

YOUR CHILD has an infection

Watch for signs of SEPSIS

You've been told your child has an infection and is receiving the correct treatment for this.

It's important to know that ANY infection can lead to SEPSIS, which is ALWAYS a medical emergency.

What is SEPSIS?

A life-threatening uncontrolled immune response to an infection, causing the body to damage its own tissues and organs.

FOR CLINICIAN USE ONLY:

Date: / / NHI: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Notes: _____

Doctor: _____



Scan to access a clinical best practice guide for critical reminders when collecting blood cultures.



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Know the Signs of SEPSIS

Unmask SEPSIS – Save a Life

Signs in CHILDREN



**FEVER or COLD
TO TOUCH**



**SEIZURES, FITS, or
PERSISTENT VOMITING**



**RAPID
BREATHING**



**SLEEPY, HARD TO WAKE,
or UNUSUALLY RESTLESS**



**NOT PASSING URINE
or DRY NAPPY**



**PALE, BLUE, or
BLOTCHY SKIN/RASH**

If your child shows any signs of SEPSIS (EVEN WITHOUT A FEVER), seek urgent medical help immediately: call 111 or your local/rural telehealth provider, or go to your nearest Emergency Department.

Please hand them this card and ASK:

"Could it be SEPSIS?"