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SEPSIS

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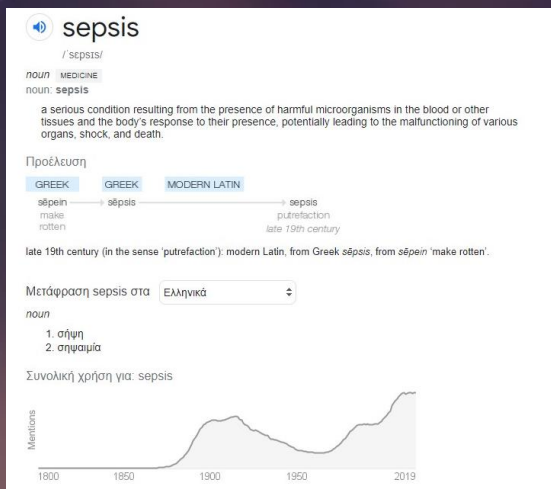
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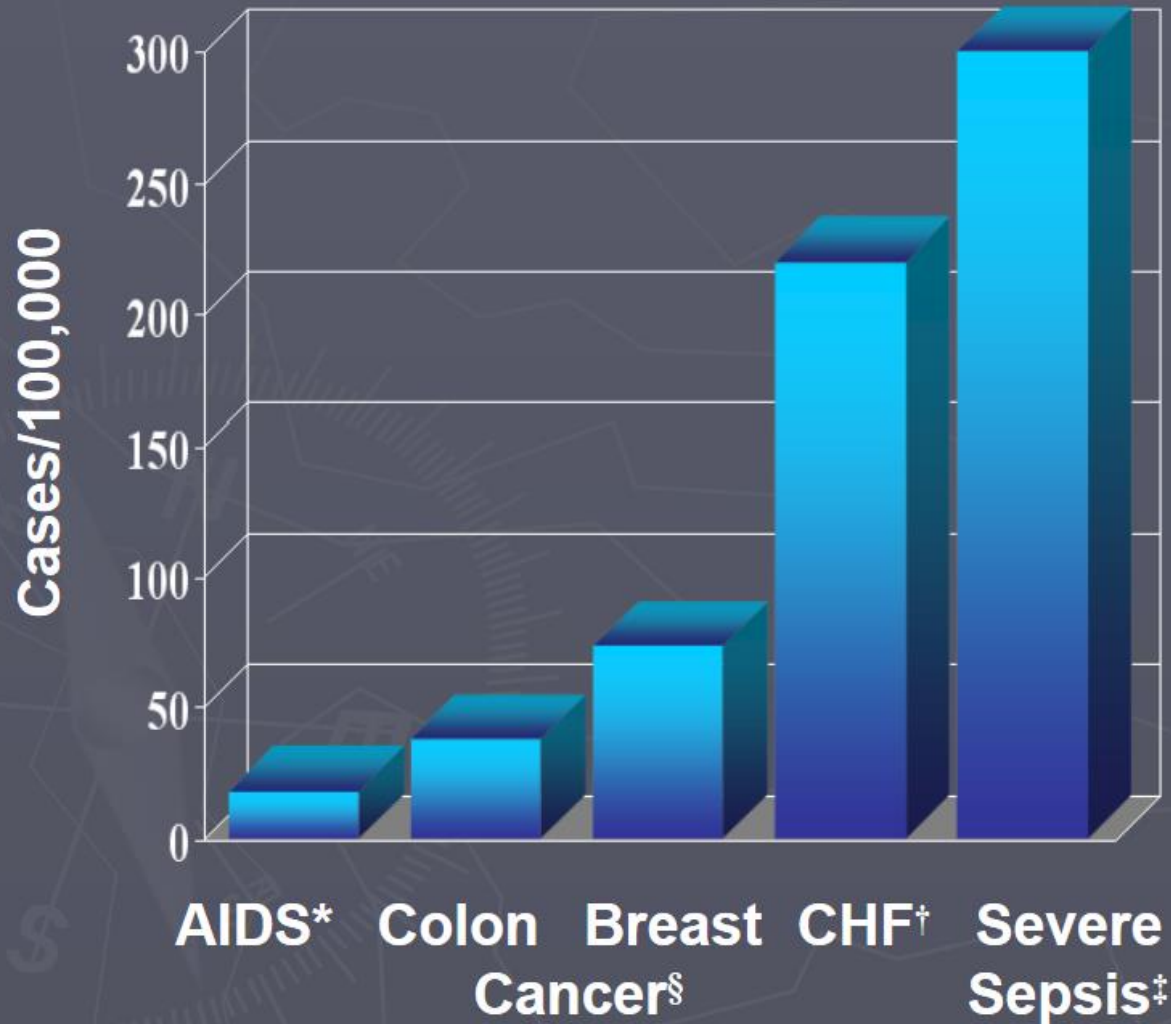
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