

Common Presenting Signs and Symptoms

Please note that this list shows examples, and does not represent all possible presenting signs and symptoms that may be encountered during a Step 2 Clinical Skills examination.

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| Abdominal distension | Irritable infant/child |
| Abdominal pain | Jaundice |
| Abnormal menses | Jaw pain |
| Abnormal movements | Joint pain |
| Altered bowel habits (e.g., constipation, diarrhea, fecal incontinence) | Joint swelling |
| Back pain | Leg swelling |
| Bloody stools/melena | Loss of appetite |
| Breast-related complaints | Mass/lump |
| Chest pain/discomfort | Memory loss |
| Child and adolescent behavior concerns | Mood disorder |
| Confusion | Mouth and lip changes |
| Cough | Muscle pain |
| Decreased sensation in extremities | Nasal discharge |
| Dental pain | Nausea/vomiting |
| Difficulty walking | Neck pain |
| Dyspareunia | Palpitations |
| Dysphagia | Post-operative complications |
| Ear-related complaints (e.g., pain, tinnitus, hearing loss) | Postpartum concerns/complications |
| Easy bruising | Pregnancy-related concerns/complications |
| Epistaxis | Pruritus |
| Evaluation after a fall | Rash |
| Extremity pain | Seizure |
| Eye complaints (e.g., pain, visual changes) | Sexual dysfunction |
| Fatigue | Shortness of breath |
| Fevers, chills and/or night sweats | Sinus pain/pressure |
| Flank pain | Sleep issues |
| Genital complaints (e.g., discharge, lesions, pain) | Sore throat |
| Hallucinations | Substance use |
| Headache | Syncope |
| Hematemesis | Trouble concentrating |
| Hemoptysis | Urinary complaints (e.g., frequency, dysuria, retention, incontinence) |
| High blood pressure | Vertigo/dizziness/lightheadedness |
| Hot flashes | Weakness |
| Indigestion | Weight gain |
| Infant spitting up | Weight loss |
| | Wheezing |