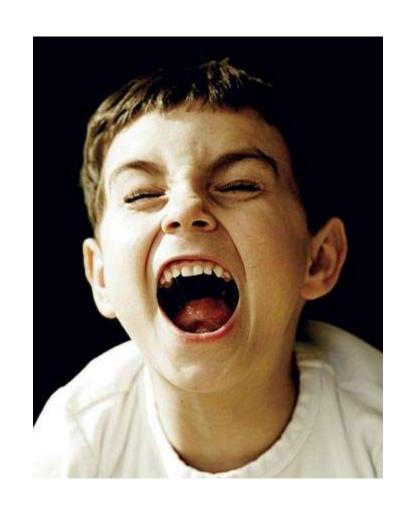
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Novt places

- Shane has been complaining of abdominal pain for months. He's been in pain now for 3 weeks and hasn't been to school.
- His trips to A+E resulted in a diagnosis of constipation



Evidence to date

- 13% of normal children have abdo pain
- 4% of all GP paediatric visits
- 8% of all children consult the GP for pain
- Lots of children have unnecessary investigations
- IBD presents late in childhood mainly through lack of awareness



Should I take a uring cample

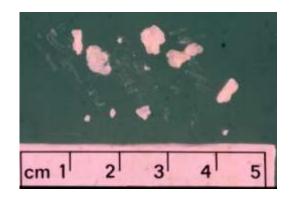
■ Bottom line – NO!



Does This Child Have a Urinary Tract Infection?

Nader Shaikh; Natalia E. Morone; John Lopez; et al.

JAMA. 2007;298(24):2895-2904 (doi:10.1001/jama.298.24.2895)







Should I consider constinution?

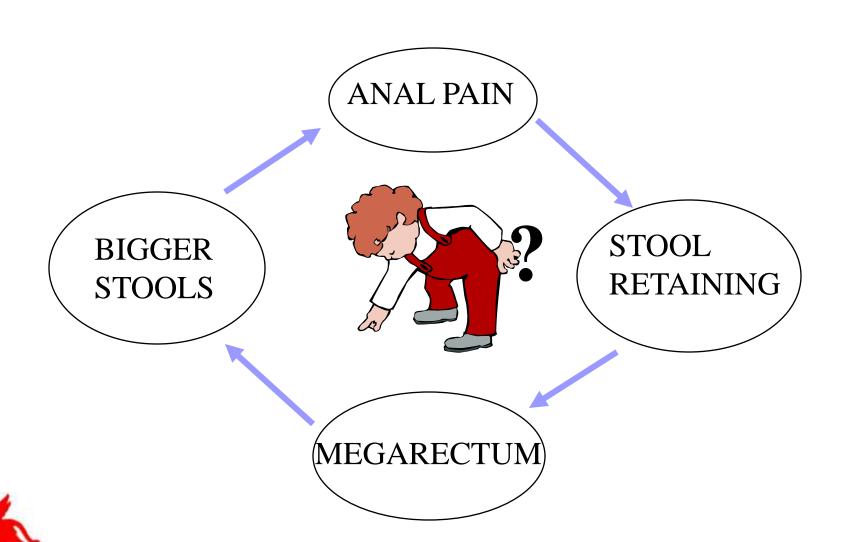


NO!

Constipation is painless
Children soil when they are impacted
Impaction is painless



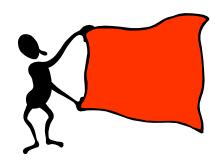
We also know the constipation cycle



Red flags in history of RAP

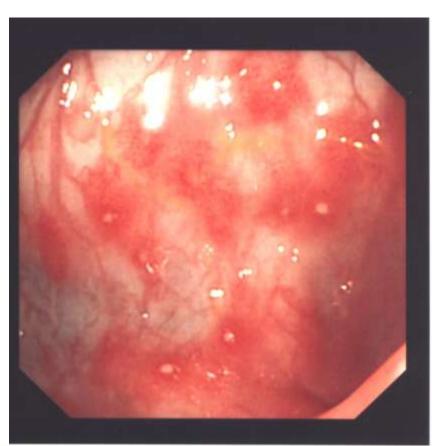
- Pain localised from umbilicus +/- radiation
- Changes in bowel habit
- Vomiting
- Awakens child at night????
- Dysuria
- Rectal bleeding
- Constitutional symptoms
- Age < 4, >15
- Relevant family history





