FEVER

PERIODIC FEVER

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Abstract: Periodic fevers are often poorly understood due to the lack of understanding and many a times are missed. Even though these are rare, the children who have these conditions are subjected to multiple unnecessary investigations and treatments. Understanding the concept of auto-inflammation can be helpful in the approach to many chronic diseases and their treatment.

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Points to Remember

- Fever need not always be due to infections.
- Autoimmunity and auto-inflammation are both self directed inflammation processes.
- Periodic fevers must be thought of in a well child with episodic / recurrent fever.
- Steroids/ immunosuppressants should always be started after a proper diagnosis.

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