

ABDOMINAL ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT SIGNS

- ☛ **Ballance's sign** - Dullness on percussion to the left abdomen. Indicative of splenic injury.
- ☛ **Cullen's sign** - Bruising at the umbilicus. Indicative of internal bleeding; normally from pancreatitis.
- ☛ **Grey - Turner's sign** - Bruising on the right flank and in the groin. Indicative of internal bleeding; normally from pancreatitis.
- ☛ **Kehr's sign** - Pain referred to the left shoulder due to splenic injury or pain.
- ☛ **McBurney's point** - Pain midway between the umbilicus and the right anterosuperior iliac crest. Indicative of appendicitis.
- ☛ **Murphy's sign** - When palpating the right upper quadrant inferior to the ribs, the patient is unable to take a deep breath in. Indicative of an inflamed gallbladder.
- ☛ **Rovsing's sign** - Palpation of the left abdomen elicits an increase in right lower quadrant pain. Indicative of appendicitis.
- ☛ **Saegasser's sign** - Palpation of left upper quadrant inferior to ribs elicits neck pain in the patient. Indicative of splenic injury.