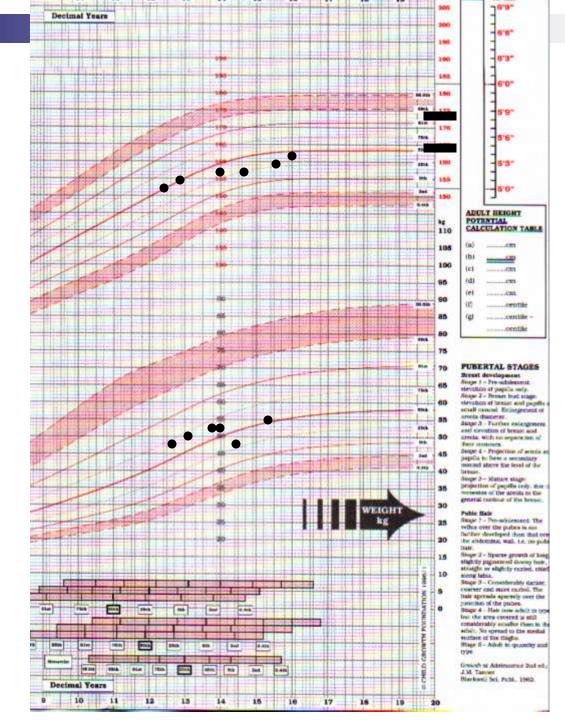
Red flags on physical examination of RAP

- Documented weight loss
- > Faltering height
- Pubertal delay
- Anal fissure & perianal fissure
- Organomegaly
- Extra intestinal manifestation joints, eyes.

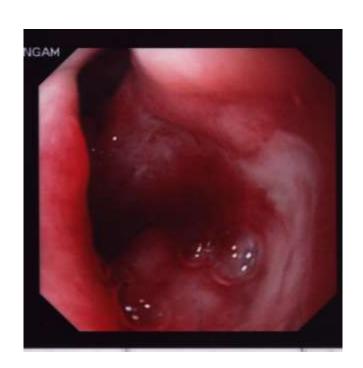


















Helicobacter tests in paediatrics

- No role for them esp. for assessing abdominal pain.
- Only in combination with endoscopy
- Only the UBT has adequate accuracy
- Stool antigen not predictive enough

Epidemiology series



Uses and abuses of screening tests



If no red flags, you probably

Functional abdominal pain

TABLE 1. Currently Used Definitions to Describe Childhood Abdominal Pain

Recurrent abdominal pain as defined by Apley

RAP

Chronic abdominal pain

Rome II criteria for abdominal pain

Functional abdominal pain Nonorganic abdominal pain Psychogenic abdominal pain 3 or more episodes of abdominal pain, over a period of 3 or more mo, severe enough to affect activities.

A common abbreviation for recurrent abdominal pain that has been used in the literature to depict recurrent abdominal pain as defined by Apley. Many physicians incorrectly use this term to imply functional abdominal pain.

Abdominal pain with a minimum duration of 3 mo. Some clinicians believe that pain that lasts more than 1-2 mo is chronic.

Abdominal pain for at least 12 wk, which need not be consecutive, in the preceding 12 mo. These criteria apply to IBS, functional dyspepsia, and functional abdominal pain.

Abdominal pain that occurs in the absence of anatomic abnormality, inflammation, or tissue damage.

A term that is often used interchangeably with functional abdominal pain.

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Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition 40:249-261 © March 2005 Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia

Technical Report

Chronic Abdominal Pain In Children: A Technical Report of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

AAP Subcommittee and NASPGHAN Committee on Chronic Abdominal Pain



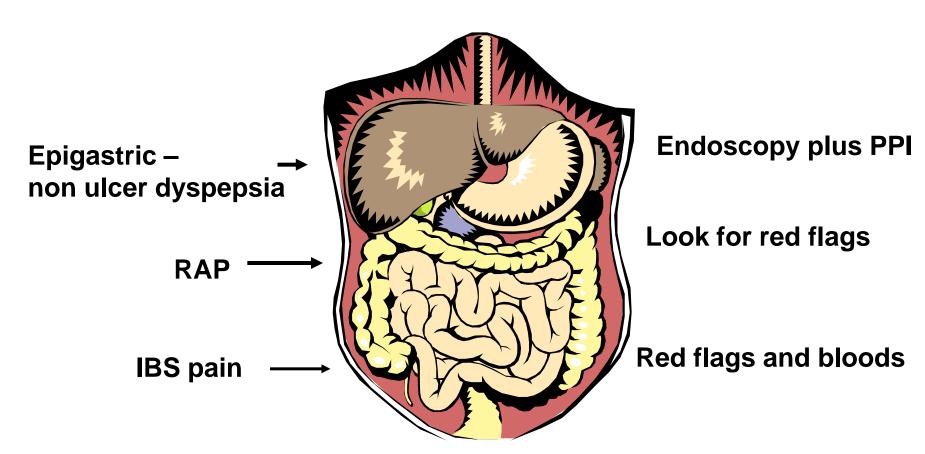
If you have functional abdo

- Wando we know:
 - No evidence to predict value of blood tests
 - No evidence to support use of ultrasound
 - ☐ Little evidence to support use of endscopy
 - □ Insufficient evidence to support pH monitoring
- Contribution of daily stressors
- These patients have more symptoms of anxiety and depression



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Bottom line





Common nitfalls

- Taking the history from the mother
- Failing to look at the anus
- Not plotting or assessing growth and puberty
- Performing an ultrasound or taking a urine sample
- Blindly treating with anything you can lay your hands on!
- Treating constipation when the patient has pain!



