



**Indiana Patient
Safety Center**

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Sepsis: See It. Stop It. Survive It.

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Sepsis on the Streets of Indianapolis!

Objectives

1. *Identify clinical signs & symptoms across the continuum*
2. *Share Indiana sepsis legislative agenda.*
3. *Share current data on sepsis bundle compliance and readmissions Identify appropriate expectations for sepsis bundle and reducing time to treatment in the pre-acute phase, acute care phase and the post-acute care settings*
4. *Provide tools for infection education and communication tools for transitions*
5. *Consider critical conversations around sepsis care*

Identify

- Sepsis Symptoms
- Incidence of Sepsis
- Risk Factors
- Sources
- Treatment Guidelines
- Prevention

OLDER ADULTS- SEPSIS EXPERIENCED

getting worse stomach distension couldn't feel legs extreme joint pain unwell
severe abdominal pain crippling pain
weight loss disoriented symptoms never recovered freezing
unable to eat low blood pressure hallucinations low potassium rash
stopped breathing delusions gasping for air end stage renal failure no bowel movement falling
diverticulitis cold or flu-like agony pain shock faintness incarcerated hernia
TURP cold weak muscles flu-like panicking felt worried hard to arouse
organs shutting down cold shivering infection left lung infection
pulmonary embolism bug bites slurring words cold lik emotional
unable to move comfortably feel legs SEPSIS coded confused dizziness
not moving very sick drainage vomiting not feeling well
urine infection pale not talking feeling alone coma excruciating pain
difficulty breathing fever cough pneumonia anemia UTI
hemorrhaging energy fatigue high white blood count unsteady blood pressure water infection
caregiver upset
confusion Ovarian cancer scared not eating bowel blockage felt warm and cold
kidney infection stomach extension high heart rate weakness urinary tract infection
distressed organs swelling shaking violently feeling body shutting down
unable to walk unstable blood pressure, heart rate, breathing diverticula unable to do anything
fistula unresponsive

What is Sepsis?

- *Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death. Learn more about the symptoms of sepsis, which kills 270,000 Americans each year.*

Sepsis Definitions

- Sepsis: Life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by dysregulated host response to infection
- Septic Shock: Subset of sepsis with circulatory and cellular/metabolic dysfunction associated with higher risk of mortality

JAMA. 2016;315(8):801-810. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.0287

HEA 1275 Indiana Sepsis Law 2019

- Indiana Sepsis Guidelines
 - Requires the State Department of Health (ISDH) to: (1) adopt model guidelines based on recommendations of the task force; and (2) coordinate, develop, and implement sepsis guideline training.
 - Requires a hospital to adopt, implement, and periodically update evidence-based sepsis guidelines for the early recognition and treatment of patients with sepsis, severe sepsis, or septic shock that are based on generally accepted standards of care. Provides that a hospital that submits sepsis data as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting program is presumed to meet the sepsis reporting requirements of this bill.
 - Evidence-based sepsis treatment guidelines must be provided if the ISDH requests them.

National Facts

1. Sepsis is the **leading cause** of death in U.S. hospitals; **3rd leading cause** of death overall
2. Sepsis is the **leading cause of readmissions** to the hospital with 19 percent of people hospitalized with sepsis needing to be re-hospitalized within 30 days
3. More than **80 percent of infections** leading to sepsis are **contracted outside of the hospital**
4. Ambulances deliver **more patients** with sepsis than **heart attack and stroke combined**
5. Up to **92% of all sepsis cases originate in community**, not hospital
6. Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of Americans know symptoms of stroke but less than 1% know all sepsis symptoms; 78% can identify at least 1 sepsis symptom
7. 23% of Americans believe sepsis only happens in hospitals
8. Those under 45 are significantly more likely to have heard of sepsis than those over 45 (62% vs 53%)

Sepsis Background Statistics

- **Prevalence & Cost**
 - Sepsis kills 270,000 Americans annually—one every 2 minutes (Sepsis Alliance, 2019)
 - Most common hospital discharge diagnosis @ \$51,000 average in Indiana 20,000 per admission; \$472 million in inpatient charges in Indiana (2018)
- **Mortality Rates**
 - 3rd leading cause of death in U.S. (Sepsis Alliance, 2016)
 - 15-30% of patients die (Sepsis Alliance 2019)
 - Causes 75,000 maternal deaths worldwide
- **Readmissions**
 - 20-25% of sepsis patients are readmitted to hospital within 30 days-leading cause of readmissions
- *7.6% increase in mortality for every hour delay in effective antibiotic therapy for septic shock (Kumar, 2006)*

Indiana Facts

1. *Over 3,500 Hoosiers died in hospitals from sepsis in 2018.*
2. *In 2018, there were more inpatient deaths from sepsis than any other diagnosis.*
3. *The average charges for an inpatient with a sepsis diagnosis in Indiana is more than \$51,000.*
4. *Sepsis is the most frequent inpatient discharge, aside from deliveries.*
5. *In 2018, sepsis as the primary diagnosis resulted in over \$472 million in inpatient care charges/\$24 billion in U.S.*

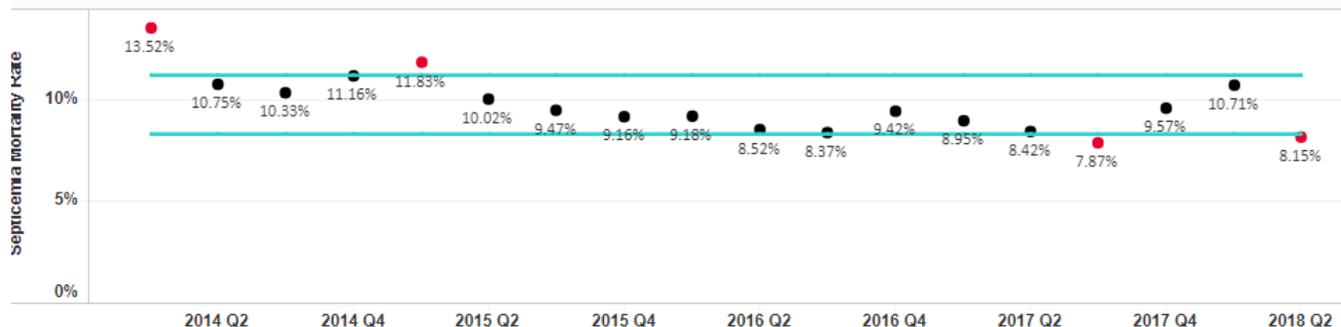
(www.survivesepsis.com toolkit from Indiana Hospital Association)

Quarterly Statewide Septicemia Mortality Rates Data by APR-DRG 720

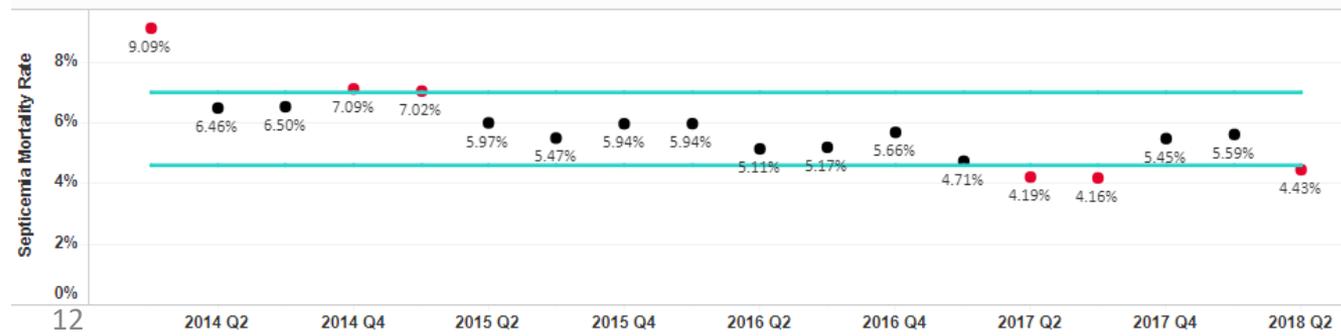
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Including Palliative Care **Quarterly** Indiana Septicemia Mortality Rate



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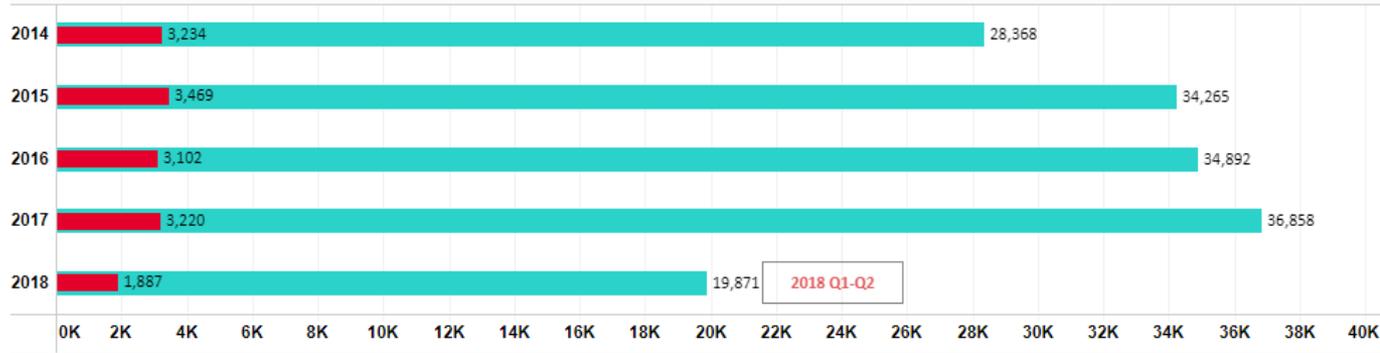


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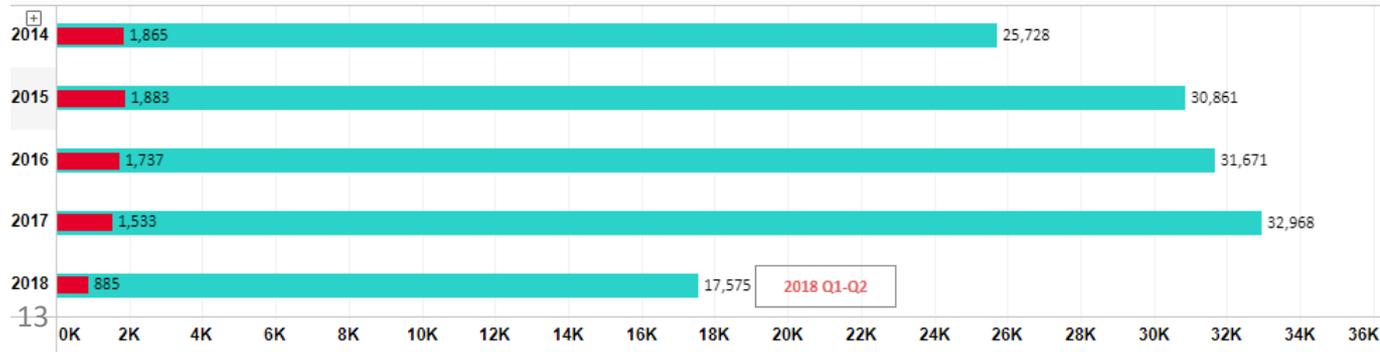
Septicemia Mortalities vs Septicemia Patient Volumes Data by APR-DRG 720

