**Functional Abdominal Pain – Assessment Measures**

**Diagnosis/Classification**

1. *Rome III Diagnostic Criteria*

Purpose of use: The Rome III Committee updated and revised the pediatric criteria for the functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs) originally put forth in 1999. The criteria are meant to serve as diagnostic tools, as well as to aid in the advance of empirical research. The decision-making process to define Rome III criteria for children aged 4–18 years consisted of arriving at a consensus based on clinical experience and review of the literature.

Suggested next steps for validation: The future availability of additional evidence-based data will likely continue to modify pediatric criteria for FGIDs.

Relevant reference(s): Rasquin A, Di Lorenzo C, Forbes D, Guiraldes E, Hyams JS, Staiano A, Walker LS. (2006). Childhood functional gastrointestinal disorders: Child/adolescent, *Gastroenterology*, *130*, 1527–1537.