

EVIDENCE USED AND RATIONALE

Protocol name: Kimberley Sick Kids Protocol (KSKP)

Rationale: High rate of sepsis morbidity and mortality in Kimberley region in children. Aligns with national and international standards for the management of acutely unwell infants and children 0-16 years.

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Review / Input from:

Committees

- Kimberley Aboriginal Health Planning Forum (KAHPF) Maternal, Child Youth and Family Health Sub-committee
- Perth Children's Hospital (PCH), Sepsis Working Group
- WACHS Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration (RRAD) Committee (Standard 8)
- WACHS Patient Safety and Quality Directorate (Central Office)
- WACHS Kimberley Safety and Quality Committee
- WACHS Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)
- WACHS Senior Medical Officers and Coordinators of Nursing
- WACHS Kimberley Executive (Nursing & Medical)

Subject Matters Experts

WACHS Kimberley Clinicians (nursing and medical)

- Paediatricians and Paediatric registrars
- Clinical Nurse Managers
- Paediatric Staff Development Nurses / Clinical Nurses
- Remote Area Nurses
- Hospital District Medical Officers (DMOs)

KAMS Clinicians (nursing and medical)

- Medical Director KAMS
- Remote Area Nurses

PCH Clinicians (nursing and medical)

WACHS Paediatric Advisory Leadership Group (PALG)

Discussion Points:

- Requirement to align with ACSQHC National Sepsis Clinical Care Standard
- Synergise with Paediatric Sepsis pathways and protocols that had been developed nationally and abroad (including PCH)
- Continue with NICE (National Institute of Clinical Excellence) Traffic Light tool for managing unwell children
- Integrate with PARROT EWS and Remote EWS for seamless recognition and escalation of care

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