■ Septicemia Deaths ■ Septicemia Patients

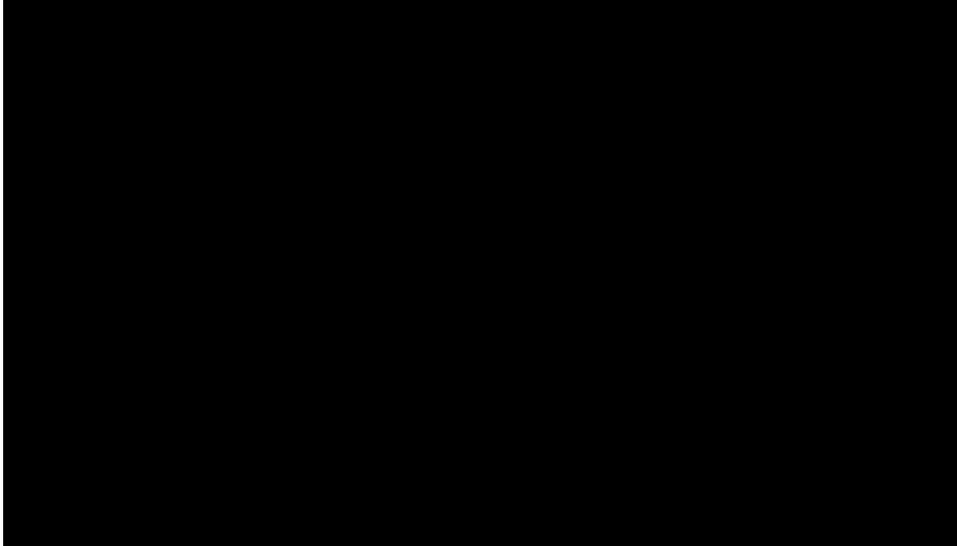
Including Palliative Care Indiana Septicemia Mortalities vs Septicemia Patients



Excluding Palliative Care Indiana Septicemia Mortalities vs Septicemia Patients



Older Adults & Sepsis



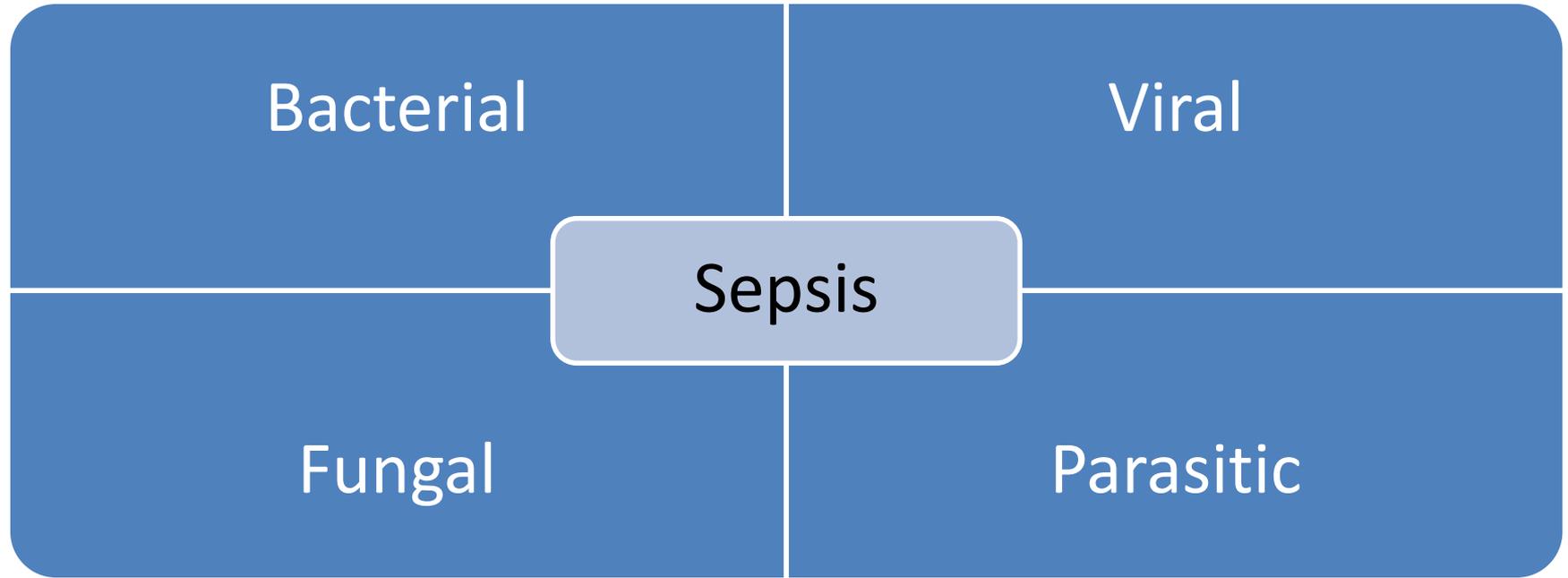
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=285&v=a0gbxCVgukw

Risk Factors for Sepsis

- *Recent UTI, pneumonia or operative event*
- *Diabetes*
- *Immunosuppressive therapy*
- *Elective surgery*
- *Chronic renal failure*
- *Alcohol abuse*
- *Splenectomy*
- *Non-modifiable factors: age (very old or young), gender (M>F), race (B>W)*

(Kumar et al, 2006; Torres et al, 2004; Englert & Ross, 2015)

Major Sepsis Types



Sepsis Signs & Symptoms (Patient Experienced)

Because sepsis stems from infection, symptoms can include common infection signs:

- *diarrhea*
- *vomiting*
- *sore throat*



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What are the signs or symptoms of sepsis? There is no single sign or symptom of sepsis. Symptoms can include any of the following:

- S**hivering, fever, feeling very cold
- E**xtrême pain or feeling worse than ever
- P**ale or discolored skin
- S**leepiness, difficulty waking up, confusion
- I** feel like I might die
- S**hortness of breath

If you have an infection along with any of these symptoms, you should seek medical treatment immediately.

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Sepsis Signs & Symptoms (Clinical)

Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) Criteria:

- **Suspected new or worsening infection with 2 or more:**
 1. Fever > 38.3 °C / 100.4°F or less than 36° F / 96.8 ° F (NSAIDS / Tylenol can mask)
 2. HR > 90 bpm (beta blockers can mask)
 3. RR >20 bpm
 4. WBC >12,000 or <4,000 or >10% bands

Other:

1. Altered mental status, falls
2. Severe Sepsis/Shock: SBP <90 mm Hg or SBP decrease >40 mm HG in adults
3. Delirium, anorexia, malaise, urinary incontinence, weakness, functional decline, withdrawal, agitation (Girard et al., 2015; Nasa et al., 2012; Englert & Ross, 2015)

Symptoms atypical in very old and very young

Sepsis Signs & Symptoms

Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)

• Suspected or worsened infection with:

- Low blood pressure
- Fever
- Hypothermia
- Heart rate over 90 bpm
- Respiratory rate over 20 bpm
- Significant edema
- Hyperglycemia in absence of diabetes
- Altered mental status?



(Dellinger et al., 2013)

SYMPTOMS OF SEPSIS

S Shivering, fever, or very cold
E Extreme pain or general discomfort (“worst ever”)
P Pale or discolored skin
S Sleepy, difficult to rouse, confused
I “I feel like I might die”
S Short of breath

 Watch for a combination of these symptoms. If you suspect sepsis, see a doctor urgently, CALL 911 or go to a hospital and say, “I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS.”

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When it comes to sepsis, remember **IT'S ABOUT TIME™**. Watch for:

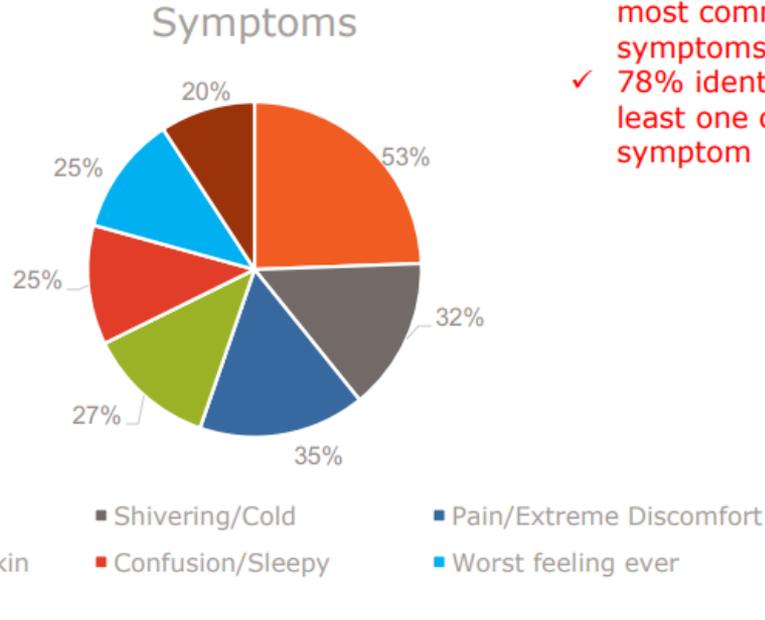
| T | I | M | E |
|---|---|---|--|
| TEMPERATURE higher or lower than normal | INFECTION may have signs and symptoms of an infection | MENTAL DECLINE confused, sleepy, difficult to rouse | EXTREMELY ILL “I feel like I might die,” severe pain or discomfort |

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Sepsis Alliance Symptom Education

While most can identify a symptom of sepsis, nearly no one could identify all of the most common ones



- ✓ <1% correctly identified all of the most common symptoms
- ✓ 78% identified at least one correct symptom

Most Common Sources of Sepsis



Up to 22%
 sources
 unknown
(Kumar et al, 2006)

Pediatric

Respiratory (57.2%)

Genitourinary (21.6%)

Device (9.3%)

Abdominal (8.4%)

Wound / soft tissue (2.9%)

All Adult

Respiratory (44%)

Genitourinary (21%)

Abdominal (21%)

Skin (6%); Wound (4%); Catheter (4%)

