



**Sickle Cell Disease and/or Asplenia with
Fever or Acute Illness ED/Clinic Management
Greater than 1 month old**

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Patient: _____

- Alert Record Reviewed No Allergies Known
- Allergies-Adverse Reactions-Cautions: _____

Age _____ Patient's Weight _____ kg Date of Patient's Weight _____

DIAGNOSIS: _____

Items preceded by a **bullet** (•) are active orders. Items preceded by a **checkbox** () are only actioned if checked (√)
Refer to APPHON website for the link to the CanHaem Consensus Statement on the care of patients with sickle cell disease in Canada (<https://www.apphon-rohppa.com/en/guidelines/sickle-cell-guidelines>)

LAB/INVESTIGATIONS

Within 30 minutes of arrival:

- Blood culture (ideally before giving antibiotics, but do not delay giving antibiotics beyond 60 minutes from time of arrival)
- CBCD, reticulocyte count, Na⁺, K⁺, BUN, creatinine, ALT, AST, bilirubin (total and direct), blood glucose
 - Blood gas, lactate if hemodynamically unstable
 - Urinalysis Urine culture
 - Chest X-ray (AP and Lateral)
 - NPA (PCR) for: Influenza/RSV Extended viral panel (ID approval required)
 - COVID19 (if extended viral panel not available)
 - Throat swab for mycoplasma
 - Lumbar puncture
 - Other _____

MONITORING

- If unstable, place on continuous monitor. Otherwise, BP, HR, RR Temp and pulse oximetry every hour until stable, then every four hours
- Keep oxygen saturation above 94%. Apply oxygen and notify most responsible prescriber and respiratory therapist

DIET/FLUIDS

If acute chest syndrome is suspected:

- NaCl 0.9% (3/4 x maintenance rate; maximum 150 mL/hour) _____ mL/hour IV or oral equivalent

Otherwise:

- NaCl 0.9% (1 1/2 x maintenance rate; maximum 150 mL/hour) _____ mL/hour IV or oral equivalent

MEDICATIONS

Start Antibiotics within 60 minutes of arrival at hospital and call Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist. NEVER delay empiric antibiotic administration. Do NOT wait for CBC results. If patient has had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to cefTRIAxone, consult patient's pediatric hematologist/oncologist.

For all patients with fever and/or acute illness:

- cefTRIAxone (100 mg/kg/dose, maximum 2000 mg/dose) _____ mg IV/IM* q24h
- * If unable to get IV access after 3 attempts or 45 minutes, use IM route for initial dose (patients greater than 5 kg, the preferred diluent to use for reconstitution for IM injection is 1% lidocaine without epinephrine as per IWK DDG)

If suspected atypical pneumonia and greater than 5 years old (consult ID for children 5 years and under)

- ADD clarithromycin (7.5 mg/kg/dose, maximum 500 mg/dose) _____ mg/PO BID (in addition to cefTRIAxone)

Suspected meningitis:

- ADD vancomycin (in addition to cefTRIAxone)
 - Less than 12 years of age: vancomycin (15 mg/kg/dose, maximum 1000 mg/dose) _____ mg IV q6h
 - 12 years of age and older: vancomycin (15 mg/kg/dose, maximum 1000 mg/dose) _____ mg IV q8h

DISPOSITION

- Discharge Home with follow-up in 12 to 24 hours after discharge
 Appointment date and time _____ Location _____
- Admit/Transfer to _____ and refer to APPHON Inpatient Sickle Cell Order Set

DATE (yyyy/MON/dd) Time (24hr/hh:mm) Prescriber Signature _____ Printed Surname/Registration # _____

DATE (yyyy/MON/dd) Time (24hr/hh:mm) Verified By (Signature) _____ Printed Surname _____

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Algorithm for the Management of Children Greater than 1 month old or with Sickle Cell Disease and/or Asplenia with Fever or Acute Illness

Fever	
38° C tympanic/oral OR 37.8° C axillary or greater 1 hour apart or 38.3° C tympanic/oral or greater	Temperature taken at home MUST be considered a true temperature

Immediate Assessment (ABCs)	
Source of infection: ?meningitis, AOM, osteomyelitis, etc.	Look for co-morbidities: splenic sequestration, aplastic crisis, etc.

Appropriate cultures + Labs

Administer antibiotics within 1 hour of arrival

Does patient have clinical signs of meningitis?

YES

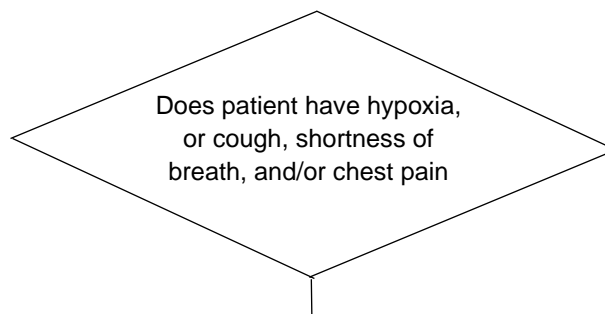
Perform Lumbar Puncture if clinically appropriate, do not delay antibiotics
Antibiotics: cefTRIAxone (meningitic dosing) + Vancomycin

NO

cefTRIAxone (non-meningitic dosing)

If patient greater than 5 years with suspected atypical pneumonia, add clarithromycin

Discuss with on-call pediatric hematologist-oncologist



Consider Acute Chest Syndrome

Maintain oxygen saturation over 94%	Chest X-ray (AP + Lateral)	Avoid excessive hydration (75% maintenance IV Fluids)
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Usual organisms include: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Salmolella spp*, and *Escherichia coli*

Admission Criteria (list is not exclusive)

Patient Factors	Environmental	Clinical	Investigations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age less than 1 year Prophylaxis indicated but patient not compliant History of invasive pneumococcal infection Patient on chronic transfusion therapy for stroke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reliable method of contact Lives more than 45 minutes away from nearest ED Unable to return in 12 to 24 hours for reassessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature greater than 39.5° C Dehydration Abnormal vital signs Toxic appearing Signs of meningitis Suspected acute chest syndrome Any concerning features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCB greater than 30 x 10⁹/L ANC less than 0.5 x 10⁹/L Hgb less than 60 g/L Plt less than 100 x 10⁹/L Urinalysis positive for blood, nitrates, or leukocyte estrase Infiltrates on chest Xray

- If patient has history of penicillin allergy (including anaphylaxis to penicillin), IV cefTRIAxone can still be used safely.
 - Due to the small risk of reaction, observe the patient
- If patient has history of cefTRIAxone allergy or reactions, consult with patient's hematologist/oncologist and/or refer to patient's chart if a pre-made plan is in place