SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL PREHOSPITAL

PREGNANT

START THIS CHART IF THE **PATIENT LOOKS UNWELL**

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure	
Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)	

٦	Indwelling lines	/ IVDU	/ broken skin
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COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

LIKELY SOURCE:

Respiratory		
Breast abscess		

Urine

Abdominal pain / distension

Infected caesarean / perineal wound Chorioamnionitis / endometritis

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, NO CONSIDER OTHER **DIAGNOSIS**

ANY RED FLAG 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

Needs O_2 to keep $SpO_2 \ge 92\%$ (88% in COPD)

Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic

Lactate ≥ 2 mmol/l*

Not passed urine in 18 hours (<0.5ml/kg/hr if catheterised) *lactate may be raised in & immediately after normal delivery



RED FLAG

START PH BUNDLE

ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

IF IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

Behavioural / mental status change Acute deterioration in functional ability

Respiratory rate 21-24

Heart rate 100-129 or new dysrhythmia

Systolic BP 91-100 mmHg

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

Non-reassuring CTG/ fetal tachycardia >160

NO

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

- TRANSFER TO DESIGNATED **DESTINATION**
- COMMUNICATE POTENTIAL OF SEPSIS AT HANDOVER

NO AMBER FLAGS OR UNLIKELY SEPSIS: ROUTINE CARE - CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS - SAFETY-NET & SIGNPOST AS PER LOCAL GUIDANCE

PREHOSPITAL SEPSIS BUNDLE*:

RESUSCITATION:

Oxygen to maintain saturations of >94% (88% in COPD) Measure lactate if available

250ml boluses of Sodium Chloride: max 250mls if normotensive, max 2000ml if

hypotensive. *NICE RECOMMENDS USING LACTATE TO GUIDE FURTHER FLUID THERAPY **COMMUNICATION:**

Pre-alert receiving hospital. Divert to ED (or other agreed destination) Handover presence of Red Flag Sepsis

*NICE recommends rapid transfer to hospital is the priority rather than a prehospital bundle



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1 START THIS CHART IF THE PATIENT LOOKS UNWELL OR NEWS2 IS 5 OR ABOVE

RISK FACTORS	FOR SE	EPSIS IN	ICLUDE:
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☐ Age > 75	Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure
Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)	☐ Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin

02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

LIKELY SOURCE:

Respiratory
Brain

Urine
Surgical

Skin / joint / wound
Other

YES

NO

☐ Indwelling device

NO

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

O 3 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
Systolic BP ≤ 90 mmHg (or drop of >40 from normal
Heart rate > 130 per minute

- Respiratory rate ≥ 25 per minute
 - Needs O₂ to keep SpO₂ ≥ 92% (88% in COPD)
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
- Lactate ≥ 2 mmol/l
 Recent chemotherapy
- Not passed urine in 18 hours (<0.5ml/kg/hr if catheterised)

RED FLAG SEPSIS START PH BUNDLE

ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

IF UNDER 17 & IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Relatives concerned about mental status
 Acute deterioration in functional ability
- Immunosuppressed
- Trauma / surgery / procedure in last 8 weeks
- Respiratory rate 21-24
 - Systolic BP 91-100 mmHg
- Heart rate 91-130 or new dysrhythmia
- Temperature < 36°C
- Clinical signs of wound infection

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

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1 START IF CHILD LOOKS UNWELL, IF THERE'S PARENTAL CONCERN OR PEWS HAS TRIGGERED

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

Impaired immu	nity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)	Indwe
Recent trauma	/ surgery / invasive procedure	

Indwelling lines / broken skin

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Brain

Urine
Surgical

Skin / joint / wound
Other

YES

NO

☐ Indwelling device

NO

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

13 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

Dbjective evidence of new or altered mental state

Doesn't wake when roused/ won't stay awake

Looks very unwell to healthcare professional

Severe tachypnoea (see chart)

Severe tachycardia (see chart)

☐ Bradycardia (<60 bpm)

Needs O₂ to keep SpO₂ ≥ 90%

Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic

Temperature <36°C

RED FLAG SEPSIS START PAEDIATRIC PH BUNDLE

ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

IF IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

Behaving abnormally / not wanting to play

Parental concern

Moderate tachypnoea (see chart)

Moderate tachycardia (see chart)

 \square SpO₂ < 92% on air

Capillary refill time ≥ 3 seconds

Reduced urine output (<1ml/kg/h if catheterised)

Leg pain

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

YES

- TRANSFER TO DESIGNATED DESTINATION

- COMMUNICATE POTENTIAL OF SEPSIS AT HANDOVER

PREHOSPITAL SEPSIS BUNDLE*:

RESUSCITATION:

Oxygen to maintain saturations of >94%

Measure lactate if available

20ml/kg boluses of Sodium Chloride. Repeat if hypotensive.

COMMUNICATION:
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Age (years)	Tachypnoea (breaths per minute)			ycardia er minute)
	Severe	Moderate	Severe	Moderate
5	≥29	24-28	≥130	120-129
6-7	≥27	24-26	≥120	110-119
8-11	≥25	22-24	≥115	104-114

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Brain

Urine
Surgical

	Skin / joint / wound
7	Other

☐ Indwelling device

NO

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

13 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

Doesn't wake when roused / won't stay awake

Looks very unwell to healthcare professional

Weak, high-pitched or continuous cry

Severe tachypnoea (see chart)

Severe tachycardia (see chart)

Bradycardia (<60 bpm)

Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic

Temperature <36°C

If under 3 months, temperature 38°C+

SpO₂ < 90% on air or increased O₂ requirements

RED FLAG SEPSIS

START PAEDIATRIC PH BUNDLE

O 4 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

NO

IF IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

Not responding normally / no smile

Reduced activity / very sleepy

Moderate tachypnoea (see chart)

Moderate tachycardia (see chart)

SpO₂ < 92% or increased O₂ requirement

Nasal flaring

Capillary refill time ≥ 3 seconds

Reduced urine output

Leg pain or cold extremities

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REVIEW REQUIRED:

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Age (years)	Tachypnoea (breaths per minute)		•	rcardia r minute)
	Severe	Moderate	Severe	Moderate
<1	≥60	50-59	≥160	150-159
1-2	≥50	40-49	≥150	140-149
3-4	≥40	35-39	≥140	130-139



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