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# The emerging epidemiology of FPIES

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## Learning objectives

- To describe prevalence of FPIES
- To discuss food triggers of FPIES
- To describe FPIES phenotypes and comorbidities

## Food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome: definition

FPIES is a non-IgE, cell-mediated food allergic disorder manifesting with predominantly gastrointestinal symptoms of:

- delayed emesis
- lethargy
- pallor
- diarrhea

with notable absence of typical cutaneous and respiratory allergic symptoms

## Studies reporting cumulative incidence of infantile FPIES

	Katz et al 2011	Mehr et al 2017	Bellon-Alonso 2018
Country	Israel	Australia	Spain
Design	Unselected birth cohort	Population based (APSU)	Unselected birth cohort
Diagnosis confirmation	OFC	Case-definition of acute FPIES	OFC
Foods	Cow's milk	Rice, CM, egg	CM, fish, egg yolk
Incidence	0.34% in the first 12 months	0.015% in the first 24 months	0.7% in the first 12 months

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## FPIES prevalence in the USA: 0.51% in <1-17years old

- A cross-sectional, population-based survey between 10/2015 and 9/2016
- 53,575 US households included
- Primary outcome: lifetime prevalence of physician-diagnosed FPIES.
- Participants were asked “*Has your child ever been diagnosed by a physician with food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome (FPIES)? Note, this is a very specific and rare allergic condition*”. Questions about the presence of other chronic atopic comorbidities utilized the same question stem.

Children	
<18 years, N=261	.51 (.42-.62)
< 1 year, N=6	.11 (.04-.26)
1 year, N=17	.59 (.32-1.08)
2 years, N=20	.76 (.39-1.47)
3-5 years, N=41	.52 (.29-.93)
6-10 years, N=74	.56 (.40-.78)
11-13 years, N=58	.61 (.43-.88)
14-17 years, N=45	.37 (.24-.57)

Children with FPIES had high rates of other allergic conditions including IgE-FA, EoE, asthma, and seasonal allergies.

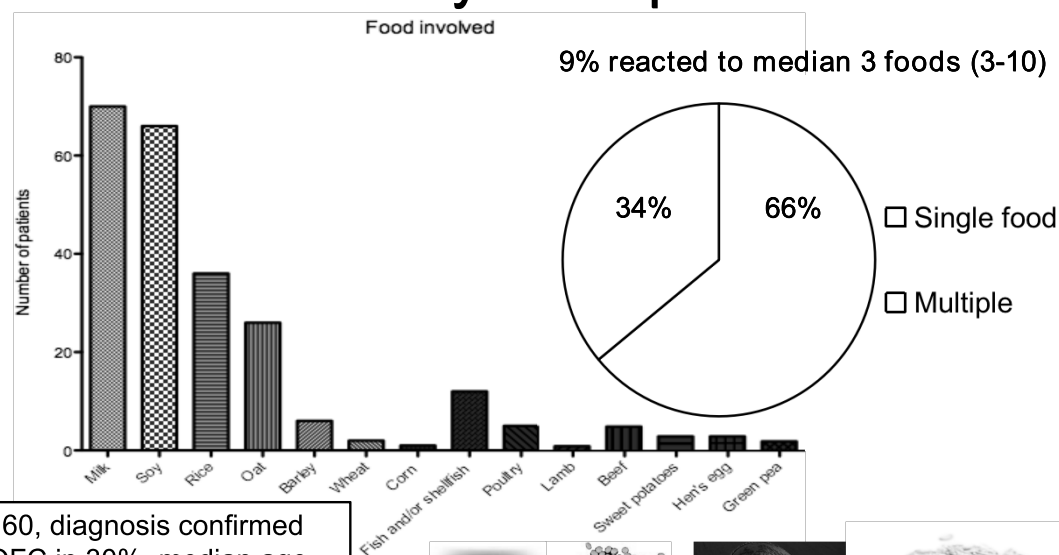
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## FPIES prevalence in the USA- population-based survey



## Food allergens in childhood FPIES: Mt Sinai 10-year experience



N=160, diagnosis confirmed by OFC in 30%, median age 45 mo

Caubet JC et al, JACI, May 2014



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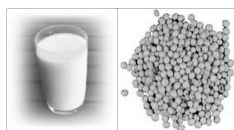
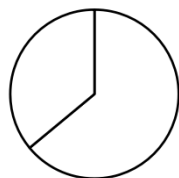


