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High-pitched bowel sounds are heard during the early stages - of mechanical intestinal obstruction. Aortic and iliac bruits are heard when blood flows through a stenosis. A succussion splash is a sound like 'shaking a half-filled bottle with water' and is found most often in patients with gastric stasis due to gastric outlet obstruction. In generalised peritonitis and paralytic ileus, bowel sounds will not be heard or be very few and far between.

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