

# Sepsis/Severe Sepsis Screening Tool



## Are any two of the following SSI criteria present?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature $<36$ or $>38.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate $>20/\text{min}$         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart rate $>90\text{bpm}$                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Acutely altered mental state              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WCC $>12$ or $<4 \times 10^9/\text{l}$       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperglycaemia in the absence of diabetes |

**If yes, patient has SSI**

## Does your patient have a history or signs suggestive of a new infection? For example:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough/ sputum/ chest pain        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dysuria                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abdo pain/ distension/ diarrhoea | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache with neck stiffness                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Line infection                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cellulitis/ wound infection/ septic arthritis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endocarditis                     |  |

**If yes, patient has SEPSIS**

## Any signs of organ dysfunction?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SBP $< 90\text{mmHg}$ or MAP $< 65\text{mmHg}$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lactate $> 2\text{mmol/l}$                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urine output $< 0.5\text{ml/kg/hr}$ for 2 hrs  | <input type="checkbox"/> New need for oxygen to keep $\text{SpO}_2 > 90\%$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INR $> 1.5$ or aPTT $> 60\text{s}$             | <input type="checkbox"/> Platelets $< 100 \times 10^9/\text{l}$            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilirubin $> 34\mu\text{mol/l}$                | <input type="checkbox"/> Creatinine $> 177 \text{ mmol/l}$                 |

### If no, treat for **SEPSIS**:

- Oxygen
- Blood cultures
- IV antibiotics
- Fluid therapy
- Reassess for SEVERE SEPSIS with hourly observations

### If yes, patient has **SEVERE SEPSIS**

Start SEVERE SEPSIS CARE PATHWAY

# Document to be kept in patient's notes

Patient name:

PID:

Date:

Ward:

## Severe Sepsis Care Pathway – First Hour Care Duties

Yes

Could this patient have sepsis?

No

Yes

Apply Severe Sepsis Screening Tool

Negative

Reassess patient Apply appropriate Management plan

Sepsis Six <sup>©</sup>	Time	Initial	Reason not done or result
1. <b>Oxygen:</b> high flow 15l/min via non-rebreathe mask. Target saturations > 94%			
2. <b>Blood cultures:</b> take at least one set plus all relevant blood tests eg FBC, U&E, LFT, clotting, glucose. <i>Consider urine/ sputum/ swab samples.</i>			
3. <b>IV antibiotics</b> as per trust guidelines			
4. <b>Fluid resuscitate:</b> if hypotensive give boluses of 0.9% saline or Hartmann's 20 ml/kg up to a max of 60ml/kg			
5. <b>Serum lactate</b> and Hb: ABG Ensure Hb > 7g/dl			
6. <b>Catheterise</b> and commence fluid balance			

### Plus

Referral to Critical Care.

Do you need to discuss with your consultant – on-call first?

Please think before referring is this episode reversible? Have all the above been completed and the patient reviewed within one hour and a PMH/Co-morbidity history taken?

One hour time check: all steps done?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Name:

Signature:

Designation:

Bleep No.:

Patient name:

PID:

Date:

Ward:

6 Hour Resuscitation Bundle (assisted care)

Yes

No

Septic shock present!

Confirm first hour care duties complete  
**Apply Early Goal Directed Therapy**

Lactate>4mmol/l?

Yes

No

**Severe sepsis, no shock**  
Ensure management plan is documented in notes  
Ensure hourly obs taken, recorded and acted upon.  
REASSESS frequently!

	Time achieved	Initial	Reason not done or result
1. Ensure patient has received adequate <b>fluid resuscitation:</b> boluses of 20ml/kg 0.9% saline or Hartmann's to a max of 60ml/kg			
2. If still shocked ( <i>low BP/ low urine output/ high lactate</i> ) Ensure <b>Critical Care</b> attend urgently			
3. If still shocked ( <i>low BP/ low urine output/ high lactate</i> ) <b>insert central venous catheter</b> under USS guidance (only if competent; otherwise seek help)			
4. Aim to achieve <b>CVP 8-12mmHg</b> with Care,Check CVP Monitor			
5. Take heparinised sample from central line (use ABG syringe): check <b>ScvO2&gt;70%</b>			
6. Ensure <b>Hb&gt;7g/dl</b> : consider transfusion if necessary			
7. Consider <b>noradrenaline</b> if still shocked or <b>dobutamine</b> if ScvO2 < 70%			

6 hour time check:

Name:

Designation:

All steps complete? Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature:

Bleep/ID Card No.:

# SBAR Reporting



<b>S</b>	Date: ..... Time: ..... (24hrs) Drs name: ..... My name is ..... From Ward/Dept ..... I am calling about (patient name) ..... The problem is .....
<b>B</b>	The patient was admitted with ..... on ...../...../..... Relevant PMH ..... Resuscitation status .....
<b>A</b>	The patient has a PAR score of ..... Airway ..... Breathing ..... Circulation ..... Disability ..... Exposure ..... Other relevant factors e.g. Sepsis screening, blood results, pain, urine output .....
<b>R</b>	I request you review the patient within the next ..... hrs/mins (enter agreed timescale e.g. 30mins) Document any initial instructions ..... ..... Patient reviewed by Dr at ..... (24hrs)