### 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
- Brain
- Surgical
- Other

**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
- Not passed urine in previous 18 hours

**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
- Not passed urine in previous 12-18 hours

**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’.

**CALL 999 IF ANY OF:**
- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- ‘I feel I might die’
- Skin mottled, ashen, blue or very pale

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