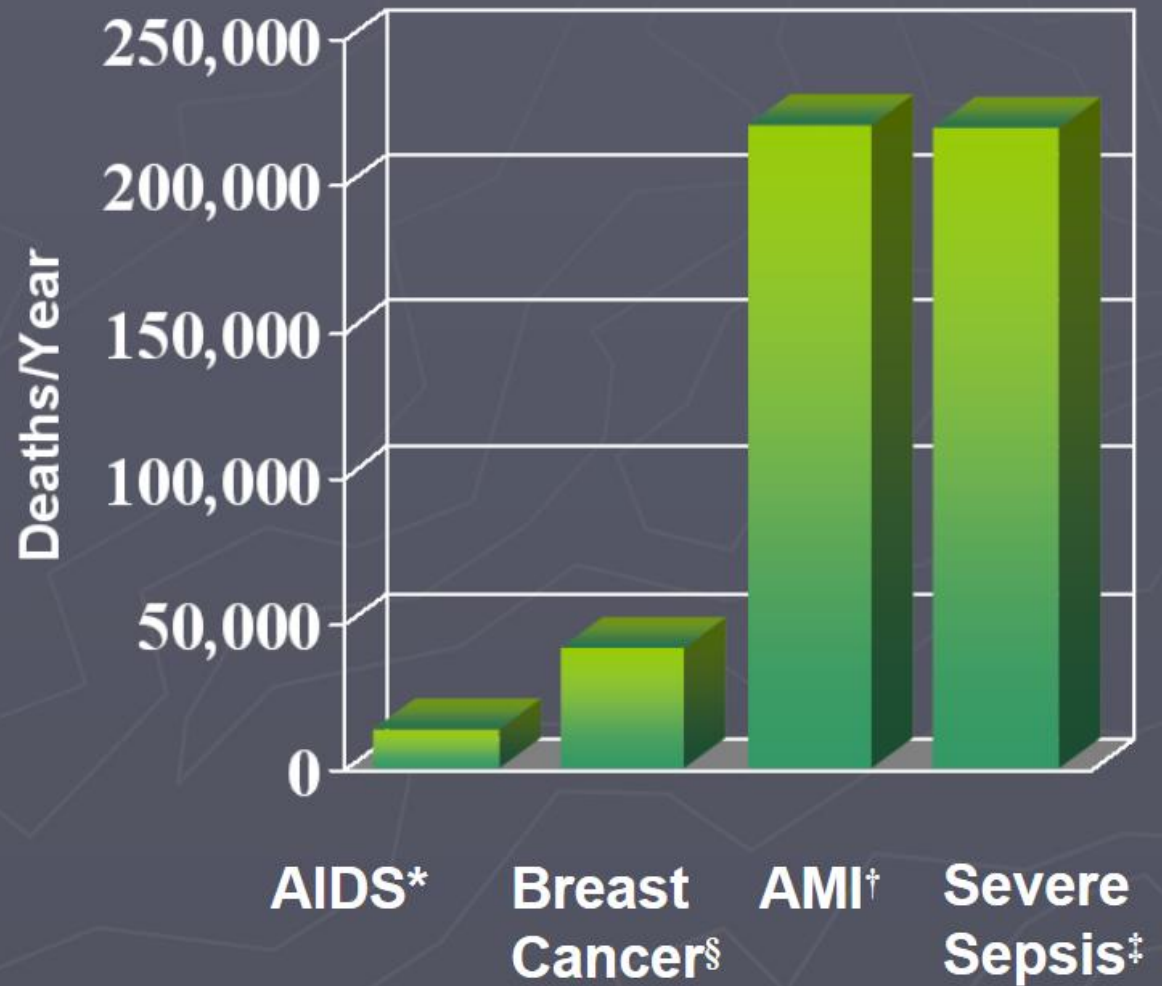
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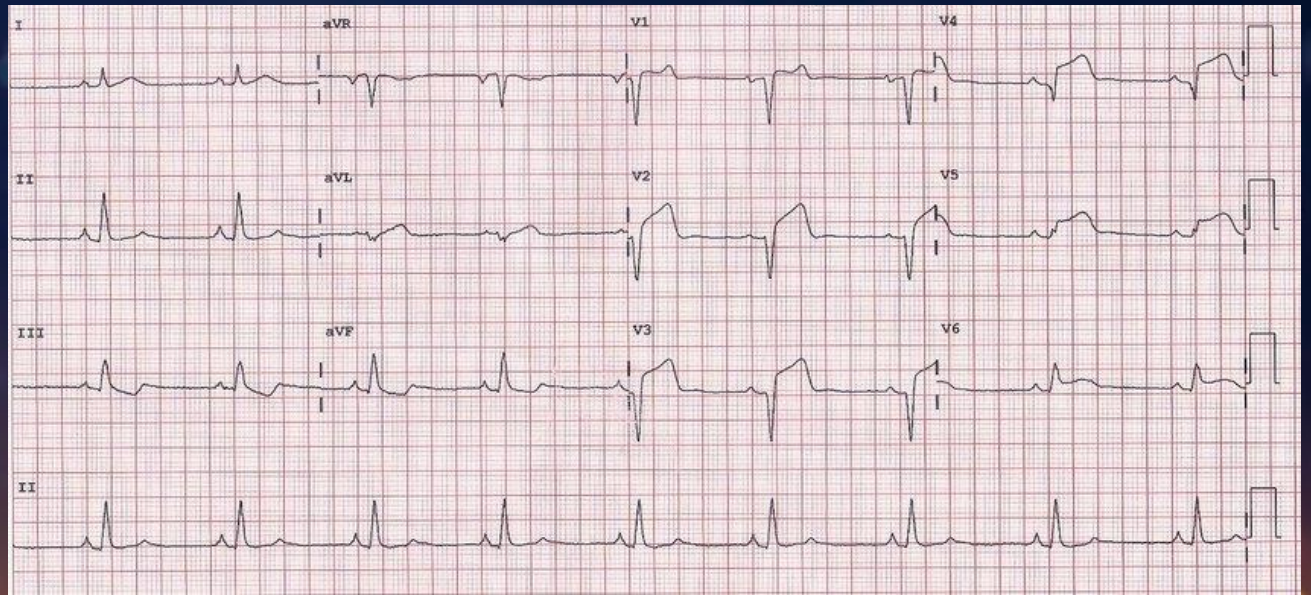