## Food allergens in childhood FPIES: referral centers in the US

### Mount Sinai

N=160

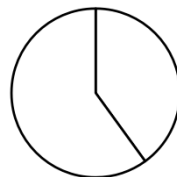
66% single food



### CHOP

N=462

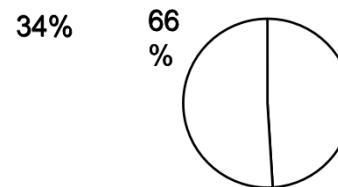
40% single food



### Baylor

N=74

49% single food



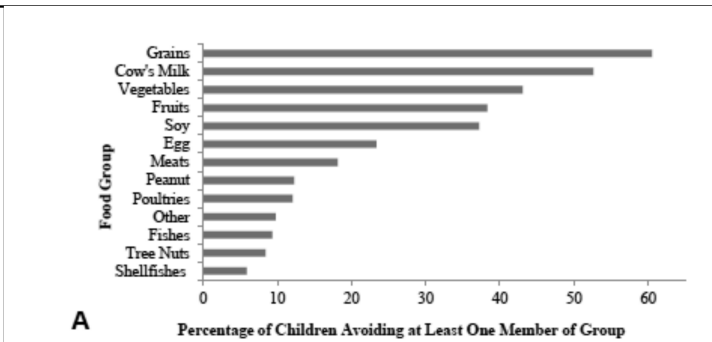
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# More recent data-USA, 2020

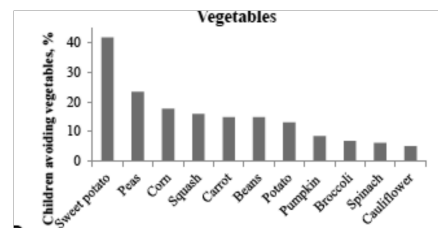
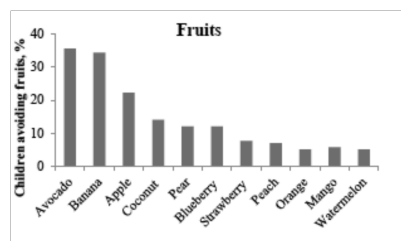
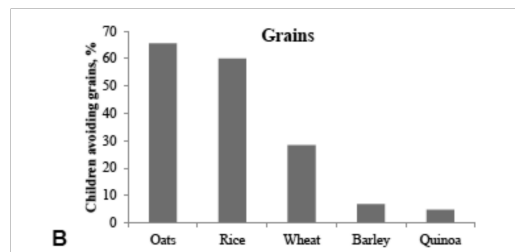
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## A Slice of Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES): Insights from 441 Children with FPIES as Provided by Caregivers in the International FPIES Association

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## FPIES phenotype: acute

- Ingestion following a period of avoidance (at least several days)
- Onset of emesis: 1- 4 hours
- Lethargy, limpness (“septic appearance”)
- Elevated PMN with left shift, elevated platelets
- 20% go into shock
- 15% with methemoglobinemia
- 6-8 hours later: diarrhea
- Symptoms resolve within 24 hours
- Onset: usually under 12 months; F/SF children, adults

# FPIES phenotypes: chronic

## Food aversion and poor weight gain in food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome: A retrospective study

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 Boston, Mass, and Keelung and Tainan, Taiwan

(J Allergy Clin Immunol 2020;145:1430-7.)

**Results:** Two hundred three patients with FPIES were identified, including 180 only with acute FPIES, 8 with chronic FPIES, and 15 with both. Oat (34.5%), rice (29.6%), and cow's milk (19.2%) were the most common food triggers. The

13% of cases were chronic FPIES

TABLE III. Logistic regression analysis for patients with FPIES with food aversion and poor body weight gain

Variables	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis*	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
<b>Food aversion</b>				
Multiple triggers (≥3)	3.46 (1.59-7.51)	<b>.002</b>	3.07 (1.38-6.82)	<b>.006</b>
FPIES to wheat	7.26 (1.74-30.40)	<b>.007</b>	2.60 (0.50-13.56)	.26
Family history of food allergy	1.91 (0.94-3.90)	.08	1.79 (0.86-3.73)	.12
<b>Poor body weight gain</b>				
Multiple triggers (≥3)	3.61 (1.32-9.79)	<b>.01</b>	2.05 (0.63-6.61)	.23
FPIES to cow's milk	3.19 (1.19-8.59)	<b>.02</b>	3.41 (1.21-9.63)	<b>.02</b>
FPIES to banana	7.10 (2.05-24.62)	<b>.002</b>	7.63 (2.10-27.80)	<b>.002</b>
Chronic FPIES	4.07 (1.37-12.11)	<b>.01</b>	1.96 (0.44-8.83)	.38

Variables in the multivariate analysis for poor body weight gain: sex, birth mode, prematurity, perinatal antibiotics exposure, bread-feeding, multiple trigger, FPIES to cow's milk/banana, and chronic FPIES. Boldface indicates  $P < .05$ .

