

Investigation 3.8A: Fever & Cough

Dr. _____

Worksheet : Fever & Cough

P. ___ Date: _____

Fever & Cough

Patient Name: _____

Age: ____ Gender: _____

Wt: _____ lbs. Respirations: _____/min

Pulse: _____/min

Blood Pressure: ____/____ mmHg

Temperature: _____ F.

CC: _____

HxCC: (List important information from the patient in your history of the chief complaint)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

ROS: (List all positive findings from Review of Systems)-

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Positive Examination Findings:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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DDX: (List your three most likely diagnoses from the Diagnosis Grid)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

DDX-2: List the disorders from your DDX list you **ruled out** immediately because their symptoms did not fit this patient's history and physical exam findings:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Put an X next to the tests you select first to investigate this patient's medical problem. Write NA for any test listed that is probably not appropriate to your evaluation of this condition:

- _____ X-rays of chest and lungs
- _____ Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- _____ MRI of the Chest
- _____ Ultrasound Study of chest
- _____ Culture and Sensitivity of Sputum
- _____ PPD test for TB

Lab Test Results:

• Lab Test	• Normal	• Results
• Chest X-Ray	• Lungs clear • Immediate results	• Positive for cavities in left lung
• PPD	• Results in 3 days • No reaction	• Positive reaction • Redness at test site
• Culture & Sensitivity of Sputum	• Light diverse bacterial growth	• Acid-Fast Bacilli smear and culture positive for (TB) Mycobacterium tuberculosis

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Lab Test Summary: Record positive lab test findings from your lab tests:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

How do we know the lung cavities seen on the chest x-ray are in the left lung?

Why was it important to take a Chest x-ray instead of waiting for the PPD test or the sputum culture?

Diagnosis. (Hint: It is listed on the DDX list)

Treatment Recommendations (Select type of treatment(s) you would recommend)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- _____

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Check the appropriate box to indicate how Tuberculosis spreads from one person to another (more than one method of spreading may exist):

TB Method of spreading	yes	no
• Breathing TB droplets in the air		
• Skin to skin contact with another person		
• Touching contaminated door handle		
• Sharing a glass		
• Contact with contaminated blood		
• Kissing a TB infected person		
• Contact with bedding or toilet seat		
• Cannot be spread to others		

Why do you think antibiotics have worked in the past to cure tuberculosis, but more recently may not work so well?

Reflections:

1. What was your patient's chief complaint? _____

2. Would you consider Manjula's complaint to be:
(circle) Acute Subacute or Chronic

Why?

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3. How would you classify Manjula's condition (circle your answer)?
Possible Emergency or Probably Non-Emergency

4. Why is Manjula's condition an emergency or non-emergency?

a. _____

5. Which DDx possibilities did you **rule out** right away?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

6. Is Tuberculosis caused by an injury or illness? (Circle your answer)

7. Is Tuberculosis preventable? How or why not?

8. Why is it important to diagnose and treat patients suspected of having Tuberculosis?

