

**Clinical Guideline:** Acute Abdominal Pain Site: FPH

* Onset
* Severity
* Frequency
* Character
* Radiation
* Nausea, Vomiting, Anorexia
* Temperature
* Constipation (including absolute), Diarrhoea
* Urinary symptoms
* Gynae symptoms

History

Advice and Treatment

Referral Guidelines – red flag signs

* Plain X ray no use
* Investigate by cause

Investigation

* Examine nipples to knees
* Ask patient to cough: good sign for peritonism
* Dip urine
* PR/PV
* Temperature (higher in mesenteric adenitis than appendicitis)
* Cervical lymphadenopathy (more likely in mesenteric adenitis)

Examination

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| * Appendicitis
* Hydronephrosis
* Mesenteric adenitis
* Dyspepsia
* Constipation
* Hernia
* Gastroenteritis
* Bowel Obstruction
* Migraine
* Urinary tract infection
 | * Diabetes
* Acute pyelonephritis
* Biliary colic
* Henoch-Schonlein purpura
* Drugs e.g. NSAIDs
* Hepatitis
* Torsion of the ovary or testis
* Pancreatitis
* Renal calculus
* Lower lobe pneumonia
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General Information