

FIG 22-7 Ileocecal intussusception.

Diagnostic Evaluation

Frequently, subjective findings lead to the diagnosis (Box 22-10), which can be confirmed by ultrasonography. A rectal examination reveals mucus, blood, and occasionally a low intussusception itself.

Box 22-10

Clinical Manifestations of Intussusception

Sudden acute abdominal pain

Child screaming and drawing the knees onto the chest

Child appearing normal and comfortable between episodes of pain

Vomiting

Lethargy