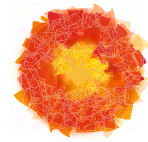


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GP/ OOH Telephone Triage Sepsis Tool

To be applied to non-pregnant adults and children **12 years or over** with infection symptoms



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N.B: there is no systems substitute for clinical experience & acumen, but Red Flag Sepsis will help with early identification of children with systemic response to infection

1. Are there clues that the patient might be seriously ill?

Consider screening in:

- patients for whom you are considering antibiotics
- patients with "flu"
- patients with possible gastroenteritis
- the unwell patient without clear cause

Particular risk factors: immunosuppression, age over 75, recent trauma or surgery (last 6 weeks), invasive devices



2. Is the history suggestive of infection? Tick



3. Is **ONE** Red Flag present? Tick

- Objective change in behaviour or mental state
- Unable to stand/ collapsed
- Unable to catch breath, barely able to speak
- Very fast breathing
- Skin that's very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
- Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
- Not passed urine in last 18 h
- Recent chemotherapy



Red Flag Sepsis!

This is time-critical, immediate action is required!

Immediate actions:

Dial 999, arrange blue light transfer

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Give safety netting advice: call 999 if develop any of:

- S**lurred speech or confusion
- E**xtrême shivering or muscle pain
- P**assing no urine (in a day)
- S**evere breathlessness
- 'I feel I might die'
- S**kin mottled, ashen, blue or very pale

Call 111 again if condition changes or deteriorates.
Signpost to available resources as appropriate



4. Is any **ONE** Amber Flag present? Tick

- Behavioural change or reduced activity
- Immunosuppressed
- Recent trauma/ surgery/ procedure (last 6 weeks)
- Patient reports breathing is harder work than normal
- Reduced urine output
- Temperature < 36°C
- Signs of potential infection (e.g. pus described)

If under 18 & immunity impaired treat as Red Flag Sepsis



Communication:

Fax a brief, clear handover (including observations and antibiotic allergies where present) to receiving Emergency Department

Ensure crew pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'