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 $4.0 \times 10^9$/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

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)