



Emergency Department  
**SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL**

Does the patient have any **TWO** of the following?

- Heart rate greater than 90/min
- Respiratory rate greater than 20/min
- Temp greater than or equal to 38°C, or less than 36°C
- Altered mental state

≡ **AND**

**Suspected or confirmed infection?**

- Cough/sputum/chest pain/shortness of breath
- Mottled skin, cold extremities
- Dysuria/frequency/indwelling catheter
- Central line present

*continued...*

- Skin or joint (pain/swelling/redness)
- Abdominal pain/distension/vomiting/diarrhea



**YES**

**PATIENT MAY HAVE NEW  
INFECTION/SEPSIS**

*Call physician & report  
assessment & findings*

**WATCH FOR DETERIORATION:**

Lactate greater than or equal to 4 mmol/L OR 2/3 qSOFA:

- **B**lood pressure less than 100 mmHg systolic
- **A**ltered mental status
- **T**achypnea greater than or equal to 20 breaths/min