Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE) is a diarrhoeal disease defined by the decrease in the consistency of stools and/or an increase in the frequency of evacuations with or without fever or vomiting.

Globally, acute gastroenteritis is one of the leading causes of childhood mortality, accounting for 1.34m childhood deaths a year.  

Vomiting is reported in three quarters of all children suffering acute gastroenteritis.  

Acute gastroenteritis accounts for over 87,000 hospital visits and almost 700,000 outpatient visits each year in Europe.  

There are between 3-5 billion cases of acute gastroenteritis around the world each year.  