



What is neonatal sepsis?

Neonatal sepsis is a serious, potentially life-threatening infection in newborns, and the following signs may indicate sepsis, though other neonatal conditions cannot be excluded

Signs to look for:



General: Looks unwell, feels too hot or cold, weak cry or not wanting to be held



Heart: Heart beating very fast or very slow



Skin: Mottled/blotchy, looks very pale, cool to touch, new rash of tiny red or purple spots, bruising, bleeding from needle spots



Brain and body: Very sleepy or hard to wake, weak or floppy body, fits or seizures



Stomach: Persistent vomiting, swollen belly, not coping with feeds, green or yellow vomit, runny poo



Breathing: Breathing fast, pauses in breathing, struggling to breath, grunting sounds, lips or skin turning blue



Important: If you feel your baby is sick, get medical help straight away. Sepsis can get worse very quickly. Early treatment saves lives.

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