

01 START THIS CHART IF NEWS2 HAS TRIGGERED / YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR PATIENT AND THEY'RE LIKELY TO HAVE AN INFECTION

ADDITIONAL FACTORS PROMPTING SCREENING FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

- Carer or relative concern
- Recent chemotherapy/ known to be neutropenic
- Evidence of organ dysfunction (e.g. lactate >2mmol/l)

YES

CALCULATE NEWS2 SCORE USING LATEST VITAL SIGNS

02 IS NEWS2 7 OR ABOVE? OR IS NEWS2 5 OR 6 AND ONE OF:

- Chemotherapy in last 6 weeks
- Other organ failure evident (e.g. AKI)
- Patient looks extremely unwell
- Patient is actively deteriorating

03 IS NEWS2 5 OR 6? OR IS NEWS2 1-4 AND ONE OF:

- Chemotherapy in last 6 weeks
- Other organ failure evident (e.g. AKI)
- Patient looks extremely unwell
- Patient is actively deteriorating

NO

YES

RED FLAG SEPSIS
START GP BUNDLE

YES

USE CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER PATIENT CAN BE MANAGED IN COMMUNITY SETTING.

IF TREATING IN THE COMMUNITY CONSIDER PLANNED SECOND ASSESSMENT AND BLOODS.

IF REFERRING FOR HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT COMMUNICATE POTENTIAL RISK OF SEPSIS.

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

CALL 111 IF CONDITION CHANGES OR DETERIORATES. SIGNPOST TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES AS APPROPRIATE

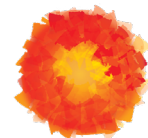
CALL 999 IF ANY OF:

- 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**

GP 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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