1. In the context of presumed infection, are any of the following true:

- Patient looks very unwell
- Parent or carer is very concerned
- There is ongoing deterioration
- Physiology is abnormal for this patient

Tick

Low risk of sepsis. Consider other diagnoses.
Use clinical judgment and/or standard protocols.

Tick

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.

2. Is ONE Red Flag present?

Objective change in behaviour or mental state
Doesn’t wake if roused or won’t stay awake
Looks very ill
SpO₂ < 90% on air
Severe tachypnoea (see chart)
Severe tachycardia (see chart)
Bradydardia (< 60 per minute)
Not passed urine in last 18 h
Mottled, ashen or blue skin, lips or tongue
Temperature < 36°C

Tick

Sepsis likely

Use clinical judgment to determine whether child can be managed in community setting. If treating in the community, consider:
- planned second assessment +/- blood results
- brief written handover to colleagues
- specific safety netting advice

If immunity impaired refer for urgent hospital assessment

3. Any Amber Flag criteria?

- Parent or clinician remains very concerned
- Behaving abnormally/not wanting to play
- Significantly decreased activity/parental concern
- SpO₂ < 92% on air
- Moderate tachypnoea (see chart)
- Moderate tachycardia (see chart)
- Cap refill time ≥ 3 seconds
- Reduced urine output
- Leg pain
- Cold feet or hands

Tick

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. 

Red Flag Sepsis!

Dial 999, arrange blue light transfer
Administer oxygen to maintain saturations >94%
Write a brief clear handover
Ensure crew pre-alert as ‘Red Flag Sepsis’

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