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In the last 3 months, how often did you have discomfort or pain anywhere in your abdomen?	Never Less than one day a month One day a month Two to three days a month One day a week More than one day a week Every day	Skip to question 9
For women: Did this discomfort or pain occur only during your menstrual bleeding and not at other times?	No Yes Does not apply because I have had the change in life (menopause) or I am a male	
3. Have you had this discomfort or pain 6 months or longer?	No Yes	
4. How often did this discomfort or pain get better or stop after you had a bowel movement?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
5. When this discomfort or pain started, did you have more frequent bowel movements?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
6. When this discomfort or pain started, did you have less frequent bowel movements?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
7. When this discomfort or pain started, were your stools (bowel movements) looser?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
8. When this discomfort or pain started, how often did you have harder stools?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
9. In the last 3 months, how often did you have fewer than three bowel movements (0-2) a week?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
10. In the last 3 months, how often did you have hard or lumpy stools?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
11. In the last 3 months, how often did you strain during bowel movements?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	

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12. In the last 3 months, how often did you have a feeling of incomplete emptying after bowel movements?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
13. In the last 3 months, how often did you have a sensation that the stool could not be passed, (i.e., blocked), when having a bowel movement?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
14. In the last 3 months, how often did you press on or around your bottom or remove stool in order to complete a bowel movement?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
15. In the last 3 months, how often did you have difficulty relaxing or letting go to allow the stool to come out during a bowel movement?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	
16. Did any of the symptoms of constipation listed in questions 9-15 above begin more than 6 months ago?	Yes No	
17. In the last 3 months, how often did you have loose, mushy or watery stools?	Never or rarelySometimesOftenMost of the timeAlways	

C3. Functional Constipation Diagnostic Criteria*

- 1. Must include two or more of the following:
 - a) Straining during at least 25% of defecations

At least often. (question 11>1)

b) Lumpy or hard stools at least 25% of defecations

At least often. (question 10>1)

c) Sensation of incomplete evacuation at least 25% of defecations

At least sometimes. (question 12>0)

d) Sensation of anorectal obstruction/blockage at least 25% of defecations

At least sometimes. (question 13>0)

e) Manual maneuvers to facilitate at least 25% of defecations (e.g., digital evacuation, support of the pelvic floor)

At least sometimes. (question 14>0)

f) Fewer than three defecations per week

At least often. (question 9>1)

2. Loose stools are rarely present without the use of laxatives.

Loose stools occur never or rarely (question 17=0)

3. Insufficient criteria for IBS

Diagnostic criteria for IBS not met

*Criteria fulfilled for the last 3 months with symptom onset at least 6 months prior to diagnosis

Yes. (question 16=1)



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F3: Functional Defecation Disorders

The diagnostic criteria define FDD solely in terms of laboratory tests. However, the following questions may identify probable cases who would require further investigation to confirm diagnosis. A response of at least 'often' to any of these questions identifies a probable case of FDD:

Straining during bowel movements (question 11>1)

Feeling of incomplete evacuation (question 12>1)

Sensation of blocked stools (question 13>1)

Manual maneuvers to facilitate defecation (question 14>1)

Difficulty relaxing to allow defecation (question 15 >1)

AND criteria for functional constipation are fulfilled

AND onset of constipation symptoms began more than 6 months previously

Yes. (question 16=1)

Diagnostic Criteria for IBS (Exclusion Criteria for Constipation)*

Recurrent abdominal pain or discomfort** at least 3 days/month in last 3 months associated with **two or more** of criteria #1 - #3 below:

Pain or discomfort at least 2-3 days/month (question 1>2)
For women, does pain occur only during menstrual bleeding? (question 2=0 or 2)

1. Improvement with defecation

Pain or discomfort gets better after BM at least sometimes (question 4>0)

2. Onset associated with a change in frequency of stool

Onset of pain or discomfort associated with more stools at least sometimes (question 5>0) OR

Onset of pain or discomfort associated with fewer stools at least sometimes (question 6>0)

3. Onset associated with a change in form (appearance) of stool

Onset of pain or discomfort associated with looser stools at least sometimes (question 7>0) OR

On set of pain or discomfort associated with harder stools at least sometimes (question 8>0)

*Criteria fulfilled for the last 3 months with symptom onset at least 6 months prior to diagnosis **Yes. (question 3=1)**

