

## HOKE PINK 147

History of the present illness: Hoke Rose is a 4 y.o. African male whose mother brings him with the chief complaint that he does not crawl, walk, or talk. He does feed himself. He has passed few of the usual developmental milestones; he did not achieve them and then regress.



Past medical history: Hoke is the fifth of six children; his younger sister died soon after she was born; the cause of death was a fever. He has been healthy aside from his developmental delays. He has had no immunizations, has no allergies, and is on no medication.

Physical exam: Hoke is lethargic and in no distress. He shows no interest in his environment. Vital signs: T

95.4; P 82; R 28; Weight 15 kg. The skin is warm, dry, and normal in texture. Head is normal size and shape but the soft spot in front is open. Pupils are equal, round, and responsive to light. The whites of the eyes are white. Corneas are clear. Inside the lower lids is normal pink. 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 and appearance; 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 a soft murmur just to the left of the top of the breast bone. Lungs are clear. 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:

Tell the mother that nothing can be done for him.

Pursue getting some medication for him (specify which).

Send him to the capital city to a consulting pediatrician; costs \$1000.



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Is the child deaf? No

## Setting and past history:

What is the child's BMI? .22

What age are his parents? Both in their mid-30's.

Are his siblings all normal? Yes

Was his mother's pregnancy with him normal? Yes

Was she sick with a fever and rash during the pregnancy? No, not at all.

Is there any dump or facility in the area that handles radiation? No

## Present illness:

When did he learn to feed himself? About a year ago.

What is his diet like? He eats everything; his diet is well rounded.

How many teeth does he have? He has a full mouth of baby teeth.

Can he put his arm over his head and touch his other ear? No, not quite.

Are there any other children with this kind of delay? His parents have heard of a couple others.

Has he had any medications? He was given penicillin injections at a clinic, but they didn't help.

Does his mother have a goiter? Yes, a very small one.

Is the area where they live mountainous? Yes

Is goiter common in the community? Yes, very common.