OR, Odds ratio.

\*Variables in the multivariate analysis for food aversion: sex, birth mode, prematurity, perinatal antibiotics exposure, bread-feeding, multiple trigger, FPIES to wheat, and family history of food allergy.

# FPIES phenotypes: atypical



Cow milk-FPIES  
1 in 4 develop +CM-IgE  
(atypical FPIES)



1 in 3 progress to immediate  
IgE- CMA



FPIES & IgE-mediated allergy  
can occur in the same child

Overall 1 in 3 have IgE-  
FA to another food

Caubet JC, et al. JACI, 2014

## FPIES phenotypes: adult onset

- Anecdotal reports of FPIES with an onset in adulthood
- Natural history largely unknown
- **Scallop**--Fernandes BN, Boyle RJ, Gore C, Simpson A, Custovic A. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2012
- **Shrimp**--Gleich GJ, Sebastian K, Firszt R, Wagner LA. J Allergy Clin Immunol Prac. 2015 Nov
- **Shellfish, dairy, wheat, egg**--Du Y, Nowak-Wegrzyn A, Vadas P. Annals of Allergy Asthma and Immunology 2018
- **Fish, Crustaceans, egg**--Tan JA, Smith WB JACI in Practice 2014
- **SYMPTOMS:** dramatic, severe abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, LOC

## FPIES in adults

Shrimp--Gleich GJ, Sebastian K, Firszt R, Wagner LA. J Allergy

Clin Immunol Prac. 2015 Nov

38 adults with allergy to shrimp

8/38 (21%) exclusively GI sxs, neg sIgE; 7/8 F!

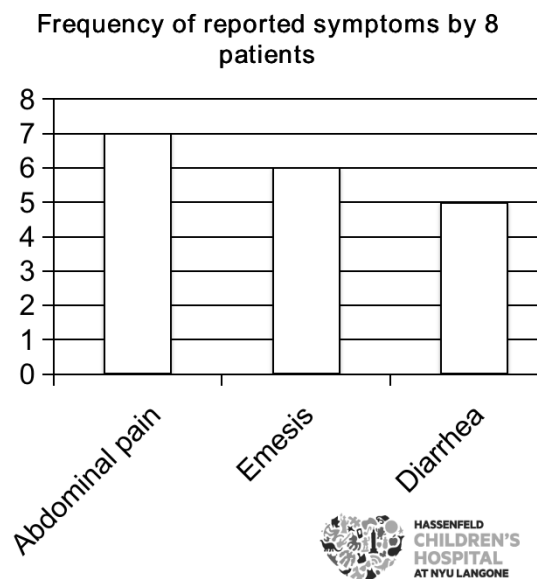
Age at evaluation 23-69 years

Age at onset: <12-62 years

Past reactions: 2-6 (1 pt >100)

5 reported reactions to 2 or more SF

(e.g., crab, scallop, clam); Retrospective, no OFC





# FPIES COMORBIDITIES: EoE

	% among those with EoE	% among those without EoE	P value
<b>Children</b>			
<b>Lifetime</b>			
IgE-FA	32.44 (20.48-47.22)	7.59 (7.11-8.10)	<.001
FPIES	19.11 (9.32-35.20)	0.48 (0.39-0.59)	<.001
Asthma	26.83 (14.92-43.41)	12.17 (11.37-13.01)	.008
Atopic dermatitis/ eczema	27.53 (15.81-43.44)	5.8 (5.25-6.48)	<.001
Allergic rhinitis	43.48 (28.62-59.61)	12.74 (11.97-13.56)	<0.001
Insect sting allergy	2.83 (0.69-10.85)	2.23 (1.93-2.57)	.74
Medication allergy	3.94 (1.57-9.58)	4.15 (3.71-4.65)	.91
<b>Biological parental reported history of atopy</b>			
IgE-mediated food allergy	59.54 (44.52-72.96)	19.32 (18.24-20.46)	<.001
Asthma	36.17 (23.37-51.28)	18.30 (17.19-19.46)	.003
Atopic dermatitis/ eczema	41.31 (27.50-56.64)	15.54 (14.50-16.63)	<.001
Allergic rhinitis	59.73 (4.47-73.31)	40.02 (38.52-41.54))	.009

