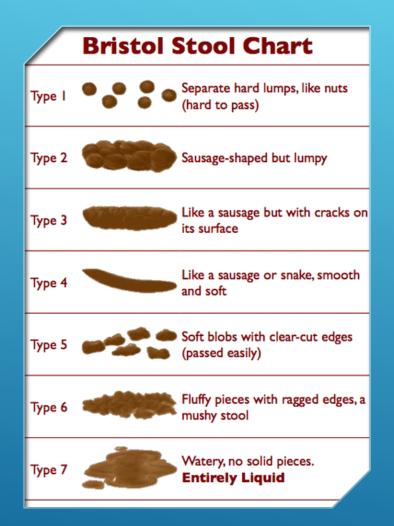
PAEDIATRIC UPDATES FOR GPS AND PRIMARY CARE

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CONSTIPATION

PRESENTATION/SYMPTOMS

Variable 5-30% childhood 50% OPD 50% wean meds 1 year

Detailed History-what do parents mean by constipation

- Infrequent stooling
- Inability to pass stool
- > Pellets, large stool,
- Stool withholding
- ► Strain
- > Overflow/Soiling/diarrhoea
- > Abdominal Pain
- Offensive flatulence
- Rectal bleeding

NB ROME IV CRITERIA FOR DETAILED DEFINITION

AGE GROUPS

Age<6 months

Formula Fed

Wrongly Diagnosed/labelled

Mainly lack Water

(Allergy-age 6 weeks Bloody stools)

>6 months/Toddlers

Common onset of weaning

Fluid Fibre Fruit

Straining

Allergy derr

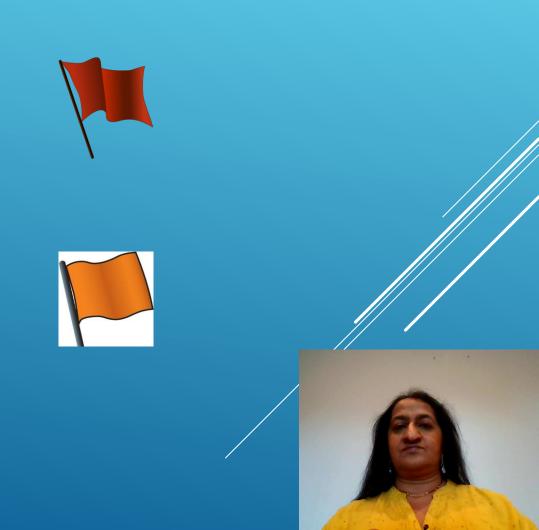
derm/resp





- NICE GUIDELINE CG99 published 26 May 2010, Updated 13 July 2017
- Detailed History and Examination
- ► RED FLAGS
 - Abnormal neurology
 - Failure to pass meconium
- Amber Flags
 - > Abdominal Distension and Vomiting
 - Family History
 - Resp or derm symptoms ? ? allergy





TREATMENT

Age<6 months

Increase Water

Breast feeding Counsellor

Avoid Multiple feed changes

Lactulose-occasionally

Avoid Stimulants

>6 months/Toddlers

Increase Water

Diet-Fibre Fruit

Macrogol

Use Stimulant early for straining

Toilet Training



TREATMENT

- Lifestyle
 - Diet-Fluid Fruit Fibre
 - Behavioral-Toilet Training
 - Immobility- computer games
- Pharmocological
 - > Assess need for Disimpaction before maintenance
 - Earlier use stimulant with Macrogol
 - Slow wean
 - Realistic expectation
- ► Surgical



REFERRAL FOR REFRACTORY CONSTIPATION

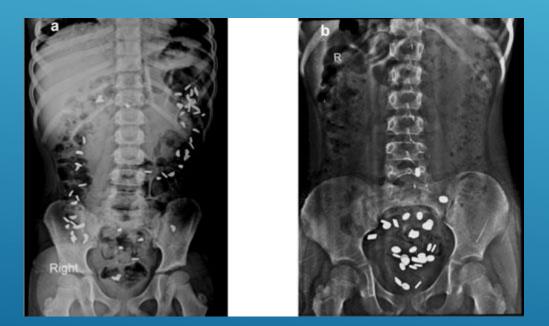
Red Flag

No improvement despite macrogols and stimulants

Compliance check



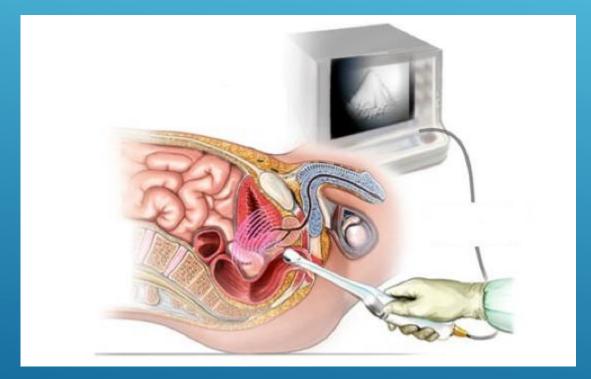
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SUMMARY CONSTIPATION

- Childhood Constipation is common
- Parental Education and reassurance , manage expectations
- > Dietary and Behavioral Manipulation important
- Disimpaction before maintenance
- Consider Earlier addition of stimulant to macrogol
- Patience with weaning
- Advice before referral



