

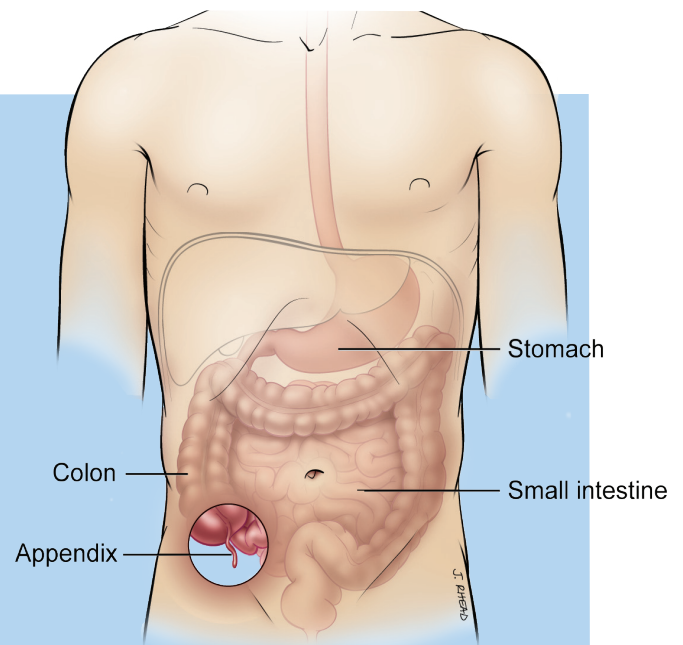


APPENDICITIS

The appendix is a small tube that is 3 to 4 inches long and located in the lower right section of the abdomen. It occasionally becomes obstructed and results in inflammation. This inflammation can cause severe abdominal pain. When this occurs the appendix will need to be surgically removed.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Dull, constant pain in the lower abdominal region
- Nausea, vomiting, and loss of appetite
- Pain will localize to the right, lower abdomen
- Low-grade fever
- Painful coughing, sneezing, or deep breathing



TREATMENT

- Evaluation by a physician is mandatory
- Do not eat, drink, or take any medication until evaluation by physician is complete
- Surgery will be required to remove the appendix



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