

## Diarrhoea & vomiting

If any of the following **RED FLAG** presentations:

- Woman of child bearing age, associated abdo pain ? Ectopic
- Recent hospital treatment or antibiotic therapy ? C.difficile
- Signs of sepsis
- Signs of severe dehydration (prolonged episode, dry mouth, loss of skin turgor, decreased urine output, drowsiness)

Alert senior  
doctor early

Ensure **enteric precautions** are followed throughout to minimise risk of transmission in case an infective cause

- 1) Fully undress, apply a **gown** and **wrist band**
- 2) Record vital signs: **BP, HR, RR, SpO<sub>2</sub>, Temp, GCS, BM**  
Commence Obs Chart and perform Early Warning Score - follow ED Escalation Plan
- 3) Perform **pain score**, give **analgesia** as needed
- 4) If signs of **severe sepsis** discuss with Senior Doctor - give antibiotics early and consider transfer to Resus
- 5) Perform **urinary BHCG** on female of child bearing age
- 6) **Cannulate** and complete **VIPS** if **dehydrated** (see above), **hypotensive** or **septic**  
Seek review regarding **IV fluids**
- 7) Take bloods: **FBC, UE**  
If woman of child-bearing age add **serum BHCG**  
If signs of **sepsis**, do **VBG** and add **LFT, Blood Cultures**  
If associated upper abdominal pain add **lipase** (see relevant IAT)
- 8) Obtain **stool sample** if being admitted
- 9) If arranging a bed ensure that a **side room** is requested

*Any tasks NOT completed within IAU should be handed over verbally to the team and placed on NURSE ORDERS*