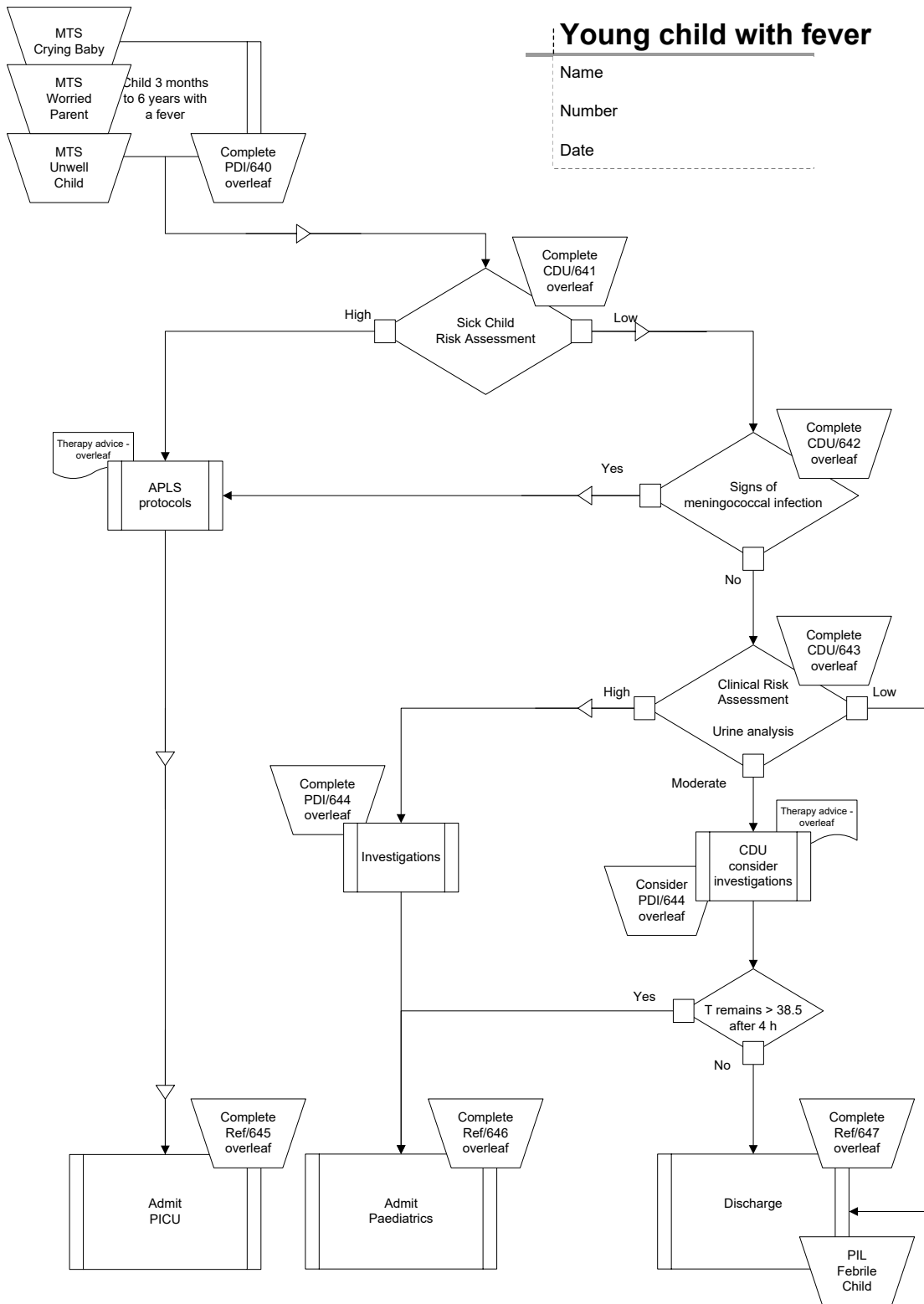


## Young child with fever

Name

Number

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**PDI/640: SUITABILITY FOR PROTOCOL DRIVEN INVESTIGATION (ALL YES)**

Aged 3 months to 6 years	Yes	No
Febrile T > 38 C	Yes	No
No fitting (see febrile convulsion CDSG)	Yes	No
No need for immediate resuscitation	Yes	NO

Order: T, P, BP, R, SaO<sub>2</sub>, Weight.  
Antipyretics if not already given (see treatment advice below)

**CDU/641: SICK CHILD ASSESSMENT (ANY YES)**

Airway compromise / stridor / drooling	Yes	No
Inadequate breathing	Yes	No
Shock	Yes	No
Altered conscious level / Fails to react to parent	Yes	No
Floppy	Yes	No

**CDU/642: SIGNS OF MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION (ANY YES)**

Non-blanching purpuric rash	Yes	No
Neck stiffness	Yes	No
Photophobia	Yes	No

<b>CDU/643: CLINICAL RISK ASSESSMENT OF FEVER</b>	High	Mod	Low
Increased work of breathing or grunting			
Altered conscious level			
T > 40 C despite maximal antipyretic treatment			
Poor colour, mottled, ashen			
Bile stained vomiting			
Inappropriate behaviour for age			
No focus of infection found			
Poor feeding or decreased urine output			
Fever for > 5 days			
Worried parents			
T 38.6 to 39.9 C			
T < 38.5 C after antipyretic treatment			

High if any **H**, Moderate if no **H** and any **M**, Low if no **H** and no **M** and

**CDI/644: FEVER INVESTIGATION**

Order: FBC, CRP, Blood cultures, CBG. CXR if high risk  
and consider if no focus found and moderate risk  
Consider lumbar puncture if child aged less than 1 year

**TREATMENT ADVICE**

Take off outer clothing. Give paracetamol 15 mg/kg or Ibuprofen 5 mg/kg. Use a fan – but do not cool physically to the point of shivering.

<b>Ref/645:</b> Suitable for paediatric referral for PICU admission	
<b>Ref/646:</b> Suitable for paediatric referral for ward admission	
<b>Ref/647:</b> Suitable for Discharge and community follow-up	

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