Mortality of Severe Sepsis



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Ποια είναι η διάγνωση ?



Troponin = High

Είναι ο ασθενής σηπτικός ???

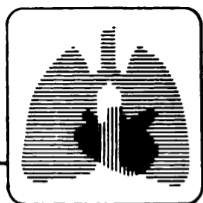
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IT BE
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IT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION,
BUT IT COULD SAVE LIVES.

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Definitions for Sepsis and Organ Failure and Guidelines for the Use of Innovative Therapies in Sepsis



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Definitions for Sepsis and Organ Failure and Guidelines for the Use of Innovative Therapies in Sepsis

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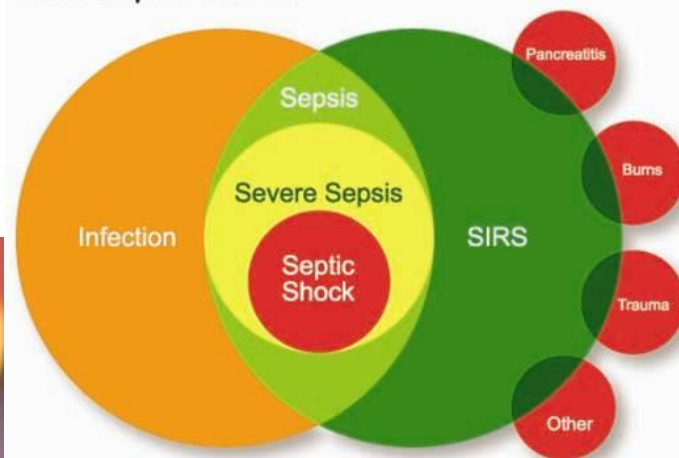
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MODS = multiple organ dysfunction syndrome; SIRS = systemic inflammatory response syndrome

Relationship of Infection, SIRS, Sepsis, Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock



SEPSIS STEPS

SIRS

T: >100.4 F
< 96.8 F
RR: >20
HR: >90
WBC: >12,000
<4,000
>10% bands
PCO2 < 32 mmHg

SEPSIS

2 SIRS

+

Confirmed
or suspected
infection

SEVERE SEPSIS

Sepsis +

Signs of End
Organ Damage

Hypotension
(SBP <90)

Lactate >4 mmol

SEPTIC SHOCK

Severe Sepsis
with persistent:

Signs of End
Organ Damage

Hypotension
(SBP <90)

Lactate >4 mmol

Intensive Care Med. 1996 Jul;22(7):707-10.

The SOFA (Sepsis-related Organ Failure Assessment) score to describe organ dysfunction/failure. On behalf of the Working Group on Sepsis-Related Problems of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine.

Vincent JL¹, Moreno R, Takala J, Willatts S, De Mendonça A, Bruining H, Reinhart CK, Suter PM, Thijs LG.

1996 Vincent JL



Sepsis: SOFA Score

0 1 2 3 4

Cardiovascular System (Blood Pressure)

No hypotension MAP <70 mmHg Vasopressors^A Vasopressors^B Vasopressors^C

Central Nervous System (Glasgow Coma Scale)

15 13-14 10-12 6-9 <6

Respiratory System (PaO₂/FiO₂)

>400 301 - 400 ≤300 101-200+VS^D ≤100+VS^D

Coagulation (Platelets x10³/mm³)

