

Ulcerative Colitis

Ulcerative colitis is a bowel disease. The cause is not known. The inner lining of the colon, also called the large intestine, becomes irritated or inflamed. Tiny sores or ulcers form. This often starts in the lower part of the colon and can spread.

Signs

You may have some or all of these signs:

- Stomach pain
- Diarrhea
- Bleeding in stool or from the rectum
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Loss of body fluids, also called dehydration

Your Care

Your doctor will check you and order tests. These tests may include:

- A stool sample to test for blood.
- A barium enema to see an x-ray picture of the colon.
- A test to look at the inside of the rectum and colon. Sometimes a tissue sample, called a biopsy, is taken to be checked in the lab.

Rectocolite ulcéro-hémorragique

La rectocolite ulcéro-hémorragique est une maladie des intestins. La cause est inconnue. La paroi interne du côlon, également appelé gros intestin, est irritée ou enflammée. De minuscules lésions ou ulcères apparaissent. La maladie se déclare souvent en premier lieu dans la partie inférieure du côlon et peut se propager.

Signes

Vous pourrez présenter certains de ces signes ou tous ces signes :

- Douleur abdominale
- Diarrhée
- Sang dans les selles ou le rectum
- Fatigue
- Perte d'appétit
- Perte de poids
- Perte de fluides corporels, qu'on appelle également déshydratation

Vos soins

Votre médecin vous examinera et vous fera passer des examens. Ces examens sont :

- Un prélèvement de selles pour vérifier la présence de sang.
- Un lavement baryté pour prendre une radiographie du côlon.
- Un examen pour observer l'intérieur du rectum et du côlon. Parfois, un prélèvement de tissu, appelé une biopsie, est effectué pour être vérifié par le laboratoire.

Your treatment may include:

- Medicines to control colon inflammation
- Surgery

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

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Votre traitement peut comprendre :

- Des médicaments pour contrôler l'inflammation du côlon
- La chirurgie

Parlez à votre médecin ou à votre infirmière si vous avez des questions ou des inquiétudes.

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