Learning points Persistent abdominal pain

No red flags – consider functional pain Reassess – it will become apparent No medicines without a diagnosis

So who has appendicitis

What are the most discriminating physical signs

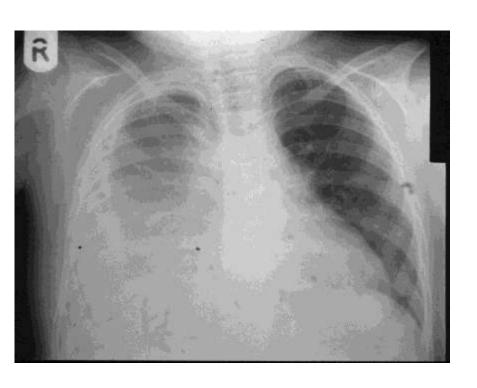


So who has appendicitis

What are the most discriminating physical signs

- Fever
- Rebound pain
- Inability to walk
- Nausea
- Migration of pain















Learning points - appendicitis

No fever no appendicitis

Rebound and focal signs

Don't offer antibiotics – beware adolescent boys with "UTIs"

Rectal bleeding

- Not as serious as adults
- 4 main options:
 - □ Breast fed infant
 - □ Local cause
 - □ Juvenile polyp
 - □ Colitis



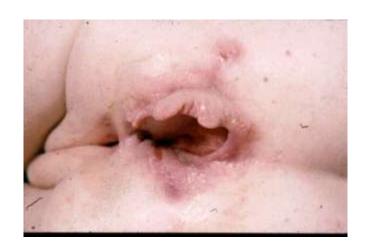


- IS this a normal variant?
- Is a little inflammation good for you?





Local causes



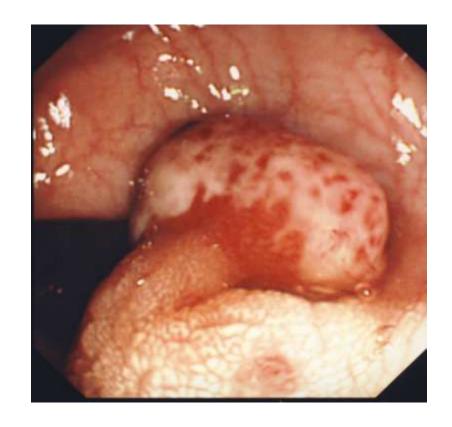
- Don't look can't see
- Think of strep.....





Juvenile hamartomatous polyps

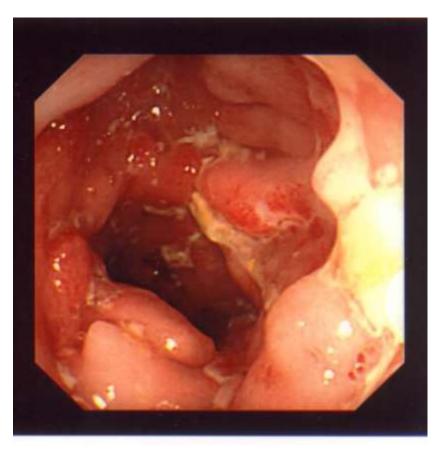
- Persistent bleeding
- It's persistent





So what are the red flags for this?



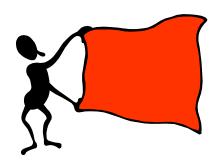






- Symptoms of proctitis
- Urgency
- Incomplete emptying
- Pain
- Pain at defecation is reassuring
- Nocturnal defecation is the top red flag

- Systemic symptoms
- Family history
- Mouth ulcers
- Don't rely on blood tests



Learning points – Rectal bleeding

No hurry

Think of the 4 causes

Proctitis or systemic symptoms refer urgent

Beware nocturnal defecation

There is no substitute for waiting then scoping

Oh

As mother turns to the door she says, can you help my new 2month baby stop screaming – it's really hard to get rest......

What is colic?





