**Table I. Creating a Differential for the Adolescent with Acute and Chronic Pelvic Pain**

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|  | **ACUTE**  | **CHRONIC**  |
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| **Gynecologic** **Pregnancy Related** |  Normal pregnancy |  |
|  Ectopic pregnancy |  |
|  Miscarriage |  |
|  Post-Abortion Endometritis |  |
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| **Gynecologic** **Non-pregnancy Related** |  |  |
|  Pelvic Inflammatory Disease | Dysmenorrhea |
|  Tubo-Ovarian Abscess | Endometriosis |
|  Ovarian Torsion | Leiomyoma |
|  Ovarian Cyst Rupture | Obstructive Mullerian Anomalies |
|  Corpus Luteum Cyst Hemorrhage | Dyspareunia  |
|  | Mittelschmerz |
|  | Adhesions |
|  |  |  |
| **Gastrointestinal**  | Appendicitis | Constipation |
| Perforation  | Gastroesophageal Reflux |
| Bowel Obstruction | Irritable Bowel Syndrome |
| Volvulus | Inflammatory Bowel Disease |
| Gastroenteritis | Lactose Intolerance |
| Hernia | Functional |
| Diverticulitis |  |
| Abscess (Peri-rectal, Psoas) |  |
| Rectocele/Cystocele |  |
| Mesenteric Ischemia  |  |
| Mesenteric Lymphadenitis |  |
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| **Urologic**  | Cystitis | Chronic Cystitis |
| Pyleonephritis | Interstitial Cystitis |
| Renal Abscess  | Urolithiasis |
| Urolithiasis/renal colic  |  |
| Urethritis |  |
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| **Musculoskeletal**  | Septic Hip | Abdominal Pelvic Pain Syndrome |
| Arthritis (Hip) | Levator & Piriformis Muscle Spasm |
| Fasciitis | Pelvic Adhesions |
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| **Other**  |  | Abdominal migraines  |
|  | Pelvic Congestion  |
|  | Porphyria |
|  | Depression  |
|  | Psychosomatic |

Patients with chronic pain may have acute or exacerbations on top of their background pain syndrome.