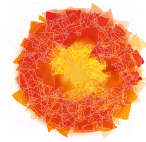


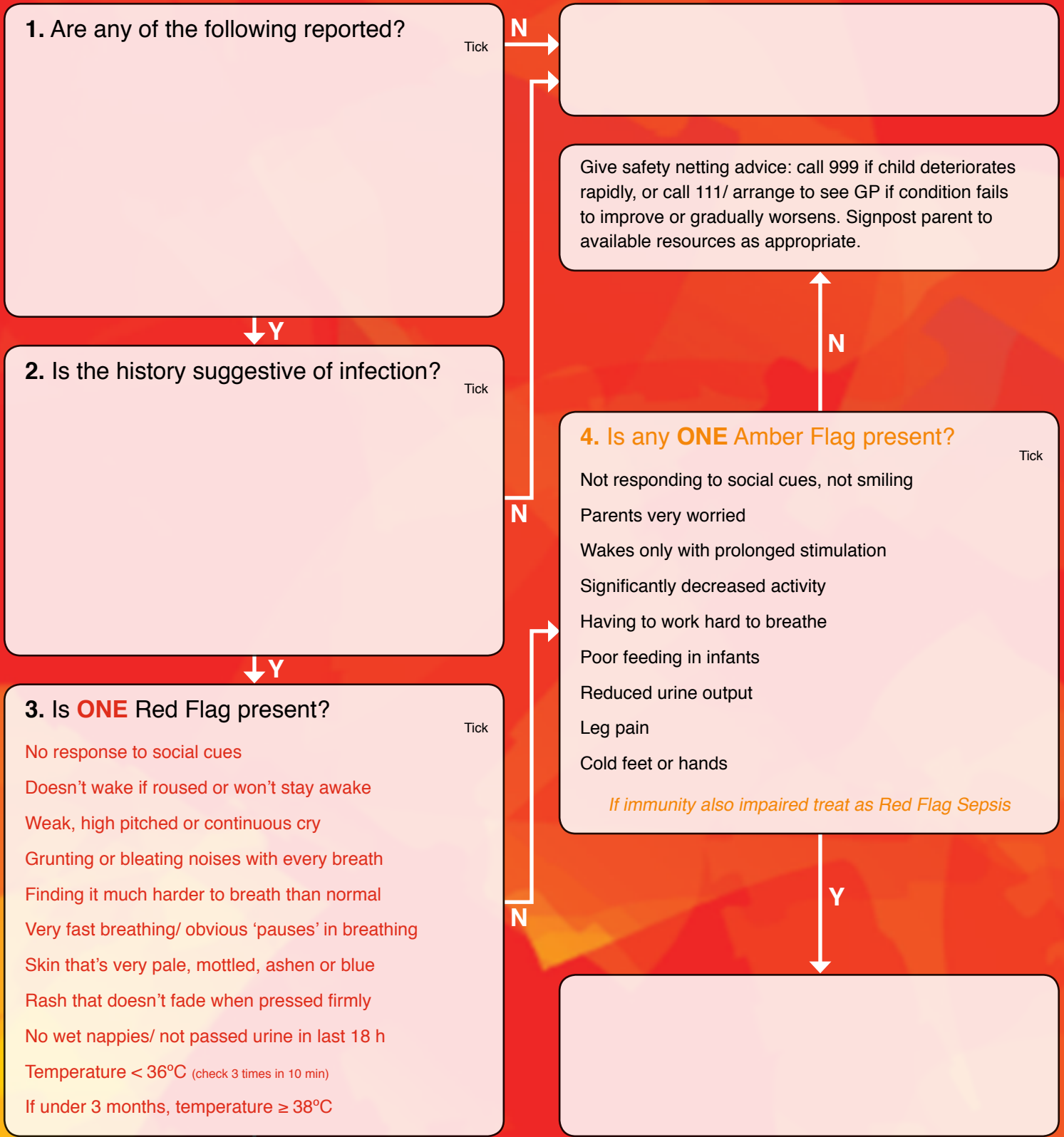
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GP/ OOH Telephone Triage Sepsis Tool



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To be applied to all children **under 5 years** with fever (or recent fever) symptoms
NB 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 any of the following reported?

Tick

N

↓ Y

2. Is the history suggestive of infection?

Tick

N

↓ Y

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

Tick

N

- No response to social cues
- Doesn't wake if roused or won't stay awake
- Weak, high pitched or continuous cry
- Grunting or bleating noises with every breath
- Finding it much harder to breath than normal
- Very fast breathing/ obvious 'pauses' in breathing
- Skin that's very pale, mottled, ashen or blue
- Rash that doesn't fade when pressed firmly
- No wet nappies/ not passed urine in last 18 h
- Temperature < 36°C (check 3 times in 10 min)
- If under 3 months, temperature ≥ 38°C

↓ Y

Red Flag Sepsis!

This is time-critical, immediate action is required!

Immediate actions:

Review immediately and/or dial 999, arrange blue light transfer

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Give safety netting advice: call 999 if child deteriorates rapidly, or call 111/ arrange to see GP if condition fails to improve or gradually worsens. Signpost parent to available resources as appropriate.

↑ N

4. Is any **ONE** Amber Flag present? Tick
- Not responding to social cues, not smiling
 - Parents very worried
 - Wakes only with prolonged stimulation
 - Significantly decreased activity
 - Having to work hard to breathe
 - Poor feeding in infants
 - Reduced urine output
 - Leg pain
 - Cold feet or hands
- 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

Ensure Paramedics pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'