

Screening tool for young children presenting with acute febrile illness.

Underlying chronic respiratory, cardiac, neurological, or other illness: yes no

	Low risk (Green)	Intermediate risk (Amber)	High risk (Red)
Colour	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal colour of skin, lips and tongue	<input type="checkbox"/> Pallor reported by parent/carer	<input type="checkbox"/> Pale/mottled/flehen/blue
Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Responds normally to social cues <input type="checkbox"/> Content/smiles <input type="checkbox"/> Stays awake or awakens quickly <input type="checkbox"/> Strong normal cry/not crying	<input type="checkbox"/> Not responding normally to social cues <input type="checkbox"/> Wakes only with prolonged stimulation <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased activity <input type="checkbox"/> No smile	<input type="checkbox"/> No response to social cues <input type="checkbox"/> Appears ill to a healthcare professional <input type="checkbox"/> Does not wake or if roused does not stay awake <input type="checkbox"/> Weak, high-pitched or continuous cry
Respiratory	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the amber or red symptoms or signs	<input type="checkbox"/> Nasal flaring <input type="checkbox"/> Tachypnoea: RR > 60 breaths/minute, age 6–12 months RR > 40 breaths/minutes, age > 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> Oxygen saturation \leq 95% in air <input type="checkbox"/> Crackles	<input type="checkbox"/> Grunting <input type="checkbox"/> Tachypnoea: RR > 60 breaths/minute <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate or severe chest indrawing
Hydration	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal skin and eyes <input type="checkbox"/> Moist mucous membranes	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry mucous membranes <input type="checkbox"/> Poor feeding in infants <input type="checkbox"/> CRT \geq 3 seconds <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced urine output	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced skin turgor
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the amber or red symptoms or signs	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever for \geq 5 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 0–3 months, temperature \geq 38 °C <input type="checkbox"/> Age 3–6 months, temperature \geq 39 °C <input type="checkbox"/> Non-blanching rash <input type="checkbox"/> Bulging fontanelle <input type="checkbox"/> Neck stiffness <input type="checkbox"/> Status epilepticus <input type="checkbox"/> Focal neurological signs <input type="checkbox"/> Focal seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Bile-stained vomiting

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