The following table should be used to help make an assessment of progression to shock.

	Traffic light system for identifying severity of illness		
	Green – Low Risk	Amber – Intermediate Risk	Red – High Risk
	Appears well	 Appears unwell or deteriorating 	
Activity	 Responds normally to social cues Content/smiles Stays awake/awakens quickly Strong normal cry 	 Altered response to social cues No smile Reduced activity 	 Not responding normally or no response to social cues Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake Weak, high pitched or continuous cry Appears ill
Skin	Normal skin colourNormal turgorWarm extremities	Normal skin colourWarm extremities	Pale, mottled, ashenCold extremities
Respiratory	Normal breathing	 Breathing at high end of normal rate for age 	Tachypnoea
Hydration	 Capillary refill < 2 secs Moist mucous membranes Normal urine output 	 Capillary refill 2-3 secs Dry mucous membranes Reduced urine output (>1 wet nappy in 24h) Reduced skin turgor 	 Capillary refill >3 secs Dry mucous membranes Reduced urine output (no wet nappies in 24h)
Circulation	Peripheral pulses normalHeart rate normal	Peripheral pulses normalTachycardia	Peripheral pulses weakTachycardiaHypotensive
Eyes	Normal	Sunken eyes	Sunken eyes

No Clinical Dehydration	Clinical Dehydration	Shock Suspected
 Can be managed at home Continue usual feeds Encourage regular fluid intake Offer ORS if child is at an increased risk of dehydration Discourage fruit juices and carbonated drinks Offer further on the day review if parents concerned about symptoms and fluid replacement Give gastroenteritis advice leaflet 	 Consider ORS in small amounts with same day review either in practice or out of hours 50ml/kg of ORS plus continuing losses given over 4 hours If breastfed, supplement normal feeds with ORS Avoid giving solid food until rehydrated If clinical concern discuss with paediatrician on-call 	 Bleep paediatrician on-call Consider appropriate means of transport If appropriate commence relevant treatment to stabilise child for transfer