

# Guide to Common Digestive Problems in Young Children

# Constipation

## **Signs & Symptoms**

- vomiting
- fever
- tiredness
- low appetite
- excessive bloating or a "swollen" tummy
- presence of blood in the stool

### Causes

- lack of movement
- poor digestion & absorption of nutrients
- sudden change in diet
- transition to eating solid food
- inadequate intake of fiber and water

#### What You Can Do

- Encourage physical activities to stimulate the digestive tract.
- Be consistent with potty training.
- Add more fiber to your child's diet and urge them to drink more water.

## Colic

## **Signs & Symptoms**

- inconsolable crying and irritability
- screaming without obvious cause
- bright red (flushed) face
- draws up their legs or tenses their abdomen
- clenching

### Causes

- lack of movement
- poor digestion & absorption of nutrients
- sudden change in diet
- transition to eating solid food
- inadequate intake of fiber and water

#### What You Can Do

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- Be consistent with potty training.
- Add more fiber to your child's diet and urge them to drink more water.

# **Flatulence**

# Signs & Symptoms

- vomiting
- fever
- tiredness
- low appetite
- excessive bloating or a "swollen" tummy
- presence of blood in the stool

#### Causes

- lack of movement
- poor digestion & absorption of nutrients
- sudden change in diet
- transition to eating solid food
- inadequate intake of fiber and water

#### What You Can Do

- Encourage physical activities to stimulate the digestive tract.
- Be consistent with potty training.
- Add more fiber to your child's diet and urge them to drink more water.

Consult your doctor for concerns about your little one's health and nutrition.
You may want to check out organic milk.

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