

# 01 START IF THE CHILD IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN INFECTION, AND EITHER YOU'RE WORRIED CLINICALLY OR PEWS HAS TRIGGERED

ADDITIONAL FACTORS PROMPTING SCREENING FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent or carer concern              | <input type="checkbox"/> Age less than one year                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Known (or risk of) immunosuppression | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent surgery/ trauma or indwelling lines |

## YES CALCULATE PEWS SCORE USING LATEST VITAL SIGNS

### 02 IS PEWS 9 OR ABOVE?

OR DOES THE CHILD LOOK EXTREMELY UNWELL TO A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL?

NO

### 03 IS PEWS BETWEEN 5 AND 8?

OR IS THERE PERSISTING SIGNIFICANT PARENTAL CONCERN?

YES

**RED FLAG SEPSIS**  
START GP BUNDLE

YES

### SEPSIS POSSIBLE

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

IF TREATING IN THE COMMUNITY PLAN SECOND ASSESSMENT, SEND BLOODS AND PROVIDE WRITTEN SAFETY-NETTING ADVICE.

IF REFERRING FOR HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT COMMUNICATE POTENTIAL RISK OF SEPSIS.

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

### 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.