



Chickenpox, clinical diagnosis

Admit for i.v. aciclovir

Neonate < 28 days old?

Yes

Mum has developed chickenpox < 7 days before or < 28 days after delivery

No

Admission and Aciclovir i.v. if
 - unwell (poor feeding, tachypnoea)
 - immunocompromised
 - premature (< 28 weeks)
 - treated with steroid
 - baby was < 7 days old when exposed

 Otherwise clinical follow up as outpatient

No

Immuno-compromised

Yes

Admit for i.v. aciclovir

No

Features of cellulitis?

Yes

d/w Consultant, Consider admission and iv Flucloxacillin

No

Impaired mental state?

Yes

Admit for iv Aciclovir if acute encephalitis is considered

No

Cough, dyspnoea, tachypnoea?

Yes

CXR shows Pneumonia or Pneumonitis, Consider admission and iv Aciclovir and antibiotics

No

Child > 12 years old?

Yes

D/W Consultant consider oral Aciclovir if < 24 hrs after onset of rash

No

Discharge advice symptomatic treatment