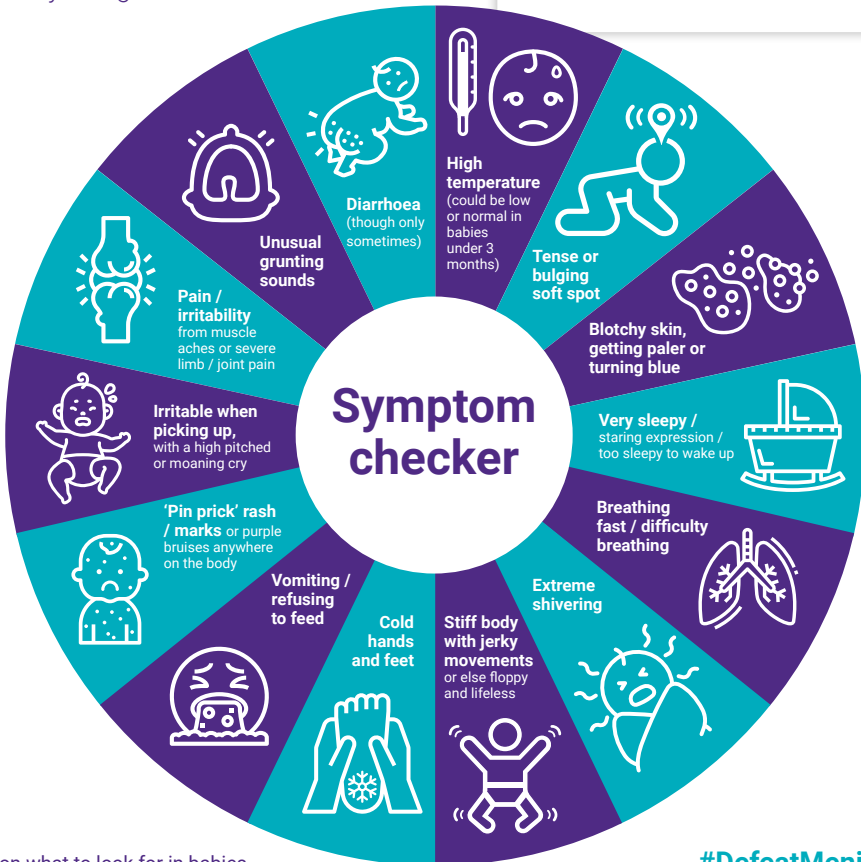


# Meningitis and septicaemia symptoms in babies: what to watch for

Early symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia can be like other childhood illnesses, but a baby will usually get ill quickly and get worse fast.

## Remember:

- > Check your baby often.
- > Symptoms can appear in any order.
- > Not every baby will get all symptoms.
- > Don't wait for a rash to appear: a very ill baby needs medical help even if there are only a few spots or no rash.
- > **If you think your baby has meningitis or septicaemia, get medical help immediately.**
- > Tell the health professional you speak to you are worried it could be meningitis or septicaemia.
- > You know your baby best, so always trust your instincts.



More on what to look for in babies, including our red and amber guidance: [meningitis.org/meningitis/check-symptoms/babies](https://meningitis.org/meningitis/check-symptoms/babies)

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