

QUICK GUIDE – CHILDREN

SYMPTOMS

“Warning Signs” for Primary Immunodeficiency (PID) in children

If one or more of the following warning signs are found, investigations regarding PID should be considered.

1. ≥ 6 media otitis per year. Media otitis with complications like chronic perforation or mastoiditis
2. ≥ 2 sinusitis per year
3. Infections treated with antibiotics that do not cure as expected
4. ≥ 2 pneumonias per year
5. Failure to thrive
6. Recurrent skin or soft tissue infections and/or organ abscesses
7. Chronic extensive oral or cutaneous candidiasis
8. Infections with unusual localization or unusual pathogens
9. ≥ 2 invasive infections like osteomyelitis, meningitis or sepsis
10. History of PID in the family

STEP 1

Suggested laboratory investigations in case of recurrent bacterial infections:

- White blood cells with differential count
- Quantification of IgG, IgA, IgM
- Documentation of infection proneness – Patient diary

STEP 2

Contact a specialist within the field or get an answer to your question through our website:
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QUICK GUIDE – ADULTS

SYMPTOMS

“Warning Signs” for Primary Immunodeficiency (PID) in adults

If one or more of the following warning signs are found, investigations regarding PID should be considered.

1. ≥ 4 infections requiring antibiotics within one year (otitis, bronchitis, sinusitis, pneumonia)
2. Recurring infections or infections requiring prolonged antibiotic therapy
3. ≥ 2 severe bacterial infections (osteomyelitis, meningitis, septicemia, cellulitis)
4. ≥ 2 radiologically proven pneumonias within 3 years
5. Infections with unusual localization or unusual pathogens
6. History of PID in the family

STEP 1

Suggested laboratory investigations in case of recurrent bacterial infections:

- White blood cells with differential count
- Quantification of IgG, IgA, IgM
- IgG subclasses: IgG1 – IgG4
- Documentation of infection proneness – Patient diary

STEP 2

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