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History of the present illness: Nellie Rose is a 30 y.o. female who is carried to your location with the chief complaint of a sustained fever and rash for the past week. She is generally fatigued, won't eat, and is aching all over; she has not been able to care for her children and her home during this time.



Past medical and social history: Nellie is the wife of a traveling

merchant and the mother of five children. She has had six pregnancies, one miscarriage. She has had malaria many times. She has had no immunizations, has no allergies, and is on no medication.

Physical exam: Nellie is alert and in no distress. Vital signs: T 100.2; P 88; R 18; BP 98/60; The skin is warm, dry, with a generalized, whole-body rash as pictured. There are some

spots on the palms and soles. 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 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 but 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 her neck in all directions without pain. Heart sounds have no murmur. Lungs are clear. Bowel sounds are present and normal. Liver and spleen are not enlarged. The abdomen is soft and non-tender. There are enlarged lymph nodes in the groin on both sides; they are not tender. The kidney area in back is not tender. Arms and legs show no swelling. The patient can move her limbs in all directions without complaint of pain. Respond.



Options:

Treat her yourself (specify how).

Send her to a government clinic.

Send her to a private hospital (costs you \$100)

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Setting and past history:

Is her husband faithful to her? She thinks so but cannot be sure.

Has she been faithful to her husband? Yes

Has her husband had any sores on his private parts? Not that she has seen.

Present illness:

Does Nellie know of other people in her community who are similarly ill? No

Has she been near anyone with an illness like this? Not that she knows of.

Has she ever had this before? No

Has she had any insect or tick bites? Yes, she commonly is bitten, as is everyone else.

Has she had shaking chills? No

Does this feel like malaria? Not at all; it's definitely not malaria.

Does she have body lice? Yes

Does she have rash on her palms and soles? Not much, just a few spots.

Has she had any sores on her private parts? Not that she knows of.

Has she had any swollen lymph nodes? Not that she has noticed.

Does she have red eyes? No

Does she have a severe headache? No, just a slight one.

Has she lost weight? Probably, although she has not weighed herself.

Does she have severe muscle pains? No

Has she encountered any newborn animals recently? No, none.

Laboratory: Urinalysis entirely normal; hemoglobin 85%.

