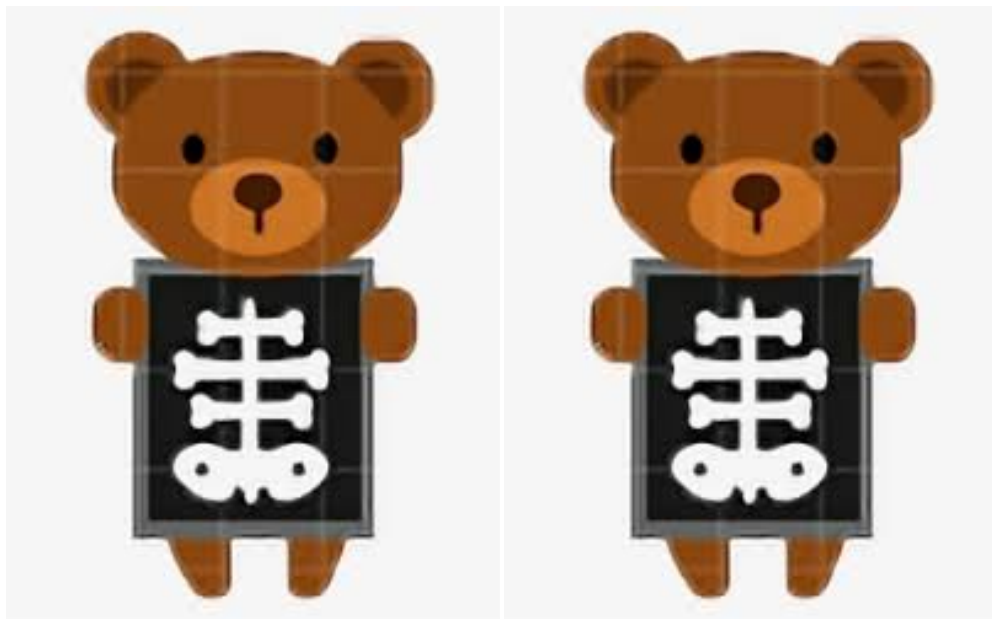


New Guidelines for Abdominal Xray Requests in Children

Did you know the average radiation dose for an abdominal XR is equivalent to 35 CXR's ?

Evidence based indications when AXR may be helpful:

- Suspected Obstruction
- Intussusception (Consider US first if available).
- Suspected Toxic Megacolon in unwell child with IBD
- Suspected Perforation (Consider erect CXR in older children).
- Dangerous Radiopaque foreign body (button batteries, magnets or sharp objects.)



AXR not indicated: Diagnosis or follow up of idiopathic constipation, non-specific abdominal pain, isolated vomiting, diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease, haematuria or asymptomatic coin ingestion. Requests for these conditions will be rejected unless discussed with a paediatric radiologist.

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