

# The Prevalence of Intussusception Based On the Chief Complaint in Patients Referred To Amiralmomenin Hospital between Years 2003-13

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## ABSTRACT

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**Findings:**

The present study was conducted on 40 patients diagnosed with intussusception referring to Amiral-Mo'menin Hospital in Zabol city from 2004 up to 2014.

**Table1. The mean age of patients diagnosed with intussusception:**

Age group	Frequency	Percent
Less than one year	17	42.5
1-2 years	5	12.5
2-3 years	9	22.5
Above 3 years	9	22.5
Total	40	100

Out of 40 patients examined in the present study, 12 cases (30%) had associated disease and 28 cases (70%) had no associated illness. Among these 12 cases, 3 cases (25%) had upper respiratory infection, 3 cases (25%) had gastrointestinal inflammation, 2 cases (16.6%) had dysentery, 2 cases (16.6%) had previous history of intussusception, 1 case (8.3%) had previous history of inhumane hernia surgery, and 1 case (8.3%) (16 year old boy) had small intestine tumor.

**Table2. The prevalence of intussusception based on associated illness:**

Associated illness	Frequency	Percent
Positive	12	30
Negative	28	70
Total	40	100

Out of 40 subjects examined in the present study, there were 20 cases (50%) with abdominal complaints, 2 (5%) with anxiety complaints, 7 cases (17.5%) with diarrhea complaints, 7 cases with vomiting (17.5%), and 4 cases (10%) with other complaints.

**Table3. The prevalence of intussusception based on the chief complaint:**

Main complaint	Frequency	Percent
Abdominal complaints	20	50
Anxiety	2	5
Diarrhea	7	17.5
Vomiting	7	17.5
Miscellaneous	4	10
Total	40	100

**Discussion and conclusion:**

Intussusception is one of the common causes of acute intestinal obstruction in infants and young children. The disease is prevalent in developed countries, ranging from 0.5 to 4.3 per 1,000 births, from 1.2 to 1.1% to 66% per 1,000 children under the age of one in South America and 24% in Venezuela and 35% in Brazil, as reported by the World Health Organization (9). Out of 40 cases examined in the present study, it turned out that this disease is more prevalent among boys (62.5%). The results of the present study are consistent with more research conducted formerly (10-13). Based on the results of Chen et al study, which was conducted on 7541 patients in Taiwan in 2007 to examine the epidemiological in intussusception, the ratio of man to women incidence changed from 1.31 in the first year of life to 2.52 in 9 years of life (14). Based on the results of Koranloo et al study, which was conducted on patients referring to educational centers of Ayatollah Taleghani and Mofid children hospital in 2004 in order to examine and investigate intussusception, out of 95 patients, 62 (68.3%) were male and 33 (34.7%) were female (15).

Pezhman Mehr et al study was conducted in 2009 and 2010 in order to investigate the predictive factors in the success of enema barium in order to reduce the intussusception in al-Zahra hospital in Isfahan; 45 patients were examined in 10 cases of females and 35 in males (16). Based on the results

of Heydar Ali Davari et al study, which was conducted to assess the predictive value of clinical and radiological findings in the initial diagnosis of intussusception in Hormozgan in 2007, a total of 160 patients were examined, 63.1% male and 36.9% female (17). In a prospective observational study, Wayne Miller provided several clinical criteria for classifying the risk of childhood intussusception; the study concludes that older than 5 months of age, male genital mutilation and drowsiness are the three most important clinical factors that predict in vaginal ingestion (10). Based on the results of Tat et al study conducted in Singapore in 2009, the incidence of intussusception up to two years after vaccination against rotavirus was investigated, with 39.9 prevalence of intussusception in 2005, 26.4 in 2006, and 63.6 per 100,000 people in 2007; as a result, the prevalence of intussusception did not increased after vaccination (18). In a study by Nemati et al, which was conducted to evaluate the role of color Doppler sonography in predicting the success rate of non-surgical methods for intussusception, it was concluded that ultrasonography is one of the most effective methods for rapid diagnosis of intussusception. Intestinal status can be investigated and by displaying the blood vessels, it is possible to achieve the success of non-surgical methods before any treatment intervention; it also determines the prognosis of the disease in the shortest possible time (19,20). Based on the results of Lonaard et al study, children suspected of intussusception were first evaluated by radiography and then examined by another radiologist by ultrasonography. The results confirmed that simultaneous use of diagnostic methods and ultrasound was quite successful (21). In another study by Pae et al conducted in Hong Kong, lleocolic cases were studied in the formulation, diagnosis and treatment. Twenty-five patients participated in this study, of whom 10 had were diagnosed with lleocolic intussusception. Also, in this study, the frequency of abdominal fluid and intestinal wall thickness were studied in different conditions of intussusception. The results of the present study indicated that the mean thickness of the intosopathome was 8.1 mm in the case of lleolleocolic and 6.9 mm in the case of lleocolic, which was significant (22). In this study, the age range of children less than one year (42.5%) had the highest incidence (18); however, following the injection of a rotavirus vaccine, the prevalence of intussusception has also been reported in the younger age group, because the vaccine causes

Lymphoid enlargement (23, 24). Abdominal discomfort was the most common symptom and complaint (50%) of examined patients in the present study. Abdominal pain was reported in several articles as the most common complaint of patients (25, 26).

### Conclusion:

Based on the results of the present study, less than 2 years of age had the highest prevalence of intussusception, which is consistent with the findings of other studies. Therefore, it is necessary to pay more attention to prevention of the causes of intussusception in the age group of less than one year. Providing extensive training for different age groups is, also, helpful, so that we can step up in the near future with scientific, practical and experimental advances with other centers of the world and provide better and more services to our patients.

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