

Effect of C-reactive protein on chest X-ray interpretation: it's more complicated.

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Abstract

A chest x-ray cannot diagnose pneumonia, it only shows shadows. Pneumonia then becomes a clinical diagnosis for which antibiotics should be considered primarily after careful clinical assessment of how sick the child appears, the presence of fever, an elevated CRP, an elevated procalcitonin, and a radiologic image of a distinct lobar or lobular infiltrate.

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