

SPEAKER: Similarly, pain in the hands and feet is a common complaint, particularly in childhood and is therefore difficult to look at as an initial presenting symptom. If you just ask, do you have pain in your hands and feet, that's a fairly common thing to report.

So there's been a couple of studies looking at whether or not pain could be used as a trigger for testing for Fabry Disease. And what they found is that the yield was quite low if you use that as the only question.

On the other hand, as with the GI pain or the GI symptoms, if you ask about-- or if a patient presents with pain in their extremities and you ask other questions-- for example, if you ask about recurrent abdominal pain and particularly recurrent diarrhea and that is seen with burning pain in the hands and feet, that's more likely to be Fabry Disease. Asking about family history of early onset heart disease or early onset kidney disease is also a way that you can say, gee, I should think of Fabry Disease. But those nonspecific findings are much more difficult to use as keys.