



## Sepsis Learning Collaborative:

Antibiotics and Source Control Essentials in Sepsis  
Sepsis Pitfalls and Barriers to Quality Improvement

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# Antibiotic Selection in Sepsis

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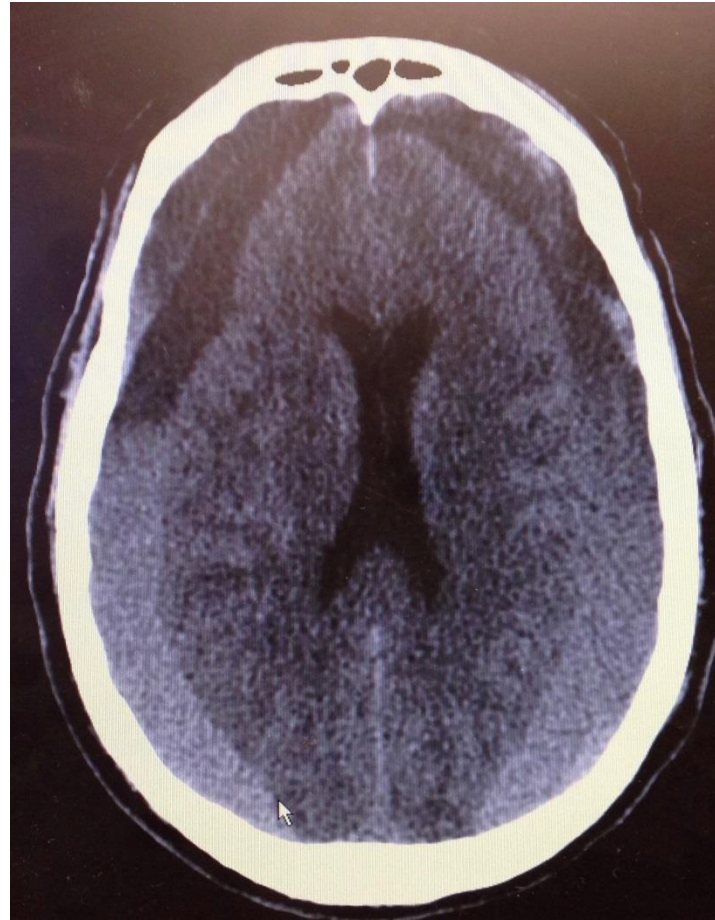
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# Balance

Coverage



Stewardship



# Sep-1 Guidelines for Antibiotics

## Severe Sepsis

Within **3 hours**:

- Measure lactate
- Obtain blood cultures
- **Administer antibiotics**

## Septic Shock

Within **3 hours**:

- Measure lactate
- Obtain blood cultures
- **Administer antibiotics**
- 30 cc/kg fluid resuscitation



# Delay in Antibiotics is Associated with Increased Mortality



**7.6%** decrease in survival / hour

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# Stewardship Really Does Matter

Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report  
**Brief Report: Vancomycin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus - New York, 2004**

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. 2004;53(15)

News > Science

## Superbug resistant to 'antibiotic of last resort' found in US

'It basically shows us that the end of the road isn't very far away for antibiotics'

Lena H. Sun and Brady Dennis | Thursday 26 May 2016 | [30 comments](#)

iWonder

Human vs superbug: Too late to turn the tide?

**Not every patient requires  
(or benefits from)  
vancomycin and zosyn**

**Limited drug space – I recommend 2 grams Ceftriaxone  
To be supplemented as needed by arriving facility  
(Example: air ambulance protocol)**



# How I think about Patients

Community or Hospital Acquired?



Generally Healthy or Immunosuppressed /  
special circumstance?



Identified Source?

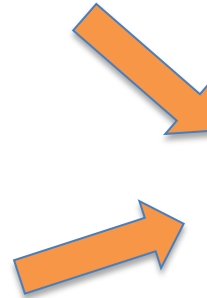


Broad Antibiotics



Tailored Antibiotics

Broad Coverage for  
Special Organisms



# Has the Patient been Healthcare Exposed?

## **ESBL**

Carbapenems  
+/- Piperacillin/tazobactam  
Fosfomycin

## **C. Diff**

Flagyl  
Vancomycin (oral)

## **Herpes**

acyclovir

## **Influenza**

Tamiflu

## **MRSA**

Vancomycin  
Linazolid

## **VRE**

Carbapenems  
Ampicillin  
Doxycycline  
Tigecycline

## **Pseudomonas**

Carbapenems (except Ertapenem)  
Cefepime  
Piperacillin/ tazobactam

Don't forget anti-fungals or antivirals if indicated!

# Consider Source Control

1. ...intervention be undertaken for source control *within the first 12 hr* after the diagnosis is made, if feasible (grade 1C).
2. When infected *peripancreatic necrosis* is identified as a potential source of infection, *definitive intervention is best delayed* until adequate demarcation of viable and nonviable tissues has occurred (grade 2B).
3. ...the *least physiologic insult* should be used (eg, percutaneous rather than surgical drainage of an abscess) (UG).
4. If *intravascular access devices are a possible source* of severe sepsis or septic shock, they should be *removed promptly* after other vascular access has been established (UG).

