

Associated conditions

Ulcerative Colitis

Chronic disease that currently has no permanent cure, but is treatable. It affects lining of the large bowel (colon) and back passage (rectum). This lining becomes inflamed and ulcerated - red and swollen. Frequent diarrhoea with loose stools and motions often mixed with blood and mucus. Some people may have abdominal pain and a low temperature. Other symptoms may include reddening of the eyes, joint pain, depression, loss of appetite, irritability and weight loss. No one knows the cause of this disease or why particular people develop it. Tests carried out may include Colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy and barium meal. (see page 10)

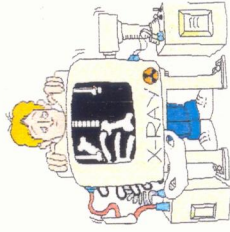
Crohn's Disease

Named after the doctor who first came to describe it, the cause is unknown. There is no permanent cure but symptoms can be controlled. It is a long-term inflammation of the lining of the gut. Leads to ulcers, abscesses and swellings in the bowel. Symptoms may include tiredness, listlessness, weight loss, abdominal pain and diarrhoea with mucous in the stool. It can affect any part of the digestive tract from the mouth to the back passage. The section between the small and large bowel is most frequently affected. Some patients have inflammation of the small intestine, which is then called Crohn's disease. Tests carried out may include small intestine X-ray, barium X-ray, colonoscopy and blood tests.

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Here are some unusual medical explanations which may amuse you...

- Artery The study of painting
- Bacteria Back door to the cafeteria
- Bowel A letter like a, e, i, o, u
- Cat scan Searching for kitty
- Cauterise Made eye contact with her
- Colic A sheep dog
- Coma Punctuation mark
- Enema Not a friend
- Labour pain Getting hurt at work
- Medical staff A doctor's cane
- Morbid A higher offer
- Pelvis Cousin of Elvis
- Post operative Letter carrier
- Prostate Flat on your back
- Secretion Hiding something
- Tablet Small table
- Tumor More than one more
- Urine Opposite to - you're out
- Varicose Nearby



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