Febrile Children in Primary Care

Fever in children is a common symptom. Frequently, the underlying illness is self-limiting and medical intervention is seldom needed. However, general practitioners need to be alert on those children who are at risk for serious infections. In this thesis, we studied the natural course of fever in children, how general practitioners manage febrile children, and which improvements can be incorporated to achieve better health care for febrile children in primary care.

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