

KYLE ROSE 143

History of the present illness: Kyle Rose is a 14 y.o. African male who comes to you with the chief complaint of a cough for the past 3 months. It began gradually at night and first thing in the morning and has increased until now it is almost continual. For the same time his stamina has decreased; he is not as active as previously. His appetite has also decreased.



Social and past medical history:

Kyle is the son of a school teacher in a rural area. He is in the eighth grade and is a good student. He has had no immunizations, has no allergies, and is taking no medication.

Physical exam: Kyle is alert and in no distress. Vital signs: T 99.8; P 96; R 28; BP 88/58; SO2 92%. The skin is warm, dry, and normal in texture except for the healing burns pictured. 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 slightly pale. The nose is normal shape and without sores. The outer ears, canals, and ear drums are normal in appearance. The teeth are normal in number but badly decayed; the mouth is moist. The tonsils are normal size and color. There are no enlarged lymph nodes in the neck, front or 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 below but there are rales and prolonged expiration above the collar bones. Bowel sounds are present and normal. Liver and spleen are not enlarged. The abdomen is soft and non-tender. There are no enlarged lymph nodes in the groin. The kidney area in back is not tender. Arms and legs show no swelling. The patient can move his limbs in all directions without complaint of pain. Respond.

Options:

Treat him yourself (specify how).

Send him to a government program.

Send him to a private clinic (costs you \$1000).



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Setting and past history:

How did Kyle get the wounds? They are burns made by a traditional healer.

What is his diet like? Mostly corn and beans, some bread, occasional eggs.

What is the altitude in your area? 2000 feet.

Present illness:

Does he have night sweats? Yes, occasionally.

Does anyone else have something similar to this? Yes, this kind of illness is common.

What usually happens? The person gets thinner and thinner, then he dies.

Has he taken any medication for this? Yes, he had some penicillin injections.

Did they help? No, not at all.

What was the temperature when you examined him? It was cool out, in the 60's F.

How was his temperature taken? Oral, mercury thermometer.

Does Kyle feel short of breath? Yes, when he tries to move fast.

Is he coughing anything up? Yes, yellow sputum.

Has Kyle had right-sided chest pains or abdominal pains? No

Does he have headaches? Not often.

Does he have a peculiar body odor? No

Laboratory: Urinalysis positive for ketones; hemoglobin 70%.

