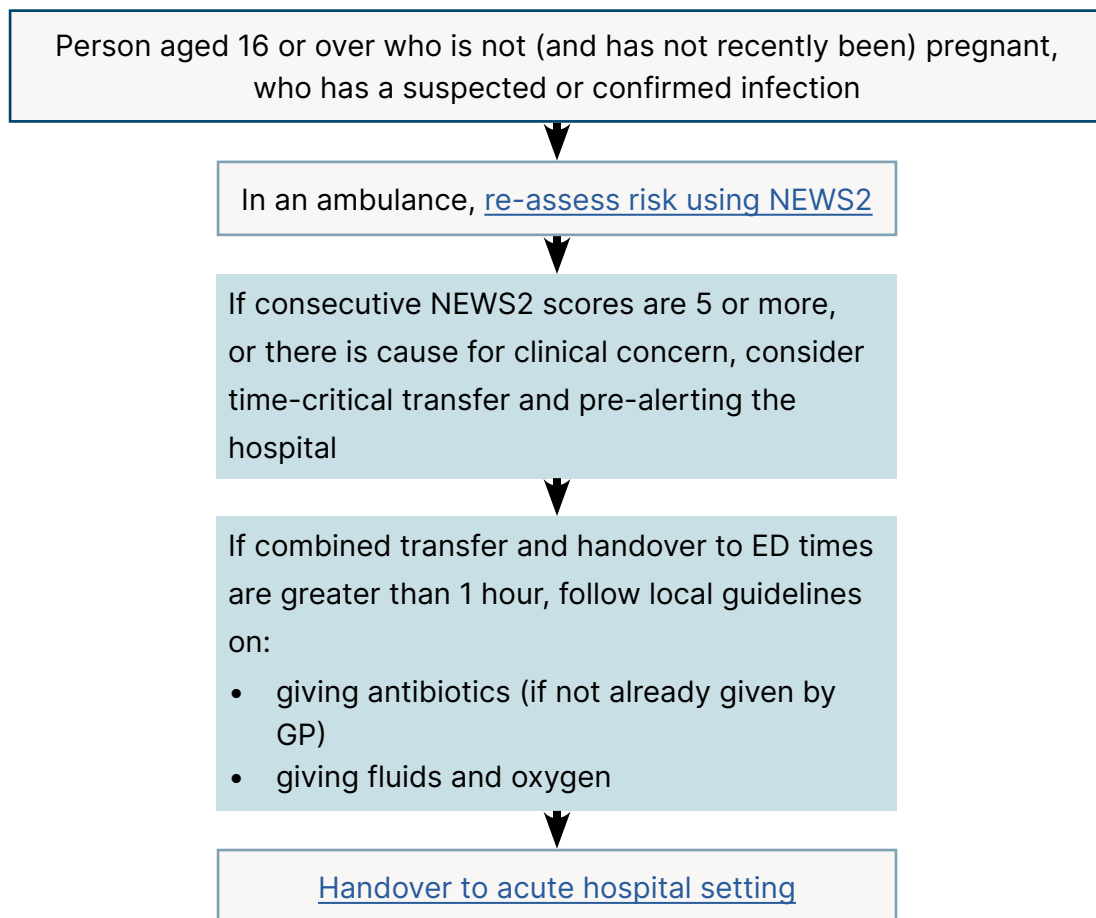




Suspected sepsis: managing risk of severe illness or death in an ambulance



Giving fluids



- Use crystalloids (balanced solutions if available, 0.9% saline if not)
- Give an initial bolus of 250 ml, ideally over 10 to 15 minutes
- Give more 250 ml boluses if needed, up to 1000 ml total (including any fluids previously given)
- Reassess after each fluid bolus
- If the person has not improved enough after 1000 ml, get advice from the senior clinical decision maker

Giving oxygen



- For under 18s, give oxygen if they have signs of shock and SpO₂ below 92%
- For 18 and over, give oxygen to achieve SpO₂ of 94% to 98%, or 88% to 92% for people at risk of hypercapnic respiratory failure

This diagram covers only part of the guideline content. For full details, see [NG253 Suspected sepsis in people aged 16 or over: recognition, assessment and early management](#).

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