Butterflies in your stomach may not be just a figure of speech any more. If you have been under a lot of stress, chances are that you might also suffer from some stomach problems. The following medical conditions may be linked with your tension.

Constipation

When you have a problem with bowel movements, the food consumed is not thrown out of the body. It results in the food being fermented in the stomach, triggering gases, which move in the digestive tract and put pressure on the stomach. Irregularity is another significant cause of a bloated stomach.

Diet Products

Food identified as "diet," "sugar-free," or "low-carb," have a laxative effect since they contain mannitol, maltitol, and sorbitol. Taking in these products can lead to one feeling full, and can ultimately lead to bloating.

Irritable Bowel Syndrome:

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a condition of the lower intestine system. Stomach pain is the most prominent symptom of **IBS**. It is also characterized by irregular bowel movements. A person may either experience constipation or **diarrhea**. Loss of appetite, nausea, and vomiting are the other symptoms of IBS.

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The exact cause of IBS is not known, but there are theories that connect the increased sensitivity of the intestine to the miscommunication between the brain and the intestine. It is also believed that those who have been affected by an intense gastrointestinal infection are more likely to develop IBS. IBS could be diarrhea-predominant or constipation-predominant. Some of the affected people may have IBS with an alternating stool pattern. People who are affected by diarrhea-predominant IBS are likely to pass mucus in stools. The impacted people are likely to experience signs such as abdominal discomfort, bloating, change in bowel habits, loose and watery stools, etc.

What Causes Mucous in Stool?

More often than not, inflammatory bowel disease is thought to be the contributing factor for excess mucous in the feces. The term 'inflammatory bowel disease' (IBD) refers to a group of medical conditions that are associated with the small intestine or the colon. Nevertheless, medical conditions other than IBD could also cause mucous in the fecal matter.

Besides the abovementioned conditions, the existence of mucus in the feces could be attributed to lactose intolerance, bacterial overgrowth, bowel obstruction, or rectal ulcers. The exact cause can be established by analyzing the patient's medical history, and carrying out a physical examination and diagnostic tests. Though symptoms can be alleviated by drug treatment or other treatment options, ensuring lifestyle changes is extremely necessary when it comes to treating gastrointestinal disorders. Following a healthy diet and increasing the intake of water will definitely prove beneficial.



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