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GP/ OOH Telephone Triage Sepsis Tool



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To be applied to all children **under 5 years** with fever (or recent fever) symptoms
NB there is no systems substitute for clinical experience & acumen, but Red Flag Sepsis will help with early identification of children with systemic response to infection

1. Are any of the following reported?

Tick

N
N

Give safety netting advice: call 999 if child deteriorates rapidly, or call 111/ arrange to see GP if condition fails to improve or gradually worsens. Signpost parent to available resources as appropriate.

↓ Y

2. Is the history suggestive of infection?

Tick

N
N

4. Is any **ONE** Amber Flag present?

Tick

Not responding to social cues, not smiling
Parents very worried
Wakes only with prolonged stimulation
Significantly decreased activity
Having to work hard to breathe
Poor feeding in infants
Reduced urine output
Leg pain
Cold feet or hands

If immunity also impaired treat as Red Flag Sepsis

Y

3. Is **ONE** Red Flag present?

Tick

N
N

No response to social cues
Doesn't wake if roused or won't stay awake
Weak, high pitched or continuous cry
Grunting or bleating noises with every breath
Finding it much harder to breathe than normal
Very fast breathing/ obvious 'pauses' in breathing
Skin that's very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
No wet nappies/ not passed urine in last 18 h
Temperature < 36°C (check 3 times in 10 min)
If under 3 months, temperature ≥ 38°C

↓ Y

Red Flag Sepsis!

This is time-critical, immediate action is required!

Immediate actions:

Review immediately and/or dial 999, arrange blue light transfer

Communication:

Fax a brief, clear handover (including observations and antibiotic allergies where present) to receiving Emergency Department

Ensure Paramedics pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'