

# FUS in 29-60 Day Old Infants

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## + Question #1

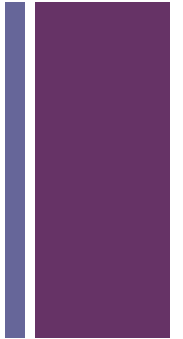
A previously healthy full term 6-week old male presents to the ED with 2-day history of low grade fever, dry cough and decreased oral intake.

- Vitals: Temp 38.2 C, RR 54, Pulse 160, BP 84/66
- You notice that the baby is irritable but otherwise well-appearing and in no acute distress.



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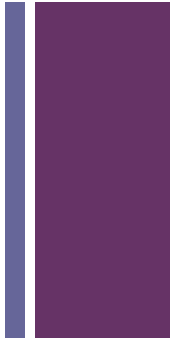
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# + Low Risk Criteria



## ■ Clinical

- Well appearing
- Previously healthy\*\*\*
- No focal source of infection

## ■ Laboratory

- CBC: WBC 5,000-15,000  
≤1500 band cells/mm<sup>3</sup>
- Urinalysis: ≤10 WBC/hpf  
and no bacteria on Gram's stain
- Chest X-Ray negative
- Stool smear: negative for  
occult blood, ≤5 WBC/hpf

## + Admission Criteria for Infants 29-60 days Old

- It is recommended that young infants 29 to 60 days of age with FUS be admitted to the hospital when all relevant low risk clinical and laboratory criteria are **not** met and/or social or family concerns (e.g., transportation problems, lack of resources for prompt medical follow-up) are present (*Ishimine 2007 [5b]*).

## + Question #2

A 5 week old male comes into the ED with 3 day history of fussiness, clear nasal congestion and in triage had a temperature of 38.9. The mother notes that he seems to be working harder to breathe, especially while feeding. He was born at 38 weeks via repeat C-section. His prenatal history was unremarkable.



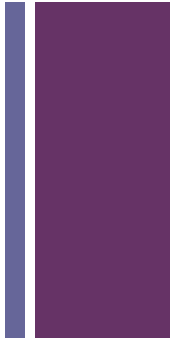
## + Examination

- Vitals: Temp 38.9, RR 66, HR 160, BP 88/56, O2 sat 94%
- Exam reveals a well-appearing, well-nourished infant who is tachypneic with moderate clear nasal congestion and some referred upper airway sounds, otherwise unremarkable exam.



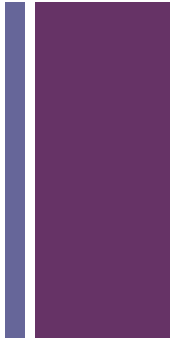
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- D) Obtain Chest X-Ray
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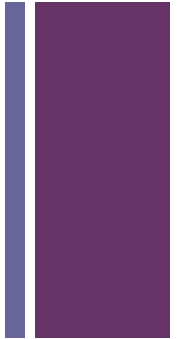
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# + Recommendations

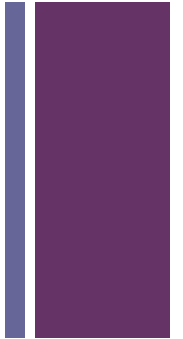
- It is recommended that a chest x-ray be performed in neonates and young infants 29 to 60 days of age who manifest one or more of the following clinical findings: tachypnea  $>60$  breaths/min, crackles in the chest, retractions, nasal flaring, cyanosis, or oxygen saturation  $< 95\%$ .





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