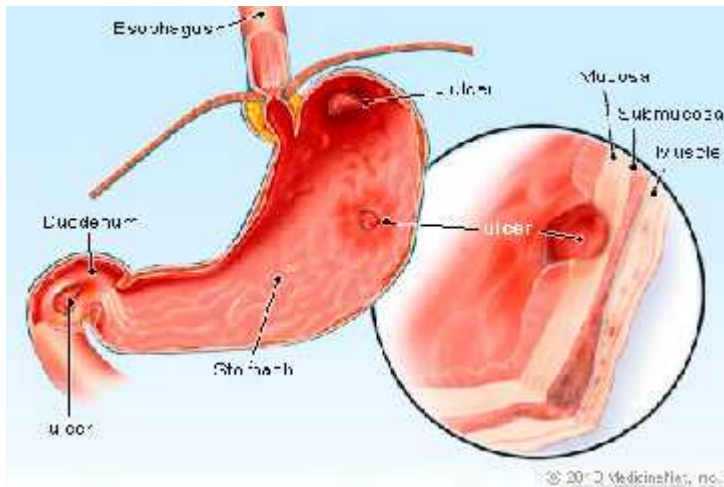


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OTHER COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ULCERS INCLUDE:

- Dull pain in the stomach.
- Weight loss.
- Not wanting to eat because of pain.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Bloating.
- Feeling easily full.
- Burping or acid reflux.
- Heartburn, which is a burning sensation in the chest)

CAUSES OF ULCER

Stomach ulcers are almost always caused by one of the following: an infection with the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) long-term use of non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as aspirin, ibuprofen, or naproxen.