



HEALTH QUALITY BC

Inpatient Sepsis Screening Tool

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

- Heart rate greater than 90/min
- Respiratory rate greater than 20/min
- Temp greater or equal to 38C or less than 36C
- Altered mental status/GCS change
- WBC greater than 12.0 or less than 4.0 x 10/L



AND

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

- Looks unwell
- Age greater than 65 years
- Recent surgery
- Immunocompromised (AIDS, transplant, chemotherapy, neutropenia, asplenia, chronic steroids)
- Chronic illness (diabetes, cancer, IV drug use, renal or hepatic failure, alcohol use disorder)



YES

PATIENT MAY HAVE SEPSIS

SBP less than 90 mmHg?

MAP less than 65 mmHg?

Report possible SEPTIC SHOCK findings to

MRP for IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT

Discuss initiation of ED Sepsis PPO

Key Interventions

1. Blood cultures before antibiotics (Abx)
2. SHOCK: Abx w/in 1 hr
No Shock: Abx w/in 3 hrs if concern for infection persists
3. Balanced crystalloid – 30cc/kg w/in 3 hrs
4. Measure lactate within 3 hrs and repeat in 2-4 hrs if elevated
5. Norepinephrine early if hypotensive after 30cc/kg bolus & can use peripheral IVs up to 6 hrs
6. With significant ongoing vasopressor, consider IV hydrocortisone – 50mg IV q6h

Consider Critical Care Consult/Outreach/Transfer

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