

FEVER IN THE RETURNING TRAVELLER

Supporting information

This guideline has been prepared with reference to the following:

Lalloo DG, Shingadia D, Bell DJ et al. UK malaria treatment guidelines 2016. J Infect. 2016;72:635-49

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7132403/>

Johnston V, Stockley JM, Dockrell D, et al. Fever in returned travellers presenting in the United Kingdom: recommendations for investigation and initial management. J Infection 2009;59:1-18

There is a high likelihood that travellers returning from Africa with a fever will have malaria?

In a study of 2867 returning travellers with fever (Nic Fhogartaigh, 2008), 337 (11.8%) were diagnosed with malaria. Of these, 89.5% were returning from sub-Saharan Africa.

Nic Fhogartaigh C, Hughes H, Armstrong M, et al. Falciparum malaria as a cause of fever in adult travellers returning to the United Kingdom: observational study of risk by geographical area. QJM 2008;101:649-56

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