

Diarrhea

At the end of the seminar the residents will be able to:

1. Identify potential etiologies in patients presenting with acute diarrhea through detailed history (eg, infectious contacts, travel, antibiotics or medication use, family history of IBD).
2. Outline risks for Clostridium difficile infection including hospitalizations and medications.
3. Be familiar with red flags that would suggest need for further investigations in a patient presenting with diarrhea.
4. Describe a rational laboratory testing of the patient with diarrhea (eg consider duration and possible etiologies when choosing whether or not to investigate).
5. Develop an approach to medical management of acute diarrhea including when antibiotics are indicated, and which patients can and cannot safely use intestinal anti-motility agents.
6. Identify both gastro-intestinal and extra intestinal signs of specific diseases (eg IBD, Malabsorption syndromes, immune-compromise, and malignancy) in patients with chronic or recurring diarrhea.

Feedback and suggested modifications for these objectives are encouraged after each session. Please direct your comments to your site Curriculum Coordinator.