

01 START THIS CHART IF THE PATIENT LOOKS UNWELL OR PHYSIOLOGY IS ABNORMAL**RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:**

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

02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?**LIKELY SOURCE:**

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

NO

**SEPSIS
UNLIKELY,
CONSIDER
OTHER
DIAGNOSIS****03 ANY RED FLAGS 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
- ☐ New need for O₂ (40% or more) to keep SpO₂ $> 92\%$ ($> 88\%$ COPD)
- ☐ Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
- ☐ Not passed urine in 18 hours (<0.5 ml/kg/hr if catheterised)
- ☐ Recent chemo/risk of neutropenia

YES

**RED FLAG
SEPSIS
START BUNDLE****04 ANY AMBER FLAGS PRESENT?**

- ☐ Acute deterioration in functional ability
- ☐ Family report mental status change
- ☐ Respiratory rate 21-24
- ☐ Heart rate 100-130 or new dysrhythmia
- ☐ Systolic BP 91-100 mmHg
- ☐ Trauma, surgery or invasive procedures in the last 6 weeks
- ☐ Temperature $< 36^{\circ}\text{C}$
- ☐ Has diabetes or impaired immunity
- ☐ Close contact with GAS
- ☐ Prolonged rupture of membranes
- ☐ Offensive vaginal discharge
- ☐ Not passed urine in 12-18 h (0.5 ml/kg/hr to 1 ml/kg/hr if catheterised)
- ☐ Wound infection
- ☐ Non-reassuring CTG/fetal tachycardia

YES

**USE CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER PATIENT CAN BE MANAGED IN
COMMUNITY SETTING. IF TREATING IN
THE COMMUNITY CONSIDER:**

- PLANNED SECOND ASSESSMENT +/- BLOODS
- FOLLOW UP WITH GP
- SPECIFIC SAFETY NETTING ADVICE

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

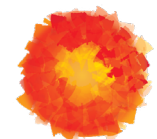
CALL 111 IF CONDITION CHANGES OR DETERIORATES.
SIGNPOST TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES AS APPROPRIATE

**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

RED FLAG BUNDLE:
DIAL 999 AND ARRANGE BLUE LIGHT TRANSFER
IF PRESCRIBER AVAILABLE & TRANSIT TIME
 >1 HR GIVE IV ANTIBIOTICS

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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