

Dilated large bowel loops.

No air in the rectum.

Low Obstruction

Contrast enema

No free air

No pneumatosis intestinalis

Water-soluble- iso osmolar agent is preferred in neonate

No use of barium < 1mo

No need for preparation

Small catheter and up to external sphincter

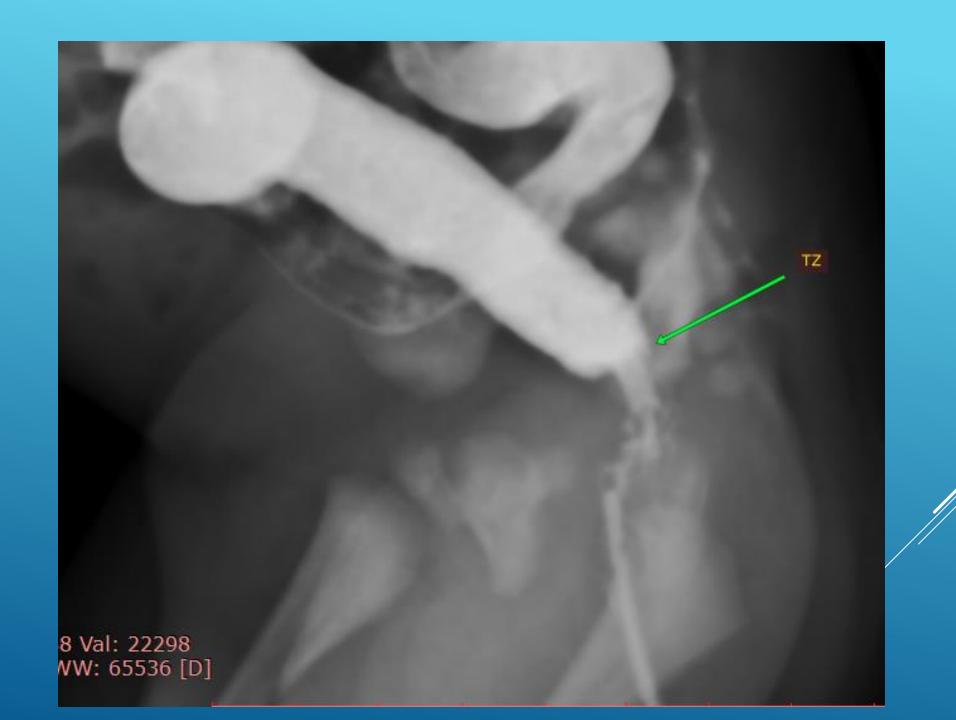
No cuff filing

Initial images must be obtained in the <u>lateral</u> projection, <u>as</u> <u>soon as</u> the contrast begins to enter the colon.

Imaging <u>should not be delayed until full colonic</u> distention is achieved because this might <u>obscured the zone</u> of transition.

Lateral of rectosigmoid





abnormal recto-sigmoid index <1

Narrowing of rectum

Irregular rectal contraction

Rectosigmoid transition zone

The aganglionic segment may exhibit a changing serrated appearance as result of aperistaltic contractions of the abnormally innervated bowel.

Hirschsprung disease







Delay imaging

Helpful in neonate particularly in those with total colonic aganglionosis.

In older children with constipation, delayed images are rarely helpful.

