

Question 7 – Week of August 16

Which of the following disorders have been reported to present with the same manometric and radiologic features as idiopathic achalasia?

- A. Gastric cancer
- B. Chagas' disease
- C. Sarcoidosis
- D. Pancreatic pseudocyst
- E. All of the above can mimic idiopathic Achalasia

Answer: E

Achalasia is a disorder of persistalsis which often also has poor relaxation of the LES. Gastric cancer represents 65% of reported cases of malignancies mimicking idiopathic achalasia. Chagas' disease, sarcoidosis, and pancreatic pseudocysts have all been reported in the literature with both clinical and manometric findings of idiopathic achalasia.