

INDICATION

Used to aid diagnosis in adults and children with suspected appendicitis.

INTERPRETATION

| SCORE | RISK | RECOMMENDATION |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| 0–4 | Low | Consider out-patient follow-up |
| 5–8 | Indeterminate | Consider active observation with repeat examination. +/- imaging or diagnostic surgical exploration |
| 9–12 | High | Consider surgical exploration |

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

| QUESTION | POINTS |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Vomiting | Yes +1 |
| | No +0 |
| RIF pain | Yes +1 |
| | No +0 |
| Rebound tenderness | Strong +3 |
| | Medium +2 |
| | Light +1 |
| | None +0 |
| Temp $\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ | Yes +1 |
| | No +0 |
| Polymorphonuclear leukocytes | $\geq 85\%$ +2 |
| | 70-84% +1 |
| | < 70% +0 |
| WBC count $\times 10^9/\text{L}$ | ≥ 15 +2 |
| | 10 – 14.9 +1 |
| | < 10 +0 |
| CRP level, mg/L | ≥ 50 +2 |
| | 10 – 49 +1 |
| | < 10 +0 |