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There is danger of confusing a beginning pneumonia with appendicitis, especially in children, because the lower intercostal nerves have branches running down to the skin and muscles of the abdomen, so that irritation within the chest is felt in the terminal filaments of these nerves in the region of the McBurney's point, giving rise to pain, tenderness and rigidity in that region. In pneumonia the fever is higher in the beginning, with increased respiration and a higher leucocyte count. The main point is always to make a careful examination of the chest before diagnosing appendicitis in children.—Hedges.

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