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**Final HW: Class Review**

 We went over 2 cases this week for Peds: a 6 y/o M with fever and sore throat x 1 day (Dx: unspecified CAP; Tx: Z-pack), and 9 y/o M with “rash all over body, fever, vomit, and weakness x 1 day (eventually Dx’d Kawasaki Disease; Tx: IVIG, TNF inhibitor, ASA).

 Both cases presented with some unique challenges in the work-up leading to diagnosis and treatment, and both presented with special considerations for treatment (such as the PCN allergy in the first case and IVIG-resistance in the second). I appreciated that both cases involve multiple visits to the clinic as well as ED, utilized multiple diagnostic labs and studies, and both dealt with a changing presentation over multiple days as well as counseling the parents with each visit.

 I think this class (and the cases presented) was most challenging and helpful in terms of lab interpretation and patient/parent counseling. They both involved critical thinking as well as how to effectively communicate our diagnostic process and treatment plan in layman’s terms. I also appreciate that each student was individually called on and encouraged to participate in each step of the case. The homework assignments were also appropriate and helped inform the discussion.

 Overall, I wouldn’t change anything in this class based on the amount of time we had and the online format. I think the number of cases were appropriate as well as the homework.