

Fever

General malaise

Anorexia

Moderate sore throat

Headache

Older Children

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Anorexia

Dysphagia

Abdominal pain

Vomiting

Physical Assessment Signs

Younger Children

Mild to moderate hyperemia

Older Children

Mild to bright red, edematous pharynx

Hyperemia of tonsils and pharynx; may extend to soft palate and uvula

Often abundant follicular exudate that spreads and coalesces to form pseudomembrane on tonsils

Cervical glands enlarged and tender