

# Recognition and Treatment of Sepsis and Septic Shock in Children (Embrace)

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## Purpose

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## Intended Audience

All medical and nursing staff at Embrace who assess and treat unwell children.

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## 1. Introduction

This guideline is intended to aid the clinician in the recognition and treatment of sepsis and septic shock in children (including babies above 37 weeks corrected gestational age being cared for in a paediatric setting).

All febrile, unwell children should be assessed with the intention of ruling out or ruling in sepsis. Early recognition and appropriate treatment improves outcomes.

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All clinicians at Embrace who assess and treat unwell children.

## 3. Guideline Content

### A. Definition of sepsis and septic shock

Sepsis - life threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection

Septic shock – severe infection leading to cardiovascular dysfunction (including hypotension, need for treatment with a vasoactive medication or impaired perfusion)

Sepsis associated organ dysfunction – severe infection leading to cardiovascular and/or non-cardiovascular organ dysfunction

### B. Recognition of sepsis

In the early stages it may be difficult to differentiate a child with severe sepsis from a child with a benign infection (especially in babies). This is because a child with a fever can often demonstrate abnormal physiological parameters due to the fever alone. Most children who present febrile with deranged physiology do not have serious infections BUT may act very similar to those with early severe sepsis.

When a child has an infection and signs of shock, profoundly altered physiology, altered conscious level or is unwell despite simple antipyretics then sepsis can be presumed to be present.

If a child demonstrates clear signs of wellness such as playing, being cheerful or ambulatory, sepsis is very unlikely.

If there is uncertainty, then the traffic light system (Appendix 1) is helpful along with the involvement of an experienced senior clinician. Referring clinicians can be directed to the 'Paediatric Sepsis Screening Tool' (Appendix 2).

It is important that significantly unwell children have a full set of observations documented including BP and level of consciousness and that these observations continue to be monitored frequently until they are normal or an appropriate clinician decides that sepsis can be safely ruled out.

**C. High risk groups:**

- Age <6 months
- Recent illnesses
  - Concurrent/recent chicken pox or recent burns
    - Risk of invasive Group A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus
  - Post influenza A or B
    - Risk of Streptococcus pneumoniae, Neisseria meningitidis, invasive Group A Streptococcus, Staphylococcus aureus
- Chronic illness
  - Consider carrier status – Pseudomonas, ESBL, MRSA and other multi-resistant organisms
- Neonates
  - Gram negative organisms (especially in those with probable galactosaemia), Group B Streptococcus, Herpes Simplex
- Immunodeficiency
- Indwelling vascular catheter, ventriculo-peritoneal shunt, prosthesis
- Post-operative
- Learning disability

**D. Identification, control and treatment**

- Identification: examine abdomen, bones, joints, sites of indwelling catheters, devices, prosthesis, review CXR, consider imaging
- Control: consider removal of vascular catheter or antibiotic lock, drainage of abscesses/empyema, laparotomy etc. Remove sanitary tampons
- Treatment: Management of sepsis in children depends of the severity of the sepsis. In all cases give broad spectrum antibiotics given as early as possible and consider organisms requiring specific therapy e.g. Herpes simplex. Refer to the SC(NHS)FT antibiotic guidelines. In severe sepsis and septic shock it is also essential to ensure that good circulation is maintained. Escalation to a senior clinician must take place immediately.

**E. Management of presumed sepsis and septic shock**

**SEPSIS 6 PLUS - GOLDEN HOUR MANAGEMENT****IS THIS SEPSIS?****Proven/suspected infection and at LEAST 2:**

- Core temperature <36°C or > 38.5°C
- Inappropriate tachycardia/ bradycardia
- Increased capillary refill / decreased peripheral perfusion / reduced urine output
- Altered mental status – drowsy, irritable, lethargic, floppy

**IS THIS RED FLAG SEPSIS?****Any 1 of these present:**

- O<sub>2</sub> needed to maintain saturations >92%
- Tachypnea (RR >60/min), grunting, apnoeas (underlying diagnosis not LRTI)
- Capillary refill time greater than 5 seconds
- Pale / mottled / ashen / blue / non-blanching (purpuric) rash
- Hypotension (appears late - check BP)
- Serum lactate >2 mmol/L

