

Asturias 2010

Clinical features and settings	Children (<18 years) with fever ($\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ for a least 1hour) and neutropenia ($\text{ANC} \leq 1.0 \times 10^9/\text{L}$), hospitalised at a single institution during 2008. Those hospitalised for less than 48 hours, those who had received antibiotics
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Evidence review: prevention and management of neutropenic sepsis in cancer patients

	before admission and those receiving bone marrow transplants were excluded.
Participants	96 episodes of FN in 88 patients. 74/96 (77%) episodes were in patients with haematological malignancies. Mean age was 6.5 years. Bacteraemia was found in 11/96 episodes
Study design	Prospective observational study. Consecutive sample. Guatemala
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Bacteraemia: 2 blood cultures positive for any pathogen except coagulase-negative staphylococci.
Index and comparator tests	Tests were done at admission. Serum CRP: threshold ≥ 96 mg/L Platelet count: $\leq 50 \times 10^9$ /L
Follow-up	Not reported
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