

# Grand Rounds

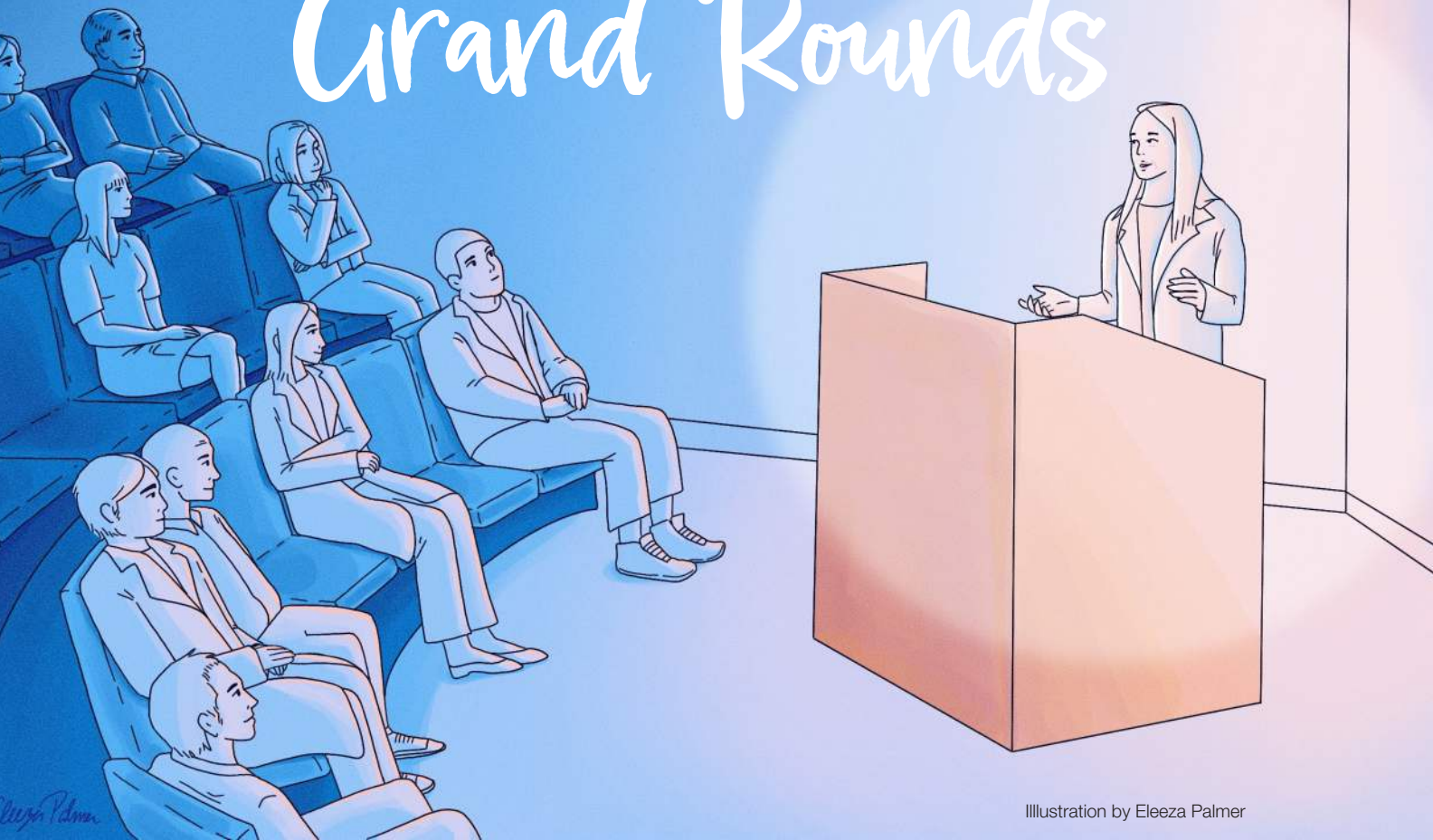


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The congregation has gathered.  
This week's liturgy is on fever,  
And ways it may present.  
An elder welcomes all,  
Then introduces one  
Who's not spoken here before.  
Her hands grasp the lectern. (Did she slightly gasp?)  
She tells the story of a febrile child,  
Cites from texts we all should know.  
Following custom, she praises those  
Who've done the work that has come before,  
Shows she is versed in her science and its art,

And in the sermon she provides  
Her insight on the strangeness of this case—  
Despite some grey-haired grumbling  
About a better way  
To vet the cryptic clues.  
In closing, she affirms  
What, later, we all claimed  
To know when we walked in:  
What, but too much IgD,  
Could induce this fever and its suffering?

—Russell J. Merritt, MD, PhD