Older Adult

Urinary (44%)

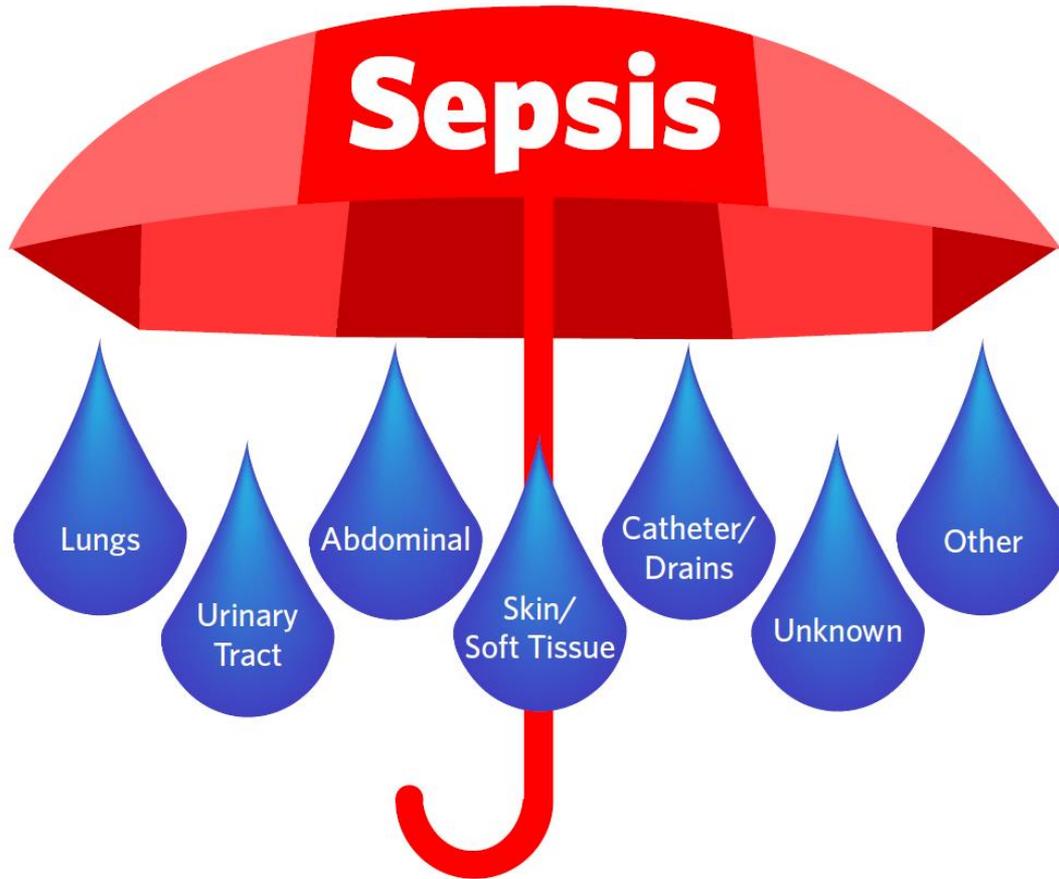
Respiratory (33%)

Abdominal (16%)

Skin or soft tissue (7%)



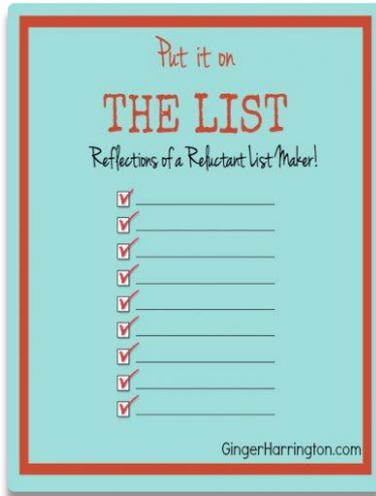
(Ruth et al, 2014; Kumar et al, 2006; Levy 2010; ElSohl et al, 2008)



Continuum approach



Why focus on older adults?



- *66% of sepsis patients over 65 y.o. (Sutton & Friedman, 2013)*
- *Most common discharge diagnosis for readmitted patients*
- *20% re-hospitalized within 30 days; 40% within 90 days*
- *Guideline compliance improves mortality rate by 8% for older adults on Medicare (31% vs 23%) (Uppal & Dickerson, 2017)*
- *Age is independent predictor of mortality (Martin, 2012)*
- *More likely discharge to ECF (54% vs 76%) (Martin, 2012)*
- *Atypical symptoms*

Interviews Results

Symptom Appraisal: Piecing Together Signs and Symptoms

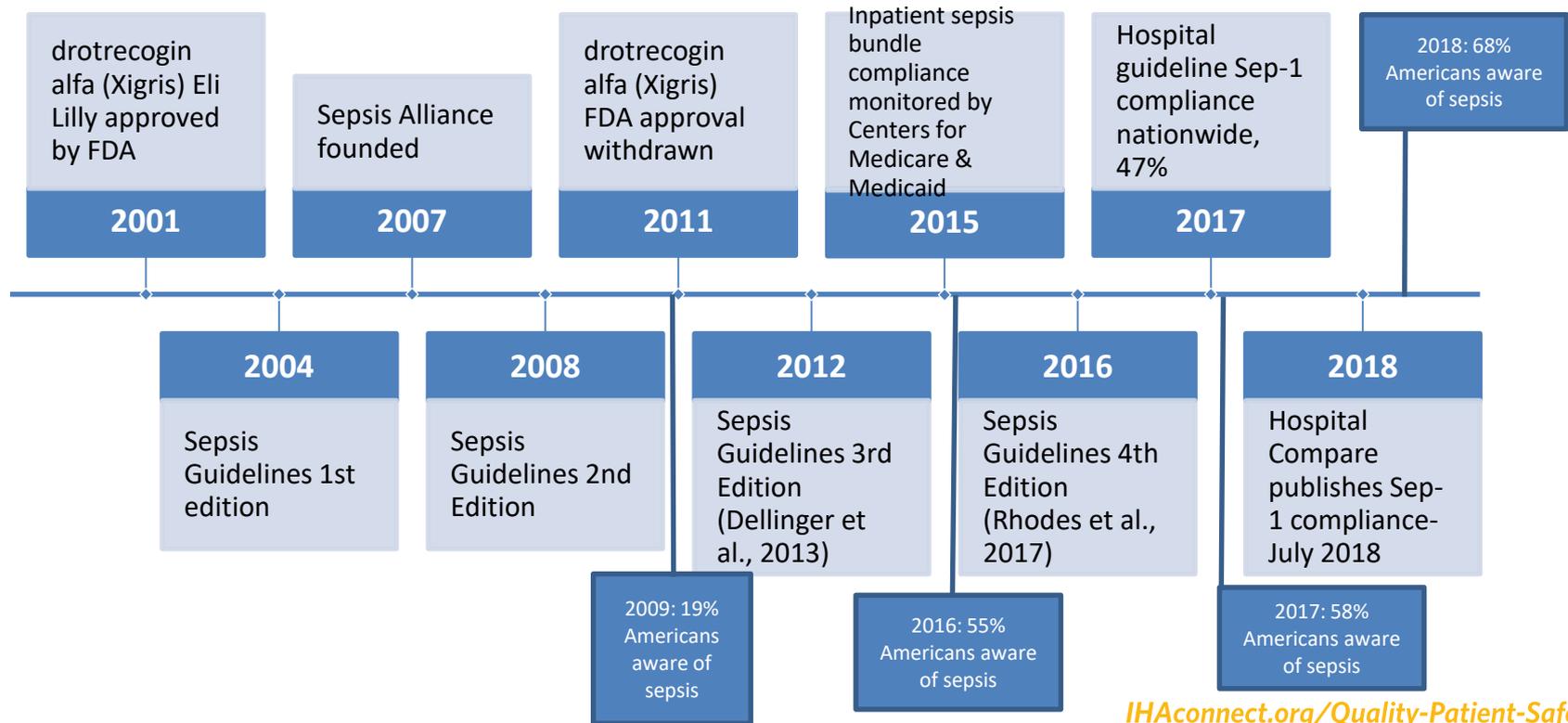
Sepsis Symptoms and Risk Factors

| Sepsis Symptoms Observed and Experienced by Nurses | | |
|--|---|---|
| Case Study 1: Jane | Case Study 2: Betsy | Case Study 3: Theresa |
| Caregiver Observations | Caregiver Observations | Patient Experiences |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shaking cold 2. Decreased urine output 3. Listlessness 4. Confusion 5. † Hard to arouse 6. Fatigue 7. † Excessive sleep 8. Weakness 9. Dehydration 10. Decreased appetite 11. Really tired 12. “not feeling good” 13. Scared 14. Almost passed out | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not feeling well 2. Fever 3. Sweaty 4. Decreased energy 5. Decreased Parkinsonian movements 6. Decreased appetite 7. † Lethargy 8. Eyes “wouldn’t light up” 9. “Just not himself” 10. History of aspiration pneumonia | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surgical site drainage 2. Back pain with inspiration 3. Nausea 4. Feeling of generalized discomfort 5. Feeling <u>really bad</u> 6. Unable to get out of bed 7. † Fever 8. Headache “like the top of my head coming off” 9. Low blood pressure 10. Vomiting 11. Heart rate 100 |

“I started feeling generalized discomfort, wouldn’t call it pain.... I got to feeling really bad and couldn’t get out of bed.”



History: Sepsis Inpatient Guidelines



What are the sepsis guidelines / bundle?



- *Use diagnostic criteria & initiate treatment within 3 hours of severe sepsis presentation (time zero):*
 - 1) Assess lactate blood levels, if >2 recheck, if >4 implement bundle
 - 2) Obtain blood cultures prior to starting antibiotics
 - 3) Initiate antibiotic therapy
 - 4) Give intravenous colloidal fluids, 30 ml / kg **ideal body weight** for hypotension (e.g. 150 lb = 2,045 ml = ~ 2 quarts)

Sepsis Screening & Pathway

Chart record – use patient label. Do not remove from chart

Evaluation for Severe Sepsis Screening Tool

Instructions: Use this optional tool to screen patients for severe sepsis in the emergency department, on the medical/surgical floors, or in the ICU.

1. Is the patient's history suggestive of a new infection?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia, empyema | <input type="checkbox"/> Bone/joint infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Implantable device infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urinary tract infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Wound infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Other infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acute abdominal infection | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood stream catheter infection | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meningitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Endocarditis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skin/soft tissue infection | | |
- ___ Yes ___ No

2. Are any two of following signs & symptoms of infection both present and new to the patient? Note: laboratory values may have been obtained for inpatients but may not be available for outpatients.