**High index of suspicion if any of the following:**

Age <six months, immunocompromised, burns, post-operative, co-morbidities, indwelling catheter(s)

**Children with profound neuro-disability may be difficult to assess**

Age	RR		HR		Systolic BP	
	5 - 95 <sup>th</sup> centile	5 - 95 <sup>th</sup> centile	5 <sup>th</sup> centile	50 <sup>th</sup> centile	95 <sup>th</sup> centile	
Birth - 1 mth	25-50	120-170	65-75	80-90	105	
3 - 6 mths	25-45	115-160	65-75	80-90	105	
6 - 12 mths	20-40	110-160	65-75	80-95	105	
12-18 mths	20-40	110-160	70-75	85-95	105	
18 mths - 2 yrs	20-35	100-155	70-75	85-95	105	
2 - 3yr	20-30	90-150	70-80	85-100	110	
3 - 5yr	20-30	80-135	70-80	85-100	110	
5 - 7yr	20-30	80-130	80-90	90-110	111-120	
8 - 11yr	15-25	70-120	80-90	90-110	111-120	
over 12 yr	12-24	60-115	90-105	100-120	125-140	

**IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:**

- **CALL FOR SENIOR HELP**
- Oxygen: 15L/min via reservoir mask
- IV /IO access x 2
- *FBC, coagulation, biochemistry: renal, liver, bone, Mg, glucose, lactate, gas, CRP, group & save*
- Culture: blood (vascular catheters – all lumens, peripheral venous sample), urine, respiratory secretions and, if applicable, empyema fluid, pus samples, swabs
- **Do not delay giving antibiotics to obtain these samples**
- IV/IO broad spectrum antibiotics
- Fluid bolus: PlasmaLyte, Hartmans or 0.9% sodium chloride 20mL/kg – “push” with syringe

**REASSESS CONTINUOUSLY: aim to achieve resuscitation goals below**

- Reassess and repeat 20mL/kg fluid bolus if required
- Correct hypoglycaemia
- Consider the benefits of non-invasive ventilatory support
- **Consider endotracheal intubation after 40 - 60mL/kg IV fluid resuscitation**

**RECOGNITION****RESPONSE**

**RESUSCITATION GOALS to achieve normal perfusion:**

- Equal quality central and peripheral pulses
- Warm extremities / capillary refill time less than 3 seconds
- Normal HR, RR, BP (monitor every 5 minutes)
- Urine output >1mL/kg/hour
- Serum lactate <2 mmol/L
- Central venous oxygen saturation >70% via internal jugular venous catheter if present

**Monitor for fluid overload:**

- Limit fluid bolus therapy and intubate early if hepatomegaly or pulmonary oedema present

**REASSESS****GOLDEN HOUR AND BEYOND****FLUID REFRACTORY SHOCK i.e., normal perfusion not restored after 60 mL/kg fluid:**

Start vasoactive agents and prepare to intubate and ventilate

**Induction of anaesthesia and institution of IPPV may cause cardiovascular collapse****Indications:**

- Respiratory failure, signs of exhaustion, impending cardiovascular collapse
- Decreased or fluctuating consciousness (GCS  $\leq$  8, AVPU), signs of raised intracranial pressure

**Preparation and procedure:**

- Most experienced clinician should intubate
- Prepare fluid boluses, and adrenaline and atropine for rescue
- Fluid refractory shock: consider peripheral adrenaline and >60mLs/kg fluids prior to intubation
- Suggest Ketamine 0.5 - 2mg/kg (low dose if haemodynamically unstable), and Rocuronium
- Use a cuffed endotracheal tube if available
- Avoid nasal endotracheal tube if coagulopathic or thrombocytopenic

**Post intubation:**

- Sedate and muscle relax – Do not use midazolam in babies <6 months or any child who is shocked
- Early chest x-ray: check endotracheal tube position, exclude pneumonia/effusion
- High PEEP if pulmonary oedema

