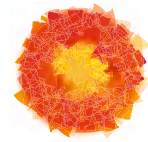


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Maternal Telephone Triage Sepsis Tool



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To be applied to all **women who are pregnant** or up to six weeks postpartum (or after the end of pregnancy if pregnancy did not end in a birth) who have a suspected infection
NB there is no systems substitute for clinical experience & acumen, but Red Flag Sepsis will help with early identification of women with systemic response to infection

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

Consider screening:

- patients for whom you're considering antibiotics
- patients with "flu-like" symptoms
- patients with possible gastroenteritis
- the unwell patient without clear cause
- mothers reporting abnormal vaginal discharge

Particular risk factors: immunosuppression, gestational diabetes, recent delivery or procedure (last 6 weeks), rupture of membranes, contact with GAS

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2. Is the history suggestive of infection?

Tick

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

Tick

- Objective change in behaviour or 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 h

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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 patient deteriorates rapidly, or call 111/ arrange to see GP if condition fails to improve or gradually worsens. Signpost to available resources as appropriate.

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4. Is any Maternal Amber Flag present?

Tick

- Behavioural/ mental status change
- Acute deterioration in functional ability
- Patient reports breathing is harder work than normal
- Not passed urine in last 12-18 hours
- Has had invasive procedure in last 6 weeks (e.g. CS, forceps delivery, ERPC, cerclage, CVs, miscarriage, termination)
- Reduced urine output
- Temperature < 36°C
- Has diabetes or gestational diabetes
- Immunosuppressed OR close contact with GAS
- Prolonged rupture of membranes
- Bleeding/ wound infection/ offensive vaginal discharge

If immunity also impaired treat as Red Flag Sepsis

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Communication:

Fax a brief, clear handover (including observations and antibiotic allergies where present) to receiving Emergency Department (or other agreed destination).

Ensure Paramedics pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'