Sepsis is a time‑critical medical emergency. 

Think sepsis until you rule it out.

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| Sepsis Awareness website | Listen, Look and Act to  recognise sepsis or rule it out |

PATIENTS AND   
FAMILIES MAY ASK

‘COULD IT

BE SEPSIS?’

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| Listen icon LISTEN | Look icon LOOK | Act icon ACT |
| Listen to the concerns  Listen and validate their concerns:  ‘I understand you are worried about sepsis because …’ | Look for signs of sepsis and use a sepsis pathway  Look for signs of infection **plus** haemodynamic and/or respiratory changes and/or new altered mental state. | Communicate for safety  Communicate clearly. Escalate care. Keep everyone informed about next steps.  Not sepsis?Give specific instructions to the patient/family on when to re-escalate or return and tell them what to say. |

 