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Eosinophilic esophagitis and allergic comorbidities in a US-population-based study

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# FPIES COMORBIDITIES: Atopy

**TABLE II.** Cumulative incidence of atopic comorbidity in FPIES

	Cohort %		P value	Odds ratio [95% CI]
	Primary care (n = 158,296)	FPIES (n = 214)		
Atopic dermatitis	11.7%	20.6%	<.001	2.0 [1.5-2.7]
IgE-food allergy	4.0%	23.8%	<.001	7.6 [5.5-10.4]
Asthma	18.4%	26.6%	<.01	1.6 [1.2-2.2]
Allergic rhinitis	16.7%	28.0%	<.001	1.9 [1.4-2.6]

Cumulative incidence of atopic comorbidities at 10 years of follow-up in patients with and without FPIES. P value is shown from the  $\chi^2$  test, followed by the Woolflogit method to compute the unadjusted odds ratio.

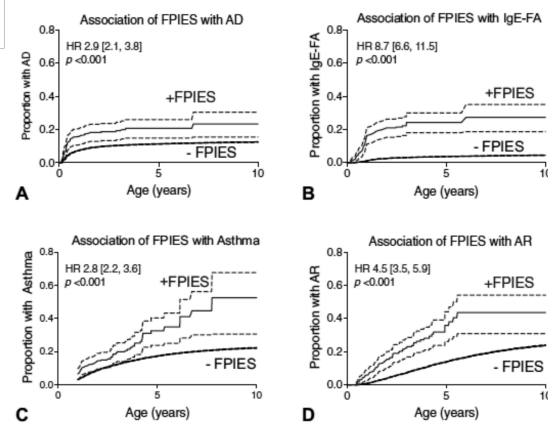
CI, Confidence interval; FPIES, food protein–induced enterocolitis syndrome.

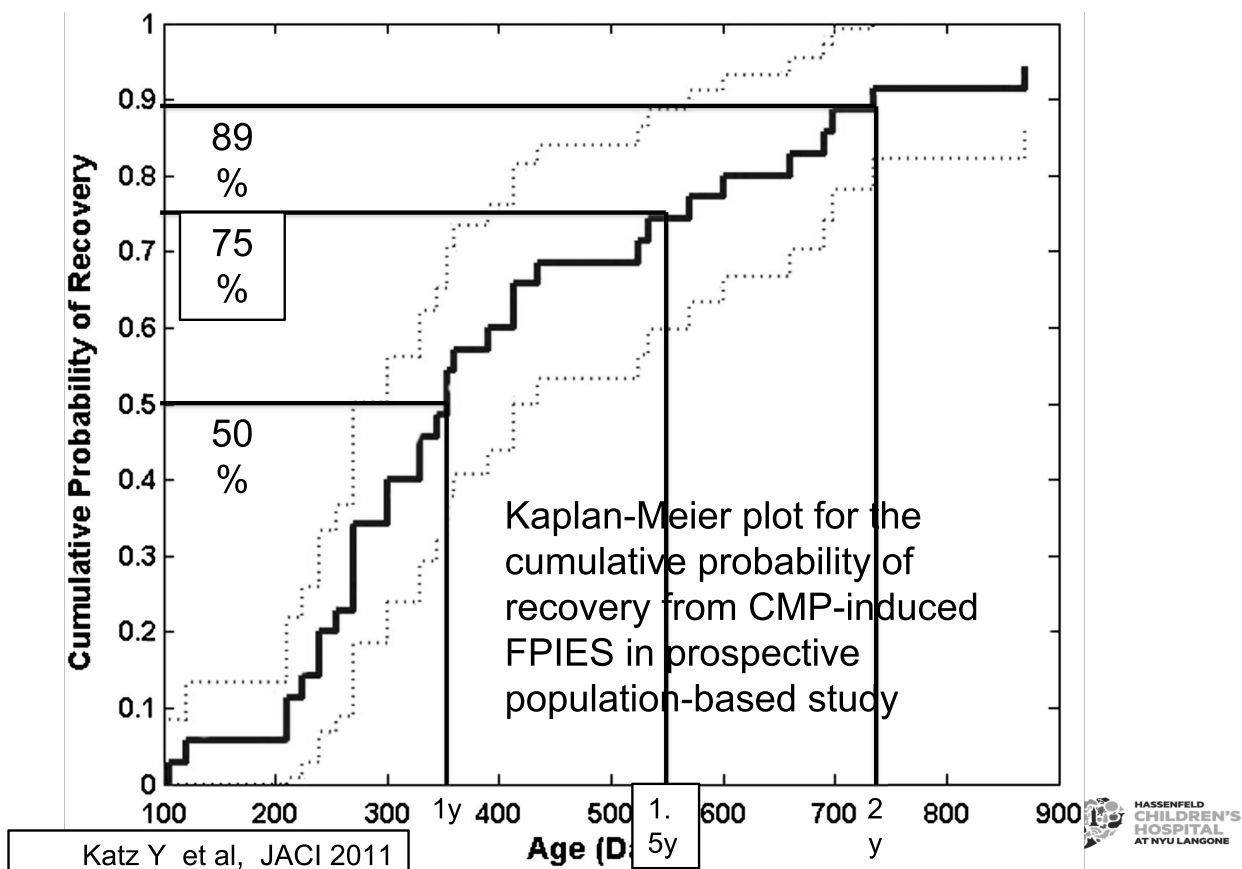
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## Selected studies of infantile FPIES natural history

