

01 ARE THERE CLUES THAT THE PATIENT MAY BE SERIOUSLY ILL?

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

- Age > 75
 Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure
 Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)
 Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin

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?

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
 Unable to stand / collapsed
 Unable to catch breath / barely able to speak
 Very fast breathing
 Skin that is very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
 Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
 Recent chemotherapy
 Not passed urine in previous 18 hours

YES

RED FLAG SEPSIS START BUNDLE

04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

IF UNDER 17 & IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Behavioural change / reduced activity
 Immunosuppressed
 Trauma / surgery / procedure in last 8 weeks
 Breathing harder work than normal
 Reduced urine output
 Temperature <36°C
 Signs of wound infection
 Not passed urine in previous 12-18 hours

YES

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

- ARRANGE URGENT FACE-TO-FACE ASSESSMENT USING CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT

NO AMBER FLAGS: ROUTINE CARE AND GIVES SAFETY NETTING ADVICE

CALL 111 IF CONDITION CHANGES OR DETERIORATES. SIGNPOST TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES AS APPROPRIATE

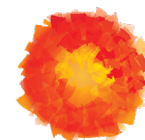
999 IF ANY OF:

Slurred speech or confusion
Extreme shivering or muscle pain
Passing no urine (in a day)
Severe breathlessness
'I feel I might die'
Skin mottled, ashen, blue or very pale

TELEPHONE TRIAGE BUNDLE:

THIS IS TIME-CRITICAL - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED: DIAL 999 AND ARRANGE BLUE LIGHT TRANSFER

COMMUNICATION: Ensure communication of 'Red Flag Sepsis' to crew. Advise crew to pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'.



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