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# **“Before Feeding, Consider the Plumbing!”**

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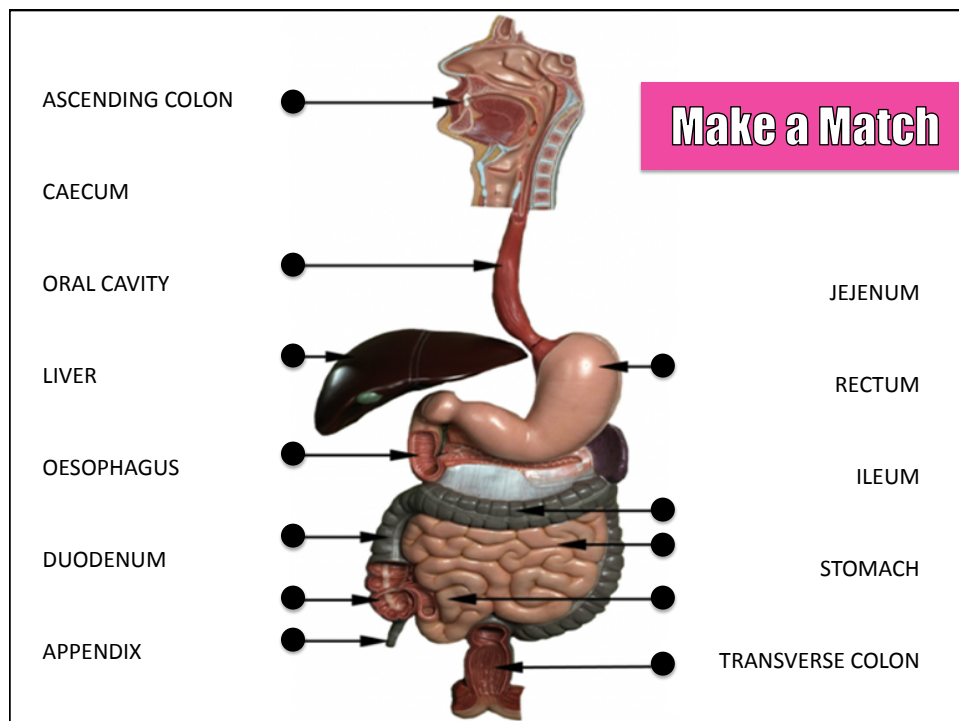
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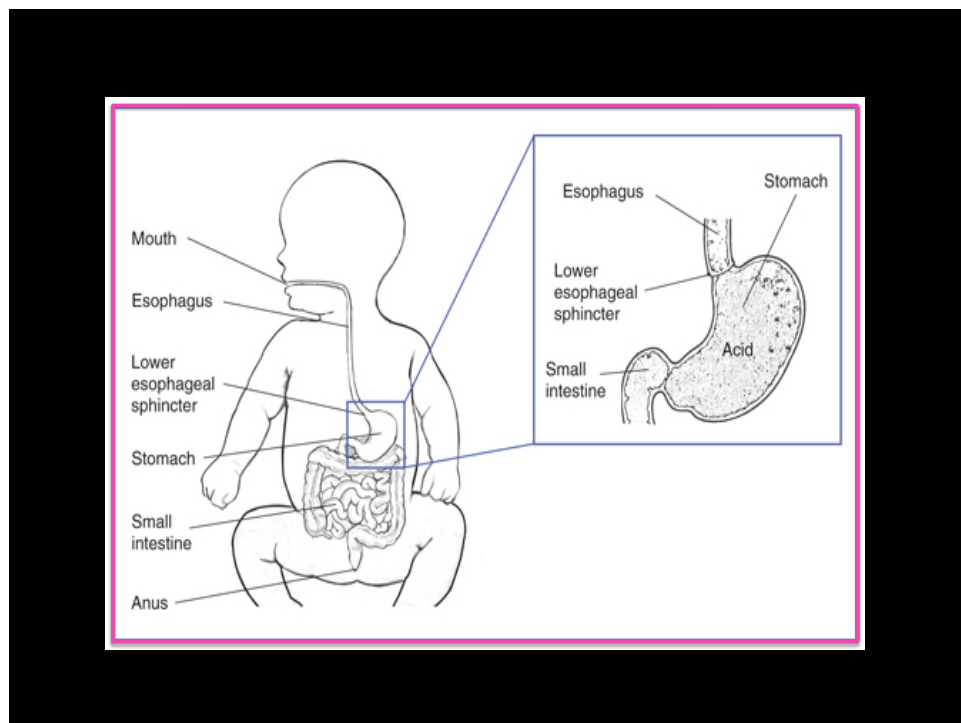
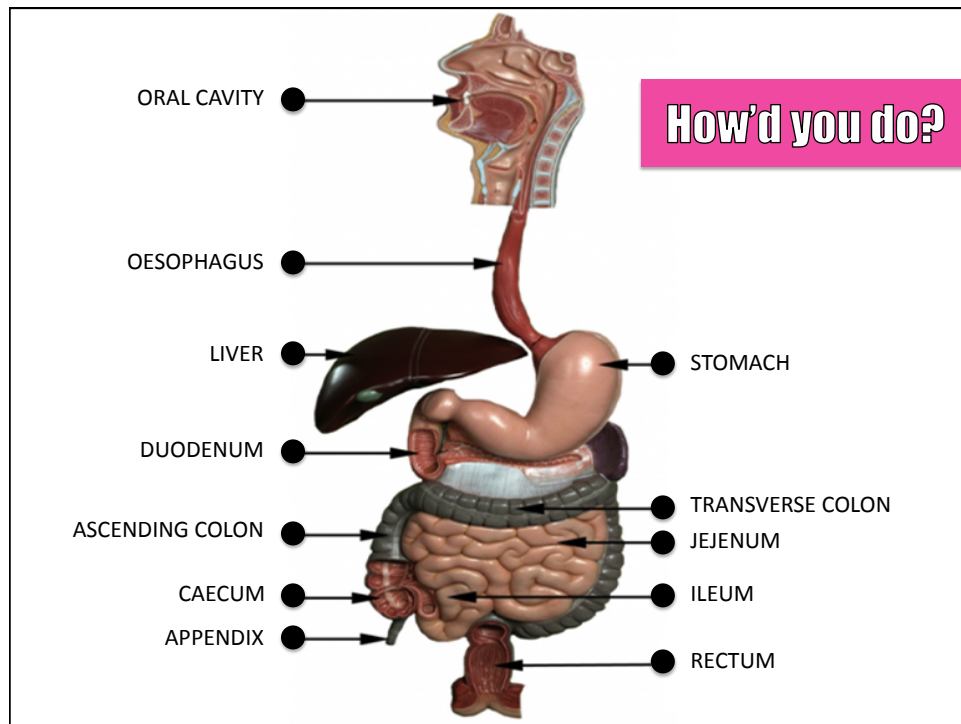


