

Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis

SBP



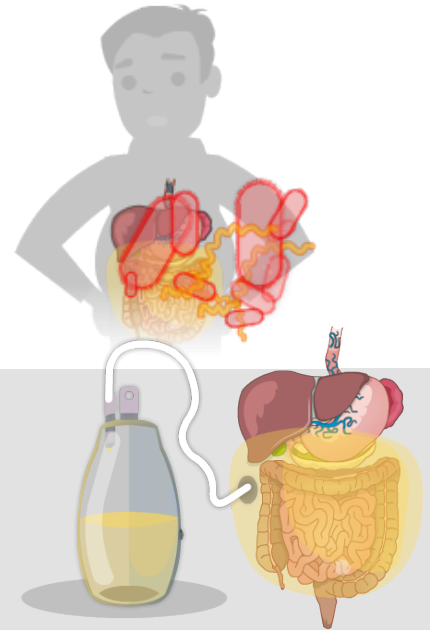
When to get medical attention:

Go to the nearest emergency department, or have someone call 911 if:

- You have new or sharp pain in your belly or chest that doesn't go away
- You have a fever
- You have trouble breathing
- You have severe nausea and vomiting

What is Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis?

Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis (SBP) is an infection in the fluid in the belly. It can cause pain inside the belly and may also cause a fever. If not treated this infection can worsen and be life threatening.



Diagnosis and Treatment:

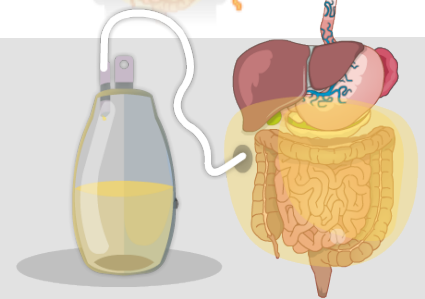
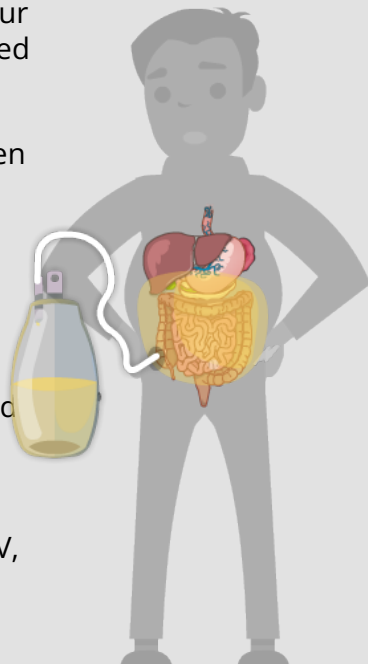
Diagnosis:

To make the diagnosis a needle will be used to take a sample of the fluid from your belly. This procedure is called paracentesis.

Blood work will also be taken to look for infection in your blood.

Treatment:

In most cases you will be admitted to the hospital and started on antibiotics through an IV. Once you have been given all the doses of antibiotics in the IV, you will be changed to antibiotics in a pill.



Ongoing treatment of SBP:

As long as you continue to have fluid build up in your belly, you are at risk of getting SBP again. You will be prescribed antibiotics to take at home daily. This will reduce your risk of infection from happening again. It is very important to continue to take this medication as prescribed and if you run out, please contact your pharmacist or health care provider for a refill.



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