

CT Children's CLASP Guideline: Constipation

Appendix E: Rome IV Criteria

| Infants and toddlers up to 4 years old | Children with developmental age of at least 4 years |
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| <p>At least two of the following present for at least once month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or fewer defecations per week • History of excessive stool retention • History of painful or hard bowel movements • History of large-diameter stools • Presence of a large fecal mass in the rectum <p>In toilet-trained children, the following additional criteria may be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one episode/week of incontinence after the acquisition of toileting skills • History of large-diameter stools that may obstruct the toilet | <p>At least two of the following present at least once per week for at least one month*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or fewer defecations in the toilet per week • At least one episode of fecal incontinence per week • History of retentive posturing or excessive volitional stool retention • History of painful or hard bowel movements • Presence of a large fecal mass in the rectum • History of large-diameter stools that may obstruct the toilet • The symptoms cannot be fully explained by another medical condition |