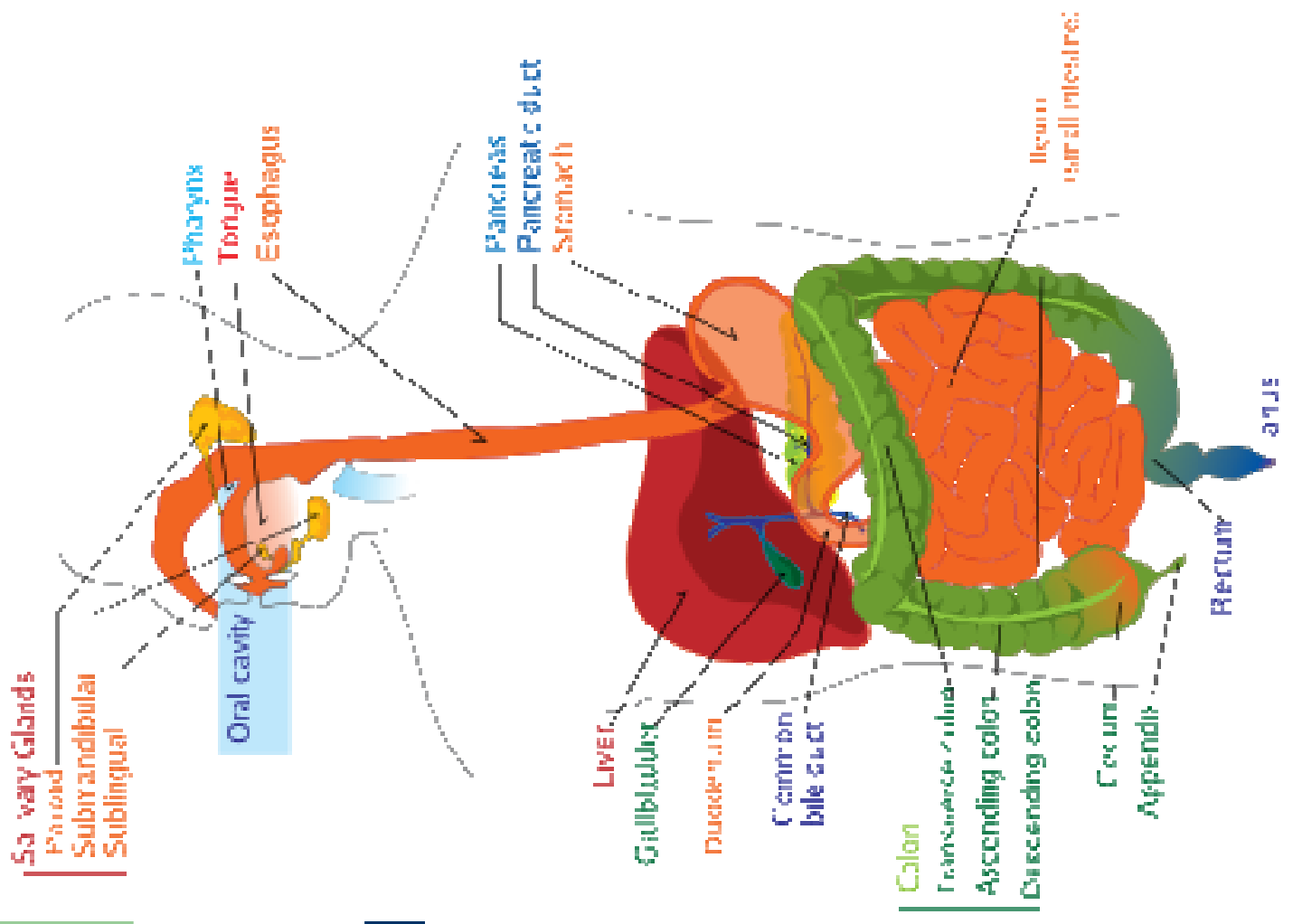


The ageing gut

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ORAL

- Soreness and ulceration
- Problems with salivation
- Mastication and dental health
- Swallowing
- Taste

What is the effect on nutrition?

Oral health and dental status

- The more natural teeth present the less chewing problems occur.
- Edentate people shown to consume less energy, calcium, iron, vits A, C, E & B complex, fibre and protein.
- Edentate people have lower BMI's

NDNS for people aged over 65 years. Oral health survey. 1998

Taste and smell

- Decline in pleasantness of food.
- Trigger cephalic phase response
- Disease and drugs
- Enhancing food flavour has been shown to increase intake and body weight.

