

There are several reasons why a childhood illness might change and become more significant

**Simple childhood illnesses can cause their own problems
e.g. Dehydration in viral gastroenteritis**

**Secondary infection is uncommon but dangerous
e.g. Sepsis, meningitis or LRTI following URTI**

Some diseases run a benign course most of the time but can also have a more malignant course e.g. HSP

The diagnosis might be wrong – some things are not obvious early in the course of the illness e.g. Kawasaki's