

Could It Be Sepsis?

Sepsis can develop from common infections and can lead to organ damage and death.
Sepsis is rare, but can happen to any child or adult.

It can be hard to know if your child has sepsis. Knowing the symptoms of sepsis and getting medical help as soon as possible can save your child's life.

The symptoms of sepsis can change quickly. Get medical help if your child is sick with any of the symptoms below. Get medical advice, even if a health care provider has recently seen your child. Always ask, "Could It Be Sepsis?"

IF SOMETHING FEELS WRONG, GET HELP. YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD BEST.

Any ONE of these symptoms may mean your child is very unwell and could have sepsis:

drowsy, floppy or difficult to wake



fast or difficult breathing



rash that does not fade when pressed



cold, blotchy, blue or pale skin



seizure



a lot of pain or very restless



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