IMAGES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE

INTUSSUSCEPTION IN A CHILD

Intussusception is the most common cause of intestinal obstruction in childhood. It occurs when one segment of the bowel (intussusceptum) invaginates into another (intussuscepiens) just distal to it.

In this patient, a female child of six months age; the intussusceptum has reached the anus and is protruding outside. This type of presentation is very rare and is seen mostly in neglected children.

The clinical differentiation between it and rectal prolapse is that finger can be passed between intussusceptum and rectal wall while not in case of rectal prolapse.

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