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Pediatric Fever Guidelines

Pediatric Fever (ESI guidelines reflecting version 4 addition)	
1-28 days	Level 2 if > 38.0 C (100.4 F)
1-3 months	Consider Level 2 if > 38.0 C (100.4 F)
3 mos.-3 yrs.	Consider Level 3 if > 39.0 C (102.2 F) or incomplete immunizations or unknown source of fever ¹

Vital signs should be taken on patients of any acuity level if they must wait for a treatment bed. The ESI Triage Group states clearly that the ESI algorithm is not meant to indicate that vital signs should not be taken on any group of patients, but simply that “vital signs are not always useful [or always necessary] in determining a triage acuity level.”²