SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL COMMUNITY MIDWIVES

PREGNANT

START THIS CHART IF THE **PATIENT LOOKS UNWELL**

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

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

☐ Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin

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

LIKELY SOURCE:

Respiratory
Breast abscess

Urine	

☐ Abdominal pain / distension

Infected caesarean / perineal wound ☐ Chorioamnionitis / endometritis

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, **CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS**

ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state Systolic BP \leq 90 mmHg (or drop of >40 from normal)
- Heart rate ≥ 130 per minute
- Respiratory rate ≥ 25 per minute
- Needs O_2 to keep $SpO_2 \ge 92\%$ (88% in COPD)
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
- Not passed urine in 18 hours (<0.5ml/kg/hr if catheterised)

RED FLAG

START BUNDLE

ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

- 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

- SAME DAY ASSESSMENT **BY GP/ TEAM LEADER**
- **IS URGENT REFERRAL TO HOSPITAL REQUIRED?**

NO

AGREE AND DOCUMENT ONGOING MANAGEMENT PLAN (INCLUDING OBSERVATION FREQUENCY AND PLANNED **SECOND REVIEW 1**

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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