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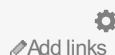
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# Manning criteria

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The **Manning criteria** are a [diagnostic algorithm](#) used in the diagnosis of [irritable bowel syndrome](#) (IBS). The criteria consist of a list of questions the physician can ask the patient.<sup>[1]</sup> The answers are used in a process to produce a diagnostic decision regarding whether the patient can be considered to have IBS.

The Manning criteria have been compared with other diagnostic algorithms for IBS, such as the [Rome I criteria](#), the [Rome II process](#), and the Kruis criteria.<sup>[2]</sup> A 2013 validation study found the Manning criteria to have less sensitivity but more specificity than the Rome criteria.<sup>[3]</sup>

The Manning criteria are:

- Onset of pain linked to more frequent bowel movements
- Looser stools associated with onset of pain
- Pain relieved by passage of stool
- Noticeable abdominal bloating
- Sensation of incomplete evacuation more than 25% of the time
- Diarrhea with mucus more than 25% of the time

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