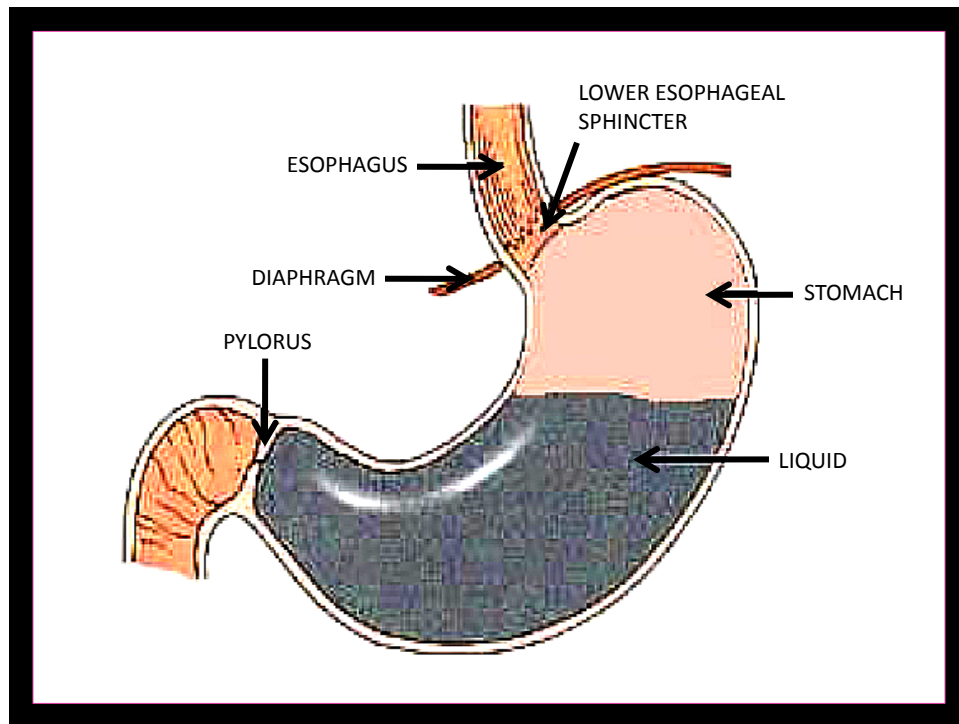
**Have you treated a patient with a gastrointestinal problem?**

