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)

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, SpO₂, 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

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