

YEAST (Always Significant) – Emergency Management Protocol

!60% MORTALITY RISK
Untreated candidaemia is a critical finding; always consider the result **significant** due to these high reported mortality rates.

INITIAL ASSESSMENT & VASCULAR ACCESS



Check Vascular Access

Determine immediately if central venous catheters or long-term vascular access devices are currently in situ.

PHYSIOLOGICAL SEVERITY CHECK

NEWS2 Score ≥ 7 ?



Request Senior Clinical Review

If the NEWS2 score is 7 or higher, an urgent review by a senior clinician from the specialty team is mandatory.

MANDATORY TREATMENT ACTIONS



Step 1: Repeat Blood Cultures

If a vascular access device is in situ, take peripheral blood cultures first, then repeat cultures from the line.



Step 2: Administer IV Caspofungin

Give a stat dose of IV CASPOFUNGIN 70mg immediately to start empirical therapy.

Avoid Line Administration

Whenever possible, avoid using existing vascular lines for the administration of the antifungal medication.

DOCUMENTATION & SPECIALIST FOLLOW-UP



Document Results & Plan

Ensure the culture result, clinical review findings, and the management plan are recorded in the patient's case notes.



Consultant Microbiologist Review

All cases of candidaemia are followed up by a Consultant Microbiologist to advise on further investigations and treatment duration.