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperthermia > 38.3 °C (101.0 °F) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tachypnea > 20 bpm | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperglycemia (plasma glucose >140 mg/dL or >7.7 mmol/L in the absence of diabetes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypothermia < 36 °C (96.8 °F) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leukocytosis (WBC count >12,000 μ L ⁻¹) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altered mental status | <input type="checkbox"/> Leukopenia (WBC count < 4000 μ L ⁻¹) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tachycardia > 90 bpm | | |
- ___ Yes ___ No

If the answer is yes, to both questions 1 and 2, suspicion of infection is present:

- ✓ Obtain: lactic acid, blood cultures, CBC with differential, basic chemistry labs, bilirubin.
- ✓ At the physician's discretion obtain: UA, chest x-ray, amylase, lipase, ABG, CRP, CT scan.

3. Are any of the following organ dysfunction criteria present at a site remote from the site of the infection that are NOT considered to be chronic conditions? Note: in the case of bilateral pulmonary infiltrates the remote site stipulation is waived.

- SBP < 90 mmHg or MAP < 65 mmHg
 - SBP decrease > 40 mm Hg from baseline
 - Creatinine > 2.0 mg/dL (176.8 mmol/L) or urine output < 0.5 ml/kg/hour for 2 hours
 - Bilirubin > 2 mg/dL (34.2 mmol/L)
 - Platelet count < 100,000 μ L
 - Lactate > 2 mmol/L (18.0 mg/dl)
 - Coagulopathy (INR > 1.5 or aPTT > 60 secs)
 - Acute lung injury with PaO₂/FIO₂ < 250 in the absence of pneumonia as infection source
 - Acute lung injury with PaO₂/FIO₂ < 200 in the presence of pneumonia as infection source
- ___ Yes ___ No

If suspicion of infection is present AND organ dysfunction is present, the patient meets the criteria for SEVERE SEPSIS and should be entered into the severe sepsis protocol.

Date: ___/___/___ (circle: dd/mm/yy or mm/dd/yy) Time: ___:___ (24 hr. clock)

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<http://www.hret-hiin.org/Resources/sepsis/18/sepsis-and-septic-shock-change-package.pdf>



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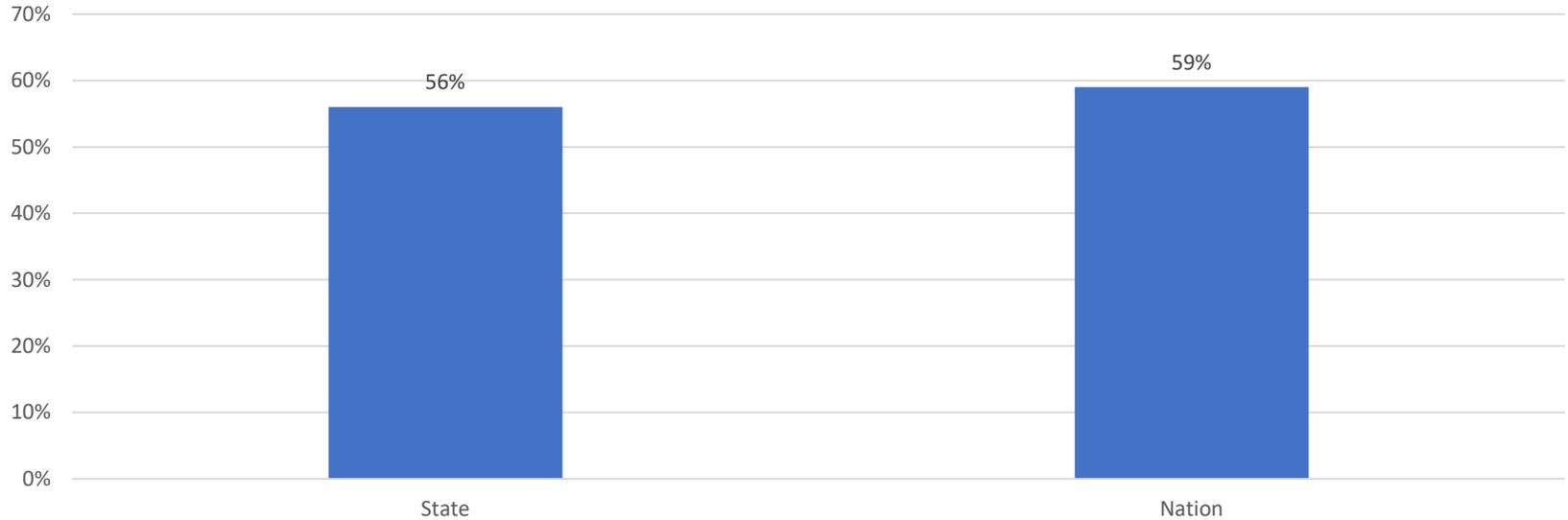
SEPTIC SHOCK CLINICAL PATHWAY

Room # _____ ICU admission Date: _____ Time: _____

| Please complete the following: | | Time: _____ | | Time: _____ | |
|---|---|--|---|--|---------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED Triage: Date: _____ Time: _____ • Septic Shock* diagnosis (Time Zero): Date: _____ Time: _____ • Patient transferred from (unit or hospital): _____ • Patient was identified as having severe sepsis or septic shock: <input type="checkbox"/> ED <input type="checkbox"/> Floor <input type="checkbox"/> ICU Admission <input type="checkbox"/> During ICU Stay • Decision to move to comfort care in first 24 hours after diagnosis: Yes No • ICU discharge: Date: _____ Time: _____ • Discharge status: Alive Expired | | Attending physician at time of diagnosis: ED _____ ICU _____ | | *Septic Shock (Time Zero) defined as: SBP less than 90mmHg or 40mmHg decrease from baseline after 30ml/kg fluid bolus, or requires vasopressors or initial lactic acid is greater than or equal to 4mEq/L | |
| Date _____ to _____ | Decision Grid | Date _____ to _____ | Date _____ to _____ | Date _____ to _____ | Date _____ to _____ |
| 0-1 Hours | | 1-6 Hours | 6-24 Hours | 24-72 Hours | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Labs: serum lactic acid, additional labs as ordered by physician Serum lactic acid drawn _____ Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Cultures X 2 Time 1: _____ Time 2: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other Cultures: <input type="checkbox"/> Establish IV access <input type="checkbox"/> Volume resuscitate: initial 30ml/kg over 1 hour or as fast as possible then additional boluses as needed per orders | Yes No Is patient hypotensive after initial fluid bolus? Yes No Did patient require vasopressor(s)? If YES to either, continue to next column (Septic Shock Bundle) Yes No Is lactic acid greater or equal to 4 mEq/L? Yes No Is there evidence of additional organ dysfunction besides elevated lactic acid? If YES to lactic acid & additional organ dysfunction, please continue to next column (Septic Shock Bundle) If NO to additional organ dysfunction, please continue below: <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain MAP greater than or equal to 65 mmHg <input type="checkbox"/> Broad Spectrum Antibiotic-start after obtain blood culture (see Infection/Pharmacy Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy) Yes No Was a new antibiotic initiated for this episode of septic shock? Time antibiotic hung _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Source Control | Septic Shock Bundle Resuscitation Goals Yes No CVP placed If no, why? _____ Time CVP placed (record first CVP reading prior to x-ray confirmation) Record the FIRST TIME the following is achieved: Time CVP 8-12 mmHg on vent 12-15 mmHg Time MAP greater than or equal to 65 mmHg Time SCVO ₂ greater than 70%: mixed venous greater than or equal to 65% Time Optimized stroke volume (optional) Yes No Assess for risk factors for abdominal compartment syndrome (fluid resuscitation greater than 5 L in 24 hours or less) Repeat lactic acid every 4-6 hours | Septic Shock Bundle Yes No Is patient on vasopressor at greater than 6 hours Yes No Consider Vasopressin for refractory septic shock In patients with acute lung injury or ARDS: Yes No Patient on mechanical ventilator PaO ₂ / FIO ₂ ratio Yes No Is tidal volume 6ml/kg of ideal body weight in first 24 hours? Yes No Are the static or plateau inspiratory pressures less than 30cmH ₂ O in first 24 hours? Yes No Re-evaluate need for invasive lines and tubes <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Mobility | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm Infectious Source <input type="checkbox"/> Re-assess need for broad spectrum antibiotics based on culture reports. Yes No Was there an organism identified? Yes No If YES, was the organism sensitive to the initial antibiotic? <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue Vancomycin if appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Re-evaluate need for invasive lines and tubes <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Mobility | |
| Nurse | | | | | |
| Nurse | | | | | |
| Physician | | | | | |
| Signature, Date & Time | | | | | |

Hospital Compare 4Q2018

Indiana Sepsis Bundle Compliance
Hospital Compare 4Q 2018



Sepsis Bundle Compliance

- 7.6% increased mortality for every hour delay in effective antibiotic for septic shock (Kumar, 2006)

Sepsis Survival Rates with Bundle

| Payer | Passed bundle | Did not pass bundle |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| All payer Oct 15-May 17 | 94.8% | 87.9% |
| | Difference 7% | |
| Medicare Oct 15-Mar 17 | 78.5% | 67.7% |
| | Difference 9% | |

Setting Goals of Care: 2016 Surviving Sepsis Guidelines

- *We recommend that goals of care and prognosis be discussed with patients and families. (BPS)*
- *We recommend that the goals of care be incorporated into treatment and end-of-life care planning, utilizing **palliative care** principles where appropriate. (Strong recommendation; moderate quality of evidence)*
- *We suggest that **goals of care** be addressed as early as feasible, but no later than within 72 hours of ICU admission. (Weak recommendation; low quality of evidence)*

Patients' and Caregivers Experiences

Five main themes of needed education:

- awareness and knowledge of severe sepsis;
- experience of hospitalization,
- ongoing impact of severe sepsis;
- impact on caregivers; and
- support after severe sepsis.



