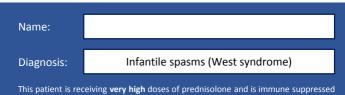
MEDICAL ALERT

If your child is unwell or has a temperature of 38°C or higher:

- 1. Contact your hospital
- 2. Continue to give prednisolone as instructed
- 3. Go to the nearest Emergency Department
- 4. Show this card to the Emergency Department doctors and nurses



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This patient is receiving **very high** doses of prednisolone and is immune suppressed High dose steroids may mask typical responses to infection, including fever

If this patient is unwell or has a temperature of 38°C or above:

- Examine for signs of sepsis and site of infection
- · Obtain IV access within 30 mins
- Take FBC, UEC, blood lactate, blood cultures and urine cultures
- Antibiotics recommended for suspected sepsis include:

Age < 1 month: Cefotaxime 50mg/kg PLUS Benzylpenicillin 60mg/kg IV

Age > 1 month: Ceftriaxone or Cefotaxime 50 mg/kg (max 2g) IV PLUS Flucloxacillin 50mg/kg (max 2g) IV

- If there is vomiting or significant diarrhoea administer IV hydrocortisone 25 mg then 10 mg 6-hourly until tolerating oral prednisolone (doses for children < 3 years)
- · This patient should be discussed with the neurologist/fellow on call