

Aim: To assist the health care team with clinical decisions regarding the management of a patient with intussusception.

EXCLUSION GUIDELINES:

Patients excluded from this guideline:

- Non-ileocolic bowel intussusception (such as small bowel-small bowel)
- Significant comorbidities
- Recent abdominal/bowel surgery

NOTE 1: Common symptoms:

infant/toddler with sudden, intermittent, severe, crampy abdominal pain, periods of inconsolable crying or altered responsiveness, drawing up legs, color change, vomiting, bloody stool (~50%). May be pain-free between episodes. Episodes commonly occur at 15–20 minute intervals.

NOTE 2: If there is a concern at any step, there should be a direct discussion between attending providers.

NOTE 3: Clinical evaluation may be by ED, hospitalist, or surgery team pending care location.

