



Women's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Healthcare Record No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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  $\geq 1$  of the triggers listed below

### Site of Infection (If known) \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Patient looks sick ☐ Patient/Family/Carer/Clinician Concern
- ☐ Elevated IMEWS  $\geq 2$  yellows or  $\geq 1$  pink ☐ GP/Ambulance personnel queries sepsis
- ☐ In an Adult Emergency Department - Manchester Triage Category 2

YES

\*Time Zero: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\*When the patient 1st triggers for sepsis screen NMBI/MCRN \_\_\_\_\_ 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 > 2mmols/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 O<sub>2</sub> to achieve SpO<sub>2</sub> > 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

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

- ☐ Respiratory rate  $\geq 20$  bpm
- ☐ Heart rate  $\geq 100$  and  $\leq 130$  bpm
- ☐ Temperature < 36 or  $\geq 38.0$  °C
- ☐ Blood glucose level > 7.7 mmol/L (in absence of diabetes mellitus)
- ☐ WCC < 4 or >  $16.9 \times 10^9$  /L
- ☐ Fetal HR > 160bpm

#### Risk factors

##### Pregnancy Related

- ☐ Cerclage
- ☐ 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

NO

**POSSIBLE SEPSIS**

NO

YES

**NEGATIVE SCREEN SEPSIS UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME**

EXIT PATHWAY

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

MCRN / NMBI (AN/MP) \_\_\_\_\_

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



# SEPSIS TREATMENT PROTOCOL FOR MATERNITY PATIENTS (UP TO 42 DAYS POST-PARTUM)

## SEPSIS 6+1 BUNDLE - COMPLETE WITHIN 1 HOUR

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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:

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2

**TAKE BLOOD TESTS**

FBC, Renal and Liver profile, point of care **lactate**, CRP +/- coagulation screen. If initial lactate elevated > 2mmols/L, repeat lactate after sepsis 6 bundle to assess response.

Time Taken:

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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:

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 Fluid balance chart commenced ☐

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**IF PREGNANT ASSESS FETAL WELLBEING**

Time Completed:

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N/A ☐

GIVE 3

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**IV ANTIMICROBIALS (if appropriate), THINK SOURCE CONTROL.  
Consider Microbiology review**
**Red Flags (PROBABLE SEPSIS)**IV Antimicrobials within **1 HOUR****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  : TIME GIVEN  : 

- ☐ Patient already on appropriate antimicrobials  
☐ This patient does not require antimicrobials at this time

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**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:

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or

N/A ☐

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**GIVE OXYGEN IF REQUIRED**

Titrate supplementary oxygen to maintain oxygen saturations 94-98% (88-92% for patients with chronic lung disease).

Time Given:

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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 (AN/MP)

Print Name

Date:

Time:

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