

**01 START CHART IF 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

**RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:**

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

**NO**  
SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

**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

YES

**RED FLAG  
SEPSIS  
START GP 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
- Temperature <36°C (check 3 times in 10 min)
- 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**

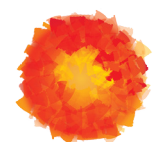
**CALL 999 IF ANY OF:**

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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