

SPEAKER: So for the gastrointestinal manifestations in childhood, the thought is that these typically present around school age or high school age, so elementary, middle school, or high school. However, there was a study published a few years ago that did show that some very young children will already have gastrointestinal manifestations where they appear to have abdominal pain or diarrhea.

The problem in this age group is that many of the symptoms are non-specific. Many patients without Fabry disease complain of frequent abdominal pain, which we classify as functional abdominal pain without any other cause, or things like irritable bowel syndrome, which we can't really find an exact cause for.