# Consider Source Control

Abscesses must be drained.

Infected kidney stones must be IDENTIFIED and drained.

Consider replacing foleys/ G-tubes, etc.

Look under bandages and casts!



## Monotherapy

Doribax/Doripenem  
Invanz/Eratepenem  
Imipenem/Cilastatin  
Meropenem/Merrem  
Cefotaxime/Claforan  
Ceftazidime/Fortaz  
Ceftriaxone/Rocephin  
Cefepime/Maxipime  
Ceftaroline  
Fosamil/Teflaro  
Avelox/ Moxifloxacin  
Gatifloxacin/Tequin  
Levaquin  
Augmentin  
Ticarcillin/clavulanate/Timentin  
Unasyn  
Zosyn

# Sep-1 Table 5.0

## Combination Therapy

### Column A

*Choose one:*

Aminoglycosides

OR

Aztreozam

OR

Ciprofloxacin



### Column B

*Choose one:*

Cephlosporins

(1<sup>st</sup> /2nd Generation)

Clindamycin IV

Daptomycin

Glycopeptides

Linezoid

Macrolides

Penicillins

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# Proposed Changes to Sep-1 Table 5.0

## Combination Therapy

Aminoglycosides	Aztreonam
+	+
Cephalosporins OR	Daptomycin OR
Daptomycin OR	Glycopeptides OR
Glycopeptides OR	Linezolid OR
Linezolid OR	Penicillins OR
Penicillins	Clindamycin IV

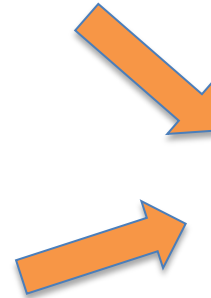
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# Common Sepsis Pitfalls and Barriers to Quality Improvement

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      - ✿ *Tintinalli's Study Guide (editor; chapters including pneumonia)*
      - ✿ *The Trauma Manual and Acute Care Surgery (editor)*
      - ✿ *ED Critical Care (editor)*
    - ⊕ and *UpToDate* (pneumonia decision making author)
  
- ⊕ **Expert opinions - civil**





# Barrier – “Another regulation!!?”

## ⊕ Sepsis not seen as highest emergency

- ✿ Under-recognized
- ✿ Insidious and bad things happen, albeit elsewhere
- ✿ Fatalism
- ✿ Mortality – short term 15-30% - worse than STEMI, CVA, trauma

## ⊕ “I don’t miss it”

- ✿ Self-reflection limits
- ✿ Limited feedback, asymmetric

## ⊕ Real goal of efforts

- ✿ “Hassling us”
- ✿ Want “university look” (sic)
- ✿ Take \$\$ away



# Barrier – Early recognition

- ⊕ **Outside of extremes (overt infection and shock), no “one test” – SIRS vs qSOFA, sensitivity vs specificity**
  - ✿ Partially compensated
  - ✿ Lactate value and noise
  - ✿ Many have features, but not at same time or recognized
  
- ⊕ **Signal : noise unfavorable**
  - ✿ Many infected or inflamed, few “septic”
  - ✿ False positives (see sensitivity); late positives
  - ✿ Collecting info to judge hard – even VS
  - ✿ NY Times 2 days ago – “Could it be sepsis?”
  
- ⊕ **Fallibility**
  - ✿ Extremes of age
  - ✿ Confounders (trauma, inflammation, meds)

# Barrier – Changing Behavior



## ⊕ Looking early

- ✿ Starts prehospital and triage
- ✿ Use a tool – NYHA, SIRS, whatever; liberal lactate ordering
- ✿ Think sensitive, deploy **prompts** (checklist; e-record; labs)

## ⊕ Looking often

- ✿ Repeat exam and VS if unsure
- ✿ Then comes 3-6 hour reassessment – **use exam or tool, > one**

## ⊕ Acting early

- ✿ Bolus fluid – **isotonic, 1-2 L** unless issue (target 30 cc/kg)
- ✿ Antibiotics – **broad, prompt** – don't hold for cultures

## ⊕ Acting often

- ✿ Titrate – volume (500-1000cc boluses plus maintenance), pressors, lactate repeat if elevated



# Barriers – Nonsensical requests

- ⊕ ? Time zero
- ⊕ Set fluid boluses (CHF/CRF; ecologic fallacy)
- ⊕ Blood cultures
- ⊕ Antibiotics (what if you know source?)
- ⊕ Reassessment
- ⊕ Vasopressors and CVC vs peripheral



# Barrier – Changing behavior



## ⊕ Axioms

- ✿ Easy
- ✿ Aligned with daily work
- ✿ Prompts
- ✿ Focused (simple, works 85%++)
- ✿ Automated (order sets, triage)
- ✿ Clear information
  - ⊕ Start/stop of fluid/ATB
  - ⊕ Timing of lab return



# Barrier – Measuring What We Do

## ⊕ EMS data

- ✿ Diagnostic features
- ✿ Intervention – fluids (When/what/how? Where noted?)

