

Mistakes in paediatric functional constipation diagnosis and treatment and how to avoid them

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Functional constipation, defined as constipation without an organic cause, affects approximately 9.5% of children and adolescents worldwide and accounts for about 95% of paediatric constipation cases.

KEY POINTS

- Approximately 95% of children with constipation have no identifiable organic cause and are classified as having functional constipation.
- The worldwide prevalence of functional constipation in children and adolescents is 9.5%.
- Constipation in children may present with infrequent bowel movements, faecal incontinence, hard or large stools, painful defaecation, or abdominal pain.
- This material is most relevant to paediatricians and gastroenterologists managing constipation in children.

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