

01 START THIS CHART IF THE PATIENT LOOKS UNWELL

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

- Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin
 Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)

02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

YES
LIKELY SOURCE:

- Respiratory Urine Infected caesarean / perineal wound
 Breast abscess Abdominal pain / distension Chorioamnionitis / endometritis

NO
**SEPSIS UNLIKELY,
CONSIDER
OTHER
DIAGNOSIS**

03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

YES

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
 Systolic BP \leq 90 mmHg (or drop of $>$ 40 from normal)
 Heart rate \geq 130 per minute
 Respiratory rate \geq 25 per minute
 Needs O₂ to keep SpO₂ \geq 92% (88% in COPD)
 Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
 Not passed urine in 18 hours ($<$ 0.5ml/kg/hr if catheterised)

YES

RED FLAG SEPSIS START BUNDLE

04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

NO

- Behavioral / mental status change
 Acute deterioration in functional ability
 Respiratory rate 21-24
 Heart rate 100-129 or new dysrhythmia
 Systolic BP 91-100 mmHg
 Has had invasive procedure in last 6 weeks (e.g. CS, forceps delivery, ERPC, cerclage, CVs, miscarriage, termination)
 Temperature $<$ 36°C
 Has diabetes or gestational diabetes
 Close contact with GAS
 Prolonged rupture of membranes
 Bleeding / wound infection
 Offensive vaginal discharge
 Non-reassuring CTG / fetal tachycardia $>$ 160

YES

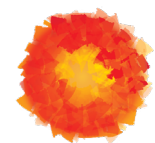
1 SAME DAY ASSESSMENT BY GP/ TEAM LEADER

2 IS URGENT REFERRAL TO HOSPITAL REQUIRED?

3 AGREE AND DOCUMENT ONGOING MANAGEMENT PLAN (INCLUDING OBSERVATION FREQUENCY AND PLANNED SECOND REVIEW)

NO AMBER FLAGS = ROUTINE CARE / CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

COMMUNITY MIDWIFE RED FLAG 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'. Where possible a written handover is recommended including observations and antibiotic allergies.

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