

01 START IF CHILD SOUNDS VERY UNWELL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ARE REPORTED:

- Abnormal temperature
- Appears to be breathing more quickly or slowly than normal
- Altered mental state – include sleepy, irritable, drowsy or floppy
- Abnormally pale / bluish skin or abnormally cold hands or feet
- Reduced wet nappies or reduced urine output

NO
SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

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

02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

YES

LIKELY SOURCE:

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

NO
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03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

YES

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- Doesn't wake when roused / won't stay awake
- Not doing / interested in anything at all
- Unable to catch breath / difficult to speak
- Very fast breathing / 'pauses' in breathing
- Skin that's very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
- Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
- Temperature <36°C (check 3 times in 10 min)

YES

**RED FLAG
SEPSIS
START BUNDLE**

04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

NO

IF IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Behaving abnormally / not wanting to play
- Parental concern
- Having to work hard to breathe
- Reduced urine output
- Leg pain
- Cold feet or hands

YES

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

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

NO AMBER FLAGS: GIVE SAFETY-NETTING ADVICE:

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

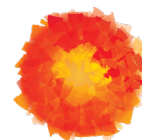
**CALL
999 IF
ANY
OF:**

**Is breathing very fast
Has a 'fit' or convulsion
Looks mottled, bluish or pale
Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
Feels abnormally cold to touch**

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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