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Pyrexia of Unknown Origin in Adults

Pyrexia of unknown origin (PUO) is a common diagnostic challenge encountered by general practitioners.

PUO is defined as a fever lasting for more than three weeks, and underlying cause remains unidentified despite a thorough diagnostic evaluation.

The differential diagnosis for PUO is broad. A detailed history and physical examination are essential, combined with laboratory, imaging studies and other test depending on initial findings.

The successful management of PUO depends on a systematic and thorough approach to diagnosis, and collaboration between the general practitioner and other healthcare professionals.