- 14/bot now ovider
 - Should she carry the child more?
 - □ One RCT (66 infants) no difference
 - Should she reduce stimulation
 - ☐ One RCT (42 infants)- beneficial effect
 - Cranial osteopathy
 - □ No data
 - Crib vibrator/ car ride stimulation/infant massage
 - ☐ One RCT no difference





- □ 3 RCT's no good evidence, and not likely to be new evidence forthcoming
- Caesin hydrolysate
 - □ Anecdotally, very effective for select cases
 - □ But who will benefit? those from atopic families
 - □ RCT 122 infants, active diet (low allergic) had a beneficial effect on crying





IgE mediated immediate reaction

- Food allergy like urticaria or anaphylaxis
- Oral allergy syndrome

Non IgE mediated – delayed manifestation

- eczema
- Allergic colitis
- Infantile colic
- GORD
- Allergic dysmotility
- Enteropathy



Cows milk formulae

- Allergic
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- Soy not an option
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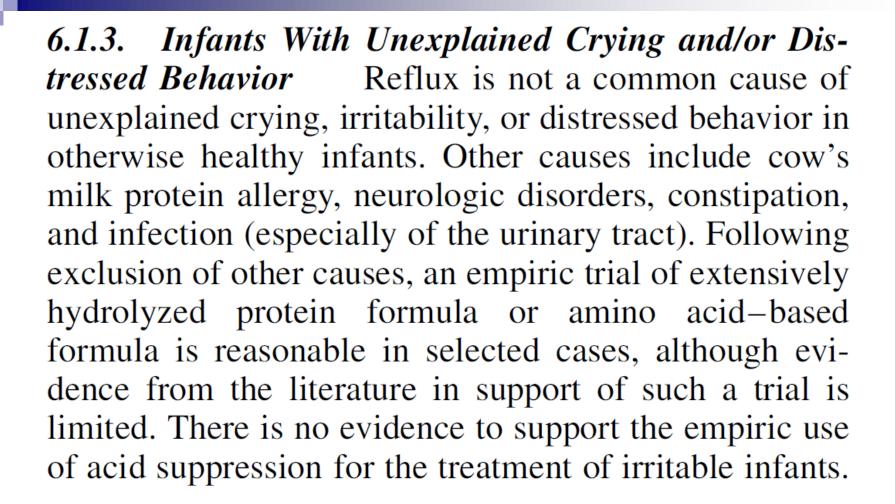
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Pediatric Gastroesophageal Reflux Clinical Practice Guidelines: Joint Recommendations of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) and the European Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (ESPGHAN)

4.1. History and Physical Examination In infants and toddlers, there is no symptom or symptom complex that is diagnostic of GERD or predicts response to therapy. In older children and adolescents, as in adult patients, history and physical examination may be sufficient to diagnose GERD if the symptoms are typical.

No discriminating aspect to history







(206,207). Studies support the use of extensively hydrolyzed or amino acid formula in formula-fed infants with bothersome regurgitation and vomiting for trials lasting up to 4 weeks (206-208). Cow's milk protein and other proteins pass into human breast milk in small quantities. Breast-fed infants with regurgitation and vomiting may therefore benefit from a trial of withdrawal of cow's milk and eggs from the maternal diet (209,210). The symptoms of infant reflux are almost never so severe that breast-feeding should be discontinued. There are no

There is a role for change in formula Trial of withdrawal of cows milk from mothers diet



(336). A meta-analysis of 7 RCTs of metoclopramide in developmentally healthy children 1 month to 2 years of age with symptoms of GER found that metoclopramide reduced daily symptoms and the RI but was associated with significant side effects (215). Metoclopramide com-

recent systematic review of studies on domperidone (341) identified only 4 RCTs in children, none providing "robust evidence" for efficacy of domperidone in pediatric GERD. Domperidone occasionally causes extrapyramidal central nervous system side effects (342).

Evidence does not support use of domperidone



group (46). A large double-blind study of 162 infants randomized to 4 weeks of placebo or lansoprazole showed an identical 54% response rate in each group, using an endpoint of >50% reduction of measures of feeding-related symptoms (crying, irritability, arching) and other parameters of the I-GERQ questionnaire (9). Furthermore, this study showed a small but significant increase in the numbers of infants that experienced lower respiratory symptoms during the treatment trial.

Lack of evidence for PPI in infantile agitation



Orenstein SR, Hassall E, Furmaga-Jablonska W, et al. Multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial assessing efficacy & safety of proton pump inhibitor lansoprazole in infants with symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease. *J Pediatr* 2009; 154:514–20.