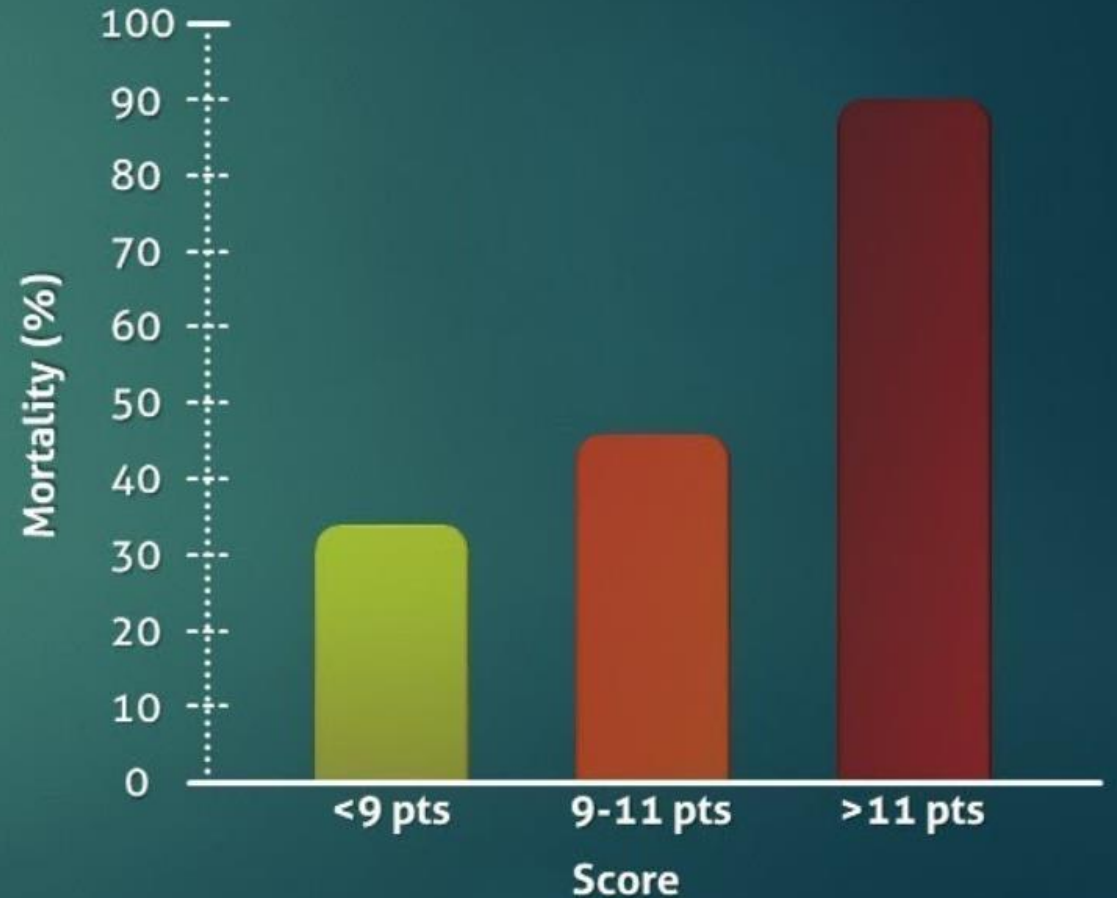
>150 101 - 150 51 - 100 21 - 50 ≤20

Liver (Bilirubin mcmol/L)

<20 20 - 32 33 - 101 102 - 204 >204

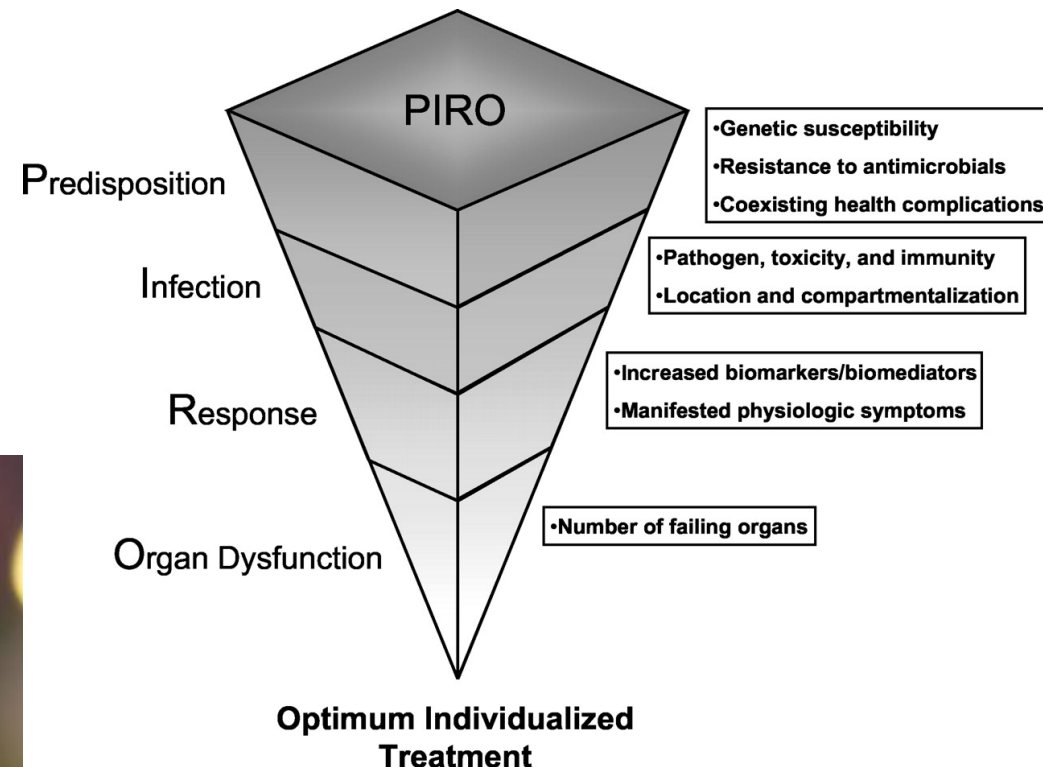
Kidney (Creatinine mcmol/L)

