GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FEVER AND PETECHIAE

FEVER: >38.5c
PETECHIAE: Pinpoint bruising of the skin less than 2mm

DEFINITION OF ILL CRITERIA

I - IRRITABLE: inconsolable crying or screaming
L - LETHARGY: according to direct observation or parental judgement
L - LOW CAPILLARY REFILL (>2 SECS), HYPOTENSION, TACHYCARDIA

CHILDREN WITH FEVER AND PETECHIAE

NO ‘ILL’ CRITERIA + NORMAL WCC AND CRP

OBSERVATION FOR A MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS AND REASSESS DO THROAT SWAB

OUTPATIENT/AMBULATORY CARE IF NO DETERIORATION

NO ‘ILL’ CRITERIA + ABNORMAL WCC AND CRP

TREATMENT FOR MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE WITH MINIMUM 48 HOURS ANTIBIOTICS

1. Notify public health department
2. Consider Rifampicin

POSITIVE ‘ILL’ CRITERIA + ABNORMAL WCC AND CRP

TREATMENT AS MENINGOCOCCAL SEPSIS WITH CONSIDERATION OF EARLY INTENSIVE CARE REFERRAL