Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

FEVER of UNCERTAIN SOURCE, 0-60 days
CLINICAL PATHWAY

Path initiated on _____ at _____
Date *Time*

Expected length of stay: 48 hours

Primary Care Physician _____

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Eligibility Criteria: Infants 0-60 days with a fever >38° C (100.4° F) of uncertain source
Exclusion: Infants with underlying disorders that affect their immunity or that might otherwise increase their risk of serious bacterial or viral infections

Timeline	Presentation at ED	Admission* - 24 hr	24 hr - Discharge
Unit/Dept.	Emergency Department	Inpatient	Inpatient
Date			
Assessment / Monitoring	Vital signs including rectal temperature Symptomatic and exposure history Nursing assessment Post-tap vital signs including BP	Vital signs including rectal temperature every 4 hr BP on admission Review of symptomatic and exposure history Nursing assessment every 4 hr	Vital signs including rectal temperature every 4 hr Nursing assessment every 4 hr
Diagnostics	❑ 0-30 days: septic workup labs, or ❑ 31-60 days: bacteremic or septic workup labs as ordered Other diagnostics as ordered		
Medications / IV therapy	Saline well IV fluids as ordered Antibiotics - given within 90 min. ❑ 0-30 days: IV antibiotics, or ❑ 31-60 days: IV antibiotics as ordered Antipyretics as needed	Saline well IV fluids as ordered IV antibiotics Antipyretics as needed	Saline well IV antibiotics Antipyretics as needed
Treatments / Procedures			
Nutrition / GI	Ad lib	Ad lib	Ad lib
Activity	Ad lib Child Life	Ad lib Child Life Droplet, Contact or Standard Infection Control Precautions per Infection Control Policy	Ad lib Child Life Contact or Standard Infection Control Precautions per Infection Control Policy
Consults / Referrals		None	Possible ID referral
Psychosocial	Social services or chaplain prn Family charting in medical record as desired	Social services or chaplain prn Family charting in medical record as desired	Social services or chaplain prn Family charting in medical record as desired
Education	Plan of Care Parent Pathway Fever of Uncertain Source - Health Information Topic (HIT/PEP) #1049 Temperature Taking - HIT/PEP #4103 Involve parent at desired level of care.	Review Plan of Care Discharge criteria Well baby care as needed Review of rectal temperature taking Involve parent at desired level of care.	Review Plan of Care Discharge criteria Well baby care as needed
Discharge planning	Discharge criteria reviewed Fever - HIT/PEP #1048 IF TO BE DISCHARGED TO HOME Assure thermometer in home	Evaluate home and family resources. Communication with PCP	Evaluate home and family resources for any treatment continued at home. PCP follow-up arranged.

***Pre-printed orders** HIT = Health Information Topic PEP = Patient Education Program

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Expected Outcomes

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Signatures				Initials				Initials				Initials
Timeline	**Presentation at ED**				**Admission - 24 hr**				**24 hr - Discharge**			
Unit/Dept.	**Emergency Department**				**Inpatient**				**Inpatient**			
Date/Time		D	E	N		D	E	N		D	E	N
Physiologic	• Taking PO • Decreased temperature from presentation • Easily consoled				• Taking PO • Decreased temperature from presentation • Easily consoled				• Taking PO • Normal temperature • Easily consoled			
Psychosocial/ Comfort	Family verbalizing feelings as calm and reassured.				• Family verbalizing feelings as calm and reassured. • Family resting.				Family participating in discharge planning.			
Educational	Family verbalizing understanding of septic workup and Plan of Care. IF TO BE DISCHARGED TO HOME: Family demonstrates competence at taking rectal temperature.				• Family verbalizing understanding of septic workup and Plan of Care. • Family participates in temperature taking.				• Family demonstrates competence at taking rectal temperature. • Family able to continue treatment at home, if necessary.			
Other	Family included in care to their desired level of involvement.				• Family included in care to their desired level of involvement. • Parent involved in morning rounds as desired.				• PCP agrees with Discharge Plan. • If indicated, home care arrangements finalized. • Follow-up appointment has been scheduled.			
Outcome not met due to:												

For each met outcome, initial = met *** = not met (see progress notes)**

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