



FIG 26-6 Sequence of events in nephrotic syndrome.
ADH, Antidiuretic hormone.

Diagnostic Evaluation

The disease is suspected on the basis of clinical manifestations ([Box 26-2](#)). The generalized edema may develop rapidly or gradually but eventually prompts the family to seek medical attention. Parents usually give a history of the child being well but steadily gaining weight; appearing edematous; and then becoming anorexic, irritable, and less active.

Box 26-2

Clinical Manifestations of Nephrotic