



## **Hematuria**

Hematuria is the presence of blood in the urine. Gross hematuria refers to blood in the urine that can be seen with the naked eye. Trace hematuria refers to blood in the urine seen only under a microscope. There are many causes of hematuria some of which include:

- Urinary tract infections
- Kidney stones
- Irritation or narrowing of the urethra meatus
- Trauma

A urine specimen will be collected and sent for analysis. Further imaging, such as an ultrasound of the kidneys and bladder, may also be necessary. For prolonged episodes of gross hematuria your child may need a procedure performed called cystoscopy. This is performed under anesthesia and allows for direct visualization of the urethra and bladder.