

Intussusception

What is Intussusception?

Intussusception is a condition where one part of the intestine telescopes into another part, causing painful intestinal obstruction or blockage. It is more common in children but can also occur in adults.

Symptoms

- Rectal bleeding
- Stomach cramps
- Vomiting

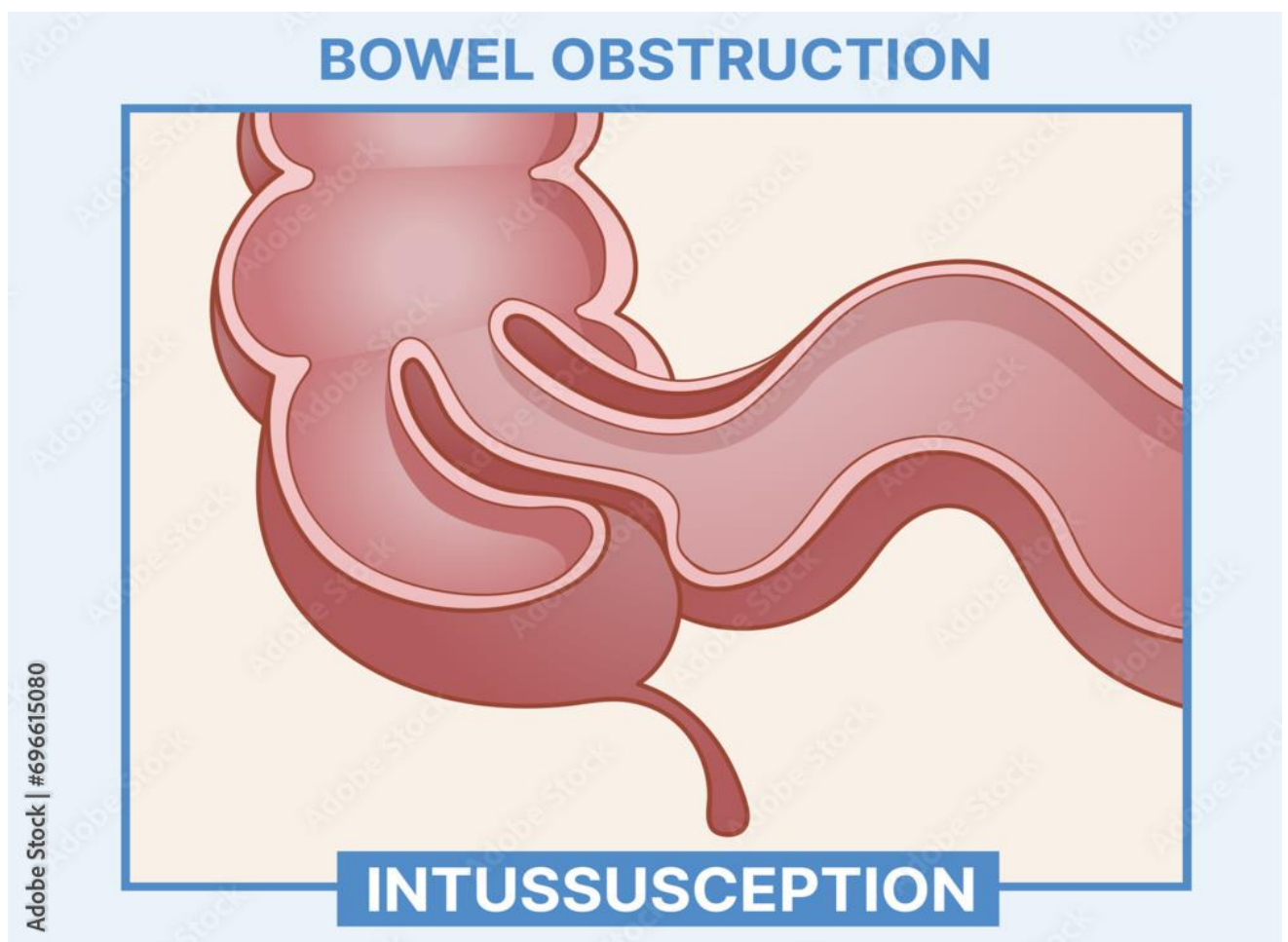


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Causes

- Often unknown
- In children, infections are a common cause
- In adults, it can be caused by bowel cancer or inflammatory bowel disease

Investigations

- Abdominal ultrasound
- Physical examination by a doctor
- Sometimes an X-ray

Treatment

- **Enema:** Often used to treat intussusception in children
- **Surgery:** May be required, especially in adults or if an enema is unsuccessful

Complications

- Obstruction
- Perforation of the intestine

Seek Immediate Medical Attention for Symptoms of Intussusception