

Appendicitis

Definition: An acute inflammation of the vermiform appendix that occurs most often among young adults.

most common cause of RLQ pain.

Symptoms

- RLQ pain
- Rebound tenderness (McBurney's point)
- described as cramping pain in the epigastric or periumbilical area.
- Anorexia

Lab Findings

- * Don't establish diagnosis *
- often ↑ moderate elevation of the WBC to 10,000 to 18000 w/ a shift to the left.

Complications

- rupture
- peritonitis
- sepsis

Treatment

- Appendectomy via laparoscopy