

Patients **0 - 7 days** of age are excluded from the 2021 AAP Clinical Practice Guideline due to different types and rates of infection compared to older infants. This pathway's recommendations for these patients are based on expert consensus.

Urgent Care/Express Care Considerations

- Unable to evaluate patients ≤ 60 days with fever. Please refer patient to ED.

Identifiable Source of Infection

Focal bacterial infection (e.g., cellulitis, omphalitis, septic arthritis, osteomyelitis)

OR

Viral infection (e.g., clinical evidence of bronchiolitis)

Note: Viral testing alone should not drive clinical decision making. A negative viral test does not rule out viral illness and a positive viral tests may be due to recent illness rather than the current presentation.

Abbreviations (laboratory & radiology excluded):
EGA - Estimated Gestational Age
CSF - Cerebrospinal Fluid
HSV - Herpes Simplex Virus



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