

Exercise

A six-year-old Indigenous boy presents to the emergency department with fever, joint pain and a rash. He is febrile to 38, p 128, sats 98% air RR 20. Examination reveals a clear chest, non-suppurative tonsils and holosystolic murmur. You suspect Rheumatic fever.

1. Outline your differential diagnoses:

2. Outline the other diagnostic criteria for rheumatic fever which are not already present:



3. English is not a first language for this family. You are concerned that there may be a communication barrier present. What are some techniques that may be used to facilitate good clinical communication in this case?

4. Give two requirements for discharge follow up for rheumatic fever in this patient:

