

Adult Inpatient Sepsis Screening Tool

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

- Heart rate greater than 90/min
- Respiratory rate greater than 20 breaths/min
- Temperature greater than or equal to 38°C or less than 36°C
- WBC greater than 12.0 or less than 4.0 x 10⁹/L
- Altered mental status

↓ AND

Does the patient have a confirmed or suspected source of infection, or any of the symptoms below?

- Cough/sputum/chest pain/shortness of breath
- Abdominal pain/distension/vomiting/diarrhea
- Dysuria/frequency/indwelling catheter
- Skin or joint (pain/swelling/redness)
- Central line present
- Mottled skin, cold extremities

↓ Yes

PATIENT MAY HAVE NEW INFECTION/SEPSIS

Call physician & report assessment & findings. Discuss initiation of Early Sepsis Investigation and Treatment Orders.

Key Interventions:

1. Lab and diagnostics
2. IV fluids
3. Antibiotics
4. Monitor

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If patient develops:

1. TWO OUT OF THREE OF THE FOLLOWING (qSOFA):
 - a. Respiratory rate >22 breaths/min
 - b. Systolic blood pressure less than 100 mmHg
 - c. Altered mental status

and/or

2. Lactate greater than 4 mmol/L

Call most responsible physician and inform him/her **the patient has SEPSIS and possible SEPTIC SHOCK and needs **IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT.****

Consider **escalation of care (internal medicine consult/critical care or rapid response outreach team/critical care consult /transfer ICU)**