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Oral vs. Intravenous antibiotics for pediatric pyelonephritis

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Pyelonephritis in children presents with fever and is associated with anatomic or functional abnormalities of the urinary system. The high risk of possible complications includes renal scarring, hypertension and chronic renal disease which makes it imperative to diagnosis, evaluation and treat this in a timely fashion. The risk for febrile UTIs and renal scarring is highest in infancy; older children can also develop pyelonephritis with associated long-term renal injury. Fever, urinary symptoms, flank pain and a suspicious urinalysis should always raise the possibility of pyelonephritis in any age group.

Biography

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