

FeSS Fever Protocol

The QASC Fever Protocol consists of monitoring the patient's temperature and the prompt treatment of a temperature 37.5°C or greater in the first 72 hours using the fever algorithm attached.

This protocol was used in conjunction with the other FeSS protocols and the FeSS implementation strategies and not as a stand-alone protocol

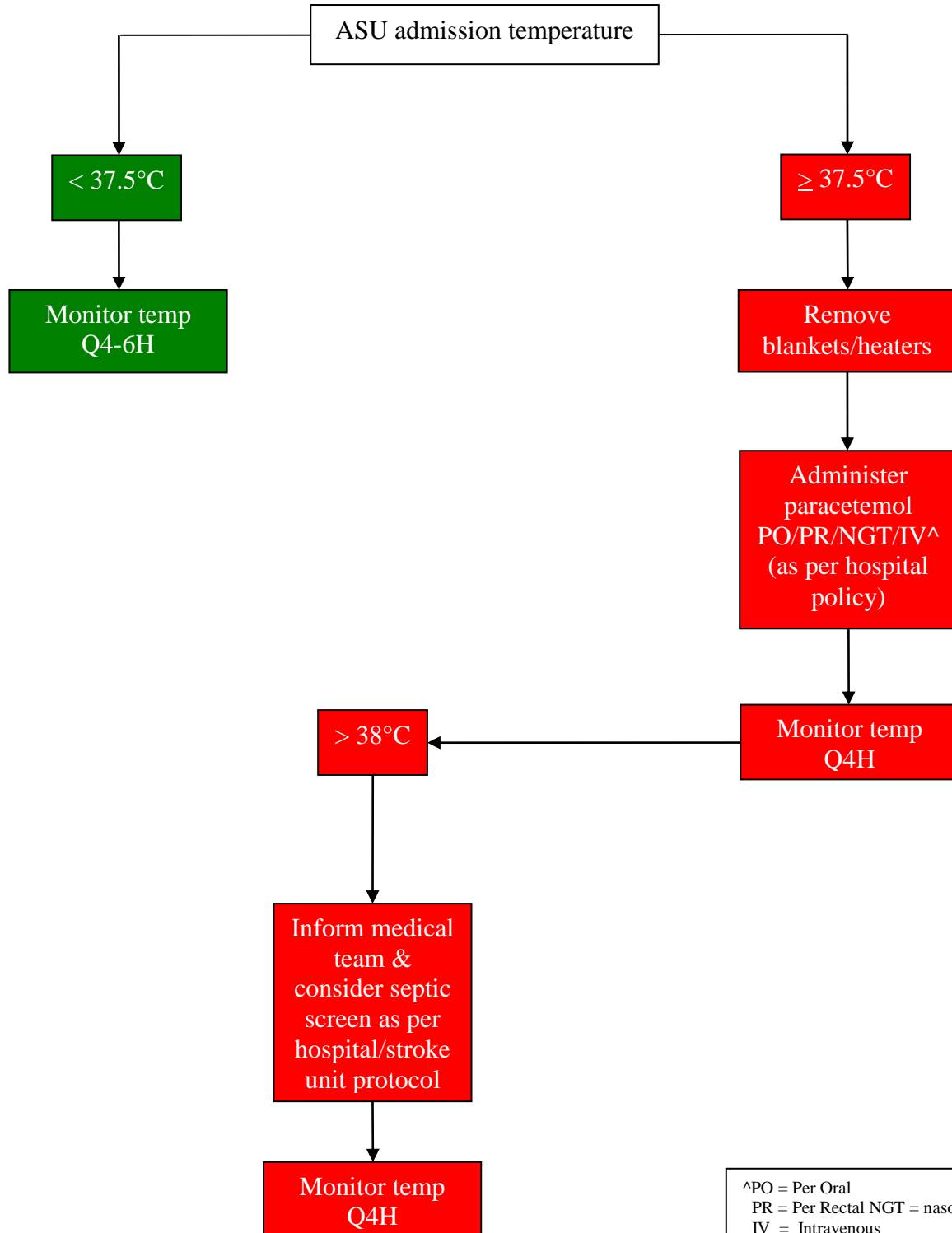
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Target temperature: < 37.5°C

- Record baseline temperature on admission to stroke unit and for the first 72 hours following admission
- Monitor and record temperature every four to six hours
- If temperature $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$, remove blankets and any heaters
- Administer oral paracetamol 1 gram then re-assess
- If patient nil by mouth administer paracetamol 1gram via nasogastric tube (NGT), per rectum (PR) or intravenously (IV) (according to hospital policy) then re-assess
- Continue to monitor and record temperature four hourly
- If temperature $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$:
 - Inform medical team
 - Consider septic workup (as per hospital/unit policy)
 - Mid Stream Urine sample
 - Blood Cultures
 - Chest X-ray
- Continue to monitor temperature four hourly

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