

01 ARE THERE CLUES THAT THE PATIENT IS SERIOUSLY UNWELL?**RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:**

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

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 FLAG PRESENT?**

- ☐ Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- ☐ Unable to catch breath, barely able to speak
- ☐ Very fast breathing and struggling for breath
- ☐ Unable to stand / collapsed
- ☐ Skin that's very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
- ☐ Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
- ☐ Not passed urine in last 18 hours
- ☐ Recent chemo/risk of neutropenia

YES

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

- ☐ Behavioural / mental status change
- ☐ Acute deterioration in functional ability
- ☐ Patient reports breathing is harder work
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Immunity impaired by drugs or illness
- ☐ Non-reassuring CTG/fetal tachycardia

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 GIVES SAFETY NETTING ADVICE**

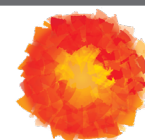
CALL 111 IF CONDITION CHANGES OR DETERIORATES.
SIGNPOST TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES AS APPROPRIATE

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

NO AMBER FLAGS: GIVE SAFETY NETTING ADVICE CONSIDER OBSTETRIC ASSESSMENT**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'.



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