Patient with suspected infection

Patient exhibits two or more of the following qSOFA criteria:
- Altered mental status
- Respiratory rate greater than or equal to 22 bpm
- Systolic blood pressure less than or equal to 100 mmHg

Is patient unresponsive?

Call the Code Team

Yes

Is the patient hemodynamically stable?[1]

No

- Call MD/Advance Practice Provider (APP)
- Initiate Sepsis Early Intervention order set[2]
- Provide findings from nursing assessment using SBAR format to primary team and/or MERIT

No

- Activate MERIT and notify MD/APP STAT
- Initiate Sepsis Early Intervention order set[2]
- Provide findings from nursing assessment using SBAR format to primary team and/or MERIT

Consider transfer to appropriate level of care and activate the Adult Sepsis Management algorithm and order set

qSOFA = quick Sepsis related Organ Failure Assessment

[1] Hemodynamically stable is defined as systolic blood pressure greater than or equal to 100 mmHg, not requiring vasopressor support and not having a cardiac arrhythmia

[2] Select the applicable order set (i.e., IP Nursing Clinical Parameter Sepsis Early Intervention-Adult or EC Nursing Clinical Parameter Early Sepsis Intervention-Adult)
SUGGESTED READINGS


Early Intervention for Suspected Adult Sepsis

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