**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

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

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

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

**LIKELY SOURCE:**

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

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)

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

**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’