

# Fever Without Source Flowchart - 2020

**Neonates  
( $< 1$  month)**  
Fever  $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$

**1-3 months of age**  
Fever  $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$

**$> 3$  months of age**  
Fever  $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$

- Senior Doctor review

**Observations:**

- Hourly medical review
- Hourly observations (including AVPU)

**Investigations:**

- FBC, U&E, CRP, blood cultures
- Urine (SPA specimen)
- LP
- Consider CXR

- Senior Doctor review

**Observations:**

- Hourly medical review
- Hourly observations (including AVPU)

**Investigations:**

- FBC, U&E, CRP, blood cultures
- Urine (catheter or SPA specimen)
- Consider LP
- Consider CXR

Refer to Sepsis Management Guideline if very unwell

Sick

**Determine if sick or well**  
**If unsure use traffic lights**

Well

**Observations:**

- Hourly observations (including AVPU)

**Investigations:**

- Urine (clean catch or catheter)

**Management:**

- Give IV antibiotics: See ChAMP guidelines
- IV fluid bolus: sodium chloride 0.9% 20 ml/kg if signs of shock

**Positive urine result:**

Refer to Urinary tract infection guideline

OR

**Negative urine result:**

- Discharge home
- Follow up: GP review within 24 hrs
- Provide Health Fact Sheet: Fever

- **Admit** under General Paediatric Team
- Consider PICU referral