Complications

• Erosion of a large blood vessel – haematemesis or melaena require urgent admission to hospital
• Perforation of an ulcer – causes an acute abdomen with epigastric pain
• Pyloric stenosis – scarring of the duodenum, causes vomiting and weight loss – rare
Management

- Reassurance and explanation
- Lifestyle changes
- Clearing any H.pylori infection
- Acid-suppressing medications
  - PPIs
  - H2-receptor antagonists
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Gastric Carcinoma