Outlook on Lifestyle

DR. GOTT



Peter Gott, M.D.

Possible causes of morning pains

had lower abdominal pain and vomit-

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ing every morning for five years. He has had every test imaginable. His physician said it might be pancreatitis. Could be be overlooking something?

DEAR READER: He must be overlooking something - or your husband wouldn't still be sick. Pancreatitis is usually diagnosed with a blood test, but other causes of abdominal pain and vomiting may be more clusive. I suggest that your husband ask for a referral to a gastroenterologist, a specialist in digestive disturbances, who can review your husband's tests and offer further advice.

In an average medical practice, DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has such as mine, morning abdominal pain and vomiting are often due to al-

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cohol abuse. This would be at the top of my list of probable causes, based on the little information you supply. If your husband is overindulging in alcohol, share this information with his doctor. With professional help, this situation can be corrected.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 30, have children 3 months, 10 and 2. I'm 5 foot 7 and weigh 182. I really watch my dlet - no sugary snacks, no fried foods. My day starts at 7 a.m., and I'm at it until 11 p.m. I have constant diarrhea, and I feel irritable, fatigued and depressed most of the time. I take Erythromycin and Imodium. What could be causing my weight problem?

DEAR READER: Diarrhea, irritability, fatigue and depression can have many causes. I am more concerned about these symptoms than I am about your weight problem, although they all may be related. You need a thorough examination and testing by physicians who will check you from stem to stern. You obviously put in a stressful day, which could certainly account for your problems. Yet infection and malnutrition are possibilities, too.

Erythromycin is an antibiotic. Why are you taking it? Imodium is a diarrhea preventative that will simply make your bowel symptoms more manageable. After you've been diagnosed, if your excessive weight is due to fluid retention, not fat, you could be helped by diuretic therapy. A good general doctor should be able to get at the cause of your problem and, along the way, give you some helpful dietary advice too. I am sending you a copy of my Health Report 'Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 and their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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edge. Compact discs are long-lasting, high-quality recordings, but they are not indestructible. Handle them with care, treat them gently, and they'll continue to give you superior sound reproduction for years. - POLLY

Wipe the CDs in several straight

strokes from the center out to the

DEAR POLLY - Can anything be done about rust stains in a bathtub? -DON G.

DEAR DON G. -- There are commercial rust cleaners available at local bardware stores. However, if you want to try something on your own first, lemon juice or white vinegar might do the trick. Rub the stains with a little white vinegar or lemon juice, then rinse with clear water. Don't leave the acid on for more than a few minutes, as it could damage the finish.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter "Cleaning Sinks, Tubs and Tile," which offers solutions for a variety of bathroom cleaning problems, including stain removal, drain cleaners, tile restorers and more. Others who would like a copy of this issue should send \$1 for each copy to POL-LY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box \$3863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. Be sure to include the title. - POLLY

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