

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: EA is a 5-weeks-old female whose caretaker reports that the infant has had progressive vomiting over the past 9 days. After birth the child did not vomit and did have a hard time burping. The child was noted to drawing up her legs and was felt to colicky. The formula was changed multiple times until she was started on alimentum. The child takes 4 to 5 ounces a feeding. The child would not have a bowel movement daily so the pmh started glycerin suppositories to be done whenever the child would not have a BM for more than one day. The child started with 2 to 3 episodes of vomiting and today had five episodes of vomiting with a questionable blood tinge so the child was brought to the ED. The child has an appointment with a pediatric GI in the am.. Otherwise: (-) apparent abdominal pain, (-) decreased activity, (-) decreased alertness, (-) decreased urine output, (-) fever, (-) rash.

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: Unremarkable.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: (-) lung disease, (-) heart disease. The child was a full term infant, weight at birth 8 pounds and 13 ounces today 4.95 kg

FAMILY/SOCIAL HISTORY: (-) inherited disease. First baby for this couple.

MEDICATIONS: No medications.

ALLERGIES: No allergies.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

APPEARANCE: Alert, interactive, smiling infant, in no distress, maintaining eye contact with examiner.

VITAL SIGNS: Per nurse's note, reviewed by me T 99.6 AR 144 RR 32 weight 4.95

SKIN: Warm, dry; (-) decreased turgor; (-) cyanosis; (-) rash

EYES: (-) conjunctival pallor, (-) icterus; (-) decreased tearing.

FONTANEL: Soft, (-) bulging, (-) sunken.

ENMT: TMs (-) erythema. (-) nasal flaring. Pharynx: (-) tonsillar erythema, (-) tonsillar exudate. Airway patent, (-) stridor. Mucous membranes moist.

NECK: Full range of motion. (-) stiffness, (-) meningismus, (-) lymphadenopathy.

CHEST/RESPIRATORY: (-) retractions, (-) rales, (-) rhonchi, (-) wheezes; breath sounds equal bilaterally.

HEART/CARDIOVASCULAR: (-) irregularity; (-) murmur, (-) gallop.

ABDOMEN/GI: Soft; (-) distention; (-) abnormal bowel sounds; tenderness, (-) guarding, (-) rebound, (-) rigidity; (-) palpable mass.

No organomegaly. Liver 1 cm below right costal margin

EXTREMITIES: (-) deformity.

NEURO/PSYCH: Mental status as above; interacts appropriately for age. Strength and tone good.

What are some initial consideration for this baby?

Are there any diagnostics tests that you want to order?