# SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL TELEPHONE TRIAGE

## AGE 5-11

### 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

**SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS**

### 02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

**LIKELY SOURCE:**

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

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### 03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

- 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
- Temperature <36°C (check 3 times in 10 min)

**SEPSIS unlikely, consider other diagnosis**

### 04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

**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
- Cold feet or hands

**SEPSIS unlikely, consider other diagnosis**

### NO AMBER FLAGS: GIVE SAFETY-NETTING ADVICE:

**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

**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’

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