**PRIMARY SURVEY**

Is there an immediate ABC problem?

- Yes
- No

**RESUSCITATE AS REQUIRED AND ADMIT TO HOSPITAL**

Give antibiotics as below if patient has features of meningococcal septicaemia

**ARRANGE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ADMISSION**

Give antibiotics as below

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<th>Age</th>
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**IS THE RASH PAINFUL TO THE TOUCH?**

Check for possible infection

- Rash looks red and angry and feels ‘hot’
- Raised temperature and/or pulse rate
- Possible history of skin breach/foreign body

- Yes
- No

**PROBABLE CELLULITIS**

- Patient systemically unwell
- Reduced level of consciousness
- Neck stiffness present

**ANY FEATURES OF CONCERN?**

- Yes
- No

**COULD IT BE PURPURA?**

- Red or brown pinprick marks
- Purple blotches
- Blood blisters
- Does not blanche with glass test

- Yes/Possibly
- No

**COULD IT BE A VIRAL INFECTION?**

- Sore throat, cough, temperature?
- Specific features (see text) for chickenpox etc?
- Patient not ‘ill’

- Yes
- No

**PROBABLE ALLERGIC RASH**

Treat as required

Consider antihistamine if itch is prominent

**TREAT SYMPTOMATICALLY AS REQUIRED**

**DISCUSS WITH DERMATOLOGIST OR MEDICAL REGISTRAR ON CALL**

Treat at home with oral antibiotics and arrange review within 12 hrs

**? HEINOCH SCHONLEIN PURPURA or ITP**

If in doubt, discuss with paediatrician or medical Registrar on call

**PROBABLE ALLERGIC RASH**

Treat as required

Consider antihistamine if itch is prominent

Admission not usually required

In all cases treated at home, arrange review within 24 hours if not improving or immediately if any of the following symptoms develop:

- Any potential ABC problem
- Collapse
- Altered level of consciousness
- Purpuric or pustular rash
- Patient becomes generally unwell
- Any other unusual symptoms or features causing concern