A Qualitative Investigation of Patients' and Caregivers' Experiences of Severe Sepsis*

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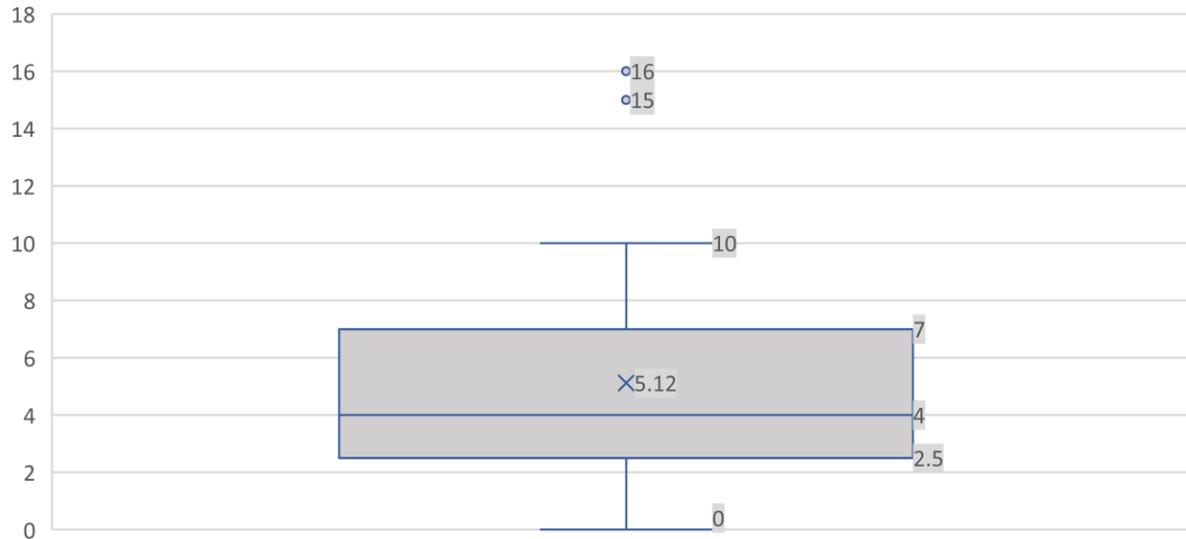
Gallop et al., 2015

Qualitative Analysis of Older Adults' Experiences in Faces of Sepsis- Pre-Acute Phase of Illness

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Symptom Appraisal

Number of Sepsis Signs and Symptoms Described per Patient
Average = 5 (0-16)



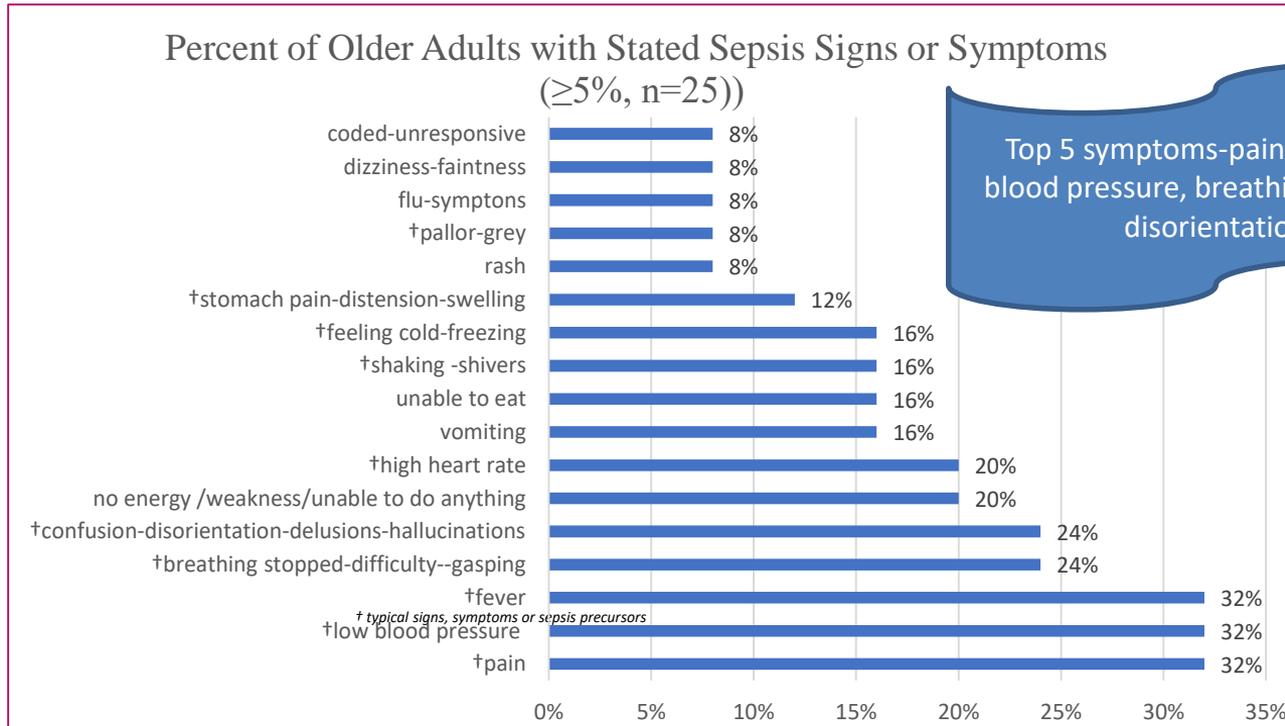
“Quantitizing”
(Sandelowski, 2000a)

SEPSIS EXPERIENCED

getting worse stomach distension couldn't feel legs extreme joint pain unwell
severe abdominal pain crippling pain
weight loss disoriented symptoms never recovered freezing
unable to eat hallucinations low blood pressure low potassium rash
stopped breathing delusions gasping for air end stage renal failure no bowel movement falling
diverticulitis cold or flu-like agony pain shock faintness incarcerated hernia
TURP cold weak muscles flu-like panicking felt worried hard to arouse
organs shutting down cold shivering infection left lung infection
pulmonary embolism bug bites slurring words cold lik emotional
unable to move comfortably feel legs SEPSIS coded confused dizziness
not moving very sick drainage vomiting not feeling well
urine infection pale not talking feeling alone coma excruciating pain
difficulty breathing fever cough pneumonia anemia UTI
hemorrhaging energy fatigue high white blood count unsteady blood pressure water infection
caregiver upset
confusion Ovarian cancer scared not eating bowel blockage felt warm and cold
kidney infection stomach extension high heart rate weakness urinary tract infection
distressed organs swelling shaking violently feeling body shutting down
unable to walk unstable blood pressure, heart rate, breathing diverticula unable to do anything
fistula unresponsive

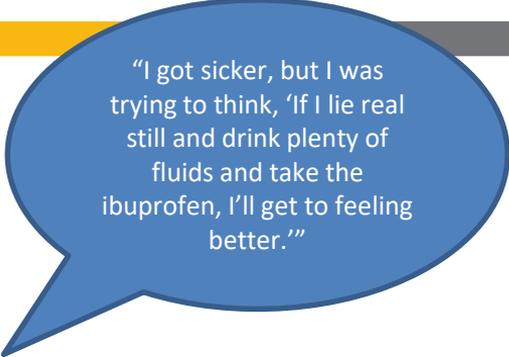
Faces of Sepsis

Older Adults Signs & Symptoms

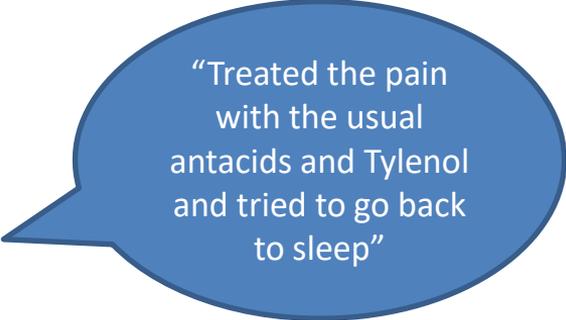


Self-Management Strategies: Interventions When Reacting to Decline

- *Self-medication for fever, pain, nausea--*
- *Wound vac maintenance*
- *Ingesting fluids*
- *Information seeking*
- *Medical attention seeking*



“I got sicker, but I was trying to think, ‘If I lie real still and drink plenty of fluids and take the ibuprofen, I’ll get to feeling better.’”



“Treated the pain with the usual antacids and Tylenol and tried to go back to sleep”

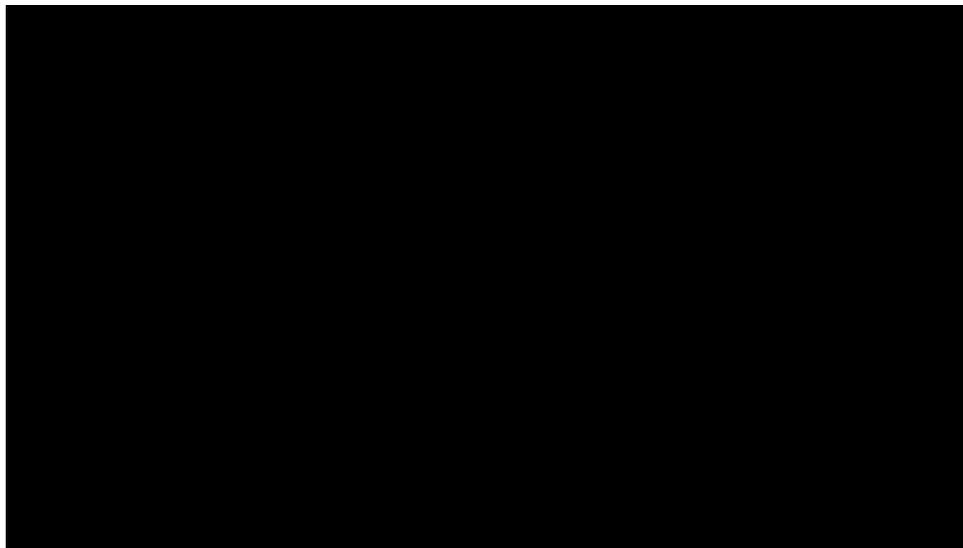
Sepsis Challenges

- *Community & staff awareness*
- *Hospital sepsis bundle compliance*
- *Oral care & hand hygiene for pneumonia & infection prevention*
- *Post-acute care medical follow-up*
- *Post-discharge, engage patients and family in sepsis prevention education, especially for their primary source of sepsis infection*

Conclusion

- *Earlier access to EMS instead of longer self-appraisal of symptoms & identify source*
- *Beware of self-management that masks symptoms*
- *Engage caregivers as partners not adversaries*
- *Improve sepsis awareness to reduce time to treatment & guideline compliance*
- *Beware of cognitive changes, lethargy in older adults*
- *Anticipatory guidance to patients for risk of sepsis*

Life After Sepsis



- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=Hlk64wdy44Q



LIFE AFTER SEPSIS FACT SHEET

WHAT SEPSIS SURVIVORS NEED TO KNOW

ABOUT SEPSIS

www.sepsisalliance.org

- Half of patients recover
- 1/3 die during the following year,
- 1/6 have severe persistent impairments (Prescott, 2018)

