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WORM INFESTATIONS



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Definition

Intestinal infection is one of the leading causes of stomach ache in children. Such infections in young children are mostly caused by intestinal parasites such as worms.

These worms then live in the intestine and feed on your child's nutrition

Types

There are different types of intestinal worms that can cause worm infections, but the most common are:

- ❖ Tapeworms,
- ❖ Roundworms,
- ❖ Pinworms or Threadworms
- ❖ Hookworms.

Causes

- Contact with an infected surface such as soil containing eggs or germs at a playground or touching pets infected with worms
- Consuming infected food or water
- Improper hygiene
- Inadequate hand washing

Sign & Symptoms

Some common symptoms of worm infections are

- Irritability,
- Weight loss,
- Stomach ache,
- Bed wetting,
- Blood in stools.

Besides these, each worm infection has symptoms as listed below:

- ***Tapeworm infection*** – Jaundice, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, eating too frequently and sometimes even malnutrition
- ***Roundworm infection*** – Diarrhea, passing worms with stools, dry cough, fever
- ***Pinworm infection*** – Itching around the anus, trouble sleeping due to itching, painful urination
- ***Hookworm infection*** – Wheezing, coughing, fatigue, anemia,

Diagnostic evaluation

- ❖ History collection
- ❖ Physical management
- ❖ Warm identification
- ❖ Assess sign and symptoms

Treatment

❑ Most worm infections can be easily treated.

Your doctor will

prescribe a course of

- Anti-parasitic medicines.
- Anti-worm
- Deworming medicines are also available.
- Good hygiene practices along with medication for quicker and effective recovery.



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