ADULT SEPSIS POLICY UPDATE 2024

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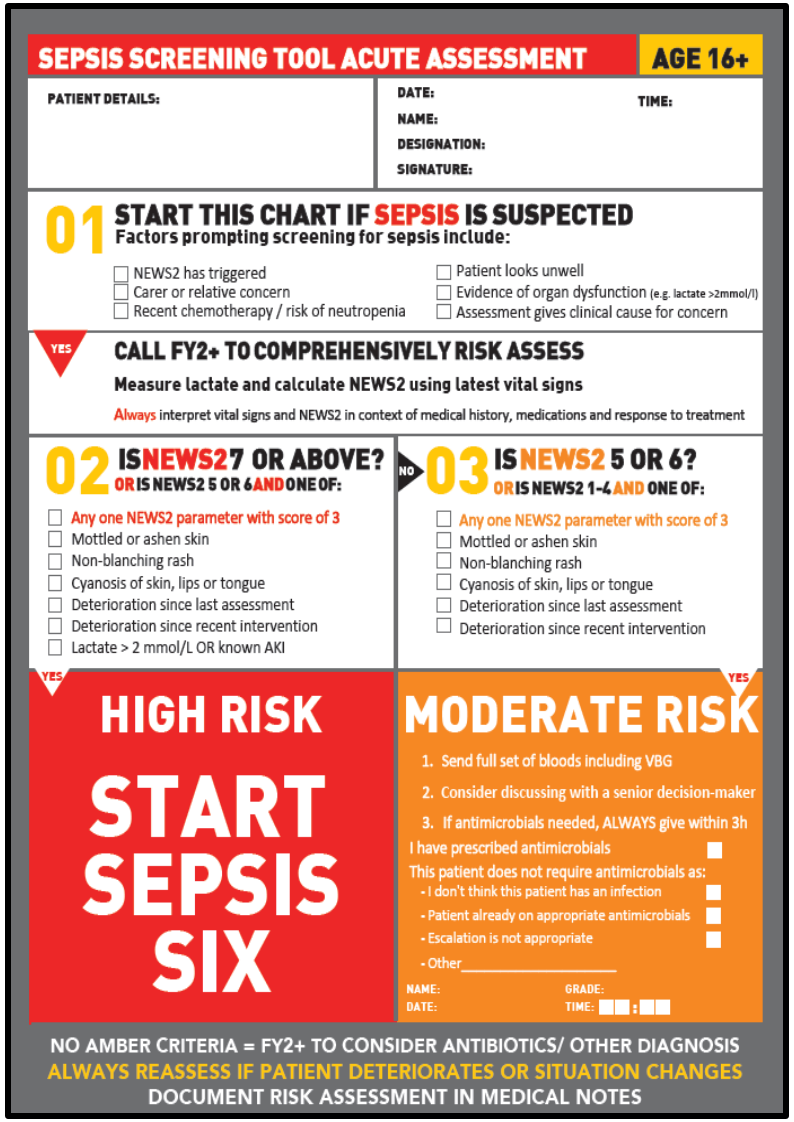

SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL ACUTE ASSESSMENT — AGE 16+

PATIENT DETAILS:

DATE: TIME:
NAME:
DESIGNATION:
SIGNATURE:

01 START THIS CHART IF SEPSIS IS SUSPECTED
Factors prompting screening for sepsis include:

- ☐ NEWS2 has triggered
- ☐ Carer or relative concern
- ☐ Recent chemotherapy / risk of neutropenia
- ☐ Patient looks unwell
- ☐ Evidence of organ dysfunction (e.g. lactate >2mmol/l)
- ☐ Assessment gives clinical cause for concern

YES → **CALL FY2+ TO COMPREHENSIVELY RISK ASSESS**
Measure lactate and calculate NEWS2 using latest vital signs
Always interpret vital signs and NEWS2 in context of medical history, medications and response to treatment

02 IS NEWS2 7 OR ABOVE?
OR IS NEWS2 5 OR 6 AND ONE OF:

- ☐ Any one NEWS2 parameter with score of 3
- ☐ Mottled or ashen skin
- ☐ Non-blanching rash
- ☐ Cyanosis of skin, lips or tongue
- ☐ Deterioration since last assessment
- ☐ Deterioration since recent intervention
- ☐ Lactate > 2 mmol/L OR known AKI

NO → **03 IS NEWS2 5 OR 6?**
OR IS NEWS2 1-4 AND ONE OF:

- ☐ Any one NEWS2 parameter with score of 3
- ☐ Mottled or ashen skin
- ☐ Non-blanching rash
- ☐ Cyanosis of skin, lips or tongue
- ☐ Deterioration since last assessment
- ☐ Deterioration since recent intervention

YES → **HIGH RISK**
START SEPSIS SIX

YES → **MODERATE RISK**

1. Send full set of bloods including VBG
2. Consider discussing with a senior decision-maker
3. If antimicrobials needed, ALWAYS give within 3h

I have prescribed antimicrobials ☐
This patient does not require antimicrobials as:
- I don't think this patient has an infection ☐
- Patient already on appropriate antimicrobials ☐
- Escalation is not appropriate ☐
- Other_____

NAME: GRADE:
DATE: TIME: ☐☐:☐☐

NO AMBER CRITERIA = FY2+ TO CONSIDER ANTIBIOTICS/ OTHER DIAGNOSIS
ALWAYS REASSESS IF PATIENT DETERIORATES OR SITUATION CHANGES
DOCUMENT RISK ASSESSMENT IN MEDICAL NOTES

SEPSIS POLICY LAUNCH – 14th January 2025

In line with NICE guidance MFT have updated the adult sepsis policy. There are changes to how we screen for sepsis and sepsis management. The full policy can be accessed by clicking here.

The updated screening tool recognises patients with physiological changes and categorises them according to their identified risk group (see below).

If the patient has a raised EWS, you will be prompted to complete the sepsis screening tool on Hive. This can also be accessed on demand by selecting sepsis on the favourites drop down menu.

January 2025 online drop in sessions.

SCAN ME

06/01/25 @ 1pm

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20/01/25 @ 1pm

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22/01/25 @ 9am