Table 1

Symptoms and signs suggestive of specific diseases[2]

Diagnosis	Symptoms and signs in conjunction with fever
Meningococcal disease	● Non-blanching rash, particularly with **one or more of** the following: — An ill-looking child — Lesions > 2 mm in diameter (purpura) — Capillary refill time ≥ 3 sec — Neck stiffness
Bacterial meningitis	● Neck stiffness ● Bulging fontanelle ● Decreased level of consciousness ● Convulsive status epilepticus
Herpes simplex encephalitis	● Focal neurological signs ● Focal seizures ● Decreased level of consciousness
Pneumonia	● Tachypnoea: > 60 breaths/min, age 0–5 months > 50 breaths/min, age 6–12 months > 40 breaths/min, age > 12 months ● Crackles in the chest ● Nasal flaring ● Chest indrawing ● Cyanosis ● Oxygen saturation ≤ 95%
Urinary tract infection	● Vomiting ● Poor feeding ● Lethargy ● Irritability ● Abdominal pain or tenderness ● Urinary frequency or dysuria
Septic arthritis	● Swelling of a limb or joint ● Not using an extremity ● Non-weight bearing
Kawasaki disease	● Fever for more than five days and **at least four of** the following: — Bilateral conjunctival injection — Change in mucous membranes — Change in the extremities — Polymorphous rash — Cervical lymphadenopathy