



Editorial

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In the current issue, Prof. Gary Wong and Prof. Allan Becker, representing the Asia Pediatric MetaForum, presented a summary of the discussion on management of paediatric asthma. The paper briefly outlined the management of childhood asthma and reiterated a numbers of management goals. It is important for medical practitioners to regularly look for achievement of these various goals in their daily clinical practice.

Dr. HS Wan and Dr. SC Sit reported 3 children with retropharyngeal abscess. These cases highlighted

the importance of clinical training that would allow the clinicians, in one hand, not to prescribe antibiotics to all patients with fever and upper respiratory symptoms and, in the other hand, to prescribe when it is required to prevent retropharyngeal abscess. Obviously, one could be wrong in not prescribing antibiotics in the first encounter even with the best training and adequate sleep. The well-trained clinician should than be able to diagnose retropharyngeal abscess and offer appropriate management as in the cases reported.