

INTRODUCTION

This review is introducing a brief study of the normal bowel training: how, when to train, the problems encountered in training, also the steps of the normal bowel control.

It introduces the most common related disorders in infant and child, and its management.

Constipation is by far a common complain in outpatient and this review points to its commonest causes with its diagnosis and management.

Diarrhaeal disorders with its common syndrome "the irritable colon syndrome of infancy" which is the commonest cause of chronic diarrhoea without failure to thrive. Psychogenic or emotional diarrhoea which accompanies periods of nervous tension.

Fecal incontinence which is the involuntary passage of stool in socially inappropriate settings after the age of five years. The review shows its common cause which is either organic in origin or severe psychological troubles that is encopresis.