**VASOACTIVE AGENTS:**

- DO NOT delay commencing inotropes – adrenaline may be given peripherally in a dilute solution
- Intraosseous needle / external jugular veins may be used as central access in the early stages
- Gain central venous and arterial access as soon as possible, this may be after transfer completed
- Start adrenaline or noradrenaline initially
- Avoid dopamine and dobutamine
- Continue fluid bolus therapy as required, unless signs of fluid overload

**CATECHOLAMINE RESISTANT SHOCK i.e., hypotension despite two vasoactive agents:**

- Rule out failed delivery of drugs, pericardial effusion, pneumothorax, blood loss, and intracranial event
- Hydrocortisone 1mg/kg 6 hourly, (neonates 2.5mg/kg initially)
- Further fluid resuscitation, consider targeted blood products depending on results
- Start Vasopressin
- Control source of infection
- Consider IV immunoglobulin in toxic shock
- Consider early referral for ECMO if above strategies fail

<p><b>Monitor electrolytes (target ranges):</b></p> <p>Blood glucose 4 – 12 mmol/L (do not use insulin)          Ionised Calcium &gt;1.0 mmol/L          Potassium 3.5 - 5.5 mmol/L          Magnesium &gt;0.8 mmol/L</p> <p><b>IV electrolyte correction doses:</b></p> <p>10% Glucose 2mL/kg          10% Calcium Gluconate 0.11mmol/kg (max 4.5mmols)          Potassium Chloride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.5-1mmol/kg (up to 40mmol) at 0.2mmol/kg/hr</li> <li>• Central maximum concentration 0.5mmol/ml</li> <li>• Peripheral: maximum concentration 40mmol/L</li> </ul> <p>Magnesium Sulphate 0.4mmol/kg over 30 mins (max 20mmol)</p>	<p><b>Blood product transfusions:</b></p> <p><b>Packed red blood cells:</b>          Haemoglobin &lt;70 g/dL and/or central venous oxygen saturations &lt;70%</p> <p><b>Octaplas/FFP, platelets, cryoprecipitate:</b>          Coagulopathy with active bleeding or before invasive procedures</p> <p><b>Doses/ volumes:</b>          Vitamin K 300 microgram/kg (max10mg)          Packed red blood cells 20mL/kg          Octaplas/FFP 15 - 20mL/kg          Platelets 10mL/kg          Cryoprecipitate 5 - 10mL/kg</p>
<p><b>Aids to monitoring response to therapy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plasma lactate</li> <li>• Skin perfusion and urine output (hourly output via urinary catheter)</li> <li>• Temperature gradient – central to peripheral</li> <li>• Invasive arterial blood pressure: target blood pressure to achieve adequate urine output</li> <li>• Central venous pressure</li> <li>• Central venous O<sub>2</sub> saturation: maintain &gt;70% (sample from internal jugular vein if catheter present)</li> <li>• Echocardiography: to assess intravascular volume status and cardiac function</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Top tips:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use ideal body weight to calculate fluid bolus therapy</li> <li>• Do not use bedside clinical signs alone to categorise septic shock as 'warm' or 'cold'</li> <li>• Do not use insulin therapy</li> <li>• Invasive ventilation is not mandatory</li> <li>• Consider a trial of non-invasive mechanical ventilation in children with sepsis induced ARDS without a clear indication for intubation and who are responding to initial resuscitation</li> <li>• Monitor patients on NIV very carefully.</li> <li>• Use iNO as a rescue therapy in children with sepsis induced ARDS and refractory hypoxaemia after other oxygenation strategies have been optimised - refer these patients to ECMO</li> </ul> <p>Refer to ECMO if there is septic-shock refractory to all treatments</p>	
<p><b>Be aware of co-existing raised ICP:</b></p> <p>Signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased or fluctuating level of consciousness</li> <li>• Relative bradycardia</li> <li>• Focal neurological signs</li> <li>• Abnormal posture or posturing</li> <li>• Seizures</li> <li>• Un-equal, dilated or poorly reacting pupils</li> <li>• Papilloedema (late sign)</li> <li>• Abnormal 'doll's eyes' movements</li> </ul> <p>Treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC including treatment of shock if present</li> <li>• IV 3% or 2.7% Sodium Chloride 3ml/kg or 20% Mannitol 0.25g/kg over 20 minutes</li> <li>• Intubate and ventilate to PCO<sub>2</sub> 4.0 – 4.5kPa</li> <li>• Urinary catheter</li> <li>• Patients &gt;3months with suspected meningitis should receive Dexamethasone 150microgram//kg 6 hourly (maximum 10mg)</li> </ul>	

