

## RECTAL WASHOUT

### Supporting information

#### **What are the benefits of this treatment for neonates with Hirschsprung's disease?**

Coran (2000) reports how serial rectal irrigation helps decompress the bowel and prevent enterocolitis in patients with Hirschsprung's disease and that this should be the "initial approach in the care of the child".

Coran AG, Teitelbaum DH. Recent advances in the management of Hirschsprung's disease. Am J Surg. 2000;180:382-7.

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