

Question 2 – Week of August 13

All of the following predict success of gastric neuro-stimulation therapy for gastroparesis except:

- A. Diabetic gastroparesis
- B. Post-surgical gastroparesis
- C. Idiopathic gastroparesis
- D. Nausea/vomiting rather than abdominal pain as the primary symptom,
- E. Independence from narcotic analgesics prior to stimulator implantation.

Answer: C

Idiopathic gastroparesis usually has less favorable response to gastric stimulator therapy; all other factors predict better response.

Reference:

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