

TOOLKIT: ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT PRACTICES

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I. SEPSIS IDENTIFICATION

1. Does your hospital have a structured collaboration in place (e.g., regularly scheduled meetings collaborative efforts, regular communication) between the emergency department and intensive care units?

YES NO

2. How often do you have meetings in the ED to discuss sepsis-related activities?

MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH

APPROXIMATELY ONCE A MONTH

APPROXIMATELY ONCE A QUARTER

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

3. What is the purpose of these meetings?

SPECIFICALLY FOR SEPSIS REVIEW

PART OF A LARGER COMMITTEE (E.G. CRITICAL CARE, QUALITY, ETC.)

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

4. Does your hospital have a protocol or algorithm to identify patients with sepsis? Please check all that apply.

YES, IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

YES, IN THE MEDICAL/SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

YES, IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

NONE OF THE ABOVE

Please describe the protocol or algorithm used to identify patients with sepsis.

What percentage of sepsis cases in your hospital are identified using the protocol or algorithm?

5. Does your hospital have the resources to (please check all that apply):

PLACE AN INTERNAL JUGULAR OR SUBCLAVIAN CENTRAL LINE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

MONITOR CENTRAL VENOUS PRESSURE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

AGGRESSIVELY RESUSCITATE A SEPTIC PATIENT IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

NONE OF THE ABOVE

If you answered “none of the above,” what resources are lacking?

II. SEPSIS RESUSCITATION PROTOCOL

6. Has your hospital implemented a sepsis resuscitation protocol? Please check all that apply.

Note: “Resuscitation” refers to the first six hours after identification of severe sepsis.

YES, IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

YES, IN THE MEDICAL/SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

YES, IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

NONE OF THE ABOVE

Does your hospital track clinician adherence to the sepsis resuscitation protocol?

YES NO

Please list the specific protocol elements that your hospital tracks.

If applicable, for what percentage of sepsis cases in your hospital is the sepsis resuscitation protocol used?

7. Is there a designated person at your hospital who is responsible for educating staff about the sepsis resuscitation protocol?

YES NO

If so, is this person based in the:

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL/SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

NOT APPLICABLE

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

III. SEPSIS OUTCOME DATA

8. Does your hospital track the outcomes of patients with sepsis?

YES NO

What outcomes do you track?

If you have a designated person who collects the outcomes data for patients with severe sepsis, what is that person's position within the hospital?

9. What are some challenges (clinical or otherwise) your hospital is facing related to implementing sepsis protocols?