

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°C | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate >20/min |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart rate >90bpm | <input type="checkbox"/> Acutely altered mental state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WCC >12 or <4 x10 ⁹ /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 < 90mmHg or MAP < 65mmHg | <input type="checkbox"/> Lactate > 2mmol/l |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urine output < 0.5ml/kg/hr for 2 hrs | <input type="checkbox"/> New need for oxygen to keep SpO ₂ >90% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INR > 1.5 or aPTT > 60s | <input type="checkbox"/> Platelets < 100 x 10 ⁹ /l |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilirubin > 34μmol/l | <input type="checkbox"/> Creatinine > 177 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 [©] | Time | Initial | Reason not done or result |
|---|------|---------|---------------------------|
| 1. Oxygen: high flow 15l/min via non-rebreathe mask. Target saturations > 94% | | | |
| 2. Blood cultures: take at least one set plus all relevant blood tests eg FBC, U&E, LFT, clotting, glucose. Consider urine/ sputum/ swab samples. | | | |
| 3. IV antibiotics as per trust guidelines | | | |
| 4. Fluid resuscitate: if hypotensive give boluses of 0.9% saline or Hartmann's 20 ml/kg up to a max of 60ml/kg | | | |
| 5. Serum lactate and Hb: ABG Ensure Hb > 7g/dl | | | |
| 6. Catheterise 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)

Systolic BP <90mmHg or MAP <65mmHg or a fall of >40mmHg from baseline

Yes

No

Lactate>4mmol/l?

Yes

No

**Severe sepsis,
no shock**

Septic shock present!

Ensure management plan

Confirm first hour care
duties complete

is documented in notes

**Apply Early Goal
Directed Therapy**

Ensure hourly obs taken,
recorded and acted upon.

REASSESS frequently!

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

6 hour time check:

All steps complete? Yes No

Name:

Signature:

Designation:

Bleep/ID Card No.:

SBAR Reporting



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| S | Date: Time: : (24hrs) Drs name: My name is From Ward/Dept I am calling about (patient name) The problem is |
| B | The patient was admitted with on/...../.... Relevant PMH Resuscitation status |
| A | The patient has a PAR score of Airway Breathing Circulation Disability Exposure Other relevant factors e.g. Sepsis screening, blood results, pain, urine output |
| R | 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) |