HFE-Associated Hereditary Hemochromatosis

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A hereditary disorder of iron metabolism caused by mutations in the HFE gene. It is characterized by increased absorption of iron in the gastrointestinal mucosa. It results in abnormal iron accumulation in the liver, pancreas, skin, joints, heart, and testes. It may lead to skin pigmentation, liver failure, heart failure, and hypogonadism.