## ⊕ ED data

- ✿ Key diagnostics – need method to track esp. if asynchronous
- ✿ Same fluid/ATB issues – what/when?
  - ⊕ Bolus – body mass based for “30 cc kg” vs set but adequate volumes; timing

## ⊕ Labs

- ✿ Order sets

## ⊕ Follow-up info

- ✿ Automated re-checks of VS, labs, fluids



# Barriers – Getting improvement

## ⊕ Measure, measure, measure

- ✿ It will be bad to start
- ✿ It wont budge a lot at first
- ✿ No magic bullet

## ⊕ Feedback

- ✿ To key ED clinicians
- ✿ To assessors
- ✿ To next level clinicians
- ✿ To coders

## ⊕ Targeted actions

- ✿ **Plan, Do, Study, Act**
  - ⊕ Ours – Fluid data
  - ⊕ Rapid cycle

# Barrier



## ⊕ Resources

- ✿ Training of clinicians
- ✿ Training of assessors
- ✿ Equipment
- ✿ IT solutions
- ✿ Time to measure and analyze
- ✿ Time to do PDSA

**CMS not linked yet; when linked, wont add \$\$ - your job is to show value by noting savings (from no/less penalties; lowered cost of care; better outcomes that may attract more acre opportunities)**

# Barriers – Can you get a change of “asks”?



- ⊕ **Get involved**
- ⊕ **CMS accepts feedback, needs data**
- ⊕ **Focus on things that run counter to improving health / outcomes**
  - ⊕ Avoid “hassle” arguments
  - ⊕ Show challenge
  - ⊕ Offer alternatives
  - ⊕ Recognize need





Sepsis Initiative- SEP-1 Challenge

Sepsis Initiative- Wave II

# SEP-1 Challenge

## What is the SEP-1 Challenge?

E-QUAL is collecting self-reported, confidential and de-identified data from EDs across the country on the CMS SEP-1 measure.

No Data Collection Required! Just submit the preliminary data that your hospital has provided you already! This data submission **only takes 10 minutes** and a benchmarking summary report will be published in 30 days!

## Why join the SEP-1 Challenge?

- Get exclusive access to early benchmarking data on the new CMS SEP-1 sepsis measure (only sites participating in the SEP-1 challenge will receive the confidential, de-identified summary report initially)
- Prepare hospital leadership for national expectations on SEP-1
- Help the EM community identify improvements in the measure for CMS

*Participating in the E-QUAL SEP-1 Challenge does not meet your PQRS reporting requirements; however, **participation in the SEP-1 survey alongside participation in the E-QUAL Sepsis Learning Initiative can earn MOC Part IV Credit for you and your group!***

**Deadline to submit data for the SEP-1 Challenge November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



# Sepsis Initiative- Wave II

## Recruitment & Enrollment

Now-November 30<sup>th</sup>

Readiness Assessment Survey

## Learning Period (6-9 months)

Jan. 2017-Oct. 2017

Monthly Webinars

Office Hours

Tool kit guidelines and materials

Data Submission (Monthly)

## Wrap Up

October 2017

Data Reports

Summary Report

Lessons Learned

eCME, MOC, MIPS credit

# Why Participate in Wave II?

- Address Modifications of SEP-1 Definitions
- New Webinar Topics
- Additional Quality Improvement Activities
- Get access to high-quality eCME for FREE
- Earn ABEM MOC credit (LLSA and Part IV Activities)
- Meet new CMS MIPS requirements for Clinical Practice Improvement Activities
- Meet CMS quality reporting requirements by joining the CEDR
- Submit and receive benchmarking data to guide local quality improvement efforts
- Feature your ED's commitment to quality improvement to hospital leaders and payers
- Learn from expert national faculty
- Gain access to toolkits including best practices, sample guidelines, and key talking points



# SIGN UP TODAY!

## Step 1: Contact Nalani Tarrant

Contact Nalani Tarrant at [ntarrant@acep.org](mailto:ntarrant@acep.org) for more information on how to participate in the E-QUAL Sepsis Wave II and SEP-1 Challenge.

## Step 2: Take the E-QUAL Readiness Assessment

Directors or an assigned leader in the clinician group will need to complete an online survey to assess the group's quality improvement resources, needs and feature your existing work that you seek to highlight to other E-QUAL and TCPI members.

**Deadline to sign up for Sepsis Wave II is November 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Step 3: Visit the E-QUAL Homepage

Visit the E-QUAL homepage ([www.acep.org/equal](http://www.acep.org/equal)) for more information on the Sepsis Wave II, resources and upcoming webinars.