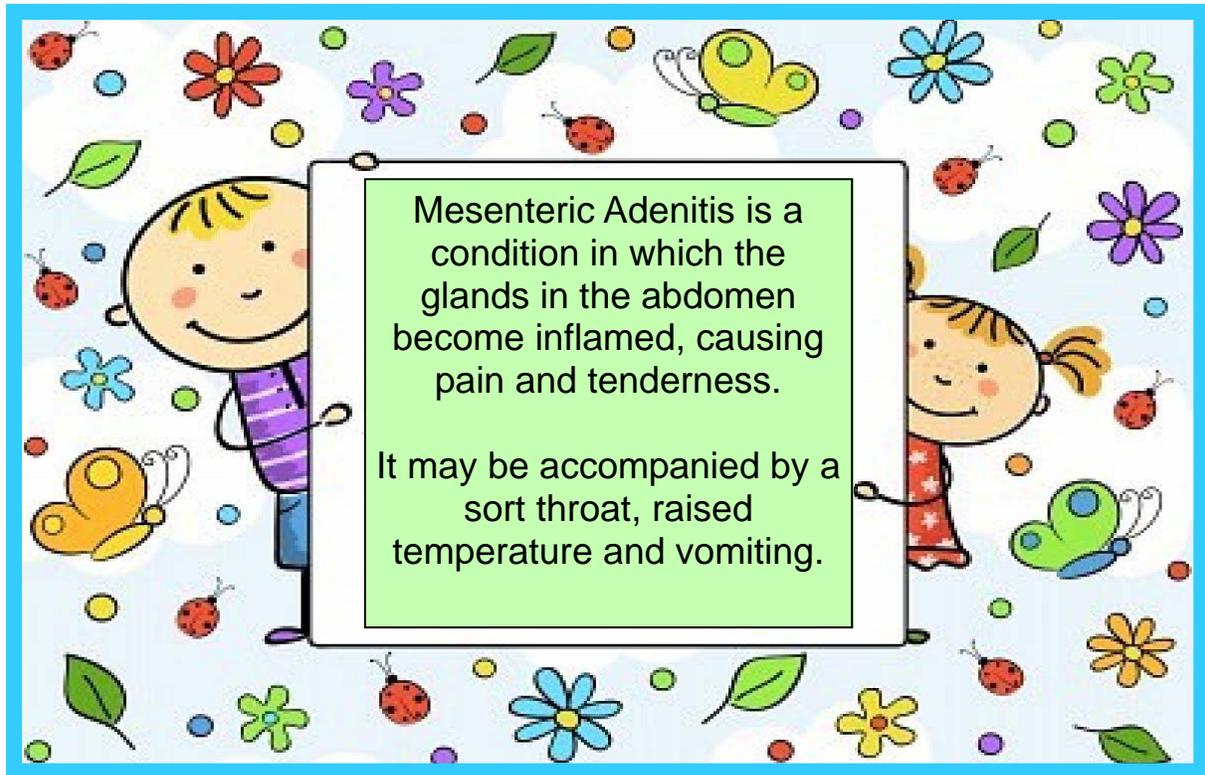


# Tell Me All About...

## Mesenteric Adenitis





**What cause it?**

We don't know the cause but it does seem that it may be due to an infection and there may be a small outbreak, with several cases happening at once.

**How is it treated?**

Usually, children recover quite well within 24 to 36 hours with little treatment except rest, clear fluids and paracetamol or similar medicine to relieve the fever and discomfort.

**How long will my child be in hospital?**

Once the doctor is sure that the symptoms are not caused by a more serious illness like appendicitis, and your child is eating and drinking without discomfort, s/he will be allowed to go home.

**Are there any effects?**

No, it's quite a common illness and doesn't have any long term effects. Children do occasionally have more than one episode.

**What happens when my child goes home?**

Your family doctor will be informed of the hospital admission and discharge. It's not necessary to see your doctor unless you are worried.

Your child should be fully recovered within a few days and can eat, drink and be as active as normal. Do contact your family doctor or Health Visitor or School Nurse if you are worried or contact the ward on **(01246) 512324**.

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