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Key Practice Points
Signs, symptoms and critical care situation

Drug Lookup
The UK paediatric reference for prescribing and pharmacology

PHE Green Book
Information on infectious disease and vaccination procedures

Child Protection Companion
Handbook on all forms of child abuse
Key Practice Points - Decision Support Tools

Key Practice Point topics are concise, easy-to-use decision support tools designed to assist healthcare professionals with diagnosis and treatment management at point of care. Clinically assured advice on 'red flag' signs and symptoms and referral pathways, incorporating National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) guidance where available.

Decision support guidance to assist with diagnosis and treatment management and information on ‘Red Flags’

Related topics for similar signs and symptoms

**Fever (Pyrexia)**

**Definition / Supporting Information**

Fever is defined as an increase in body temperature. There is no single value that defines fever, as this will depend on the method of assessment. In children under 5 years of age, temperature should be measured by electronic or chemical dot thermometer in the axilla, or by infra-red tympanic thermometer, where a value > 37.2 degrees centigrade would constitute an increase in body temperature.

See Fever in under 5s: assessment and initial management [NICE clinical guideline CG160].

**Essential History**

Ask about:
British National Formulary for Children*

The standard UK paediatric reference for prescribing and pharmacology, among other indications, side effects and costs of the prescription of all medication drugs available on the National Health Service.

Each Key Practice Point topic includes:
- Indications and dose
- Important safety information
- Interactions
- Side-effects
- Monitoring
- Direction for administration
- Prescribing and dispensing information
- Patient/Carer information
- National funding/access decisions

Currently available in the UK only*
Public Health England Green Book

The latest information on vaccines and vaccination procedures, for vaccine preventable infectious diseases in the UK.
RCPCH Child Protection Companion

With content across 20 chapters, updated on regular basis, the Companion describes the essential context and the pathway of child protection cases, beginning with the medical assessment, a discrete chapter on each form of maltreatment, and continuing through to court and training.

Each chapter can be saved as PDF document or shared via email for further reference.
Other resources

A suite of child health resources, including links to relevant Medicines for Children leaflets and resources for families.

Direct links to paediatric-specific guidelines, published by NICE and SIGN, and guidelines from paediatric specialty groups endorsed by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. Searchable by paediatric conditions and keywords, the Guideline Directory contains quick links to national clinical guidelines.