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 persitalsis 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.