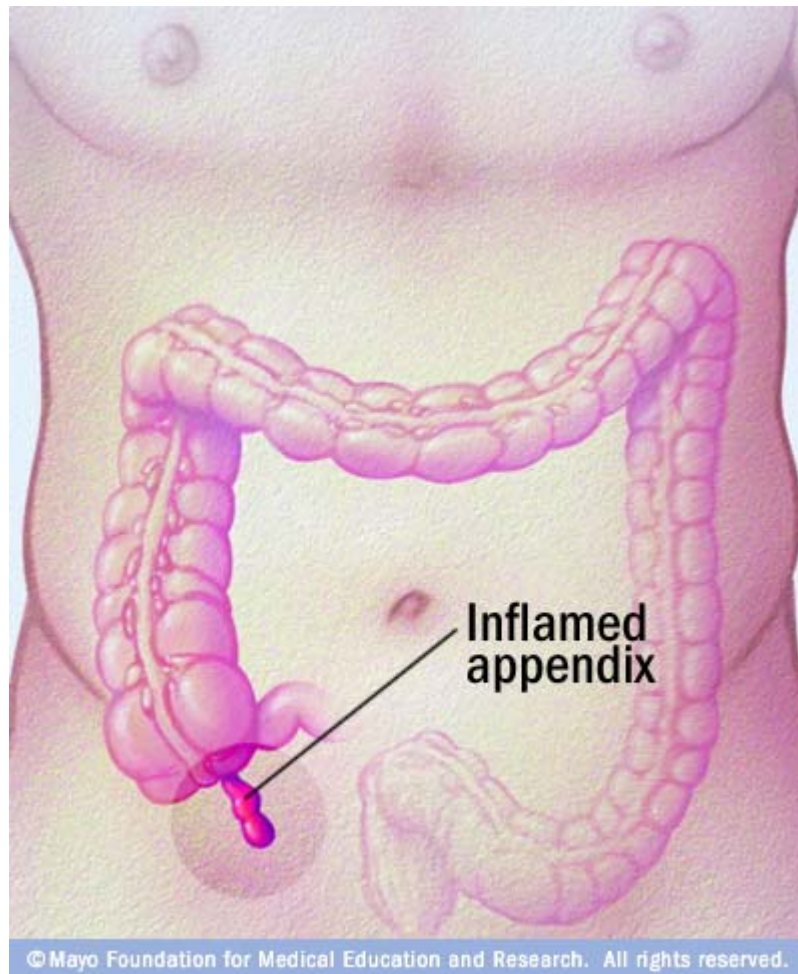


Acute Appendicitis

What is Acute Appendicitis?

Acute Appendicitis is the inflammation of the appendix (a small part of the large intestine). The appendix is located in the lower right quadrant of the abdomen. It is a common and serious abdominal surgical emergency.



What causes Acute Appendicitis?

It happens when a piece of food, stool or objects gets trapped in the appendix, causing inflammation/infection. Can happen post gastrointestinal tract infection or for some rare cases related to a tumor.

What are the Symptoms of Acute Appendicitis?

Classic symptoms include pain in the right lower abdomen or around the umbilicus (in early Acute Appendicitis). Other symptoms include fever, chills, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite.

What are the Signs Acute Appendicitis?

Fever and tenderness (rebound tenderness) over right lower abdominal area.

What is the Treatment of Acute Appendicitis?

If diagnosed/ suspected that you have Acute Appendicitis by your GP, an urgent referral to a surgeon is required. Upon admission into a hospital, treatment includes:

- a) Basic tests like FBC, Urine FEME, Ultrasound or CT scan of the abdomen to rule out other causes of abdominal pain
- b) Intravenous antibiotics to clear any infections.
- c) Laparoscopic appendectomy.
- d) Open appendectomy
- e) Pain medication

What are the possible complications of Acute Appendicitis?

(If no early intervention done) Abdominal Abscess, Peritonitis, Ruptured appendix, Sepsis, Shock