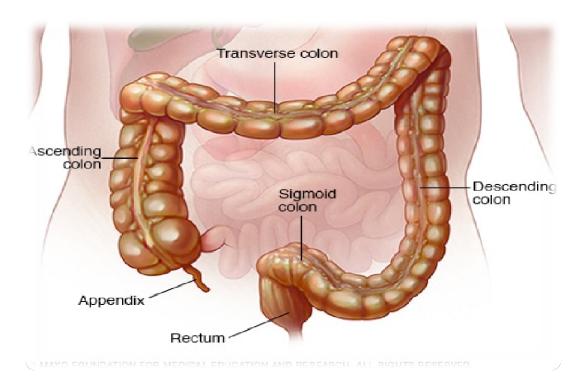


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# Ulcerative Colitis



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# INTRODUCTION

**Ulcerative colitis** is an inflammatory bowel disease. In this condition, the inner lining of the **child's** large intestine and rectum gets inflamed. This inflammation causes diarrhea or frequent emptying of the colon. The **child** may also have stomach pain and diarrhea.

## **DEFINITION**

Ulcerative colitis is a disease that causes ulcers in the lining of the rectum and colon. It is one of a group of diseases called Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Ulcers form where inflammation has killed the cells that usually line the colon.

# **RISK FACTORS**

Ulcerative colitis can happen at any age, but starts between the ages of 15 to 30 years. It leads to run in families



# **CAUSES**

- Unknown cause
- Autoimmune factor
- Food allergies
- Genetic factor
- Infection



## **PATHOPHYSIOLOGY**

Due to Inflammation usually begins in the rectum and lower (sigmoid) intestine and spreads upward to the entire colon. The inflammation causes diarrhea, or frequent emptying of the colon. As cells on the surface of the lining of the colon die and slough off, ulcers (open sores) form, causing pus, mucus, and Bleeding.

# **CLINICAL FEATURES**

- > Frequent diarrhea mixed with blood and mucus
- > Lower abdominal pain or cramps
- ➤ Weight loss
- Increase temperature
- > Feeling tired
- > Loss of appetite
- > Vomiting'



### **TREATMENT**

## **Medical management**

- Aminosalicylates (Asprin & Ibuprofen)
- Corticosteroids (Prednisone)
- Immunomodulators
- Other medications

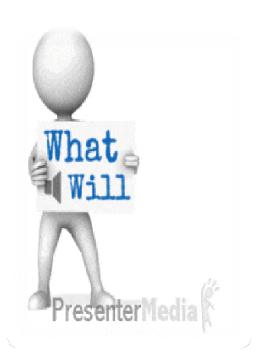
### Surgical management

Total proctocolectomy and ileostomy



# **NURSING CARE**

- Report sign and symptoms
- Provide emotional support
- Provide skin care
- Record stool and types
- Monitor bowel sound



- Check vitals and I/O
- Watch for dehydration
- Check weight daily
- Watch for complication
- Advice for dietary consult



