### Sepsis Screening Tool Palliative Care

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#### 01 Start This Chart If the Patient Looks (or is Behaving) Very Much Worse than Normal, If Their Observations Have Deteriorated or If Relatives Are Very Concerned

**Risk Factors for Sepsis Include:**

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

#### 02 Could This Be Due to an Infection?

**Likely Source:**

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

#### 03 Any Red Flag Present?

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- Systolic BP ≤ 90 mmHg (or drop of >40 from normal)
- Heart rate ≥ 130 per minute
- Respiratory rate ≥ 25 per minute
- Needs \( \text{O}_2 \) to keep \( \text{SpO}_2 \) ≥ 92%
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
- Recent chemotherapy
- Not passed urine in 18 hours

#### 04 Any Amber Flag Present?

- Are you, or is a relative or carer, still worried about this patient?

#### Red Flag Sepsis

**Start Community Bundle**

#### Further Review Required:

- Send bloods and review results
- Ensure senior clinical review within 1HR

**Time of Review:** [ ] [ ]

**Escalation Required:** [ ] Yes [ ] No

**If Yes Time Arranged:** [ ] [ ]

#### Red Flag Community Bundle:

1. If appropriate dial 999 or seek immediate senior review
2. If available administer oxygen to maintain saturations >94% (88-92% in patients with COPD)
3. Cannulate if skills & competencies allow; consider blood cultures if available
4. Consider IV antibiotics (follow local protocol)
5. Consider IV fluids (500ml bolus of 0.9% saline)

#### No Amber Flags = Routine Care / Consider Other Diagnosis