

# 01 ARE THERE CLUES THAT THIS YOUNG PERSON MAY BE SERIOUSLY ILL?

## 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     Skin / joint / wound     Indwelling device
- Brain     Surgical     Other

NO

**SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS**

# 03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- Unable to stand / collapsed
- Unable to catch breath / barely able to speak
- Very fast breathing
- Skin that is very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
- Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
- Immunity impaired by drugs or illness
- Not passed urine in previous 18 hours

YES

**RED FLAG SEPSIS START BUNDLE**

# 04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

## IF IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Behavioural change / reduced activity  
Trauma, surgery or invasive procedures in the last 6 weeks
- Breathing harder work than normal
- Temperature <36°C
- Signs of wound infection
- Not passed urine in previous 12-18 hours

YES

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

**- ARRANGE URGENT FACE-TO-FACE ASSESSMENT USING CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

**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**

## TELEPHONE TRIAGE 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'.