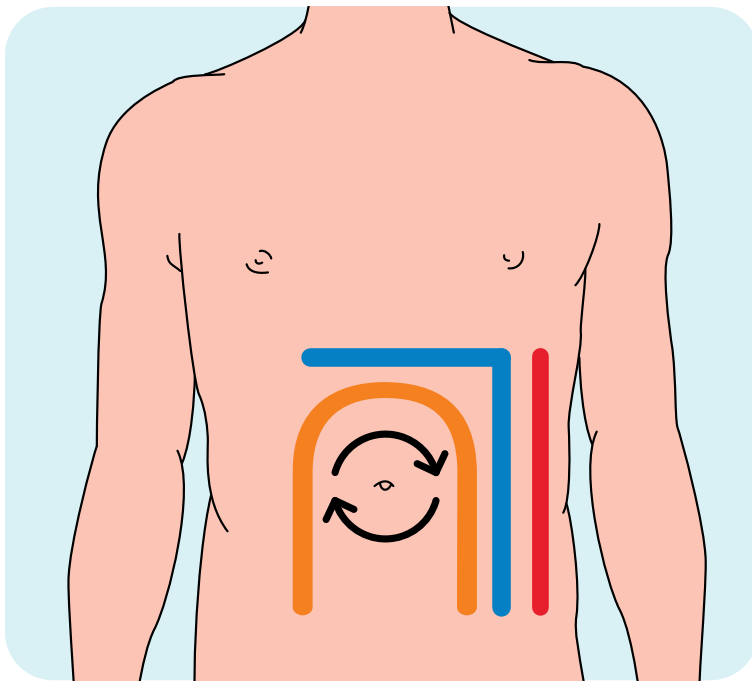


ILU Massage (I Love You Massage)

This self-massage is used for constipation/loose bowels and generalized pelvic and abdominal pain. Use small clockwise circular strokes or line strokes with mild to moderate pressure (about a 1 inch depth for most children), using cream on your fingertips. These strokes follow the path of the large intestine, helping to calm it if it is irritated, and increasing the motility (movement) of food in your gut.



- Begin with 1-2 minutes of a clockwise circular massage 2-3 inches away from the belly button going around the belly button to stimulate the small intestine (see arrows).
- Next, form the letter "I" by stroking with moderate pressure from under the left side of the rib cage down to the front of the left hipbone, 10 times. (red)
- After that form the letter "L" by stroking with moderate pressure from under the right rib cage, across and underneath the rib cage to the left where you started the letter "I" and down to the front of the left hipbone, forming the letter "L", 10 times. (blue)
- Last, do 10 strokes from the front of the right hipbone up to under the right rib cage where you started the letter "L", across to the left rib cage and down to the left hipbone, forming the letter "U", 10 times. (orange)
- Do this massage 1-2 times daily.
- *Note: the colored lines should be overlapped, however are not for visual purposes. You may massage in the same location for each letter.*



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