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Peristalsis

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A series of coordinated, rhythmic muscle contractions that occur throughout the length of the gastrointestinal tract and in the ureters. The body utilizes alternating muscles that contract and relax to move fluids and solids from one cavity to another.