*Let's see a show of hands.*

**Identify the GI issue in chat.**





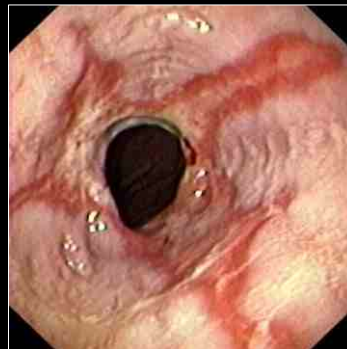


## Natural Development of the GI system: Esophagus, Stomach

### ESOPHAGUS

- Begins at the Cricopharyngeal Sphincter
- Ends at the Lower Esophageal Sphincter (LES)
- Hollow tube, peristaltic movement
- Susceptible to erosions
- Eosinophilic esophagitis

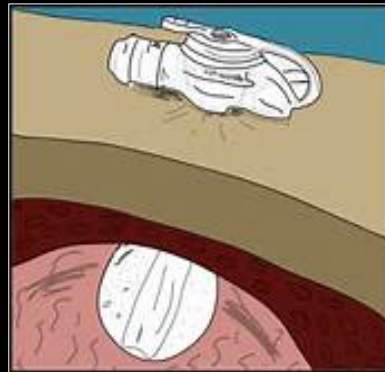
### GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE

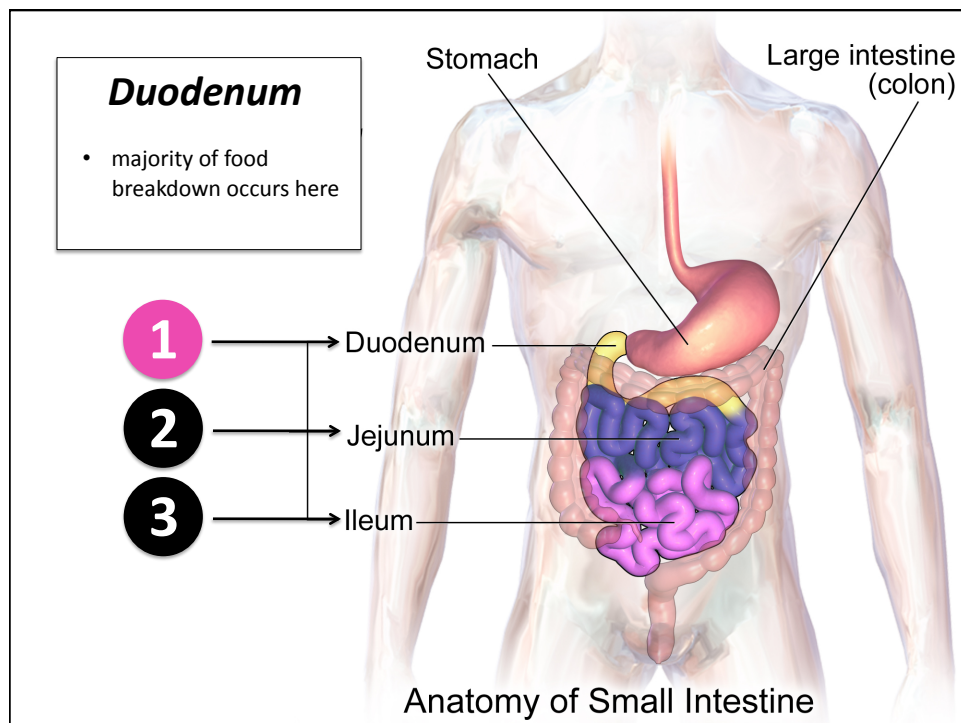
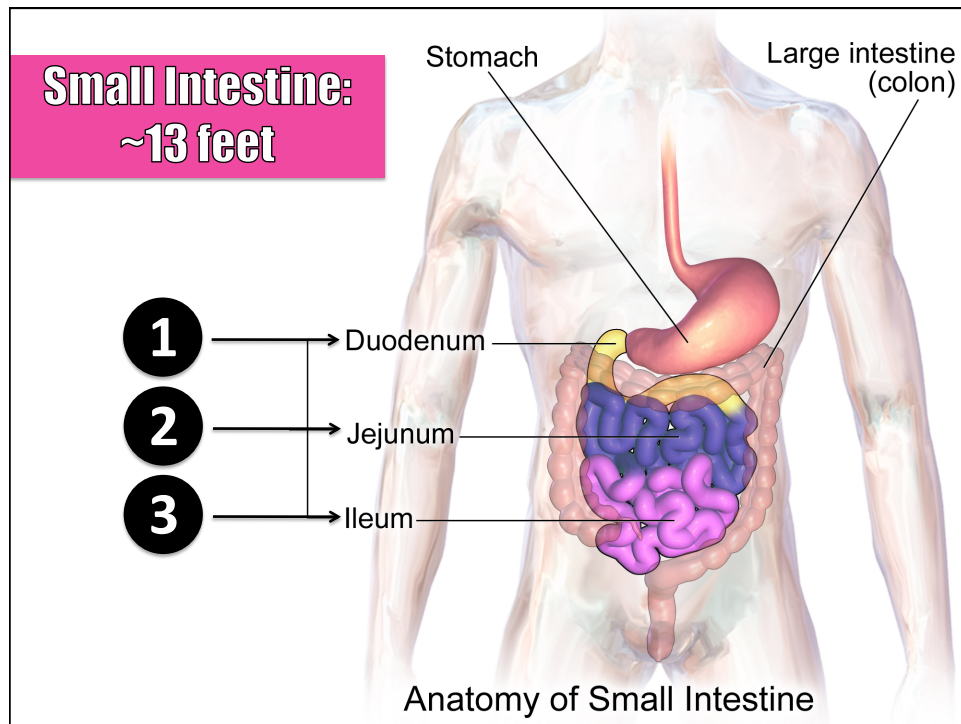


