



¹INCLUSION CRITERIA

Febrile ($\geq 38.0\text{C}$ Rectal at home or reported from Urgent Care or Primary Care)

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Toxic appearance
- Underlying immunodeficiency
- Underlying medical condition or perinatal history that increases risk of serious infection
- Currently on antibiotics
- Presenting with seizure
- History of prematurity (<37 wks gestational age at birth)
- Source of fever present on history or physical exam

²ADDITIONAL TESTS—BASED ON SYMPTOMS

If lower respiratory symptoms:

- Obtain chest x-ray

If diarrhea:

- Consider GI PCR Panel (send out)

Other Tests (such as viral testing) as per physician discretion

³ABNORMAL LAB TESTS

Blood:

- WBC $>15,000$ Or $<5,000$
- Bands $>1,500$
- CRP $>2\text{mg/dL}$ (if obtained)

Urine:

- >9 WBC hpf (high power field) or
- Nitrites positive or
- LES $\geq 2+$

⁴LUMBAR PUNCTURE (LP)

- If clinical bronchiolitis, may hold LP, unless starting antibiotics
- If LP performed and shows CSF pleocytosis (≥ 10 WBC): send HSV PCR until 6 weeks of age; consider MEPCR

⁵ANTI-INFECTIVES

If antibiotics to be given, ensure LP is performed prior to administration

- **CefTRIAxone IV**
 - Routine: 75mg/kg
 - If concern for meningitis: 100mg/kg
 - CefTRIAxone may be given IM if unable to obtain IV

⁶ADMISSION

If unable to obtain LP or un-interpretable and rest of work-up negative, discuss need for antibiotics with inpatient team

*=LABS ARE OBTAINED IN UC, LABELED AS STAT & SENT TO ADMITTING HOSPITAL FOR RESULT

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