EVIDENCE-BASED PATHWAY

Febrile Infant 0-28 Days



Inclusion criteria:

- Age: 0-28 days old
- Full term (≥ 37 weeks)
- Measured rectal temperature ≥ 38°C at home, outpatient or in ED

Exclusion criteria:

- Chronic medical condition
- Antibiotics in prior 72 hours

¹ HSV risk factors:

- Maternal fever or genital HSV lesions within 48 hours of delivery
- Infant: vesicles, seizures, mucus membrane ulcers, hypothermia
- Leukopenia, thrombocytopenia and/or elevated ALT
- CSF pleocytosis with non-bacterial profile

HSV infection should be considered if *any* of the above is present

² HSV evaluation:

- AST/ALT
- Conjunctival, NP and OP HSV PCR swabs
- Vesicle (if present) HSV PCR
- HSV PCR, serum and CSF (LP recommended)

³ Antimicrobial selection and dosing reference:

Guidelines for Empiric Therapy: Pediatrics at ucsfbenioffchildrens.org/ empiric



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⁴CSF pleocytosis:

■ ≥ 15 WBC/µL

⁵ED discharge criteria:

- Caregiver feels comfortable observing child at home
- Caregiver able to receive communications from hospital
- Patient is tolerating POs (including antibiotics, if indicated)
- Follow-up in place for 12-24 hours