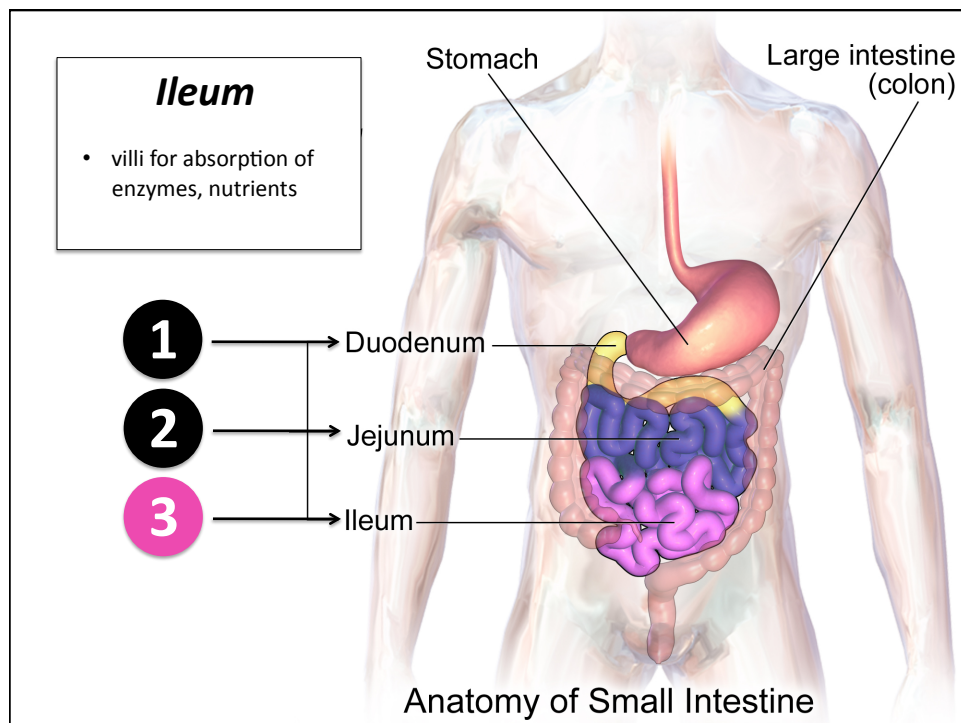
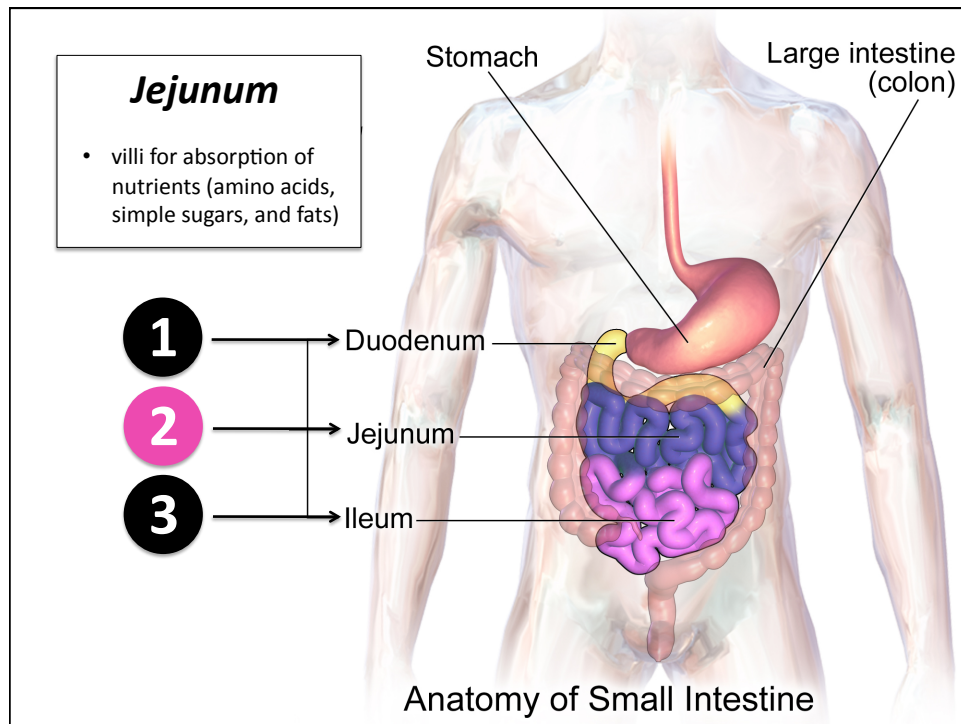


