

FP-09 **ROLE OF DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC GASTRO-INTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY
(GIE) IN A PAEDIATRIC HOSPITAL: AN AUDIT.**

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Introduction: Symptoms related to gastro-intestinal tract account for a significant number of admissions to paediatric units. Therefore, upper and lower GIE becomes an important diagnostic and sometimes a therapeutic tool. However, paediatric endoscopy is still in its infancy in Sri Lanka. We are presenting the initial results of an ongoing audit.

Objectives : The aims of this study were:

To identify the indications for referral To evaluate the role of endoscopy on diagnosis and subsequent management .

Methods :The endoscopy findings of 16 children (elective =7 emergency =9) who underwent upper and/or lower GIE from October to May 1999 (8month period) is presented. All procedures were done under general anaesthesia.

Results : Median age was 4 years (range, 1-12). Male to female ratio was 7:9. The indications for upper and