

**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 |

General Information