

Danger Signs

If a child has any of these signs he or she might die and needs to be taken immediately to the nearest health facility

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Convulsions or fits now or within the past 2 days

Coma / Loss of consciousness

Patient is confused or very sleepy - cannot be woken

Extreme weakness – unable to stand or sit without support

Very Hot – with temperature of 38.5 °C or more

Very Cold –with temperature of 35.0 °C or less

Vomiting everything - cannot keep down food or drink

Not able to drink or breastfeed

Severe anaemia – very pale palms, fingernails, eyelids

Yellow eyes

Difficulty in breathing

Severe dehydration - sunken eyes, sunken fontanelle, skin pinch, coated tongue

What to do if a child has any of these danger signs:

1. Check blood using Quick Malaria Test
2. If test is: **POSITIVE** - Treat client/child with Antimalarial Suppository (Rectal Artesunate)
NEGATIVE - Do not give any medicine; refer to health unit for treatment instead
3. Write Emergency Referral Form – use **RED FORM**
4. Instruct caretaker to take child to the nearest health unit immediately without delay

Any illness in a young baby less than 2 months old:

A young baby can quickly become dangerously sick. Refer baby without delay to the nearest health facility – use **RED FORM**

**DO NOT GIVE RECTAL ARTESUNATE
or any other medicine as this may
not be safe in a baby**