

Question 20 – Week of November 15

What is not a common clinical presentation of protein losing enteropathy?

- A. Hypoproteinemia
- B. Dependent edema
- C. Anasarca
- D. Diarrhea

Answer: C

Hypoproteinemia and edema are the main clinical manifestations of protein-losing gastroenteropathy. Dependent edema is frequently a clinically significant issue secondary to diminished plasma oncotic pressure, but anasarca is rare. Surprisingly, increased susceptibility to infections and increased coagulopathy are uncommon.

Reference:

Feldman: Sleisenger & Fordtran's Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease, 8th ed.