

# SEPSIS in kids is tricky

There's no perfect early test, pathway or sign.  
Rare in children, but heartbreaking to miss.

Listen to the concerns of parents, your **team**, and your **gut**.

Early signs are non specific.  
Does an experienced person think they look sick?  
Does something about the child not fit the diagnosis?

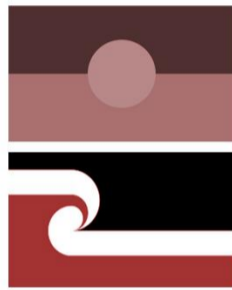
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Age < 3 months



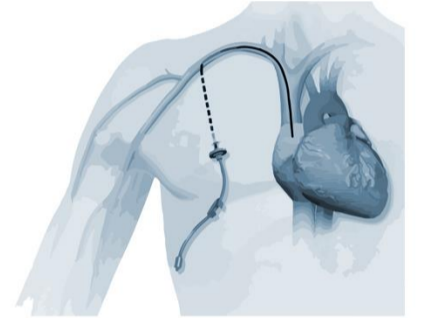
Immune Dysfunction



Indigenous Populations



Unvaccinated



Indwelling Devices

No test is 100% diagnostic for sepsis, but these are helpful :

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Blood Culture helps later



Venous Gas including Lactate



FBC  
CRP  
Chem 20 if possible

Adjust further testing to suspected source...

Strongly consider :

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Early Antibiotics improves outcomes in sepsis



Fluids for Shock



Consider Inotropes can be safely started peripherally

