

# Fever

For reported or tactile fever that is NOT suspected sepsis. For sepsis, use primary impression Sepsis

**History**

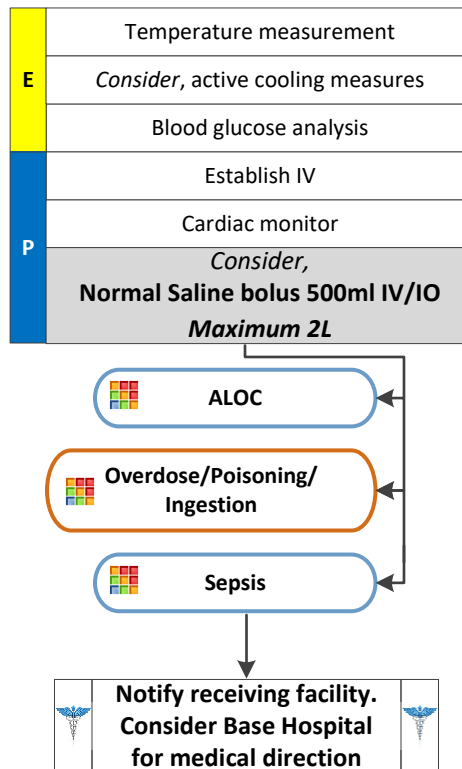
- Age
- Duration of symptoms
- Maximum temperature
- Past medical history
- Medications
- Immunocompromised (e.g., transplant, HIV, diabetes, cancer)
- Environmental exposure
- Last acetaminophen/ibuprofen/aspirin
- Recent travel

**Signs and Symptoms**

- Warm
  - Flushed
  - Sweaty
  - Chills/rigors
- Associated Symptoms (helpful to localize source)**
- Malaise, cough, chest pain, headache, dysuria, abdominal pain, mental status changes, rash

**Differential**

- Infection/sepsis
- Cancer/tumors/lymphomas
- Medication or drug reaction
- Connective tissue disease (e.g., arthritis or vasculitis)
- Hyperthyroidism
- Heat stroke
- Meningitis
- Overdose/toxic ingestion
- Travel illness (e.g., Malaria, Ebola)



**Pearls**

- Rehydration with fluids increases the patient’s ability to sweat and facilitates natural heat loss.
- Consider Ebola and obtain recent travel history.
- When you have a concern for a contagious infectious disease (i.e., measles, SARS, Ebola), contact your supervisor.