

Intestinal Obstruction

Lab/Test: CT scan, abd x-ray, CBC, blood chemistry,

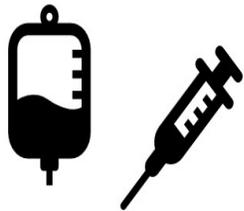
S & S: Four hallmark clinical manifestations n/v, cramps, pain, distention & constipation. Pt can have fever, signs of dehydration, acutely ill, For SBO sudden onset, content of vomit will give a clue where the obstruction might be. LBO - change in bowel movement, decrease flatus,



Types of Intestinal Obstruction:

- Mechanical - most common in SBO - surgical adhesions, Crohn's disease are just a few, cancer most common in the LBO - colorectal cancer
- Non-Mechanical - reduced or absent peristalsis. Paralytic ileus - lack of peristalsis / bowel sounds. This can be from a neuromuscular or vascular disorder.

Meds: IV fluids, antiemetic, antibiotic therapy, pain meds



Interventions NG tube (care of the nose and good mouth care , NPO, IV fluids, monitor lab, Strick I & O, measure abd girth,

