

QUESTION

1. A patient with a long history of alcohol abuse presents with a 2-week history of weight loss, anorexia, and weakness. Physical examination reveals a 10% weight loss, tachycardia, and a positive Tinel's sign. Laboratory studies show a serum gamma-glutamyl transaminase (GGT) level of 150 U/L, aspartate aminotransferase (AST) of 40 U/L, and alanine aminotransferase (ALT) of 30 U/L. The patient's alcohol intake is approximately 80 g of ethanol per day. The most likely diagnosis is:

- A. Acute alcoholic hepatitis
- B. Chronic alcoholic hepatitis
- C. Alcoholic cirrhosis
- D. Alcoholic pancreatitis
- E. Alcoholic neuropathy

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