

# Fever

An increase in body temperature above the normal range of 36–37°C

## Fever is not a disease

It is a symptom of a disease affecting the body

### Causes of fever

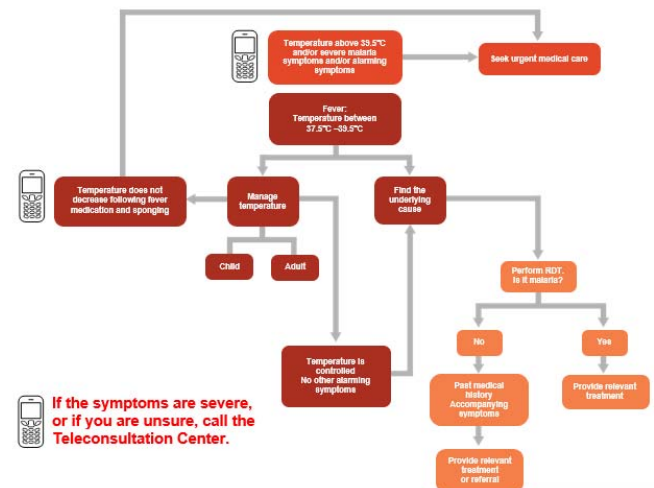
Most common cause of fever is infection by viruses (e.g. hepatitis), bacteria (e.g. pneumonia, sore throat) or parasites (e.g. malaria).

Fever has many other causes: side effects of drugs, vaccination, cancer and autoimmune diseases.

To correctly diagnose and treat fever, it is essential to consider the overall history and other symptoms along with high temperature.

### Treatment to control fever

If the symptoms are severe, or if you are unsure, call the Teleconsultation Center.



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## Overall symptoms can help diagnose the cause of fever

Fever can be diagnosed using a thermometer. Accompanying symptoms can then help the diagnosis, as they can indicate which part of the body may be affected or infected.



A recurrent fever may indicate malaria



Pain in the throat or ear may indicate infection



Diarrhea may indicate stomach infection



Persistent cough may indicate lung infection

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