



DAU Pathways – Suspected Renal Colic/ Renal Calculus Pathway for use in General Practice

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Ambulatory Care Assessment Unit (DAU)

Suspected Renal Colic/ Renal Calculus

Renal colic is a common presentation to the emergency/ Ambulatory department. Often these patients may have a previous documented history of renal calculi and can be referred directly to urology. Other patients presenting with symptoms suggestive of renal colic will improve in the department and may be discharged with outpatient follow up.

Criteria for admission to DAU

- History and examination STRONGLY suggestive of renal colic
- Age <60
- No previous documented renal calculi
- Normal observations, afebrile, normal FBC, U&E, CRP
- Pain not controlled with trial of analgesia in department
- AAA excluded
- Urinalysis +ve for blood or significant symptoms without blood on urine
- Pregnancy test –ve

Management in DAU

- IV fluids, analgesia as prescribed
- CT KUB may be organised at earliest opportunity/ US abdomen for young adults (Especially females)
- Once diagnosis confirmed discussion can be made with urology regarding further management. Generally isolated stones <5mm in size can expected to pass without requiring any intervention