



Fevers and joint pain? Think Acute Rheumatic Fever.

Suspect acute rheumatic fever when symptoms include:

- Fever
- One or more painful joints
- Limping or not able to walk
- Chest pain
- Jerky movements (chorea)



Investigation:

- Standard clinical observations
- Auscultate the heart
- ECG
- M/C/S Swab of throat or wounds
- ESR and CRP
- ASOT and ADNAB

If ARF is suspected:

- Give one dose of **IM Bicillin (benzathine benzylpenicillin)**
- Send to Hospital
- Contact **your local public health unit** to notify suspected ARF presentation
- Refer to the Australian Guideline for the prevention, diagnosis and management of ARF and RHD
www.rhdaustralia.org.au

Let's end RHD together

For more information contact **Queensland Health Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) Program**
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