OESOPHAGUS

- Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
- Oesophagitis
- Malignancy

How can these be treated with diet?

STOMACH

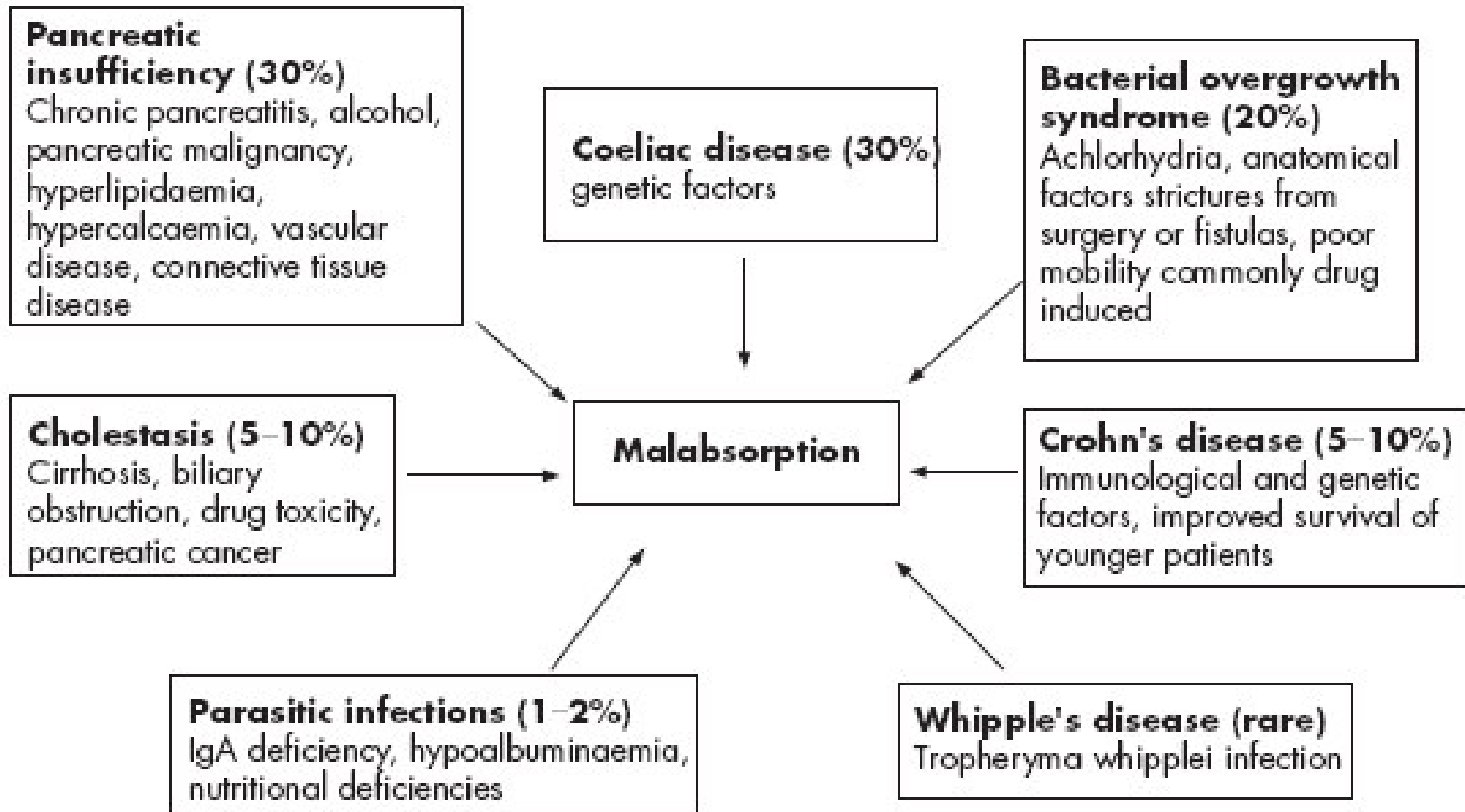
- Gastric atrophy, with decreased secretion of gastric acid, pepsin, and mucus.
- Reduced gastric emptying
- Reduced blood supply
- Peptic ulcer disease
- Helicobacter pylori infection

What is the effect on nutrition?

SMALL INTESTINE

- Malabsorption
- Coeliac disease
- Anaemia
- Diarrhoea
- Mesenteric ischaemia

Causes of malabsorption in elderly



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LARGE INTESTINE

- Changes in gut microflora
- Constipation
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Diverticular disease
- Colorectal cancer

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