Inclusion Criteria:
- Age: 29-90 days old
- Measured rectal temperature ≥ 38°C at home, outpatient, or in ED

Exclusion Criteria:
- Chronic medical condition
- Antibiotics in last 72 hours
- Received vaccines in past 48 hours
- Focal infection (e.g., cellulitis, abscess, joint infection)
- Presence of identifiable viral syndrome
  - Bronchiolitis
  - Hand-foot-mouth disease
  - Viral exanthem
- Suspection for HSV:
  - Cutaneous vesicles
  - Seizure or focal neuro findings
  - CSF pleocytosis
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Hepatitis

Antibiotic Dosing:
- Ceftriaxone: 50 mg/kg IM or IV q24 hours (max 1g/dose)
- Cephalexin: 25 mg/kg PO TID x 10 days (max 500 mg/dose)

Antibiotic selection and dosing reference: BCH Empirc Antimicrobial Therapy Guidelines at idmp.ucsf.edu

ED Discharge Criteria:
- IF PERFORMED, CBC not high risk*
  - WBC ≥ 5 and ≤ 15
  - ANC < 10,000
- IF PERFORMED, LP normal
  - Negative gram stain
  - No CSF pleocytosis (> = 10 cells/mm³)
  - Tolerating POs
  - Follow-up in place for 12-24 hours

* Consider CXR if WBC ≥ 20 OR ANC ≥ 10,000

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