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ACUTE MANAGEMENT OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN WITH ACUTE ABDOMINAL PAIN

This PCP relates to

NSW Health PD *NSW PD2005_384 Children and Infants with Acute Abdominal Pain- Acute Management*

PCP number *NSW PD2005_384: PCP 2 acute management of infants and children with acute abdominal pain*

Sites where PCP applies	HNE Northern Rural Hospitals Emergency Departments (ED)
Target audience	Clinicians in ED where children present with abdominal pain
Description	Basic clinical practice guidelines for the acute management of abdominal pain in paediatric patients.
Subject	Acute management of abdominal pain in paediatric patients
Keywords	Acute management abdominal pain children infants
Related Legislation (including OHS legislation), Australian Standards, NSW Health Policy or Circular, other HNEH Documents, Professional Guidelines, Codes of Practice or Ethics: NSW Health Paediatric Clinical Practice Guidelines	

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Summary

This PCP

- is a clinical pathway for use in the assessment and identification of causes of acute abdominal pain in infants and children,
- assists with the identification of appropriate treatment based on clinical assessment and appropriate and timely referral,
- PCP includes relevant fact sheet for parent information.

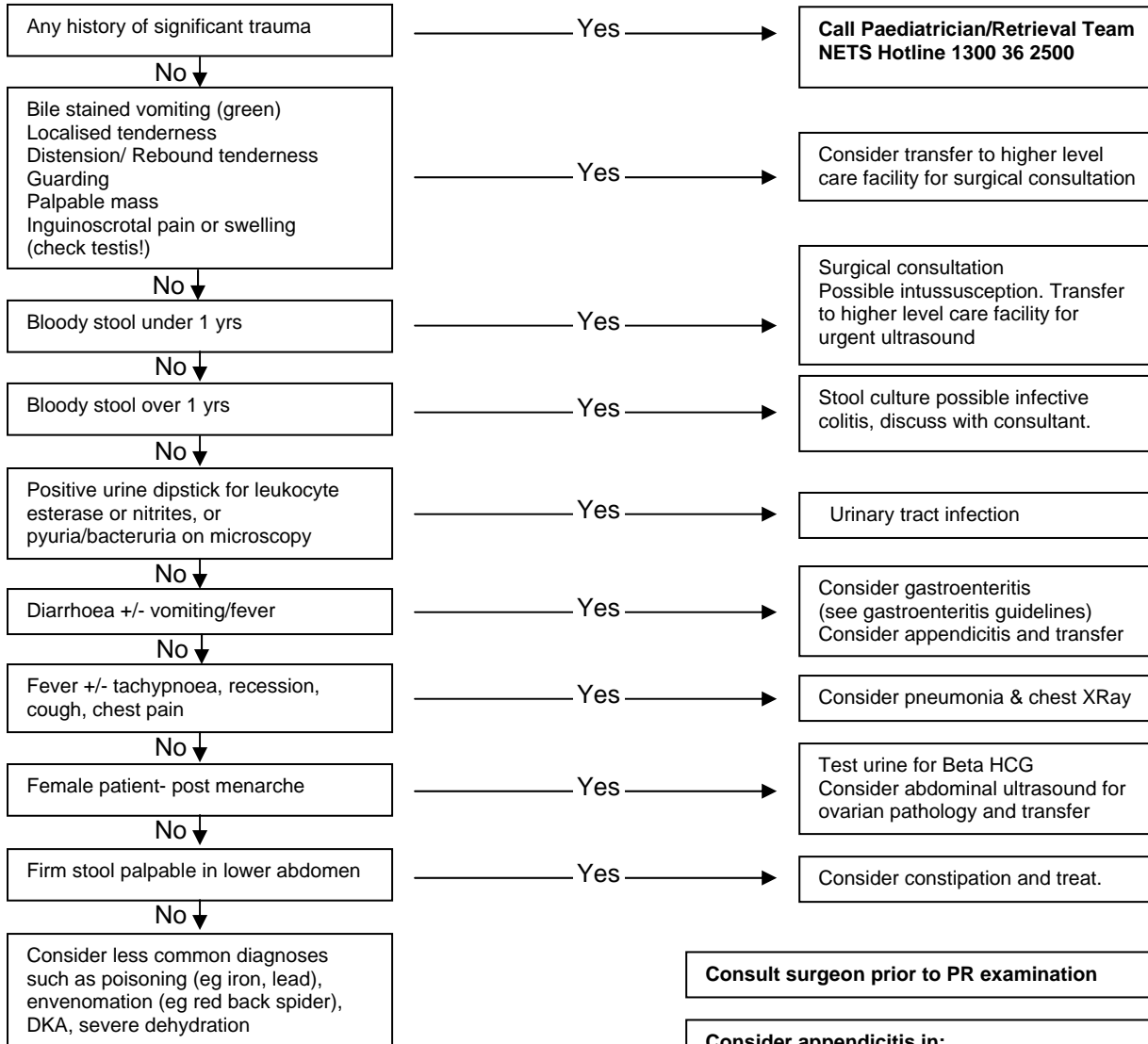
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**Hunter New England Area Health Service
Acute Management of Infants and
Children with Acute Abdominal Pain
(RURAL HOSPITALS)**

Name _____

MRN _____

Child with Abdominal pain
Remember: ABCD
Primary survey
Check Blood Glucose
Provide analgesia



Consult surgeon prior to PR examination

**Consider appendicitis in:
Children under 5 yrs
Children with developmental delay
Children with cerebral palsy**

If in doubt or confused about a child's condition, signs or symptoms; seek senior medical advice.

Patients with abdominal pain may be discharged home if above flow chart has been adhered to and the patient's pain is settling without the use of narcotics. Parent fact sheet must be provided, and the patient should be advised to return if pain reoccurs.

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