

## OBED ROSE 131

History of the present illness: Obed Rose is an 11 year old boy who was carried to your location on a Saturday with the chief complaints of headache, fever, and rash for the past week. He complained of feeling sick on Monday. On Thursday he developed a fever. He has been lethargic ever since.

Past medical and social history: Obed is the oldest of 4 children. His father is a middle merchant for avocados, coffee, and ginger. He is a good student and wants to be a pilot. The family is middle-class by local standards. He has had malaria multiple times. He had a fractured ankle last year and also pneumonia. He has had no immunizations, has an allergy to peanuts, and is on no medication.



Physical exam: Obed is lethargic and obviously very ill. He answers questions in monosyllables after a delay.

Vital signs: T 103.4; P 72; R 20; SO2 96% The skin is hot, dry, and normal in texture but covered with the rash shown. Head is normal size and shape. Pupils are equal, round, and responsive to light. The whites of the eyes are white. Corneas are clear. Inside the lower lids is

redder than normal. The nose is normal shape and without sores. The outer ears are normal in appearance;



the ear canals are packed with wax. The teeth are normal in number but with much decay; the mouth is moist. The tongue has a thick yellow coating. The tonsils are normal size and color. There are a few enlarged lymph nodes in the neck, front and back. The thyroid is not enlarged. The patient can move his neck in all directions without pain. Heart sounds have no murmur. Lungs are clear. Bowel sounds are absent. Liver is not enlarged; the spleen is slightly enlarged and slightly tender. The abdomen is soft and a little tender all over. There are a few enlarged lymph nodes in the groin. His genitals are pre-pubertal with no evidence of trauma or breaks in the skin. The kidney area in back is not tender. Arms and legs show no swelling. The patient can move his limbs in all directions but complains of pain. Respond. You must treat him yourself; you cannot send him out.

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## **Setting and past history:**

Does he have body lice? Of course; everyone has body lice.

Are there rats in the area? Yes

Are there others in the community with a similar illness? Yes, one of his classmates at school is ill.

## **Present illness:**

Did the fever start before or after the other symptoms? A few days after.

Has he had sore muscles? Some but not bad.

Is his face flushed? Yes

Do his eyes hurt? He hasn't complained of them.

What part of his body hurts the worst? The front of his lower legs.

Did he have shaking chills when the fever started? Yes, a little, but not for long.

Does his back hurt? Yes

Does he make sense when he talks? He did at first but not anymore.

Does he have a peculiar body odor? Yes, like my grandmother's basement.

## **Laboratory:**

Urinalysis: slightly positive for blood.

Hemoglobin: 90%

