Chronic Diarrhea

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Chronic diarrhea
(>14 days of loose/watery stools occurring > 3 times per day)

Abdominal pain (especially nocturnal), failure to thrive, or weight loss?

— Yes →

Inflammatory

CBC, CMP, ESR, CRP
Fecal occult blood
Fecal calprotectin
Fecal A1AT
Fecal elastase
Celiac serology (TTG, IgA, total IgA level)

Refer to GI (with results)

No ↓

Excessive fruit juice intake?

Yes →

Counseling on reducing fructose/sorbitol intake

No improvement →

No ↓

CBC, CMP, ESR, CRP
Stool bacterial panel (or if unavailable then stool culture with sensitivity)
Stool parasitic panel (or if unavailable then stool ova/parasite on 3 separate stools)
Stool C. Diff

Refer to GI (with results)

Infectious

Stool bacterial panel (or if unavailable then stool culture with sensitivity)
Stool parasitic panel (or if unavailable then stool ova/parasite on 3 separate stools)
Stool C. Diff

Refer to GI (with results)