## Clinical Information Sheet

**ABDOMINAL PAIN** | **Clinical Presentation/syndrome**
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**Presenting complaint** | Abdominal pain
**Priority** | Variable depends on severity, accompanying symptoms

### Information required with referral

- **Particular reason for the referral** – Abdominal pain is extremely common, so the specific reason for the referral should be stated clearly.
- **History of abdominal pain** - site, radiation, severity, character, pattern, precipitating or relieving factors, associated bowel symptoms
- **Duration of abdominal pain** – duration since onset of symptoms and also how long pain lasts with each episode (i.e. present for months, pain lasts 1-2 hrs when occurs)
- **Any associated alarm symptoms** – weight loss, bleeding, fever, other
- **Past history of GI disease** – cancer, polyps, IBD, coeliac disease, IBS, haemorrhoids, abdominal radiotherapy
- **? History of GI disease in first degree relative** – IBS, cancer, polyps, IBD
- **Current medication** – especially opiates, antidepressants, anticoagulants, antiplatelets, NSAID, SSRI
- **Previous medical assessment or investigation of this pain** - If done, please send all relevant information/reports

### Investigations required with referral

- **All previous tests for this problem** (e.g. endoscopic reports, radiology reports, specialist correspondence etc.)
- **CBE, MBA20, CRP or ESR**

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**For more information**

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