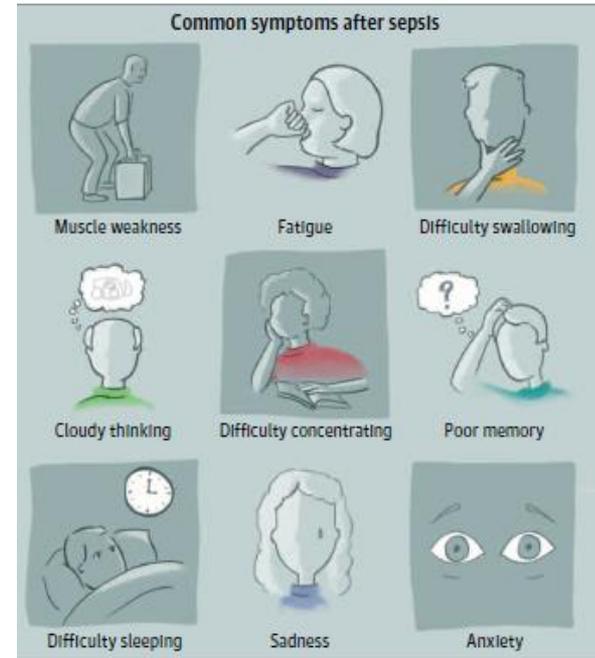
Sepsis Recovery



- THE REALITY OF THE SEPSIS EXPERIENCE & HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITIES IN RECOVERY

- **Impairments:**

- Average 1-2 new functional limitations (e.g. inability to bathe)
- 3 fold increase in mod-severe cognitive impairment
- High prevalence of anxiety (32%), depression (29%), PTSD (44%) (Prescott, 2018)
 - Half of patients recover
 - 1/3 die during the following year,
 - 1/6 have severe persistent impairments (Prescott, 2018)



Functional Impairments

- *Functional limitations*
- *Cognitive limitations*
- *Anxiety*
- *Depression*
- *Post-traumatic stress disorder*
- *Chronic Illness Exacerbations*
- *Increased mortality*
- *Longer hospitalizations & ICU stay*

Readmissions

- Surviving patients who passed bundles had lower 30 day readmissions rate (20.4% vs 25.1%)
- 40% sepsis patients readmitted within 90 day for conditions treatable as outpatients—most commonly another bout of sepsis or another infection
 - Infection (11.9%), HF (5.5%) (Prescott et al, 2018; Prescott & Angus, 2018)

Post-hospital focus

- *Evaluating and reducing risk of medical setbacks:*
 - TIMELY identification of new physical, mental and cognitive problems for referral
- *Medications*
 - Review and adjust long term meds
- *Evaluate for treatable conditions:*
 - new or worsening infection, HF, renal failure, aspiration, sepsis, palliative (Prescott et al, 2018)
 - Timely evaluations
- *Community & Staff Awareness*
 - Symptoms & timely treatment
 - Support Programs

ECF patients with UTI most likely to be seen by practitioner for elevated temp, pulse, and delirium (2x)

Setting Goals of Care: 2016 Surviving Sepsis Guidelines

- *We recommend that goals of care and prognosis be discussed with patients and families. (BPS)*
- *We recommend that the goals of care be incorporated into treatment and end-of-life care planning, utilizing **palliative care** principles where appropriate. (Strong recommendation; moderate quality of evidence)*
- *We suggest that **goals of care** be addressed as early as feasible, but no later than within 72 hours of ICU admission. (Weak recommendation; low quality of evidence)*

Population and systems based approaches for sepsis prevention

Kempker et al. *Critical Care* (2018) 22:116
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COMMENTARY

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Sepsis is a preventable public health problem

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Abstract

There is a paradigm shift happening for sepsis. Sepsis is no longer solely conceptualized as problem of individual patients treated in emergency departments and intensive care units but also as one that is addressed as public health issue with population- and systems-based solutions. We offer a conceptual framework for sepsis as a public health problem by adapting the traditional model of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention.

Primary Prevention of Infections and Sepsis Onset

Immunization

Hygiene

Public Awareness

Antibiotic Prophylaxis

Manage Risk Factors

Dialysis Center participation in NHSN, CDC database for tracking infections?

Kempker et al, 2018;

Adding life after sepsis

Hand Hygiene

Mobility

Nutrition

Immunization

Oral Hygiene

Address post-
sepsis symptoms

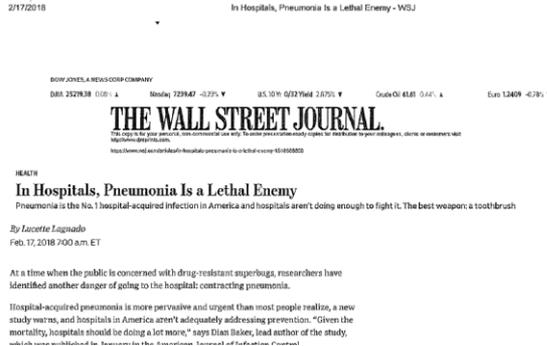
Hydration

Sepsis education

Sepsis source
specific
education

Medical follow-
up
1-3days

Non-Vent Hospital Acquired Pneumonia



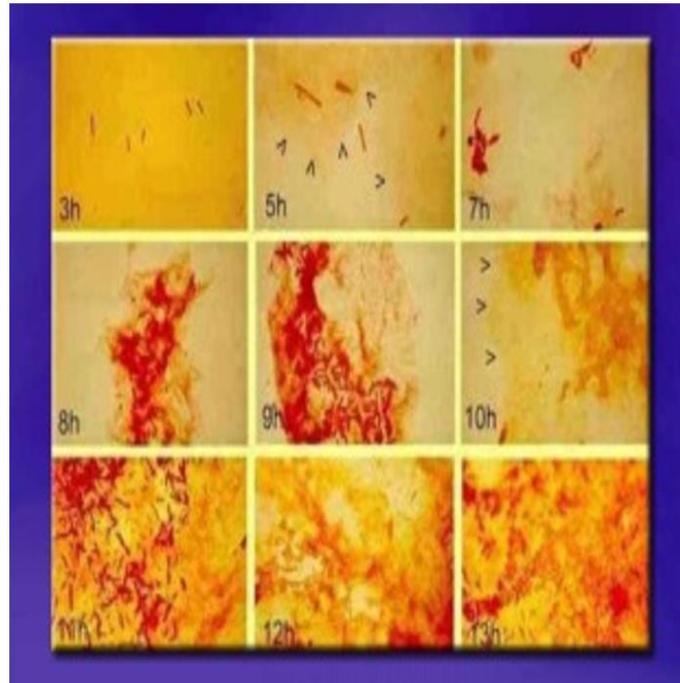
- Nurses: Barbara Quinn & Dr. Diane Baker @ Sutter Health, California
- Pneumonia is #1 hospital acquired infection according to CDC-
- 15-31% death rate from hospital acquired pneumonia
- “They go to the operating room within 20 minutes of brushing teeth”--& gargle
- **Brushing teeth several times per day cut hospital pneumonias by 70% with 50,000 toothbrushes expenditure**

(Brooks, J. (2018). Stop It. Non-Ventilator Hospital Acquired Pneumonia Research Update. https://www.ihaconnect.org/Resources/Public/Patient%20Safety/Sepsis/GMT20180918-190048_Sepsis-Awa_2256x1504.mp4;

(Lagnado, L. (2018). In hospitals, pneumonia is a lethal enemy. The Wall Street Journal. 2/17/2018)

Brush teeth!

Cycle of Bacteria Growth in the Mouth within Hours



What is your
patient care
policy for oral
health?

Sepsis Awareness Month Toolkit 2019

- *Updated Sepsis Toolkit Social Media Outreach & Community Education*
 - Sepsis Awareness Day is September 13, 2019—plan one community and one long term care educational program in September
 - Community & Clinical resources in toolkit
- *Podcasts*
 - Content for patient-centered and clinician-centered updates

www.survivesepsis.com



Toolkit Resources

- *Consider press releases to promote sepsis awareness in the community!*

September 13 is Sepsis Awareness Day proclaimed by Governor Holcomb



Sepsis Toolkit Podcasts

 **Indiana Patient Safety Center**
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SEPTEMBER: SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2019 Clinical Podcast Series

These podcasts are clinically focused and can be shared internally with your staff and medical staff.

Might My Infection Become Sepsis? with Dr. Lindsay Weaver
Lindsay Weaver, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, IU School of Medicine and Associate Director of Quality, IU Health Emergency Department, discusses the signs and symptoms of sepsis and when to seek emergency medical treatment.

Sepsis Bundle Compliance Success with Dr. Raymond Lee Kiser
Raymond Lee Kiser, M.D., MBA, Nephrologist and Hospitalist Medical Director at Columbus Regional Health, discusses the importance of sepsis bundle compliance.

Sepsis Treatment Successes and Joint Commission Certification with Kaycee Barnett
Kaycee Barnett, MSN, RN, Sepsis Coordinator at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, details their journey to become the first sepsis certified hospital by the Joint Commission in the state of Indiana.

Recognizing Pediatric Sepsis with Dr. Brian Wagers
Brian Wagers, M.D., FAAP, Physician Director of Pediatric and Maternal Quality and Safety at Riley Hospital for Children, and Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine, discusses recognizing sepsis in pediatric patients.

Pediatric Sepsis Treatment with Dr. Tyler Arnold
Tyler S. Arnold, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Riley Hospital Emergency Department and Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, Indiana University School of Medicine, details current guidelines in the treatment of pediatric sepsis.

Sepsis Survivors' Rehabilitation Research with Dr. Babar Khan
Babar Khan, MD, MS, Pulmonologist, Intensivist, & Research Scientist at the Regenstrief Institute, Indiana University Center for Aging Research, and Eskenazi Health, focuses on rehabilitation of ICU survivors and delirium.

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SEPTEMBER: SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

2019 Patient-Focused Podcast Series

These podcasts are focused on personal patient experiences and community education, but can also be shared with your clinical staff. These podcasts are appropriate to share through your public social media channels.

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A Daughter's Concerns in Care Transitions with Karin Kennedy
Karin Kennedy, Vice President of Quality & Patient Safety at the Indiana Hospital Association, shares her story as a daughter and caregiver for her mother.

Lisa: A Widow's Journey: Grief to Advocacy
Lisa details her journey after losing her husband at a young age to sepsis and how she turned her grief into advocacy.

Sepsis Recovery - Suzanne's Story
Suzanne's story through her journey beyond sepsis.

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Toolkit Resources

Discussion tool for Care Transitions Podcasts

STEM School Age Education

Pneumonia Prevention with oral care

SEPTEMBER: SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

Clinical Tools & Resources

[Patient Center Care Narrative in Health Care Transitions](#)

Activity designed to listen to a narrative to identify improvement opportunities from the caregiver's perspective referencing readmissions and improving care transitions. To be used with the patient-focused podcast [A Daughter's Concerns in Care Transitions](#) with Karm Kennedy.

[Society of Critical Care Medicine 3-hour bundle protocols and checklists](#)

[Sepsis Screening Tool for Hospitals \(SIRS Criteria\)](#)

[Early Identification of Sepsis on the Hospital Floors: Insights for implementation of Hour-1 Bundle](#). This reference is from the Society of Critical Care Medicine for the 1-hour bundle. This bundle has **not** been implemented by CMS at this time.

