## Fever

## Clinical assessment / management tool for children





## **Management - Paramedic**

Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Age	1+	Under 1	
Colour	Normal	Pale	Blue, grey or mottled
Activity	Responds normally to social cues	Reduced response to social cues	Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake
,	Stays awake or wakens quickly	Wakes only after prolonged stimulation	Weak, high pitched or continuous cry
	Content/smiles	No smile	
	Strong normal cry / not crying	Infant (under 1 year) not feeding	
Respiratory		Tachypnoea: RR 50-60 (<1 year), 40-50 (1-5 years), 25-30 (6-11	Severe tachypnoea: RR > 60 breaths/min (<1 year),
	<40 (1-5 years, <25 (6-11 years), <20 (12+)		>50 (1-5 years), >30 (6-11 years), >25 (12+ years)
		Sats 93-95% in air	Sats <92% in air
		Nasal flaring	Grunting
		Mild/moderate chest recession	Severe chest recession
Circulation/hydration	Cap Refill Time <2 secs	Cap Refill Time 2-3 secs	Cap Refill Time >3 secs
	Normal heart rate	Tachycardia: HR>160 beats/min <1year, HR>150 1-2 years, >140	Severe tachycardia: HR>180 beats/min <1 year,
		3-5 years, >120 6-11 years, >100 >12 years	HR>170 1-2 years, >160 3-5 years, >140 6-11 years,,
			>120 >12 years
	Normal urine output	Reduced urine output / not PU 12 hours	Not PU 24 hours
	Tolerating feeds	Not tolerating feeds	
Other	None of amber or red symptoms	Fever for ≥ 5 days	Age 0-3 months with temp ≥38°
		Swelling of limb or joint	Seizure
		Non-weight bearing / not using an extremity	Non-blanching rash
		Swollen eye	Rigors
		A new lump ≥ 2cm	Neck stiffness
	Cross Astion	Symptoms suggest UTI	Bile stained vomiting
	Green Action	Symptoms suggest cellulitis	
	(Only in those 1+ years)	Symptoms suggest scarlet fever	
	5 5	Age 3-6 months with temp ≥39° (102.2°F)	
	Provide Fever safety netting advice via	Additional parental/carer support required	
	text share or by printing onsite	Lower threshold for primary care review if significant chronic co-	Red Action
		morbidities	To a feet on the last to be a feet on the
	Confirm they are comfortable with the	Recent return from malaria endemic area in preceding 3 months	
	decisions / advice given	Orange Acrtion	Department
			Commence Oxygen support to maintain Sats
	Always consider safeguarding issues.	Discuss the case with patient's GP practice	>92%
		(in hours)	• Emergency transfer and Pre alert as necessary • If nation tis in distress /discomfort consider
		and/or Discuss the case with SCAS clinical Coordination	If patient is in distress/discomfort - consider  paragetamel / ibunraton as per IR Calc  paragetamel / ibunraton as per I
		Discuss the case with SCAS clinical Coordination	paracetamol +/- ibuprofen as per JR Calc
		Centre Clinician	-