



**FEVER of UNCERTAIN SOURCE, 0-60 days
CLINICAL PATHWAY**

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Path initiated on _____ at _____
Date Time

Expected length of stay: 48 hours

Primary Care Physician _____

This pathway is a general guideline and does not represent a professional care standard governing provider's obligations to patients. Care is revised to meet the individual patient needs.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-30 days: septic workup labs, or <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 0-30 days: IV antibiotics, or <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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HIT = Health Information Topic

PEP = Patient Education Program

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