Red flags

TABLE 2. Warning signals requiring investigation in infants with regurgitation or vomiting

Bilious vomiting

Gastrointestinal bleeding

Hematemesis

Hematochezia

Consistently forceful vomiting

Onset of vomiting after 6 months of life

Failure to thrive

Diarrhea

Constipation

Fever

Lethargy

Hepatosplenomegaly

Bulging fontanelle

Macro/microcephaly

Seizures

Abdominal tenderness or distension

Documented or suspected genetic/metabolic syndrome



- Don't fall into the trap of treating reflux
- Ask for how many hours a day the child cries
- Realise that whatever you do, the infant will get better
- Ask for advice from colleagues that won't undermine you
- Consider change in formula first (SIAS)

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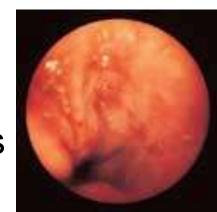
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 - Too hot to handle
 - Reassurance won't work
 - Realise that most will be better by the time they are seen anyway
 - Strong family history of atopy



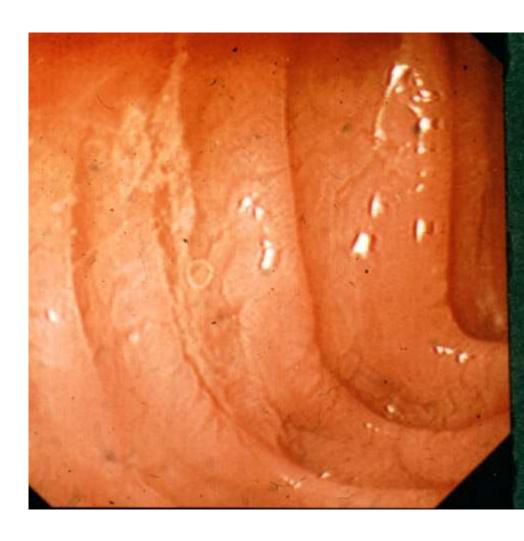
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Prevalence

- 0.5-1% in European ancestry
- Most undiagnosed





ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The changing clinical presentation of coeliac disease

M Ravikumara, D P Tuthill, H R Jenkins



Arch Dis Child 2006;91:969-971. doi: 10.1136/adc.2006.094045

- Median age has risen
- Gastro intestinal manifestations as presenting symptoms decreased
- 1:4 children identified at targeted screening



TABLE 4. Mode of presentation in 1010 children with CD at the Hospital Infantil Universitario La Paz, Madrid (Spain)

Retarded growth	90	Bleeding	23
Anemia	79	Edema	20
Constipation	72	Aphthous stomatitis	8
Abdominal pain	57	Epilepsy	6
Abdominal distension	46	Ataxia	4
Muscular hypotony	25		

Classic presentation (eg, chronic diarrhea, abdominal distension, failure to thrive, anorexia): 580 cases (57.4%).

Atypical presentation: 430 cases (42.6 %).



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Coeliac disease

Recognition and assessment of coeliac disease

NICE clinical guideline 86 Developed by the Centre for Clinical Practice at NICE



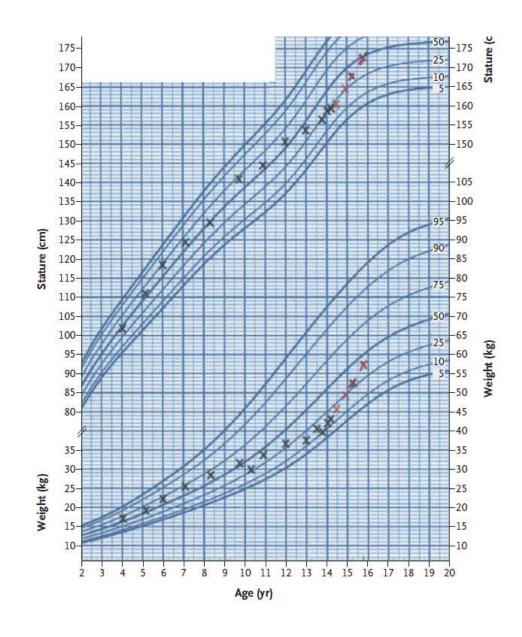
Box A. Offer serological testing to children and adults with any of the following signs, symptoms and conditions

Signs and symptoms

- Chronic or intermittent diarrhoea
- Failure to thrive or faltering growth (in children)
- Persistent or unexplained gastrointestinal symptoms including nausea and vomiting
- Prolonged fatigue ('tired all the time')
- Recurrent abdominal pain, cramping or distension
- Sudden or unexpected weight loss
- Unexplained iron-deficiency anaemia, or other unspecified anaemia

Conditions

- Autoimmune thyroid disease
- Dermatitis herpetiformis
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Type 1 diabetes
- First-degree relatives (parents, siblings or children) with coeliac disease