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**Appendix 1: NICE Traffic light system for identifying risk of serious illness****Traffic light system for identifying risk of serious illness**

	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Colour (of skin, lips or tongue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal colour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pallor reported by parent/carer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pale/mottled/ashen/blue</li> </ul>
Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responds normally to social cues</li> <li>Content/smiles</li> <li>Stays awake or awakens quickly</li> <li>Strong normal cry/not crying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not responding normally to social cues</li> <li>No smile</li> <li>Wakes only with prolonged stimulation</li> <li>Decreased activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No response to social cues</li> <li>Appears ill to a healthcare professional</li> <li>Does not wake or if roused does not stay awake</li> <li>Weak, high-pitched or continuous cry</li> </ul>
Respiratory		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nasal flaring</li> <li>Tachypnoea: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RR &gt;50 breaths/minute, age 6–12 months</li> <li>RR &gt;40 breaths/minute, age &gt;12 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>Oxygen saturation <math>\leq</math>95% in air</li> <li>Crackles in the chest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grunting</li> <li>Tachypnoea: RR &gt;60 breaths/minute</li> <li>Moderate or severe chest indrawing</li> </ul>
Circulation and hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal skin and eyes</li> <li>Moist mucous membranes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tachycardia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;160 beats/minute, age &lt;12 months</li> <li>&gt;150 beats/minute, age 12–24 months</li> <li>&gt;140 beats/minute, age 2–5 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>CRT <math>\geq</math>3 seconds</li> <li>Dry mucous membranes</li> <li>Poor feeding in infants</li> <li>Reduced urine output</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced skin turgor</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None of the amber or red symptoms or signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 3–6 months, temperature <math>\geq</math>39°C</li> <li>Fever for <math>\geq</math>5 days</li> <li>Rigors</li> <li>Swelling of a limb or joint</li> <li>Non-weight bearing limb/not using an extremity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age &lt;3 months, temperature <math>\geq</math>38°C*</li> <li>Non-blanching rash</li> <li>Bulging fontanelle</li> <li>Neck stiffness</li> <li>Status epilepticus</li> <li>Focal neurological signs</li> <li>Focal seizures</li> </ul>
CRT, capillary refill time; RR, respiratory rate * Some vaccinations have been found to induce fever in children aged under 3 months			
This traffic light table should be used in conjunction with the recommendations in the <a href="#">NICE guideline on fever in under 5s</a> .			

Appendix 2: SEPSIS screening tool acute assesment

**SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL ACUTE ASSESSMENT**
**AGE 0-5**

<b>PATIENT DETAILS:</b>  	<b>DATE:</b> <b>NAME:</b> <b>DESIGNATION:</b> <b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b> <b>HOSPITAL:</b>
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## 01 START IF CHILD LOOKS UNWELL, IF THERE IS PARENTAL CONCERN OR PEWS HAS TRIGGERED

**RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Indwelling lines / broken skin
<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)	

## 02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

YES

**LIKELY SOURCE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory	<input type="checkbox"/> Urine	<input type="checkbox"/> Skin / joint / wound	<input type="checkbox"/> Indwelling device
<input type="checkbox"/> Brain	<input type="checkbox"/> Surgical	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

NO

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

## 03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

YES

- Doesn't wake when roused / won't stay awake
- Looks very unwell to healthcare professional
- Weak, high-pitched or continuous cry
- Severe tachycardia (see chart)
- Severe tachypnoea (see chart)
- Bradycardia (<60 bpm)
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
- Temperature <36°C
- If under 3 months, temperature >38°

# RED FLAG SEPSIS

START PAEDIATRIC SEPSIS SIX (PTO)

## 04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

NO

- Not responding normally / no smile
- Reduced activity / very sleepy
- Moderate tachypnoea (see chart)
- Moderate tachycardia (see chart)
- SpO<sub>2</sub> < 92% or increased O<sub>2</sub> requirement
- Nasal flaring
- Capillary refill time ≥ 3 seconds
- Reduced urine output (<1 ml/kg/h if catheterised)
- Leg pain or cold extremities
- Immunocompromised

