



COULD IT BE SEPSIS

Sepsis is a MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Early sepsis recognition

Signs of infection, or history and evidence of fever or hypothermia

Plus ANY of the following:

- Looks sick or toxic
- Parental, carer or clinician concern
- Re-presentation with same illness
- Unexplained pain
- Altered behaviour or reduced level of consciousness
- Aged younger than 3 months
- Immunocompromised
- Sepsis admission $\leq$ 30 days ago
- Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Pacific Islander or Māori person

Direct link to Paediatric Sepsis Paper Pathway





Are there ANY features of severe illness?

Recognise

- Severe respiratory distress (CEWT score 3)
- Tachypnoea or apnoea (CEWT respiratory rate 3 or E)
- Severe tachycardia (CEWT heart rate score 3)
- Hypotension (CEWT blood pressure score ≥ 2)
- Altered AVPU
- Poor skin perfusion/cold extremities
- Lactate $\geq 2\text{mmol/L}$ (if known)

Other laboratory features of severe illness (if known)

- Low platelets
- Elevated creatinine
- Elevated INR or D-Dimers
- Elevated CRP

Continue or complete a Paediatric Sepsis Pathway NOW and escalate/de-escalate