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Testing

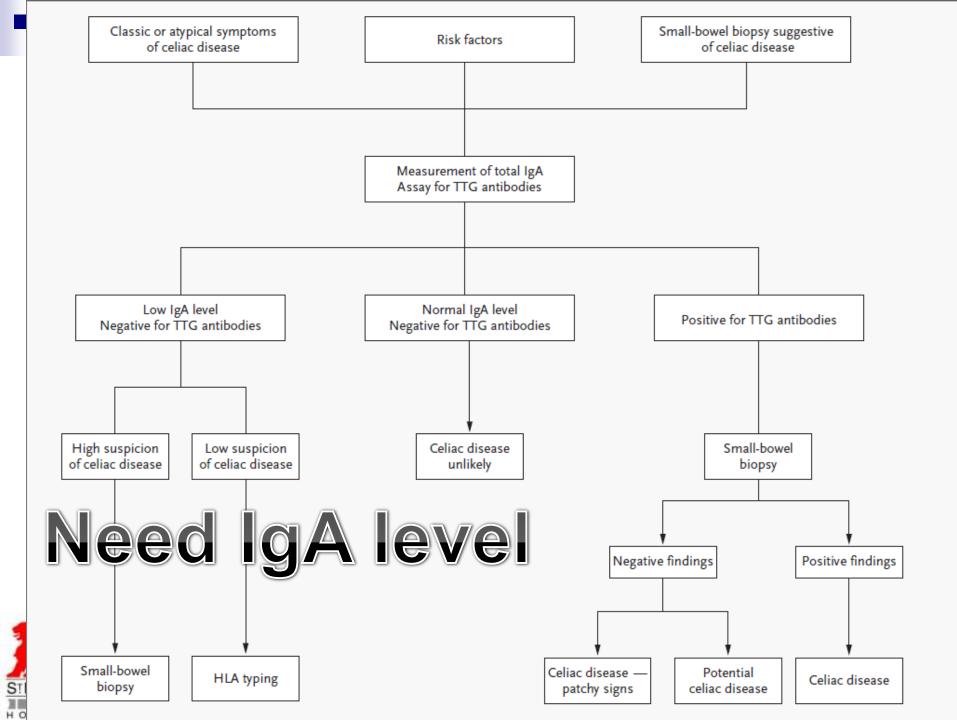
- Tissue transglutaminase test of choice
- IgA deficiency and celiac co exist in 2-10% therefore mandatory to test for IgA deficiency.
 - ☐ If IgA deficient, test with tTG-IgG.
 - Anti gliadin assays no longer recommended except the use of deaminated antigliadin assay



Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPD
AGA IgG AGA IgA AEA IgA Guinea pig tTG Human tTG	57-100 53-100 75-98 90.2 98.5	42-98 65-100 96-100 95 98	20-95 s28-100 98-100	41-88 65-100 80-95

NPD = negative predictive value; PPV = positive predictive value.





Box B. Consider offering serological testing to children and adults with any of the following

- Addison's disease
- amenorrhoea
- aphthous stomatitis (mouth ulcers)
- autoimmune liver conditions
- autoimmune myocarditis
- chronic thrombocytopenia purpura
- dental enamel defects
- depression or bipolar disorder
- Down's syndrome
- epilepsy
- low-trauma fracture
- lymphoma
- metabolic bone disease (such as rickets or osteomalacia)
- microscopic colitis
- persistent or unexplained constipation
- persistently raised liver enzymes with unknown cause
- polyneuropathy
- recurrent miscarriage
- reduced bone mineral density
- sarcoidosis
- Sjögren's syndrome
- Turner syndrome
- unexplained alopecia
- unexplained subfertility

Dietary considerations before serological testing

Inform people (and their parents or carers as appropriate) that:

- testing (serology and biopsy if required) is accurate only if they follow a glutencontaining diet
- when following a gluten-containing diet they should eat some gluten in more than one meal every day for at least 6 weeks before testing
- they should not start a gluten-free diet until diagnosis is confirmed by intestinal biopsy (even if a self-test or other serological test is positive)

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Prevalence of Celiac Disease in Children With Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus Increased in the Mid-1990s: An 18-year Longitudinal Study Based on Anti-endomysial Antibodies

*Silvana Salardi, †Umberto Volta, *Stefano Zucchini, †Erica Fiorini, *Giulio Maltoni, ‡Bernardino Vaira, and *Alessandro Cicognani

In conclusion, our results suggest that the risk of CD in genetically predisposed diabetic children suddenly increased in the mid-1990s, perhaps because of changes in environmental factors such as food and virus infections.





