SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL TELEPHONE TRIAGE

PREGNANT OR UP TO 4 WEEKS POST-PREGNANCY

ARE THERE CLUES THAT THE PATIENT IS SERIOUSLY UNWELL?

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure
 Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)

Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin

O 2 COULD THIS BE UP DUE TO AN INFECTION?

LIKELY SOURCE:

Respiratory
 Breast abscess

Urine
 Abdominal pain / distension

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NO

Infected caesarean / perineal wound Chorioamnionitis / endometritis



03 ANY **RED** FLAG PRESENT?

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

O 4 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

Behavioural / mental status change
 Acute deterioration in functional ability
 Patient reports breathing is harder work
 Has had invasive procedure in last 6 weeks

 (e.g. CS, forceps delivery, ERPC, cerclage, CVs, miscarriage, termination)

- Temperature < 36°C
- Has diabetes or gestational diabetes
- Close contact with GAS
- Prolonged rupture of membranes
- Bleeding / wound infection
 Offensive vaginal discharge

RED FLAG SEPSIS START BUNDLE

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 CONSIDER OBSTETRIC ASSESSMENT

YES

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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