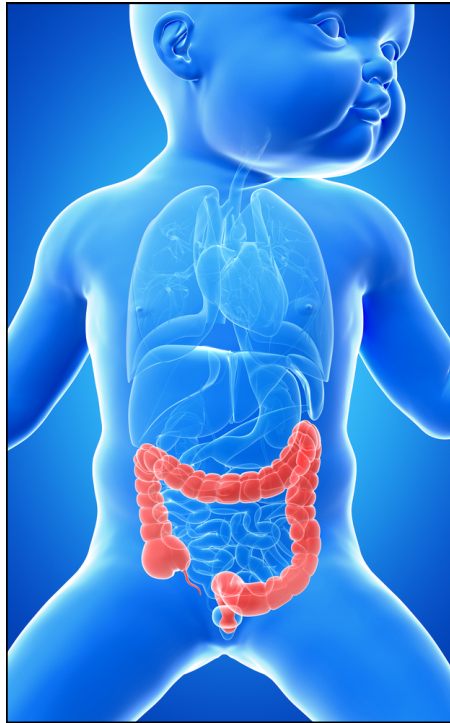
## STOMACH

- Below the diaphragm above the small intestine
- Very muscular
- 2 sphincters hold chewed food in place:
  - LES
  - Pyloric Sphincter
  - Location of gastrostomy tube (PEG, Mic-Key, PEJ)









## COLON

- Last Part of gastrointestinal system
- Absorbs water from waste products
- Compacts the waste for elimination
- Gathers vitamins created by (good) bacteria
  - 3 sections: Cecum, Colon, Rectum
    - Cecum: appendix attaches here
      - Possible function is a reservoir for bowel flora
    - Colon (ascending, transverse, descending and sigmoid colon)
    - Rectum