Population screening

- Prevalence is greater than other diseases to which we screen.
- Failure to diagnose:
 - Anaemia, pubertal delay, poor growth, abnormal LFT's, neuro psychiatry, depression, epilepsy with calcification, perhaps other auto immune diseases.
 - □? Malignant risk and osteoporosis



Compliance With Gluten-free Diet in Children With Coeliac Disease

*Oleg Jadrešin, *Zrinjka Mišak, *Sanja Kolaček, †Zdenko Sonicki, and *Vesna Žižić

TABLE 4. Symptoms and clinical signs according to compliance with gluten-free diet (GFD)

7	Strict GFD (n=42)	Semistrict GFD (n=19)	Not on GFD (n = 10)		
Occasional abdominal pain (%)	10 (23.8)	5 (26.3)	3 (30.0)		
Diarrhoea (%)	6 (14.3)	2 (10.5)	1		
Constipation (%)	4 (9.5)	0	0		
Anorexia (%)	4 (9.5)	3 (15.8)	1		
Arthralgia (%)	1	2 (10.5)	0		
Fatigue (%)	2 (4.8)	5 (26.3)	1		
Anaemia (%)	0	0	3 (30.0)		
Recurrent aphtae (%)	5 (11.9)	3 (15.8)	1		
Delayed puberty	0 (0/18)*	3 (3/7)*	1 (1/4)*		



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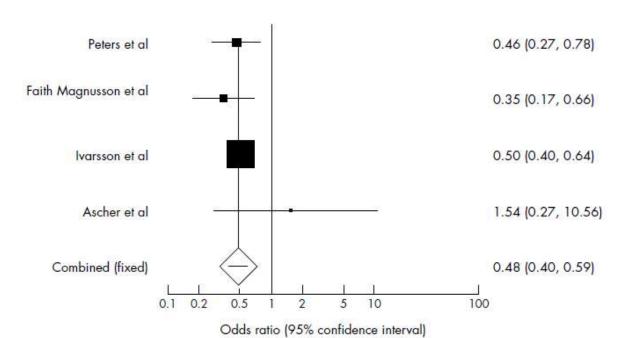
Effect of breast feeding on risk of coeliac disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies

A K Akobeng, A V Ramanan, I Buchan, R F Heller



Arch Dis Child 2006;91:39-43. doi: 10.1136/adc.2005.082016

Odds ratio meta-analysis plot (fixed effects)





Learning points – coeliac disease

Most likely to present with insidious symptoms

Always measure the IgA level as well as TTG, AEM is out

Look for other autoimmune phenomena

Breast feed to decrease risk

Man's obsession with his bowels

".... I am persuaded to believe...., that hardly anyone has a firm state of health, or can keep himself in good order unless his body be moderately open everyday by natural purging......Nor does the method of living more require than the thicker and worse part of the food, which being too long retained sends up noxious, and in a manner of venomous steams, should be expelled from the body....

Harris W. 1742. A treatise of the acute diseases of infant. Royal College of Physicians, London





Patterns of constipation

- Stool retaining behaviour in younger children
- Soiling in older
- Everything else is pretty minor......





infant

- Infrequent passing of stool
- Effect of milk

Toddler

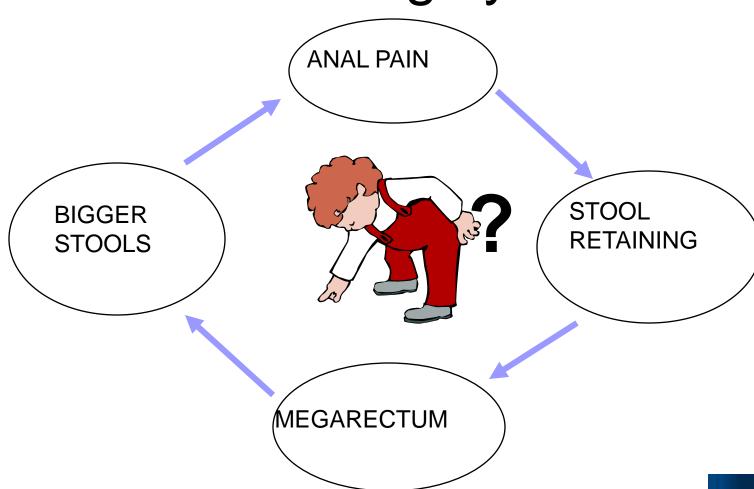
- Delay in potty training
- Stool retaining behaviour
- Megarectum
- Oblivious soiling







The stool retaining cycle









Quick reference guide

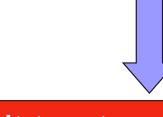
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Constipation in children and young people

Diagrams and management of allogathic clothhood consequence in primary and secondary care.

