



CLINICAL PRESENTATION

- Small bowel diarrheas
 - large, loose stools
 - periumbilical or RLQ pain
- Large bowel diarrheas
 - frequent, small, loose stools
 - crampy, LLQ pain or tenesmus



ACUTE DIARRHEA

- Viral gastroenteritis
- Staphylococcus aureus
- Clostridium perfringens
- Salmonella
- Shigella
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Drug-induced diarrhea
- Clostridium difficile



TRAVELER'S DIARRHEA

- Toxigenic E. coli
- Entamoeba histolytica
- Giardia lamblia
- Cholera

CHRONIC & RECURRENT DIARRHEAS

- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Pseudomembranous colitis
- Diabetic enteropathy
- Dumping syndrome
- Malabsorption of lactose
- Chronic laxative use

HISTORY

- Nature of bowel movements
- Associated symptoms
- Epidemiologic information
 - travel
 - food intake
 - personal contact
 - HIV status
- Drug history

PHYSICAL

- Vital sign
- Skin
- Lymph nodes
- Abdomen
- Rectal



LABORATORY TESTS

- Gram's stain for leukocytes
- Stool for C&S
- CBC
- Electrolytes
- Stool for O&P, C. difficile (if indicated)
- LFTs & PT time
- Amylase, glucose



MANAGEMENT

- Acute diarrhea
 - maintain hydration
 - absorbent products
 - lomotil
 - immodium
 - antibiotics
- Traveler's diarrhea
 - prophylactic
 - treatment