[DART \(Detect, Act, Reassess, Titrate\) tool by American College of Emergency Physicians](#)

[Sepsis Alliance Tools](#)

[CDC Sepsis Tools](#)

[How can I get ahead of sepsis? Posters to print:](#)

[Four Ways to Get Ahead of Sepsis](#)
[Protect Yourself from Sepsis](#)
[Start the Conversation Sepsis](#)

[Sepsis Education for Children - Rory Staunton Foundation](#)

[Surviving Sepsis - Mayo Clinic](#)

[Pediatric Sepsis Recognition & Treatment](#)

[Kern Medical Bringing Sepsis Back](#)

Archived 2018 Clinical Webinars - IHA Sepsis Webinar Series:

[Qualitative Analysis of Older Adults' Experiences in Faces of Sepsis™ - Rebecca Hancock, Ph.D., RN](#)

[See It: Sepsis & Biomarkers - M. Laura Parnas, Ph.D. and Annie Stock, Pharm.D.](#)

[Stop It: Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia: Research Update - JoAnn Brooks, Ph.D., RN](#)

[Survive It: Indiana Sep-1 Compliance: Life After Sepsis-Readmissions, Recovery, Community Outreach, and Sepsis Certification - Chris Newkirk, RN and Kaycee Barnett, RN](#)

For more information, visit [SurviveSepsis.com](#)

Printable tents

SEPTEMBER: SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

Community Awareness Tools & Resources

[Sepsis Awareness Printable Table Tent](#)

[When a Loved One Has Sepsis: A Caregiver's Guide](#)

[Post Sepsis Syndrome: I survived sepsis. What's next?](#)

[Sepsis Alliance Sepsis 911 Community Education Materials](#)

Public Education/Social Media Videos

[Sepsis Alliance: Faces of Sepsis](#)

[CDC - Four Ways to Get Ahead of Sepsis](#)

[World Sepsis Day - What is Sepsis? \(sepsis explained in 3 minutes\)](#)

[Sepsis Alliance - Life After Sepsis](#)

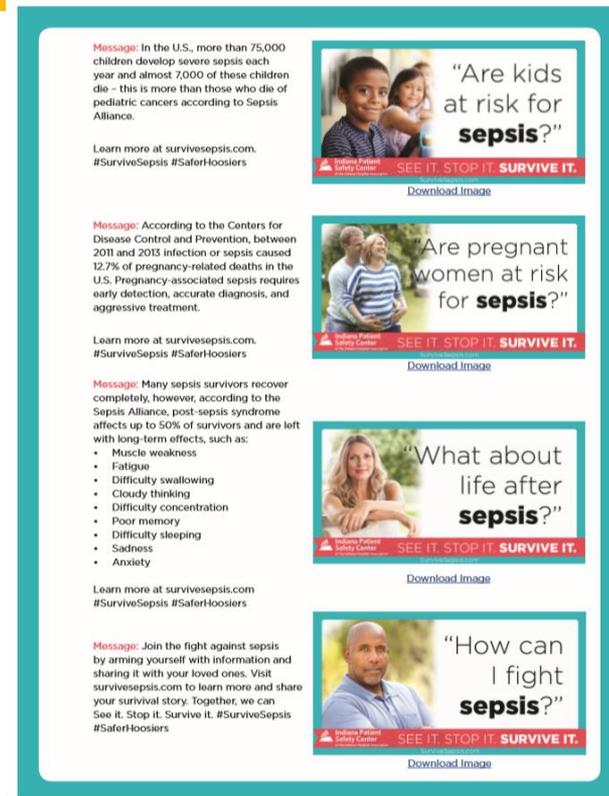
[Sepsis Alliance - Sepsis - It's About Time with Angelica Hale](#)

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Sepsis 911 Community Education

Social Media

- Examples of social media messages
- Connect with your marketing department for plans
- “Like” IHA on Facebook & follow on LinkedIn & Twitter @IHACONNECT
- Share social media--IHA will do regular postings



Message: In the U.S., more than 75,000 children develop severe sepsis each year and almost 7,000 of these children die – this is more than those who die of pediatric cancers according to Sepsis Alliance.

Learn more at survivesepsis.com.
#SurviveSepsis #SaferHoosiers

“Are kids at risk for sepsis?”

SEE IT. STOP IT. SURVIVE IT.

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Message: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, between 2011 and 2015 infection or sepsis caused 12.7% of pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. Pregnancy-associated sepsis requires early detection, accurate diagnosis, and aggressive treatment.

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“Are pregnant women at risk for sepsis?”

SEE IT. STOP IT. SURVIVE IT.

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Message: Many sepsis survivors recover completely, however, according to the Sepsis Alliance, post-sepsis syndrome affects up to 50% of survivors and are left with long-term effects, such as:

- Muscle weakness
- Fatigue
- Difficulty swallowing
- Cloudy thinking
- Difficulty concentration
- Poor memory
- Difficulty sleeping
- Sadness
- Anxiety

Learn more at survivesepsis.com.
#SurviveSepsis #SaferHoosiers

“What about life after sepsis?”

SEE IT. STOP IT. SURVIVE IT.

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Message: Join the fight against sepsis by arming yourself with information and sharing it with your loved ones. Visit survivesepsis.com to learn more and share your survival story. Together, we can See It. Stop It. Survive It. #SurviveSepsis #SaferHoosiers

“How can I fight sepsis?”

SEE IT. STOP IT. SURVIVE IT.

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Additional Sepsis Resources

- [Early Identification of Sepsis in Texas Nursing Homes](#) curriculum & staff education by TMF Health Quality Institute
- [ECF-home health Inspect Stop & Watch Tool](#)
- [ED flowsheets for bundle elements & care transitions](#)

Signs of infection and sepsis at home

Common infections can sometimes lead to sepsis. Sepsis is a deadly response to an infection.

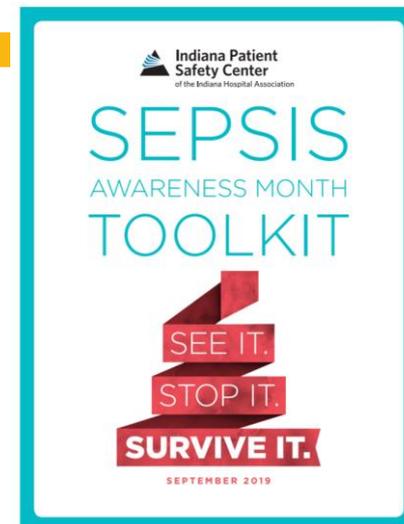
| |  Green zone No signs of infection. |  Yellow zone Take action today. Call: _____ |  Red zone Take action now! Call: _____ |
|---|--|---|---|
| Are there changes in my heart-beat or breathing? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My heart-beat is as usual. Breathing is normal for me. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart-beat is faster than usual. Breathing is a bit more difficult and faster than usual. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart-beat is very fast. Breathing is very fast. |
| Do I have a fever? | I have not had a fever in the past 24 hours and I am not taking medicine for a fever. | Fever between 100 °F to 101.4 °F. | Fever is 101.5 °F or greater. |
| Do I feel cold? | I do not feel cold. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel cold and cannot get warm. I am shivering or my teeth are chattering. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature is below 96.8 °F. Skin or fingernails are pale or blue. |
| How is my energy? | My energy level is as usual. | I am too tired to do most of my usual activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am very tired. I cannot do any of my usual activities. |
| How is my thinking? | Thinking is clear. | Thinking feels slow or not right. | My caregivers tell me I am not making sense. |
| Are there changes in how I feel after a hospitalization, procedure, infection, or change in wound or I.V. site? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel well. I had pneumonia, a urinary tract infection (UTI) or another infection. I had a wound or I.V. site. It is healing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do not feel well. I have a bad cough. My wound or I.V. site looks different. I have not urinated (pee) for 5 or more hours. When I do urinate (pee) it burns, is cloudy or smells bad. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel sick. My wound or I.V. site is painful, red, smells or has pus. |

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Online Resources

- **Sepsis Tools:**

- **IHA** Sepsis Awareness Month Toolkit & Resources Sept 2019:
 - IHA Sepsis Awareness Webinars- www.survivesepsis.com
 - Dr. JoAnn Brooks- pneumonia prevention
 - 2019 Sepsis toolkit podcasts
- **CDC** Sepsis Education
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/index.html>
- **Sepsis Alliance** Education, blogs, presentation template, disease specific education handouts:
 - www.sepsis.org
- **Rory Staunton Foundation** Sepsis Education in Schools
 - <https://rorystauntonfoundationforsepsis.org/education-modules/>
- Early ID of Sepsis in Texas in Home Health & Nursing Homes-education
 - <https://www.tmf.org/Health-Care-Providers/Home-Health-Agencies>
 - <https://www.tmf.org/Health-Care-Providers/Nursing-Homes/Early-ID-of-Sepsis-in-Texas-Nursing-Homes>



Online Videos (& there are many)

- *Sepsis & Older Adults*
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=285&v=a0gbxCVgukw
- *Life After Sepsis*
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=Hlk64wdy44Q
- *See also 2019 Indiana Hospital Association Sepsis Awareness Month Toolkit video references*
 - www.survivesepsis.com



SEPSIS ALLIANCE

Suspect Sepsis. Save Lives.

When it comes to sepsis, remember
IT'S ABOUT TIME™ Watch for:



TEMPERATURE
higher or lower
than normal



INFECTION
may have signs
and symptoms of
an infection



MENTAL DECLINE
confused, sleepy,
difficult to rouse



EXTREMELY ILL
"I feel like I might
die," severe pain
or discomfort

Watch for a combination of these symptoms. If you suspect sepsis, see a doctor urgently, CALL 911 or go to a hospital and say, "I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS."

Patient Education “Zone Tool”

EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SEPSIS



Has your healthcare provider diagnosed you with an **INFECTION**?
You could be at risk for **SEPSIS**. Know the signs!

What is Sepsis? Sepsis is your body’s life-threatening response to an **INFECTION** anywhere in your body. Anyone can get sepsis!



Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis

Watch for a combination of **INFECTION** + fever or feeling chilled, confusion/sleepiness, fast heart rate, fast breathing or shortness of breath, extreme pain and pale/discolored skin.



SEPSIS IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

GREEN Zone: ALL CLEAR - Feeling well

- No fever or feeling chilled
- No fast heart rate
- No increase in pain
- No confusion or sleepiness
- Easy breathing

RED Zone: Call your doctor or nurse immediately if you experience INFECTION and...

