**PRESENTING SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS**

**COMMON DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS**

**Suspected Cancer Disease**

- Low blood counts
- Infection
- Leukaemia
- Bleeding
  - Coagulation disorders, platelet disorders, bone marrow failure

- Lymph node swelling
- Infection
- Burkitt-Lymphoma (BL), Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL), Hodgkin lymphoma
  - Bladder, ovary or lung tumour

- Abdominal swelling
- Nutrition disorder, kidney cyst, constipation, ovarial cyst, hepatosplenomegaly, haemoglobinopathy
- Kidney tuberculosis
  - Wilms tumour, ovarian tumour, BL & other NHL, bladder rhabdomyosarcoma, neuroblastoma.

- Mediastinal mass with shortness of breath
  - Infection
  - Lymphoma
  - Neuroblastoma
  - Congenital cysticercosis
  - White pupil
  - Congenital cataract
  - Retinoblastoma
  - Headache, morning vomiting, paresis
  - Migraine, sinusitis, meningitis if associated with fever (infection)
  - Brain tumour

- Bone pain, swelling of arm or leg without trauma
  - Injection
  - Infection
  - Bone cyst, osteomyelitis
  - Bone tumour

**IF THESE SYMPTOMS ARE PRESENT REFER FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION**

**WARNING SIGNS**

- (Non-malignant conditions)
  - Low blood counts
CHILDHOOD CANCER WARNING SIGNS

1. Pallor, bruising or bleeding, general bone pain
2. Lumps or swelling – especially if painless and without fever or other signs of infection
3. Unexplained weight loss or fever, persistent cough or shortness of breath, sweating at night
4. Eye changes – white pupil, new-onset squint, visual loss, bruising or swelling around the eye(s)
5. Abdominal swelling
6. Headaches, especially if unusually persistent or severe, vomiting (especially early morning or worsening over days)
7. Limb or bone pain, swelling without trauma or signs of infection

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