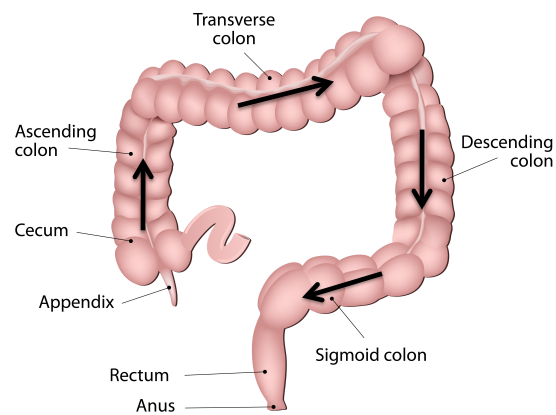
## COLON

*Ascending:* Begins with the Cecum moves upward and ends at the hepatic flexure

*Transverse:* Below belly button across body, up and stomach

*Descending:* Begins at splenic flexure, down lateral side of body to empty into the Sigmoid

*Sigmoid:* end of colon, pushes formed stool into rectum



## RECTUM

- Located at the end of the Sigmoid colon
- Temporary storage
- Stretch receptors
- Peristaltic waves
- Internal and external sphincters allow exit of stool
- Hirschsprung's Disease- rare
- Fecal impaction- common



## Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders

- Age dependent
- Chronic or recurring symptoms without other associated problems
- Some are normal
- Others stem from maladaptive responses to internal feelings or from environmental stimuli
- Parents seek help depending on their experiences, expectations, coping, and perception of their child's illness
- Conscious/unconscious fears

**INFANT REGURGITATION**

**INFANT RUMINATION SYNDROME**

**CYCLIC VOMITING SYNDROME**


**INFANT COLIC**

**FUNCTIONAL DIARRHEA**

**INFANT DYSCHIZIA**

**FUNCTIONAL CONSTIPATION**





## INFANT REGURGITATION

- Very common, **normal** in infants: 67% of healthy 4 month olds
- Developmental issue, not a disease
- Involuntary return of swallowed food/secretions into/out of mouth
- Differs from vomiting; CNS reflex, involving autonomic and skeletal muscles
- 3 weeks-12 months; >2/day for >3 weeks
- No retching, blood, aspiration, FTT, apnea, feeding/swallowing problems, abnormal posturing, excessive crying



## Infant Regurgitation *STRATEGIES*

- Encourage discussion with Pediatrician
- Provide effective reassurance; empathetic listening, accurate responses to fears
- Promise of continuing discussion and reassessment
- Left side positioning when awake
- Thickened feedings
- Assisting Mom with coping



## INFANT RUMINATION

- Rare
- Voluntary, habitual regurgitation for self-stim
- Usually a disorder caused by social deprivation (orphanages)
- Can be spit out, re-chewed and or re-swallowed
- Begins 3-8 months, does not stop with restraints, meds, formula changes, N-G feeds
- No distress or signs of nausea
- Does not occur during sleep



## Infant Rumination *STRATEGIES*

- Address malfunction of caregiver-child bond
- Hold, comfort, feed infant when hungry
- Identify signs of child withdrawing into self
- Re-direct or engage child
- \*Identify and respond to cues





## CYCLIC VOMITING

- Recurrent/stereotypic episodes of intense nausea/vomiting
- Lasts week-months
- 1-70/year
- Same time of day
- Commonly night or morning
- Highest intensity-1<sup>st</sup> hours
- Pallor, weakness, increased salivation, intolerance to light/noise, blotchy skin
- 80% triggered by emotions, infections, asthma, exhaustion

## INFANT COLIC

- Behavioral syndrome of early infancy
- Long bouts of crying
- Hard to soothe
- >3 hours, >3 days/week
- Start/stop suddenly
- Occur late in day
- Resolves ~4-5 months
- Crying peaks at 6weeks, diminishes @ 12 weeks
- No FTT
- Non-nutritive soothing, quiet environment, rhythmic rocking/patting/car ride



