

# Short Cases - Paediatrics

## INTRODUCTION

This module aims to look at recently published evidence on common problems in paediatrics which present in Primary Care. The topics were chosen by a group of GPs who felt they would be of use to PBSGL groups, but not suitable for a whole module in themselves.

Four areas will be discussed:

- constipation
- fever in children
- faltering growth (previously known as “failure to thrive”)
- urinary tract infection

This module will not cover the above topics in great detail. Instead the information given is thought to be the core information that clinicians would “need to know”.

Topics already covered by existing published PBSGL modules will not be discussed. These include modules on Infant Feeding, Chronic Abdominal Pain in Children and Child Protection.

The module has been extensively reviewed by a consultant paediatrician, whose comments are in square brackets throughout [ ] .

The cases are designed to illustrate the problems described in the aims of the module. They are real cases, but are **not** meant to be the focus of the group's discussion. Instead, PBSGL groups are encouraged to think of similar cases in their own place of work.

Studying all the cases is not compulsory. If the group runs short of time, and completing the group feedback is still to be done, it is better to leave out a case completely. The feedback, where group members say what changes they will make in practice as a result of the meeting, is an essential part of the learning process – more important than “completing the cases”.

## CASES

### Case 1: Charlie, age 3

Charlie's mum is becoming increasingly concerned about his constipation.