

# Inpatient Sepsis SBAR Communication Tool

Prescriber paged:

Caller:

Time:

<h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">S</h1> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Situation</p>	<p>I am calling about: (patient's name and location) _____</p> <p>Current diagnosis: _____</p> <p>The patient's code status is: _____</p> <p>I am calling because this patient has met the screening criteria for possible sepsis</p> <p>Indicate if urgent: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">B</h1> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Background</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin-top: 10px;">Have patient chart, flow sheet, MAR, Sepsis Orders, and nurses' notes on hand when you make the call.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>The patient is in the hospital because: _____</p> <p>The patient has met the following (2) screening criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Heart Rate greater than 90/min</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate greater than 20/min</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Temperature 38 °C or more *OR* less than 36 °C</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> WBC more than 12 *OR* less than 4X10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Altered mental status</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suspected infection _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed infection _____</li> </ul> <p><b>Consider other relevant clinical information:</b></p> <p>Breath sounds _____</p> <p>Skin colour _____</p> <p>CWMS _____</p> <p>Intake &amp; Output _____</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Patient Current status:</b></p> <p>Heart Rate: _____</p> <p>RR: _____</p> <p>T: _____</p> <p>BP: _____</p> <p>O<sub>2</sub> Sat: _____</p> <p>WBC: _____</p> <p>Last C&amp;S done: _____</p> </div> </div>
<h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">A</h1> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Assessment</p>	<p><b>What is your assessment of the situation?</b></p> <p>I am concerned that the patient possibly has sepsis</p>
<h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">R</h1> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Recommendation</p>	<p><b>Ask the prescriber:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you want to order IV Bolus?</li> <li>2. Do you want to order a lactate level</li> <li>3. Do you want to order blood cultures?</li> <li>4. Will you come within 30 minutes and assess the patient and complete the Inpatient Sepsis Orders?</li> <li>5. If the patient does not improve, when should I call you again?</li> </ol> <p><b>Are you satisfied with the response? If not - Say so</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I am concerned"</li> <li>• "Help me understand"</li> <li>• "I am requesting that you come in and assess the patient"</li> <li>• "What is the plan?"</li> </ul> <p><b>Before you end the call, repeat all orders back to the prescriber!</b></p>