# Prevalence and Risk Factors of Biliary Stones

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#### INTRODUCTION

Gallstone disease is the most commonly disorder affecting the biliary system,
Gallstones are solid, pebble-like masses that form in the gallbladder or the biliary tract, forms when the bile contains too much cholesterol, bilirubin, or not enough bile salts or if gallbladder does not empty completely or often enough, Gallstone range in size from a grain of sand to a golf ball, can be a single large gallstone, hundreds of tiny stones or both

#### **TYPES**

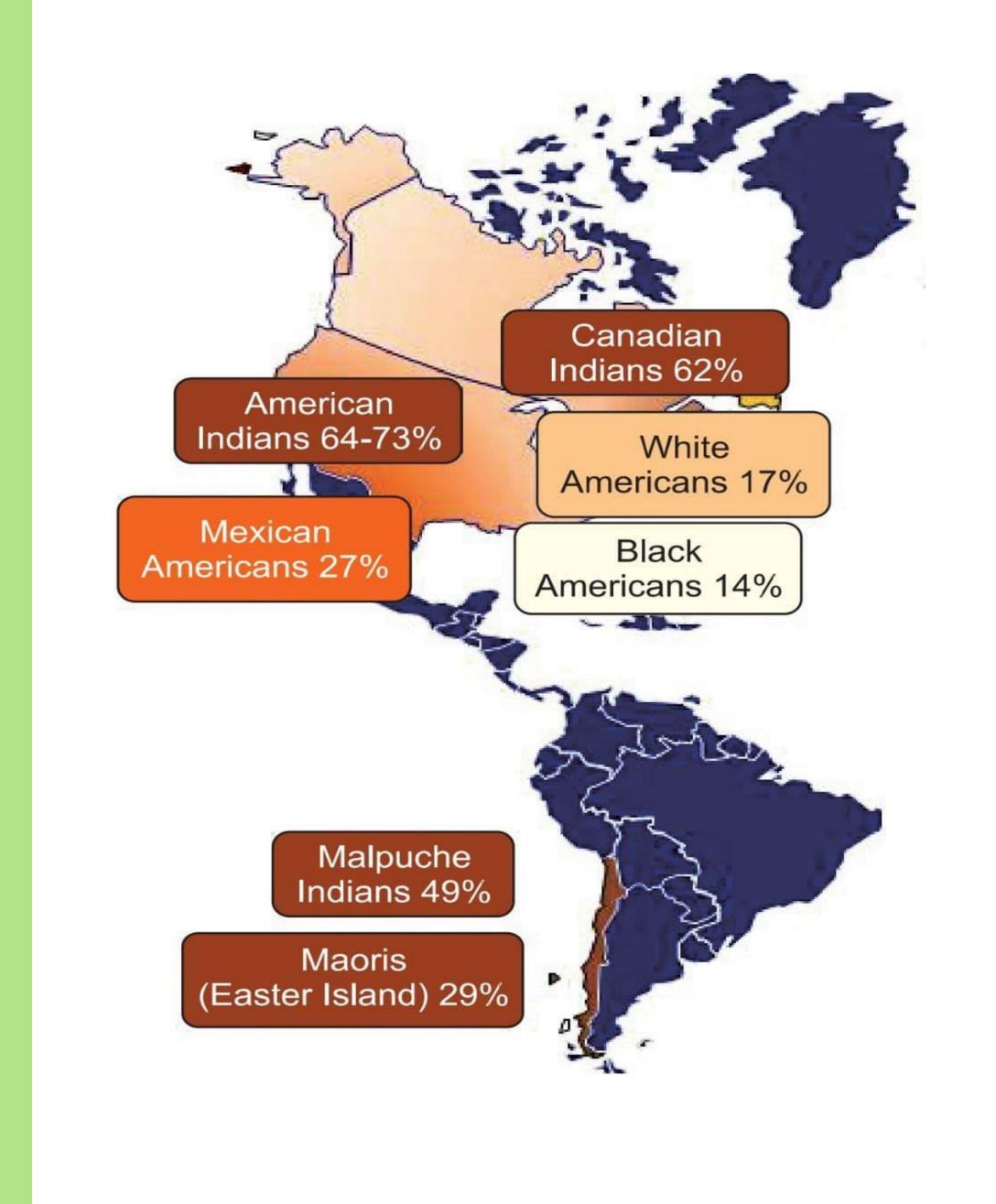
The two types of gallstones are cholesterol and pigment stones, Gallstones are most commonly found in the gallbladder, as cholesterol stones

Cholesterol stones, usually yellow-green in color. more than 80 percent of gallstones are cholesterol stones, which is the most common type in USA

Pigment stones, dark in color, are made of bilirubin, develop in patients who have other liver conditions, such as cirrhosis or biliary tract infections

