

allergy is suspected. This would be either curative, or have no ill-effect, in the majority of instances. Failure to improve or defervesce within the next 48 hours would indicate the need to a thorough reevaluation of clinical findings and initial laboratory investigation results and a need to change antibiotic.

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**Different Clinical Expression of Murine Typhus and Scrub Typhus**

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The clinical epidemiology of scrub and murine typhus in Laos will be reviewed. Both diseases are common causes of uncomplicated fevers but also present with more severe disease - jaundice, dyspnoea and impaired consciousness. Patients with murine typhus had a lower frequency of peripheral lymphadenopathy than those with scrub typhus. Data on the differential distribution of IgG antibodies against these diseases, amongst Lao people, will also be presented.

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