

Abdominal pain pathway



Clinical support tool for remote clinical assessment

Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content/smiles Stays awake/awakens quickly Strong normal crying/not crying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No smile Decreased activity/lethargic Irritable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake Clinical concerns about nature of cry (weak, high pitched or continuous) Severe pain
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal skin colour Warm extremities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pale / mottled / blue Cold extremities
Hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moist tongue and conjunctivae Fontanelle normal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry tongue and conjunctivae Sunken fontanelle 	
Urine output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced / not passed urine in past 12 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No urine for 24 hours
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal pattern and rate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal/fast breathing
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polyuria, dysuria or urgency Reduced appetite Additional parent/carer concerns Pain not settling with analgesia Waking with pain Pain increased on movement Fever for >5 days Significant abdominal distension Age 3-6 months with temp $\geq 39^{\circ}$ (102.2°F) with no clear focus of infection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non blanching rash Described oedema Described jaundice Dark green (bilious) vomiting Recent injury to the abdomen Testicular pain Blood in stool Age 0-3 months with temp $\geq 38^{\circ}$ (100.4°F)

