

## 01 START THIS CHART IF THE CHILD LOOKS UNWELL, IF PARENT IS CONCERNED OR PHYSIOLOGY IS ABNORMAL e.g. PEWS

### RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

- Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)
- Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin
- Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure

## 02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

### LIKELY SOURCE:

- Respiratory
- Urine
- Skin / joint / wound
- Indwelling device
- Brain
- Surgical
- Other

NO

**SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS**

## 03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

- Mental state or behaviour is acutely altered
- Doesn't wake when roused / won't stay awake
- Looks very unwell to healthcare professional
- SpO<sub>2</sub> < 90% on air or increased O<sub>2</sub> requirements
- Severe tachypnoea (see chart)
- Severe tachycardia (see chart)
- Bradycardia (<60 bpm)
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic

YES

**RED FLAG SEPSIS**  
**START GP BUNDLE**

## 04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

### IF IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Not behaving normally
- Reduced activity / very sleepy
- Parental or carer concern
- Moderate tachypnoea (see chart)
- Moderate tachycardia (see chart)
- SpO<sub>2</sub> < 92% or increased O<sub>2</sub> requirement
- Nasal flaring
- Capillary refill time ≥ 3 seconds
- Reduced urine output (<1 ml/kg/h if catheterised)
- Leg pain / cold extremities
- Temperature <36°C

YES

USE CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER PATIENT CAN BE MANAGED IN COMMUNITY SETTING. IF TREATING IN THE COMMUNITY CONSIDER:

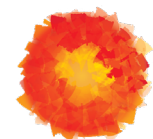
- PLANNED SECOND ASSESSMENT +/- BLOODS
- SPECIFIC SAFETY NETTING ADVICE

**NO AMBER FLAGS: ROUTINE CARE AND GIVE SAFETY-NETTING ADVICE:**

**GP RED FLAG BUNDLE:  
DIAL 999 AND ARRANGE BLUE LIGHT TRANSFER  
IF TRANSIT TIME → 1H GIVE IV ANTIBIOTICS**

**COMMUNICATION:** Ensure communication of 'Red Flag Sepsis' to crew. Advise crew to pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'. Where possible a written handover is recommended including observations and antibiotic allergies.

Age (years)	Tachypnoea (breaths per minute)		Tachycardia (beats per minute)	
	Severe	Moderate	Severe	Moderate
<1	≥60	50-59	≥160	150-159
1-2	≥50	40-49	≥150	140-149
3-4	≥40	35-39	≥140	130-139



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