**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 |
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| **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.