

APPROACH TO FEVER

WHO IS THE HOST?

- Age
- Immune status
- Anatomic risk factors
- Baseline cognition, function
- History of infections



WHAT ARE NOTABLE EXPOSURES?

- Time of year
- Insect/Tick bites
- Pets
- Travel
- Sick contacts
- Recent hospital admission
- Sexual activity
- Substance use history



WHAT DOESN'T FIT?

- Diagnostic timeout
- Revisit biases
- Will lead you back to consider 'Who is the host?'



WHAT IS THE SYNDROME?

- Timeline/Chronicity
- Associated symptoms
 - Vital Signs
 - Exam
- Data:
 - labs
 - micro
 - radiology
 - pathology



BROAD CATEGORIES

INFLAMMATORY

- RA
- SLE
- Vasculitis

MALIGNANCY

Liquid
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Solid

MEDICATIONS

- Antibiotics
- Anti-Epileptic Drugs
- Chemo

VTE

Controversial

FUO

Fever of unknown origin

See McGraw Hill™ topic card!