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Study, country	Study design, number of patients	Study population; foods	Rates of resolution by age
Hwang et al, 2009 <sup>28</sup> , South Korea	Prospective; n=23; OFCs were performed at 6 months of age and every 2 months thereafter	Cohort of infants with FPIES evaluated by pediatric gastroenterologist practice CM, soy	CM: 27.3% by age 6 months, 100% by age 2 years  Soy: 75% by age 6 months, 100% by age 14 months
Katz et al, 2011 <sup>3</sup> Israel	Prospective, FPIES diagnosed by an OFC in 44 infants	Unselected population-based cohort (n=13,019), single center CM	90% resolution rate by age 3 years
Caubet et al, 2014 <sup>7</sup> USA	Retrospective, single-center, n=160	Cohort of patients evaluated in a referral allergy center CM, soy, rice, oat, other	Median age (years) at resolution was: CM 5.1; soy 6.7; rice 4.7; oat 4.0
Ruffner et al, 2013 <sup>8</sup> USA	Retrospective, single center, n=462	Cohort of patients evaluated in a referral allergy center CM, soy, cereal grains, fruits and vegetables	Resolution rates: by age 2 years: 35%; 3 years: 70%; 4 years: 80%; 5 years: 85%
Lee et al, 2017 <sup>32</sup> , Australia	Retrospective, single center, n=69	Cohort of patients evaluated in a referral allergy center CM, egg, rice, fish, other	Resolution rates by age 3 years: CM: 88%; Rice: 87%; Egg: 12.5%; Fish: 25%
Vila et al, 2015 <sup>35</sup> , Spain	Retrospective, single center, n=21	Cohort of patients evaluated in a referral allergy center Fish, other	Median age of tolerance: Fish: 30% by a median age 4 years (range 1 to 17 years. Other solid foods (fruit, rice, corn): 3 years (range, 1 to 4 years)
Gonzalez-Delgado et al, 2016 <sup>25</sup> , Spain	Retrospective, single center, n=16	Cohort of patients evaluated in a referral allergy center Fish	Fish: 18.75% resolution by mean age 4.5 years
Miceli-Sopo, et al, 2012 <sup>36</sup> , Italy	Retrospective, multi-center, n=66	Cohort of patients evaluated in a referral allergy centers CM, other foods*	Overall 48% resolved by a mean age 29 months (SD 17 months). Age of resolution: CM: 24+8 months; Other foods 53 ± 17 months, (P < 0.0006).

## SUMMARY

- FPIES is a non-IgE, cell-mediated GI food allergic disorder
- Prevalence estimates in the USA: 0.51% children, 0.22% adults
- Infantile FPIES food triggers generally reflect the first foreign food proteins introduced into the diet: CM, cereal grains
- FPIES has different phenotypes: acute, chronic, atypical, adult-onset
- Adult FPIES is usually triggered by seafood with anecdotal reports of other foods (eggs, soy, dairy, wheat)
- FPIES is frequently associated with IgE-comorbidities (FA, A, AR) and EoE, AD