# SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL TELEPHONE TRIAGE

## AGE 12+

### 01 ARE THERE CLUES THAT THE PATIENT MAY BE SERIOUSLY ILL?

**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

**SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS**

### 03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

- [ ] Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- [ ] Unable to stand / collapsed
- [ ] Unable to catch breath / barely able to speak
- [ ] Very fast breathing
- [ ] Skin that is very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
- [ ] Rash that doesn’t fade when pressed firmly
- [ ] Recent chemotherapy

**RED FLAG SEPSIS START BUNDLE**

### 04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

**IF UNDER 17 & IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS**

- [ ] Behavioural change / reduced activity
- [ ] Immunosuppressed
- [ ] Trauma / surgery / procedure in last 8 weeks
- [ ] Breathing harder work than normal
- [ ] Reduced urine output
- [ ] Temperature <36°C
- [ ] Signs of wound infection

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:**

- ARRANGE URGENT FACE-TO-FACE ASSESSMENT USING CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT

**NO AMBER FLAGS: ROUTINE CARE AND GIVE SAFETY NETTING ADVICE:**

CALL 111 IF CONDITION CHANGES OR DETERIORATES.

SIGNPOST TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES AS APPROPRIATE

**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’.