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 O₂ to keep SpO₂ ≥ 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?

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**NO AMBER FLAGS = ROUTINE CARE / CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS**

**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)

**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:**

- Yes
- No