## FURTHER REVIEW REQUIRED:

YES

- SEND BLOODS AND REVIEW RESULTS
- ENSURE SENIOR CLINICAL REVIEW within 1HR


TIME OF REVIEW: ■■■ : ■■■

ANTIBIOTICS REQUIRED:

Yes  No

## NO AMBER FLAGS = ROUTINE CARE / CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

Age (years)	Tachypnoea (breaths per minute)		Tachycardia (beats per minute)	
	Severe	Moderate	Severe	Moderate
<1	≥60	50-59	≥160	150-159
1-2	≥50	40-49	≥150	140-149
3-4	≥40	30-39	≥140	130-139



**SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL -  
THE PAEDIATRIC SEPSIS SIX****AGE 0-5****PATIENT DETAILS:****DATE:****TIME:****NAME:****DESIGNATION:****SIGNATURE:****COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS WITHIN ONE HOUR****01 ENSURE SENIOR CLINICIAN ATTENDS**

NOT ALL PATIENTS WITH RED FLAGS WILL NEED THE 'SEPSIS 6' URGENTLY. A SENIOR DECISION MAKER MAY SEEK ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSES/ DE-ESCALATE CARE. RECORD DECISIONS BELOW

NAME:

GRADE:

TIME

  :  **02 OXYGEN IF REQUIRED**START IF O<sub>2</sub> SATURATIONS LESS THAN 92% OR EVIDENCE OF SHOCK

TIME

  :  **03 OBTAIN IV / IO ACCESS, TAKE BLOODS**BLOOD CULTURES, BLOOD GLUCOSE, LACTATE, FBC, U&Es,  
CRP AND CLOTTING, LUMBAR PUNCTURE IF INDICATED

TIME

  :  **04 GIVE IV / IO ANTIBIOTICS**MAXIMUM DOSE BROAD SPECTRUM THERAPY  
CONSIDER: LOCAL POLICY / ALLERGY STATUS / ANTIVIRALS

TIME

  :  **05 CONSIDER IV / IO FLUIDS**IF LACTATE IS ABOVE 2 mmol/L GIVE FLUID BOLUS 20 ml/kg WITHOUT DELAY  
IF LACTATE >4 mmol/L CALL PICU. (10ml/kg neonates, REPEAT IF REQUIRED)

TIME

  :  **06 CONSIDER INOTROPIC SUPPORT**CONSIDER INOTROPIC SUPPORT IF NORMAL PHYSIOLOGY IS NOT RESTORED AFTER ≥20 mL/  
kg FLUID (10 mL/kg IN NEONATES). CALL PICU OR A REGIONAL CENTRE URGENTLY

TIME

  :  **RED FLAGS AFTER ONE HOUR – ESCALATE TO CONSULTANT NOW****RECORD ADDITIONAL NOTES HERE:**

e.g. allergy status, arrival of specialist teams, de-escalation of care, delayed antimicrobial decision making, variance from Sepsis Six



## SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL ACUTE ASSESSMENT

**AGE 5-11**

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**HOSPITAL:**

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- Urine
- Surgical
- Skin/joint/wound
- Other
- Indwelling device

**NO**

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### 03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

**YES**

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- Doesn't wake when roused / won't stay awake
- Looks very unwell to healthcare professional
- Temperature <36°C
- Severe tachycardia (see chart)
- Severe tachypnoea (see chart)
- Bradycardia (<60 bpm)
- Needs O<sub>2</sub> to keep SpO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 90%
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic

**YES**

**RED FLAG SEPSIS**  
 START  
**PAEDIATRIC SEPSIS SIX**  
 (PTO)

### 04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

**NO**

- Behaving abnormally / not wanting to play
- Parental concern
- Moderate tachypnoea (see chart)
- Moderate tachycardia (see chart)
- SpO<sub>2</sub> < 92% on air
- Capillary refill time ≥ 3 seconds
- Reduced urine output (<1ml/kg/h if catheterised)
- Leg pain
- Temperature <36°C
- Immunocompromised

**YES**

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