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GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF MEDICINE & SURGERY

PART A

SAMPLE

Structured Critical Reasoning / Clinical Case Assessments



The above image is that of a 45-year-old man with hepatic impairment.

Q1. What is the clinical feature of hepatic impairment shown in the above photo (20 marks)

Answer: Jaundice

Q2. What causes this clinical feature to occur? (20 marks)

Answer: Build up of bilirubin

Q3. List **three** other features of severe hepatic impairment. (60 marks)

Answer:

- Ascites
- Peripheral oedema
- Encephalopathy
- Varices and variceal bleeding
- Anorexia/ Malnutrition
- Itching