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Assess for impaction



Don't treat constipation with maintence therapy until you have disimpacted







- Are they impacted
- Any red flags?

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- Lactulose
- Add senna if stool retaining behaviour

Next step

- Movicol paediatric
- Add in picosulphate

Impacted

Then disimpact first







Red flags according to NICE

- Symptoms since birth
- Delay in meconium
- Locomotor delay
- Abdominal distension with vomiting

- Abnormal anus position, fissures
- Distension
- Abnormal spine findings
- Talipes
- Absent reflexes







Myths in constipation

- Value of Xrays
 - Total and segmental colonic transit time with radio-opaque markers in adolescents with functional constipation. Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition. 27(2):138-42, 1998
- Plain abdominal Xray
- Biofeedback







Hirschsprung's disease

- A retrospective review of 186 rectal biopsies from 141 children
- All of the 17 children with Hirschsprung's disease had the onset of symptoms before the age of 4 weeks.

If the age at onset of constipation is after the neonatal period, a rectal biopsy is unnecessary.



Arch Dis Child 1998;79:266-268)





Illnesses associated with constipation

- Coeliac disease
- Intercurrent illnesses, poor fluid intake and immobility
- Cystic fibrosis
- Carcinoma of the colon
- Metabolic

Milk intolerance

- □ thyroid
- calcium, potassium



Indications for referral

- Where organic causes are suspected
- Infants < 4 months as they have a higher probability of organic causes.</p>
- Severe faecal loading which may be accompanied with anal dilatation. These children need paediatric referral for assessment.
- Where there are features of intestinal obstruction e.g. distension and vomiting.
- > Those that require psychological support.



Learning points in constipation

- Stool retaining behaviour ≠ constipation
- Disimpact before you try to achieve continence
- Don't have to poo everyday
- No one died of constipation





INTERVENTIONS PREVENTION Ondansetron (reduces vomiting in children with acute gastroenteritis, but possible increased risk of diarrhoea) **Beneficial** Rotavirus vaccines (reduce episodes of gastroenteritis caused by rotavirus) New Trade-off between benefits and harms Loperamide (reduces duration of diarrhoea, but possible **TREATMENTS** increased risk of adverse effects) 6 Beneficial To be covered in future updates Enteral (oral or gastric) rehydration solutions (as effective as intravenous fluids) 4 Food-based oral rehydration solutions Probiotics (*Lactobacillus*) as an adjuvant to rehydration Likely to be beneficial treatment Lactose-free feeds (may reduce duration of diarrhoea)



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Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

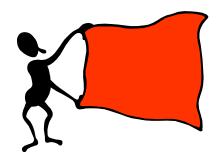
Diarrhoea and vomiting caused by gastroenteritis: diagnosis, assessment and management in children younger than 5 years



NICE clinical guideline 84 Developed by the National Collaborating Centre for Women's and Children's Health

- children younger than 1 year, especially those younger than 6 months
- infants who were of low birth weight
- children who have passed six or more diarrhoeal stools in the past 24 hours
- children who have vomited three times or more in the past 24 hours
- children who have not been offered or have not been able to tolerate supplementary fluids before presentation
- infants who have stopped breastfeeding during the illness
- children with signs of malnutrition.





Assess dehydration (see table 1, page 8)

No clinical dehydration

Preventing dehydration

- Continue breastfeeding and other milk feeds.
- Encourage fluid intake.
- Discourage fruit juices and carbonated drinks (especially in children at increased risk of dehydration, see box 2, page 7).
- Offer low osmolarity ORS solution⁵ as supplemental flui if at increased

Clinical dehydration (including hypernatraemic)

Oral rehydration therapy (O

- Give 50 ml/kg low osmolarit ORS solution 5 over 4 hou solution for maintend ten and in small amount
- Continue breat fe ling.
- Considers menting with usual fluids (including the country feeds or water, but not fruit from sor carbonated drinks) if a full without red flag symptoms or signs table 1, page 8) refuses to take sufficient quantities of ORS solution.
- Consider giving ORS solution via a nasogastric tube if a child is unable to drink it or vomits persistently.
- Monitor the response to ORT regularly.

suspected or confirmed

nical shock

IVT for shock

- Give rapid intravenous infusion of 20 ml/kg 0.9% sodium chloride solution.
- If child remains shocked repeat infusion and consider other causes of shock.
- If child remains shocked after a second infusion, consider consulting a paediatric



Get the diagnosis right

Fast rehydrate for 4 hours only. ORS only in those that are dry

Then feed again. Do not dilute feeds

If fails repeat the process



Learning points – acute diarrhoea

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Refeed at 4 hours

Continue to breast feed

Rotavirus vaccine works

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