

SUSPICION FOR BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

↓ YES

IMMUNOCOMPROMISE, HISTORY OF CNS DISEASE, NEW ONSET SEIZURE,
PAPILLEDEMA, ALTERED CONSCIOUSNESS, OR FOCAL NEUROLOGIC DEFICIT;
OR DELAY IN PERFORMANCE OF DIAGNOSTIC LUMBAR PUNCTURE

NO ↘

↗ YES

BLOOD CULTURES AND LUMBAR PUNCTURE STAT
(MEASURE OPENING PRESSURE)



DEXAMETHASONE + EMPIRIC
ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY

↓ YES

CSF FINDINGS C/W BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

↓ YES

POSITIVE CSF GRAM'S STAIN

NO ↘

↗ YES

DEXAMETHASONE + EMPIRIC
ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY

DEXAMETHASONE + TARGETED
ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY

BLOOD CULTURES STAT



DEXAMETHASONE + EMPIRIC
ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY



NEGATIVE CT SCAN OF THE HEAD



PERFORM LUMBAR PUNCTURE
(MEASURE OPENING PRESSURE)

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