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Children’s Health Services  
Royal Children’s Hospital

**Gastroenterology**

**Consultant Clinics**

**Vomiting with or without abdominal pain**

Initial work-up	Pre-referral treatment	Refer when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History and physical exam – rule out neurological cause</li> <li>Urinalysis</li> <li>The following investigations may assist in identifying the cause of the vomiting and should be considered: FBE with diff. erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), c-reactive protein (CRP), liver function tests (LFTs), amylase or lipase urea &amp; electrolytes (U&amp;E)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider proton pump inhibitor therapy 1mg/kg once daily (maximum dose 2mg/kg/day)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on results of initial evaluation, refer for further assessment</li> <li>Ongoing symptoms despite proton pump inhibitor therapy</li> <li>Weight loss, anorexia</li> <li><b>If bile-stained vomiting, refer urgently to Emergency Department (same day)</b></li> </ul>

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](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](http://qldrchld) Royal Children’s Hospital  
Herston Rd, HERSTON 4029

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RCH Switchboard	(07) 3636 3777
Emergency Department	
• 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
Poisons Information Centre	131126
<b>Seriously Unwell Child: RCH Emergency Department</b>	<b>(07) 3636 9005</b>

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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.

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