

ROME IV Diagnostic Criteria for Functional Constipation in Infants & Toddlers

Must include 1 month of at least 2 or more of the following in infants up to 4 years of age:
2 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
In toilet-trained children, the following addition criteria may be used:
At least 1 episode/week of incontinence after the acquisition of toilet skills
History of large diameter stools that may obstruct the toilet

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ROME IV Diagnostic Criteria for Functional Constipation in Children

Must include 2 or more of the following occurring at least once per week for a minimum of 1 month with insufficient criteria for a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome:
2 or fewer defecations in the toilet per week in a child of a developmental age of at least 4 years
At least 1 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 can obstruct the toilet
After appropriate evaluation, the symptoms cannot be fully explained by another medical condition

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