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Gastro-oesophageal reflux in children over 4 years

Initial work-up	Pre-referral treatment	Refer when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight and height evaluation (growth chart) Refer to "Guidelines for Evaluation and Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux in Infants and Children." http://www.naspghan.org/wmspage.cfm?parm=1=618 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proton pump inhibitor e.g. Omeprazole 1mg/kg/day to maximum dose 2mg/kg/day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If symptoms persist after initial work-up and treatment with proton pump inhibitor therapy for two weeks Difficulty swallowing/any history of food bolus obstruction Aspiration or repeated pneumonias Weight loss/anorexia Urgent referral to Emergency Department if haematemesis, bile-stained vomiting.

Clinical Advice: Tel (07) 3636 3777 and ask for Paediatric Gastroenterology Registrar or A/H (07) 3636 9005 Emergency Department

Referral Form Download: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rch/professionals/gp_referrals.asp

Send Referrals to: Medical Objects Address – QHEALTH, ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Fax: (07) 3636 7811 Mail: Outpatients Department
HealthLink Address - qldrchld Royal Children's Hospital
Herston Rd, HERSTON 4029

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Paediatrics Pre-referral Guidelines – Gastroenterology



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Emergency Department	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPs only (clinical advice) (07) 3636 9005 • General enquiries (07) 3636 8085 • Triage nurse (07) 3636 7900 • ED Admission enquiries (07) 3636 7700 	
Admission Enquiries	(07) 3636 8307
Admission Enquiries After Hours (via the RCH Main Switch)	(07) 3636 3777
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These guidelines were reviewed and developed by specialists at the Royal Children’s Hospital and reviewed by a working group of metropolitan general practitioners in Queensland.

Feedback or suggestions welcomed. Contact the **Centre for Healthcare Excellence**: CHS_CHE@health.qld.gov.au

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