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## Medical history and physical examination

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The “Brazilian spotted Fever: Importance Of Early Diagnosis And Treatment” paper in this issue of PRJ highlights a potentially serious disease characterized by nonspecific clinical manifestations. Although already described in the last century, spotted fever is still poorly known in our country. In addition, depending on the stage of evolution, the differential diagnosis includes a variety of diseases that require different treatments.

The possibility of avoiding fatal outcomes depends on the early onset of an affordable treatment. For this, as in other conditions in Pediatrics, it is necessary to obtain a comprehensive and careful medical interview and physical examination together with a high level

of suspicion. We are living through an epidemiological moment in which diseases such as dengue affect a large number of Brazilians; thus, we cannot help but be alert to other diagnostic possibilities.

By the same token, the paper “Erythema Nodosum By Injectable Contraceptive In Pediatrics” also challenges us not to harden our reasoning and to think outside the box in face of the different possible causes of a clinical condition.

This issue of the PRJ encourages us to cultivate sharp thinking and to value the modernity of what is most classic in Medicine and Pediatrics: the interview and physical examination.

Enjoy this reading!

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