

**Management of Suspected Severe Sepsis or Septic Shock**

**Establish IV Access**

Insert peripheral IV STAT, Clinic Performed, Normal

**Vital Signs**

Vital signs - T/P/R/BP Q 1 HR x3 hours while the patient in clinic STAT, Clinic Performed, Normal, Monitor every 1 hour for 3 hours, or more frequently as indicated by clinical condition and assessment findings, then re-evaluate frequency of vitals assessment.

Pulse oximetry while the patient in clinic STAT, Clinic Performed, Normal

**Lactic Acid - STAT**

Lactic acid level, SEPSIS - Now and repeat 2x every 3 hours if the patient is still in clinic STAT, Normal, Clinic Collect, Now and repeat 2x (if patient still in clinic) 3 hours and 6 hours after 1st lactic acid lab draw. STAT - SPECIMEN MUST BE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY TO THE LABORATORY.

**Cultures**

Blood culture, aerobic & anaerobic x2 STAT, Normal, Clinic Collect, Collect before antibiotics given. Blood cultures should be ordered x2, with each set drawn from a different peripheral site. If unable to draw both sets from a peripheral site, one set may be drawn from a central line; an IV line should NEVER be used.

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Urinalysis screen and microscopy, with reflex to culture STAT, Normal, Clinic Collect  
Specimen Source: Urine  
Specimen Site: Clean catch

**Notify Provider**

Notify Provider for Antibiotics and further Orders STAT, Clinic Performed, Normal

Consider Sending patient to ED if condition warrants Consider Sending patient to ED if condition warrants; Avoid direct admits if possible

**IV Fluids**

sodium chloride 0.9 % bolus 1,000 mL, intravenous, for 60 Minutes, once Reassess patient after IV fluid bolus given.<BR>If target not met (MAP 65 to 70 mmHg or SBP GREATER than 90 mmHg), notify ordering provider prior to administration of second bolus.<BR>Doses start immediately.<BR>Notify provider immediately upon completion of fluid bolus administration.

Vital signs - T/P/R/BP Q 30 Min x 2 while the patient is in clinic STAT, Clinic Performed, Normal, Vitals (including temperature) following fluid bolus administration every 30 minutes x 2 occurrences. After second vital sign completion, notify care provider of bolus completion time and need for reperfusion assessment.

Patient does not have initial hypotension, severe sepsis, nor septic shock at this time. No additional crystalloid IV fluid resuscitation bolus indicated at this time Details Routine, Normal, Normal

**Antibiotics**

aztreonam (AZACTAM) IV 2 g, intravenous, once, Starting S, For 1 Doses  
If penicillin allergy  
Reason for Therapy:

<input type="checkbox"/> cefepime (MAXIPIME) IV	2 g, intravenous, once, Starting S, For 1 Doses Reason for Therapy:
<input type="checkbox"/> meropenem (MERREM) IV	500 mg, intravenous, once, Starting S, For 1 Doses Reason for Therapy:
<input type="checkbox"/> metronidazole (FLAGYL)	500 mg, intravenous, once, Starting S, For 1 Doses Per Med Staff Policy, R.Ph. will automatically switch IV to equivalent PO dose when above approved criteria are satisfied: Reason for Therapy:
<input type="checkbox"/> piperacillin-tazobactam (ZOSYN) IV	4.5 g, intravenous, once, Starting S, For 1 Doses Reason for Therapy:
<input type="checkbox"/> vancomycin (VANCOCIN) IV	15 mg/kg, intravenous, once, Starting S, For 1 Doses Type of Therapy:

**Cert Notification**

<input type="checkbox"/> Activate CERT	If Severe Sepsis + Persistent Hypotension or Lactate greater than or equal to 4, Activate CERT
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**Important Notes**

**Sepsis Documentation (Single Response)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing communication: Ensure documentation	Ensure following documentation 1. Failed attempts to collect lab specimens 2. Accurate start/stop times of IV fluids and antibiotics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persistent hypotension criteria	Persistent Hypotension - two consecutive BP's measuring SBP < 90 or MAP < 65 within the hour after fluid bolus completion.