SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL ACUTE ASSESSMENT - CHILD AGE <16

PATIENT DETAILS:

YES

TIME:

NAME:

DATE:

DESIGNATION:

SIGNATURE:

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:

Parent or carer concern Known (or risk of) immunosuppression Age less than one year

Recent surgery/ trauma or indwelling lines

CALCULATE PEWS SCORE USING LATEST VITAL SIGNS & MEASURE LACTATE USING VBG/ CAP



OR IS PEWS BETWEEN 5 AND 8 AND LACTATE \rightarrow 4 MMOL/L

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

RED FLAG SEPSIS

START PAEDIATRIC SEPSIS SIX



OR IS THERE PERSISTING SIGNIFICANT PARENTAL CONCERN?

IF LACTATE \rightarrow 4 MMOL/L ESCALATE TO RED FLAG SEPSIS

SEND FULL SET OF BLOODS

ENSURE SENIOR CLINICAL REVIEW (ST4+) WITHIN 30 MINUTES

IF ANTIMICROBIALS ARE NEEDED, THESE SHOULD BE GIVEN AND A PLAN MADE FOR ESCALATION & SOURCE CONTROL WITHIN 3 HOURS

I have prescribed antimicrobials

This patient does not require antimicrobials as:

- I don't think this child has an infection
- This child is already on appropriate antimicrobials

- Other_

NAME: DATE: GRADE: TIME:

SIGNATURE:

NO AMBER CRITERIA = ROUTINE CARE / CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS



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COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS WITHIN ONE HOUR

ENSURE SENIOR CLINICIAN ATTENDS

NOT ALL PATIENTS WITH RED FLAGS WILL NEED THE 'SEPSIS 6' URGENTLY. A SENIOR DECISION MAKER MAY SEEK ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSES/ DE-ESCALATE CARE. RECORD DECISIONS BELOW



TIME

OXYGEN IF REQUIRED

START IF 02 SATURATIONS LESS THAN 92% OR THERE IS EVIDENCE OF SHOCK

OBTAIN IV/IO ACCESS, TAKE BLOODS

BLOOD CULTURES (FULLY FILL AEROBIC BOTTLE FIRST!), BLOOD GLUCOSE, LACTATE, FBC, **U&E'S. CRP AND CLOTTING LUMBAR PUNCTURE IF INDICATED**

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GIVE IV ANTIBIOTICS, THINK SOURCE CONTROL

MAXIMUM DOSE BROAD SPECTRUM THERAPY **CONSIDER: LOCAL POLICY / ALLERGY STATUS / ANTIVIRALS EVALUATE NEED FOR IMAGING/ SPECIALIST REVIEW** IF SOURCE AMENABLE TO DRAINAGE ENSURE ACHIEVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT ALWAYS WITHIN 12H

GIVE IV FLUIDS

IF LACTATE 2-4 mmol/L GIVE FLUID BOLUS 20 ml/kg WITHOUT DELAY IF LACTATE >4 mmol/L CALL PICU. (10ml/kg neonates. REPEAT IF REQUIRED)

CONSIDER INOTROPIC SUPPORT

CONSIDER INOTROPIC SUPPORT IF NORMAL PHYSIOLOGY IS NOT RESTORED AFTER ≥20 mL/kg FLUID (10 mL/kg IN NEONATES). AND CALL PICU OR A REGIONAL CENTRE URGENTLY

RED FLAGS AFTER ONE HOUR – ESCALATE TO CONSULTANT NOW

RECORD ADDITIONAL NOTES HERE:

e.g. allergy status, arrival of specialist teams, de-escalation of care, delayed antimicrobial decision making, variance from Sepsis Six



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