Table 1

Other conditions presenting with childhood wheeze

Bronchiolitis: < two years of age, preceding history of coryzal illness, fever. Diffuse crackles and wheeze on auscultation

Pneumonia (viral or bacterial): History of coryza, cough, fever. Crackles on chest auscultation

Tracheomalacia and cystic fibrosis: Previous known history of condition

Anaphylaxis: Urticarial rash, swelling, exposure to a potential allergen. Cardiovascular instability

Foreign body aspiration: Previously well, short history, may have witnessed choking episode. Asymmetrical breath sounds

Heart failure: History of cardiac abnormality. Heart murmur, hepatomegaly