**Do you know of any tips or strategies for coping with colic?**

*Let's chat!*

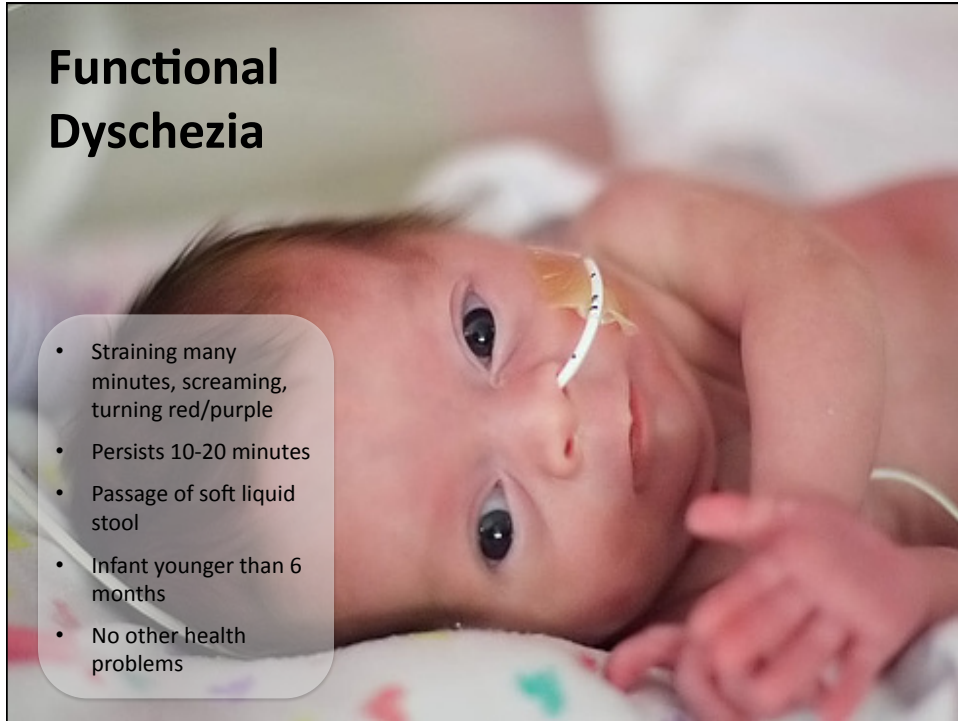


## **FUNCTIONAL DIARRHEA**

- Daily, painless, >3 unformed stools
- >4 weeks with onset in infancy or preschool
- Onset 6 months-36 months
- Stool passes during waking hours
- NO FTT
- Good diet
- Child doesn't care
- No Tx
- \*BF infants poop >12x/day
- \*97% of 1-3 year olds pass stool 3x/day and gradually decrease to 1x every other day

## Functional Dyschezia

- Straining many minutes, screaming, turning red/purple
- Persists 10-20 minutes
- Passage of soft liquid stool
- Infant younger than 6 months
- No other health problems



## \*FUNCTIONAL CONSTIPATION

### STRATEGIES

Prune/prune juice  
 Massage  
 Warm compress  
 Leg/rotation exercises  
 Discuss formula change



### Birth – 12 months

- ~40% in 1st year of life
- ~16% of 22 month olds
- <2 movements/week
- H/o stool retention
- H/o painful/hard stool
- Large fecal mass in rectum
- Refuse bottles
- \*If resolved by 2, better prognosis

## \*FUNCTIONAL CONSTIPATION

### Toddlers

- Transition to solid food
- Hold onto furniture
- Stiffen legs
- Hide in corner
- Turn red, cry
- Irrational fear of pooping
- Refuse food
- H/o large-diameter stools, may obstruct toilet
- \*Need 15-30 ounces liquid/day

### STRATEGIES

**Fiber 7-15g/day**

**Decrease fatty foods**

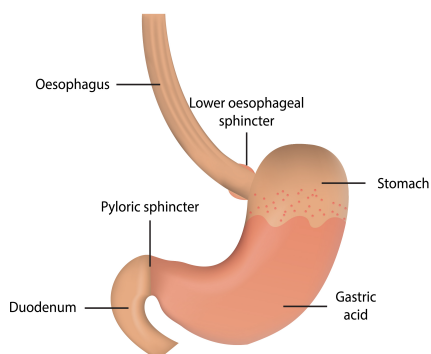
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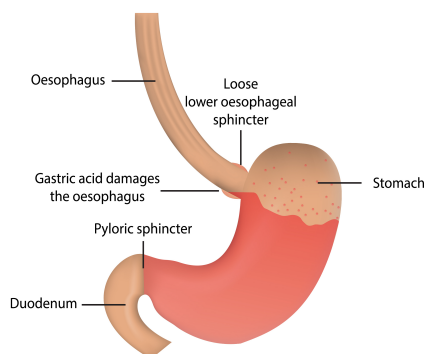


## Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

### Healthy



### GERD



## Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

### *A big mess or reason to test?*

#### REFLUX

- Passage up esophagus
- Normal in healthy infants
- Episodes are brief, no issues
- Good weight gain
- Common in infants to 18 mo
- No Tx; education
- May thicken feeds
- Left side play or elevated tummy time

#### DISEASE

- Passage up esophagus
- Esophagitis, Poor weight gain, FTT, respiratory problems
- Reflux > 18 months
- Feeding Refusal
- Stiff body, arching
- Torsion of neck, Sandifer Syndrome-not Torticollis
- Blood in stool/emesis

## GERD



#### INFANTS

- discuss formula change with MD
- Thicken feeds (not rice cereal) 1 Tablespoon/ 2 ounces liquid
- Anti-reflux positioning (NO car seat)
- Avoid nicotine environment
- Decrease feeding volume, increase frequency, increase calories
- DO NOT over feed
- Start trial of acid suppression
- PPI
- Lifestyle changes

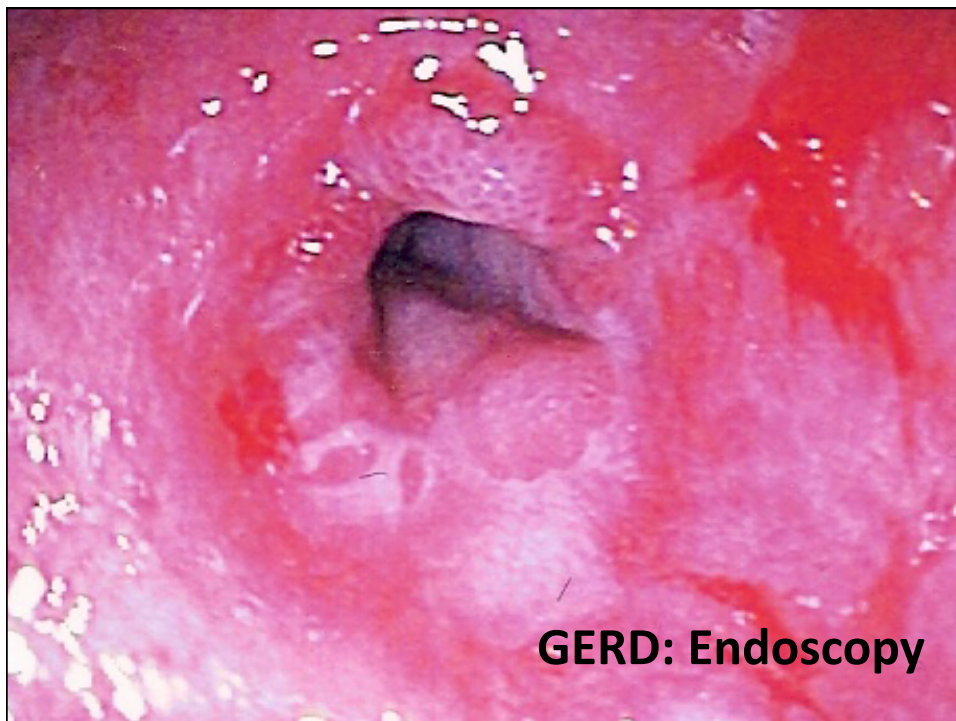
#### TODDLERS

- avoid milk
- As above with intro to solids
- Acid suppression
- PPI
- Lifestyle changes



## “What Are All These Crazy Tests?”

Swallow Study  
Modified Barium Swallow  
Upper GI Series  
Small Bowel Follow-Through  
Gastric Emptying  
Esophageal Ph Monitor or Ph  
Probe  
Endoscopy  
Ultrasound  
Barium Enema





## Medical Treatments

H2 blocker, PPI,  
Prokinetic , Antibiotic

Bottle Label Name

PEPCID	→	FAMOTIDINE
REGLAN	→	METOCLOPRAMIDE
NEXIUM	→	ESOMEPRAZOLE
PRILOSEC	→	OMEPRAZOLE
ZANTAC	→	RANITIDINE
PREVACID	→	LANSOPRAZOLE
EES	→	ERYTHROMYCIN

## MEDICATIONS

### H2 Blocker

- Ranitidine - Zantac
- Famotidine - Pepcid

### Prokinetic

- Metoclopramide

### Antibiotic

- Erythromycin (EES)

### PPI

- Esomeprazole – Nexium
- Omeprazole- Prilosec
- Lansoprazole- Prevacid



## Role of EI Provider





**Thank You!**