

Policy
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Procedure



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Infants and Children Acute Management of Abdominal Pain

Sites where PCP applies	All HNELHD Emergency Departments
This PCP applies to:	
1. Adults	No
2. Children up to 16 years	Yes
3. Neonates – less than 29 days	Yes
Target audience	Clinicians in ED where children present with abdominal pain
Description	Acute management of infants and children with abdominal pain

[Hyperlink to Procedure](#)

Keywords	Acute, management, infants , children, abdominal pain
This PCP relates to NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive	PD2013_053 Infants and Children Acute Management of Abdominal Pain
PCP number	PD2013_053: PCP 1
Replaces existing PCP?	Yes
Document number, name and dates of superseded document/s	PD2005_384: PCP 1,; PCP 2, PCP 3, PCP 4, PCP 5, PCP 6 from May 2007

Related Legislation, Australian Standard, NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive or Guideline, National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard (NSQHSS) and/or other, HNE Health Document, Professional Guideline, Code of Practice or Ethics:

- NSW MoH Paediatric Clinical Practice Guidelines

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Summary

This PCP is a guideline in the assessment and management of infants and children who presents to an emergency department with abdominal pain:

- promotes evidence based practice in the assessment of acute abdominal pain in the paediatric patient
- provides guidelines on appropriate transfer/retrieval based on clinical assessment

Risk statement:

This PCP has been developed to provide current clinical practice guidelines to clinical staff in the assessment, management, timely escalation of care and discharge planning for infants and children who presents to the emergency department with acute abdominal pain. Non-compliance to this PCP may result in paediatric patients with acute abdominal pain receiving care that is not based on best practice guidelines.

Risk Category: Clinical Care & Patient Safety.

Compliance, Implementation and Monitoring

This PCP establishes evidenced based best practice for HNELHD based on the policy PD2013_053 which requires mandatory compliance. The document will be implemented in all HNE Health EDs and compliance monitored by IIMS.

Feedback

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Primary Survey

- Airway
- Breathing
- Circulation
- Disability
- Exposure
- Fluids
- Glucose

If any concerns:
Resuscitate as required & immediate referral to Paediatrician/ ED specialists/ general/surgeon or NETS

Remember: Pain Management, provide analgesia