### PREVALENCE

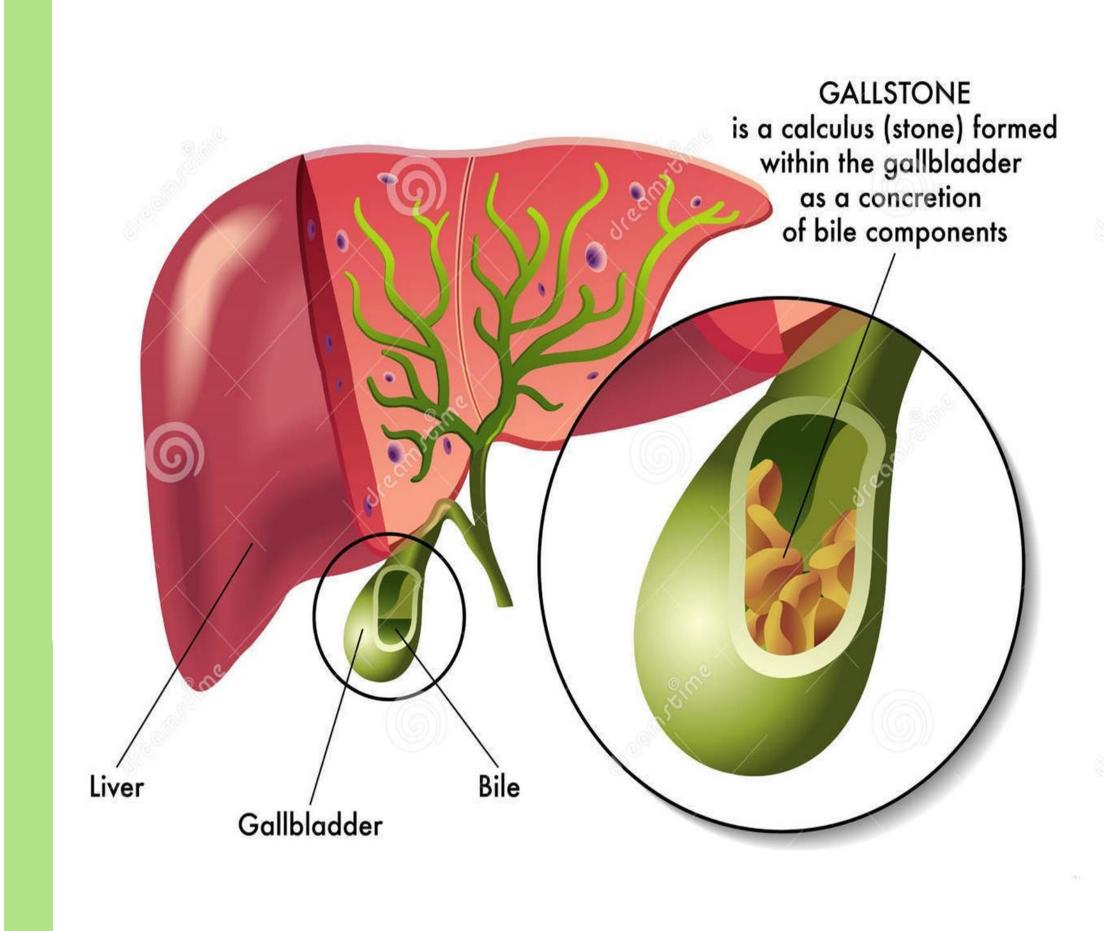
Worldwide prevalence of gallstones
Gallstones are the most common disease
among American Indians in USA (20
million, about 12% of population) where
also Mexican Americans having high risk
to develop gallstones, In Saudi Arabia
study was made of 291 people, the overall
prevalence of disease was 11.7% most of
them were females, other reports showed
that 70% of individuals with gallstones are
asymptomatic; free of symptoms



### RISK FACTORS

#### Gallstones 4F

- 1. Female
- 2.Fat
- 3. Forty
- 4. Fertile
- 1) Gender female believed that they are twice mostly like to have gallstones than males
- 2) Obesity increase cholesterol in bile
- 3) Age usually over 40
- 4) Genetic runs in families
- 5) Diet contain high calories
- 6) Others "Cirrhosis, sever hemolytic anemia and Infections"



#### MANGAMENT

- ✓ The major diagnostic tool is Ultrasound
- Nonsurgical Treatment
- ➤ Ursodiol and Chenodiol are medications
  that contains bile acid helps in dissolving
  the stones, mainly used in cholesterol
  stones
- ➤ lithotripter machine generates shock waves to break stones into small pieces
- Surgical Treatment

Cholecystectomy surgical remove of gallbladder is the treatment of choice either open or laparoscopic cholecystectomy

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