

01 ARE THERE CLUES THAT THE PATIENT MAY BE SERIOUSLY ILL?

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

- Age > 75
- 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
- Brain
- Urine
- Surgical
- Skin / joint / wound
- Other
- Indwelling device

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
- Recent chemotherapy
- Not passed urine in previous 18 hours

YES

RED FLAG SEPSIS START BUNDLE

04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

IF UNDER 17 & IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Behavioural change / reduced activity
- Immunosuppressed
- Trauma / surgery / procedure in last 8 weeks
- Breathing harder work than normal
- Reduced urine output
- 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 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

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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