

Diverticular Disease is a very common condition found in as many as 40% of the population over 50 years of age. Many people are unaware they actually have diverticular disease.

This occurs when weaknesses in the outer wall of the large bowel develop into little pockets or pouches known as Diverticulae. Once Diverticulae are present, they never disappear.

Some people may have symptoms, at times, including mild cramps, bloating, constipation or diarrhoea. As other conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) may cause similar symptoms, you should inform your General practitioner or Gastroenterologist.

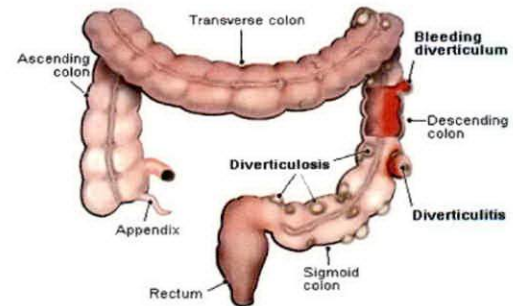
When these pouches – Diverticulae - become infected by bacteria or become inflamed, the condition is known as Diverticulitis. Diverticulitis requires treatment with antibiotics and can often result in hospital admission.

Possible complications from Diverticulitis include:

- Bleeding from the bowel
- A blockage (obstruction/stenosis) of the large bowel
- An abscess (a collection of pus) inside the abdomen
- A fistula may form – an abnormal channel that may form between other organs such as the bladder
- A perforation (hole) in the wall of the bowel may lead to infection inside the abdomen (Peritonitis).

In severe or recurrent cases, people may need an operation to have sections of the affected bowel removed.

Diverticular disease is commonly found during Colonoscopy or routine Bowel Cancer Screening.



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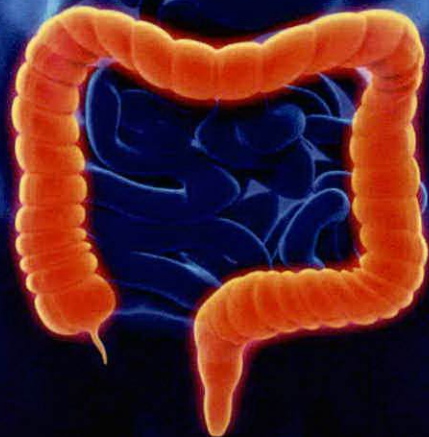
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Our gastroenterology services offer patients a comprehensive range of diagnostic and therapeutic services with a focus on gastroscopy, colonoscopy and capsule endoscopy. Our team is dedicated to patient care and strives to make a patient's experience as comfortable as possible.

SERVICES

- Consultation
- Colonoscopy
- Capsule Endoscopy
- Intestinal Ultrasound
- Liver Fibrosis Ultrasound
- EUS
- ERCP
- Gastroscopy
- Breath Testing (Lactose/Fructose/Helicobacter)

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