

Waterford: Antimicrobial Guidelines - Antimicrobial Guideline: Sepsis Screening Tool for Maternity Patients (up to 42 days post-partum)




SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL FOR MATERNITY PATIENTS (UP TO 42 DAYS POST-PARTUM)
ACUTE HOSPITALS ONLY

This form does not replace clinical judgement

Woman's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Healthcare Record No: _____

Addressograph _____

Obstetric History

Para: _____ Gestation: _____ Days post-natal: _____ Delivery type: _____ Recent pregnancy loss? _____

Any Healthcare Professional (HCP) should start this tool if CONFIRMED or SUSPECTED INFECTION present PLUS presence of ≥1 of the triggers listed below

Site of Infection (if known) _____

☐ Patient looks sick

☐ Elevated IMEWS ≥2 yellows or ≥1 pink

☐ In an Adult Emergency Department - Manchester Triage Category 2

☐ Patient/Family/Carer/Clinician Concern

☐ GP/Ambulance personnel queries sepsis

YES *Time Zero: : : Name _____ Grade _____

When the patient first triggers for sepsis screen NMBVMCRN _____ DATE: ____/____/____

REQUEST MEDICAL REVIEW AS PER ESCALATION AND RESPONSE PROTOCOLS TO RISK ASSESS PATIENT USING ISBAR

Is any ONE RED FLAG present?

Signs of Shock

☐ Systolic Blood Pressure < 90mmHg (or drop of > 40mmHg below normal +/- Point of care lactate > 2mmol/L).

Rule Out PPH

OR

Evidence of New Organ Dysfunction
(any one of the following)

☐ Acutely altered Mental Status

☐ Respiratory Rate > 30 bpm

☐ Heart rate > 130 bpm

☐ Not passed urine in 12 hours or urine output < 0.5mls/kg/hr

☐ Non blanching rash

☐ New or increased need for O₂ to achieve SpO₂ > 90%

☐ Pallor/mottling with central CRT > 3 seconds

☐ Other organ dysfunction

OR

Risk of Neutropenia

☐ Recent chemotherapy/radiotherapy/autoimmune disorder

YES

PROBABLE SEPSIS
IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED

YES

SITE OF INFECTION (IF KNOWN) _____

START SEPSIS 6+1 NOW
INFORM SENIOR DECISION MAKER
See overleaf

NO RED FLAGS - CHECK FOR AMBER FLAGS

≥ 2 Systemic Inflammatory Responses (SIRS) that are sustained not transient WITH/ WITHOUT Risk Factors.

☐ Respiratory rate ≥ 20 bpm

☐ Heart rate ≥ 100 and ≤ 130 bpm

☐ Temperature < 36 or ≥ 38.0 °C

☐ Blood glucose level > 7.7 mmol/L (in absence of diabetes mellitus)

☐ WCC < 4 or > 16.9 x 10⁹ /L

☐ Fetal HR > 160bpm

Pregnancy Related

☐ Cordage

☐ Pre-term/prolonged rupture of membranes

☐ Retained products

☐ History pelvic Infection

☐ Group A Strep. Infection in close contact

☐ Recent amniocentesis

Non-Pregnancy Related

☐ Age > 35 years

☐ Minority ethnic group

☐ Vulnerable socio-economic background

☐ Obesity

☐ Diabetes, including gestational diabetes

☐ Recent surgery

☐ Symptoms of infection in the past week

☐ Immunocompromised e.g. Systemic Lupus

☐ Chronic renal failure

☐ Chronic liver failure

☐ Chronic heart failure

YES

POSSIBLE SEPSIS

YES

NO

NEGATIVE SCREEN SEPSIS UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME

EXIT PATHWAY

Sign _____

MCRN / NMBI (A/N/MP) _____

Treat as per diagnosis and continue to monitor. Rescreen if deteriorates

TAKE 3	1 TAKE BLOOD CULTURES 2 sets of peripheral blood cultures (aseptic technique) prior to giving antimicrobials unless this leads to a delay >45mins, and other cultures as per examination.	Time Taken: □□:□□
	2 TAKE BLOOD TESTS FBC, Renal and Liver profile, point of care lactate, CRP +/- coagulation screen. If initial lactate elevated > 2mmol/L, repeat lactate after sepsis 6 bundle to assess response.	Time Taken: □□:□□
	3 URINARY OUTPUT ASSESSMENT Assess urinary output as part of volume/perfusion status assessment. For patients with sepsis/septic shock start fluid balance charts. Catheterisation and hourly measurements may be required.	Time: □□:□□ Fluid balance chart commenced ☐
	+1 IF PREGNANT ASSESS FETAL WELLBEING	Time Completed: □□:□□ N/A ☐
GIVE 3	4 IV ANTIMICROBIALS (if appropriate), THINK SOURCE CONTROL. Consider Microbiology review Red Flags (PROBABLE SEPSIS)  IV Antimicrobials within 1 HOUR TIME GIVEN □□:□□ ☐ Patient already on appropriate antimicrobials ☐ This patient does not require antimicrobials at this time Amber Flags (POSSIBLE SEPSIS)  Review test results to identify infectious vs non-infectious causes of acute illness. If infection confirmed, administer IV antimicrobials within 3 HOURS. Note: If infection with new onset organ dysfunction present (e.g. AKI, thrombocytopenia or hyperlactatemia etc.) administer antimicrobials immediately. TIME GIVEN □□:□□	
	5 GIVE IV FLUID BOLUS IF REQUIRED For patients with hypotension or hypoperfusion give a 250 - 500mls IV fluid bolus of balanced crystalloid. Administer a total volume of fluid resuscitation up to 30ml/kg within the first 3 hours unless fluid intolerant or the patients clinical condition requires earlier referral to critical care for consideration of inotropes/vasopressors. Reassess response to fluid resuscitation frequently. Refer to fluid resuscitation algorithm. Caution in pre-eclampsia.	Time Given: □□:□□ or N/A ☐
	6 GIVE OXYGEN IF REQUIRED Titrate supplementary oxygen to maintain oxygen saturations 94-98% (88-92% for patients with chronic lung disease).	Time Given: □□:□□ or N/A ☐
Reassess vital signs at least every 30 minutes. IF CONDITION WORSENING / NOT IMPROVING, ESCALATE TO CONSULTANT. Consider SEPTIC SHOCK if MAP less than 65mmHg DESPITE FLUID RESUSCITATION and escalate to critical care.		
THIS IS LIKELY TO BE SEPSIS ☐ OR SEPTIC SHOCK ☐ AT THIS TIME ☐ Senior Clinician Informed Time: □□:□□ ☐ Sepsis UNLIKELY at this time Signature: _____ MCRN / NMBI (A/N/MP) _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____ Time: □□:□□		