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When a pediatric patient presents with fever, vomiting, and abdominal pain that initially localized to the periumbilical region and subsequently migrated to the lower right abdomen, clinicians must consider a broad differential diagnosis. These symptoms often suggest an underlying intra-abdominal pathology, most notably appendicitis, but other conditions can mimic or coexist with this presentation. Timely recognition, diagnosis, and management are crucial to prevent complications such as perforation, peritonitis, or sepsis.

This article provides an in-depth overview of the clinical features, differential diagnoses, diagnostic approaches, and management strategies for pediatric patients with such presentations.