Intussusception: A disease with usually delayed presentation

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Sir,

The problem of delayed presentation in case with intussusceptions was well presented in the recent report by Ekenze and Mgbor.[1] In this report,[1] 85.4% of the cases lately presented to the physician after 24 hours of onset. Here, the authors would like to share the experience on the same topic from Thailand, a country in Southeast Asia. A summarisation review on the published data on 273 intussusceptions in Thai paediatric patients from 5 main reports[2-6] was performed. Based on the data from cases in published papers, no cases presented to the physician within the first 24 hours of illness (average period = 2.4 $\pm$ 1.2 days). It can be seen that the problem of delayed presentation can also be seen in Thailand as well. In any country with the problem of resource limiting, the delayed presentation of paediatric intussusceptions as well as other paediatric surgical emergencies can be expected and this can be a cause of the remained high morbidity and mortality at presented.

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