



Neonatal Sepsis – Advice for Parents

Your baby has completed a course of intravenous antibiotics following initial concerns regarding risk factors for newborn infection and/or clinical signs of possible infection after birth.

Your baby has been discharged from hospital following negative blood tests and reassuring clinical findings on examination. Please treat your healthy baby as a normal newborn infant and enjoy caring for them when you get home.

Rarely, very few babies can still become unwell despite receiving antibiotics after birth. Therefore, over the next few days, please monitor your baby carefully and seek medical advice (from NHS website, your General Practice or your local Accident and Emergency Department) if you are concerned that your baby is:

- Showing abnormal behaviour (for example, inconsolable crying or listlessness)
Or
- Unusually floppy
Or
- Has developed difficulties with feeding or with tolerating feeds
Or
- Has an abnormal temperature unexplained by environmental factors (lower than 36°C or higher than 38°C)
Or
- Has rapid breathing
Or
- Has a change in skin colour

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