- Fever or feeling chilled
- Confusion/sleepiness (recognized by others)
- Fast heart rate
- Fast breathing or shortness of breath
- Extreme pain
- Pale or discolored skin

..... If you are unable to reach your doctor or nurse,
CALL 911 OR HAVE SOMEONE TAKE YOU TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Key Contacts:



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See Sepsis Alliance Webinar: Sepsis Across the Continuum & Homecare, Dec 2017: New Sepsis Intervention Initiatives in Home Care & Beyond (Cardillo, Bowerman & Bankert; 2017)

<https://www.sepsis.org/resources/sepsis-alliance-webinar-series/>

Home Care Services Adult Sepsis Screening Tool

For use in conjunction with Sepsis Protocol

ATTACHMENT A

Patient's Name: _____
Medical Record #: _____
Date Completed: _____

- 1** Does the patient's history, physical examination, or other findings suggest an infection or potential source of infection? Yes No
If Yes, specify source or potential source of infection and select one or more below:
- Pneumonia
 - Urinary tract infection
 - Acute abdominal infection
 - Meningitis
 - Bone or joint infection
 - Bloodstream catheter infection
 - Active treatment
 - Implanted device infection
 - Endocarditis
 - Recent Chemotherapy/Immunocompromised
 - Wound infection or skin infection
 - Other source of infection: _____
- 2** Are any 2 (or more) of the following systemic criteria present? Yes No If Yes, check all that apply:
- Fever (oral temperature >38.3° C [100.9° F] or hypothermia (core temperature <36.0° C [96.8° F])
 - Tachycardia (heart rate or pulse >90 beats/minute)
 - Tachypnea (respirations >20 breaths/minute)
- 3** Is at least one new (since the last screen) Sepsis-related organ dysfunction criteria present from the following list? Yes No
If yes, check all that apply:
- | | |
|--|--|
| Neurological | Cardiovascular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New onset acutely altered mental status/difficult to arouse | <input type="checkbox"/> New onset hypotension (systolic blood pressure <90 or decreases by >40 mm Hg) |
| Lung | <input type="checkbox"/> New onset pale/discolor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New onset saturation <90% by pulse oximetry, on supplemental oxygen SpO2 other than baseline | Pain |
| Kidney | <input type="checkbox"/> New onset pain/general discomfort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New onset urine output decreased from the patient's baseline with adequate fluid intake (and not due to ESRD) | |

If the answers to questions 1, 2, and 3 above are all "NO," then STOP. Screening is complete for this visit.

The Patient Meets Criteria for Infection

If the answer to #1 is "Yes" and the answer to #2 and #3 are "No," then educate the patient on signs and symptoms of Sepsis and provide patient with information sheet "Early Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis" (Attachment C).

The Patient Meets Criteria for MD Notification

If the answer to question #2 and/or #3 are "Yes," then educate the patient on signs and symptoms of Sepsis and notify MD of your findings and document.

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The Patient Meets Criteria for SEVERE Sepsis

If the answer to questions #1, #2, and #3 are all "Yes," then the patient meets screening criteria for severe Sepsis. Document your findings, educate the patient on signs and symptoms of Sepsis and treatment, and notify the provider and have patient transported to emergency department for evaluation.

Note: _____

Check all that apply:

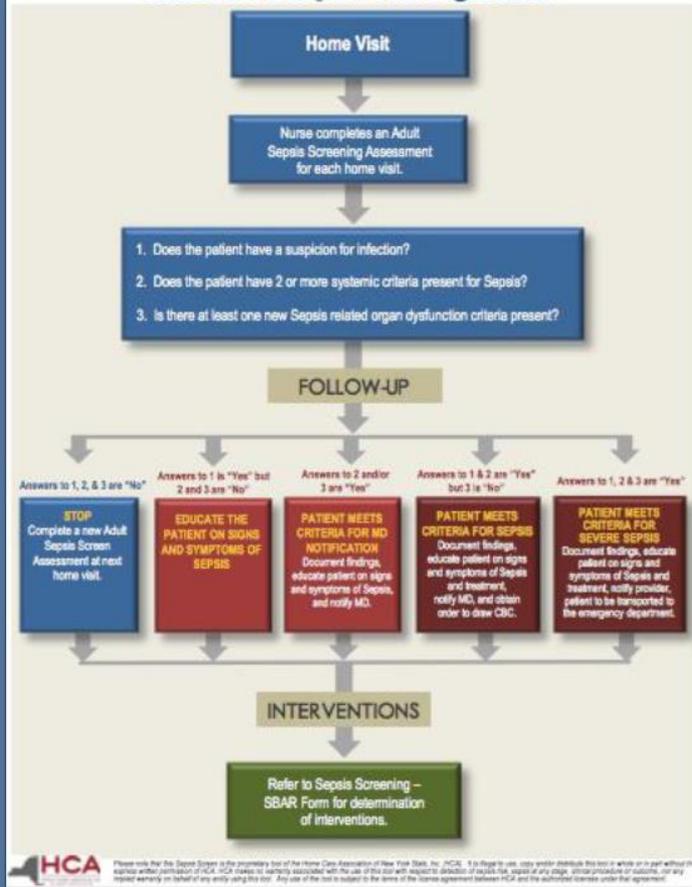
- The interventions in the Sepsis Protocol are clinically contraindicated (provider determination). The patient has been educated on the signs and symptoms of Sepsis and provided with the patient information sheet "Early Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis" (Attachment C).
- The patient has advanced directives in place at this time which precludes any of the protocol interventions (e.g., an order in place for "comfort measures only"). Education has been completed with the patient and/or caregiver on symptom management of Sepsis.
- The patient or surrogate declined or is unwilling to consent to protocol interventions. Provider has been notified of the decision; not to receive acute intervention. Education has been completed with the patient and/or the caregiver as to the risks and benefits of declining intervention.
- The patient has met all criteria for severe Sepsis and requires immediate intervention, MD notified, patient educated and to be transported to emergency department, and report called to the receiving emergency department.
- The patient meets Sepsis criteria, patient education, MD notified, antibiotics initiated, and next skilled nursing visit to be completed within 24 hours.

Note: _____

FOLLOW-UP

INTERVENTIONS

Home Care Sepsis Tool Algorithm



Please note that the Sepsis Screen is the proprietary tool of the Home Care Association of New York State, Inc. (HCA). It is illegal to use, copy, or distribute this tool in whole or in part without the express written permission of HCA. HCA reserves the authority associated with the use of this tool with respect to detection, diagnosis, and/or treatment of patients in any stage, clinical procedure or outcome, and any implied warranty on behalf of any entity using this tool. Any use of the tool is subject to the terms of the license agreement between HCA and the authorized licensee under that agreement.

Sepsis Screen Tool – Follow-up Section

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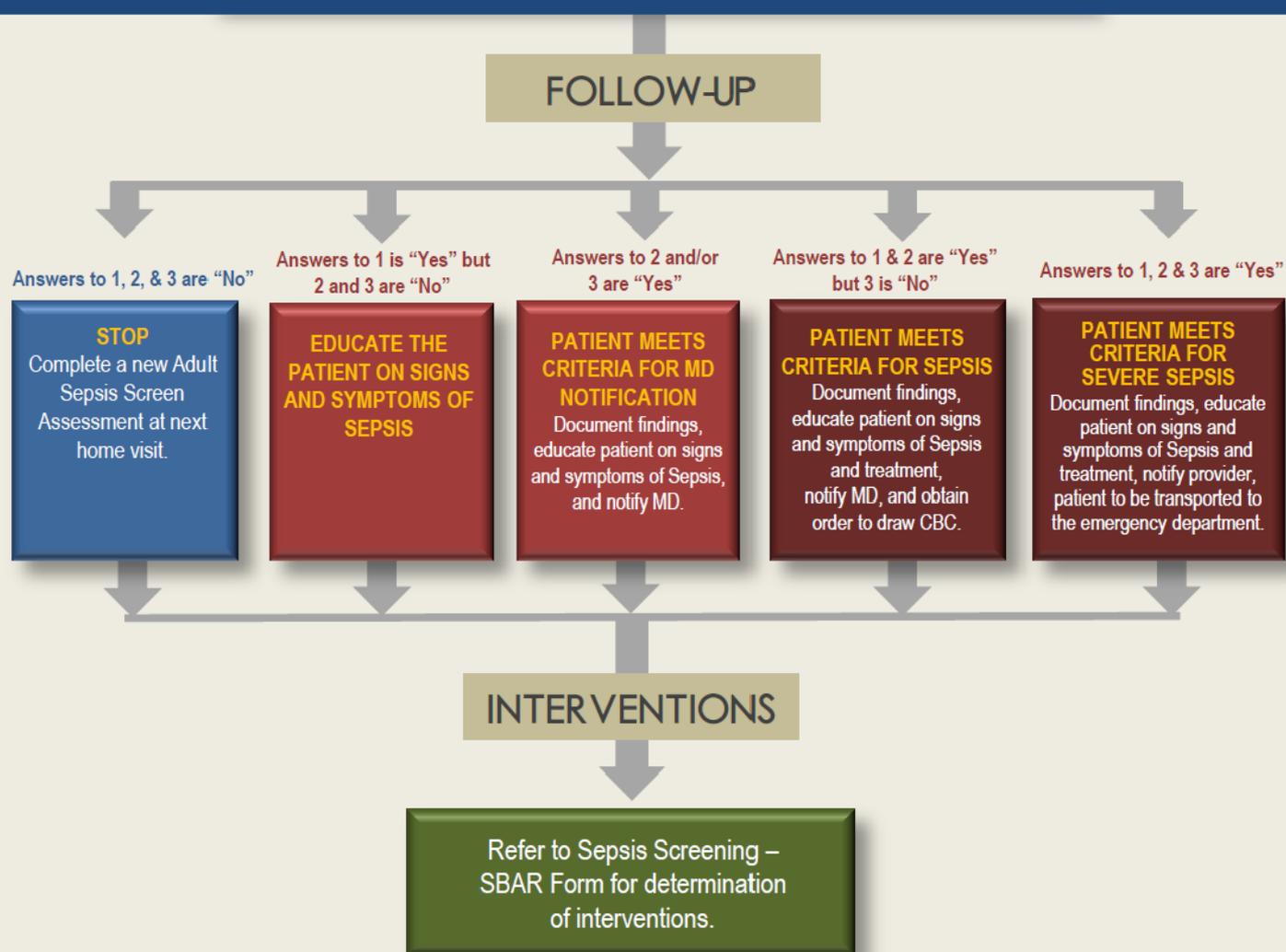
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Home Care Sepsis Tool Algorithm

Home Visit

Nurse completes an Adult
Sepsis Screening Assessment
for each home visit.

1. Does the patient have a suspicion for infection?
2. Does the patient have 2 or more systemic criteria present for Sepsis?
3. Is there at least one new Sepsis related organ dysfunction criteria present?



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