



Clinical characteristics of reflux esophagitis in different ages

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Abstract

AIM: 68 patients with reflux esophagitis confirmed by endoscopy were divided naturally into 3 groups according to their ages: < 40 years group, 40-60 years group and > 60 years group. Clinical characteristics of the 3 groups were analyzed.

METHODS: Features of each group was compared with the others

in reflux symptoms (heartburn, regurgitation and swallowing pain), throat symptom caused by abnormal throat feeling, hiatus hernia and esophagitis.

RESULTS: Along with age increased, the rate of heartburn occurrence decreased ($P < 0.05$), but its severity had no significant difference; The rate of hiatus hernia occurrence tended to raise; And the grade of esophagitis tended to raise too. Other symptoms had no significant difference.

CONCLUSION: The clinical characteristics are different in patients with reflux esophagitis in different ages.

Key words: Clinical characteristics; Reflux esophagitis

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