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ACUTE BACTERIAL MENINGITIS - REVISITED

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Abstract: *Bacterial meningitis is a medical emergency that needs a prompt diagnosis and treatment. Causative organisms depend upon age, vaccination status, clinical situation and immune status of the child. Infants and young children usually present with non-specific symptoms and hence a high index of suspicion is essential. Lumbar puncture and CSF analysis remain the corner stone of diagnosis. Appropriate and adequate treatment can save children from mortality and neurological sequelae.*

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Points to Remember

- *Bacterial meningitis is a medical emergency.*
- *High index of suspicion is necessary to diagnose bacterial meningitis especially in infants as the symptoms are quite nonspecific.*
- *Bacterial confirmation in CSF remains the gold standard for diagnosis.*
- *Prompt diagnosis and aggressive management is essential to prevent mortality and morbidity.*

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