

The **FeverPAIN** scoring system helps to identify those who are most likely to benefit from antibiotics. One point is assigned to each of the following five criteria:

presence of **F**ever;

Pus on the tonsils;

Attendance within three days of onset of symptoms;

severely **I**nflamed tonsils;

No cough or coryzal symptoms present.

Treatment with immediate antibiotics should be considered if the score is 4 or 5

Offer a deferred antibiotic to those with scores of 2 or 3

Do not offer an antibiotic to those with 0 or 1