110 110 - 170 171 - 299 300 - 440^E >440^F



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Early Goal-Directed Therapy in the Treatment of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock

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CONCLUSIONS

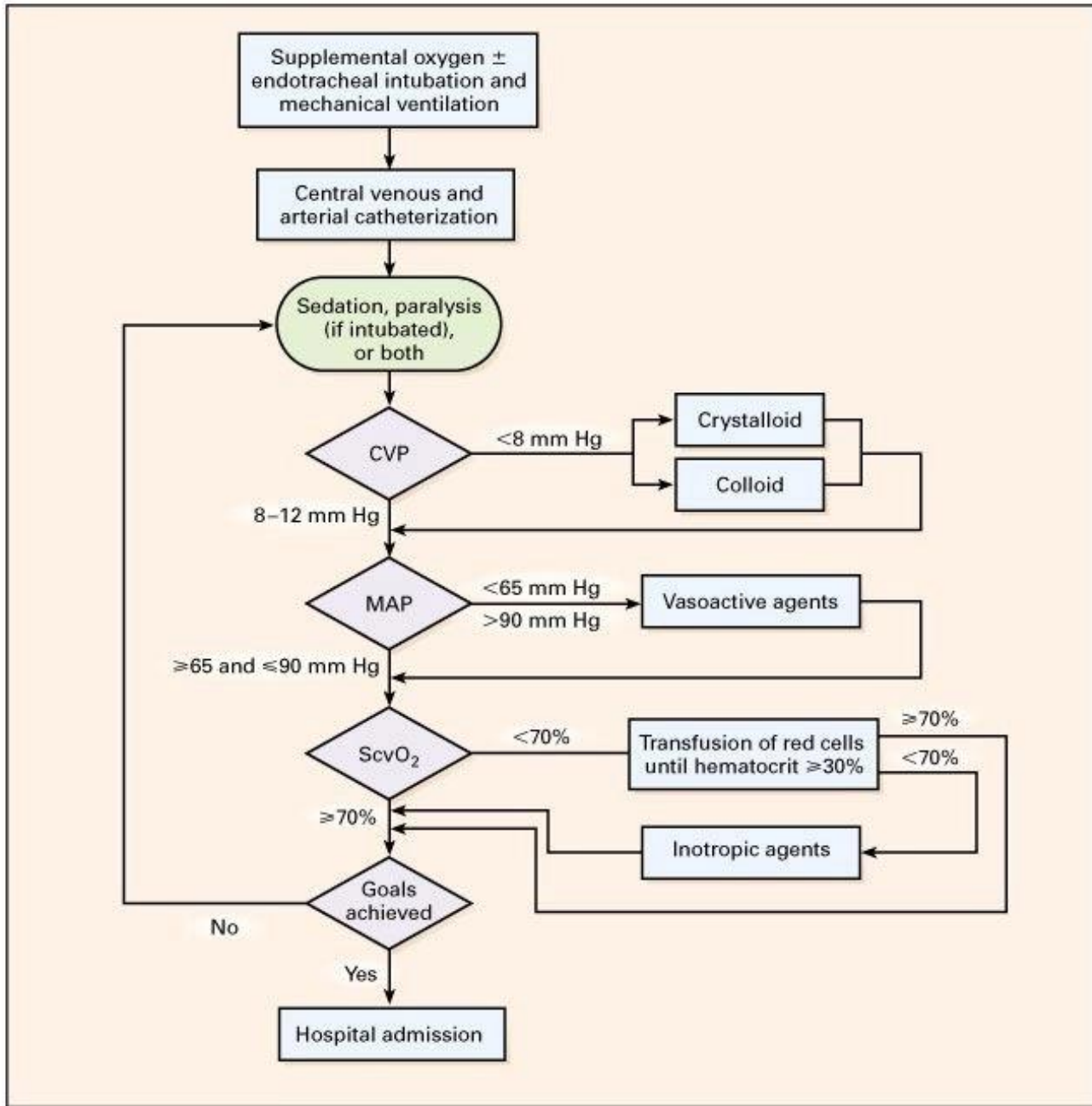
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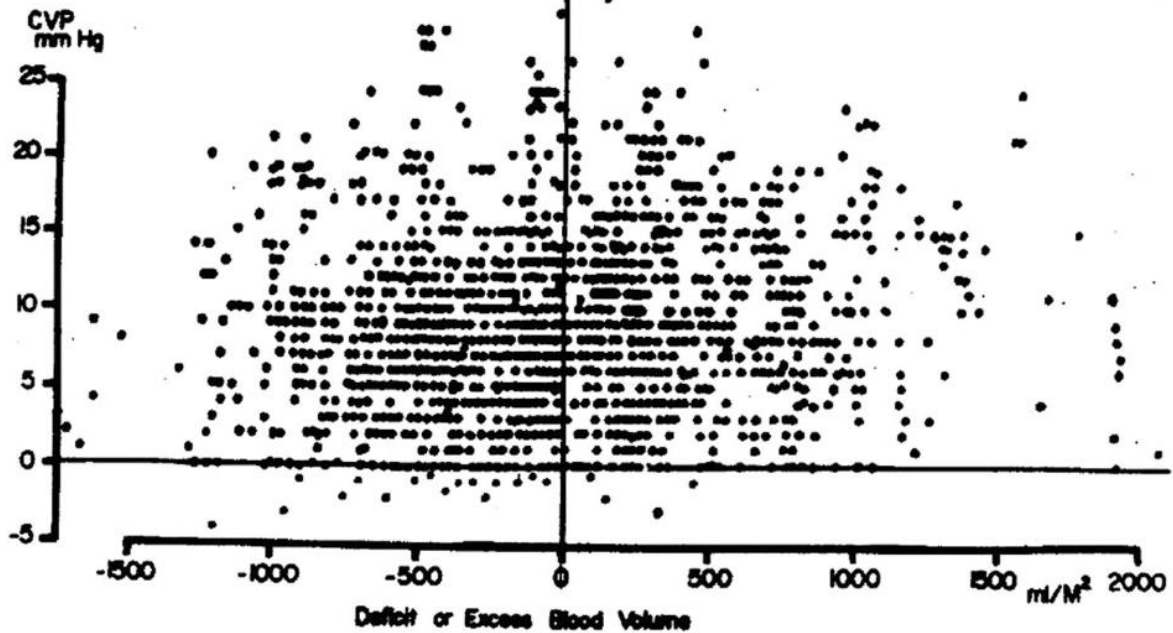
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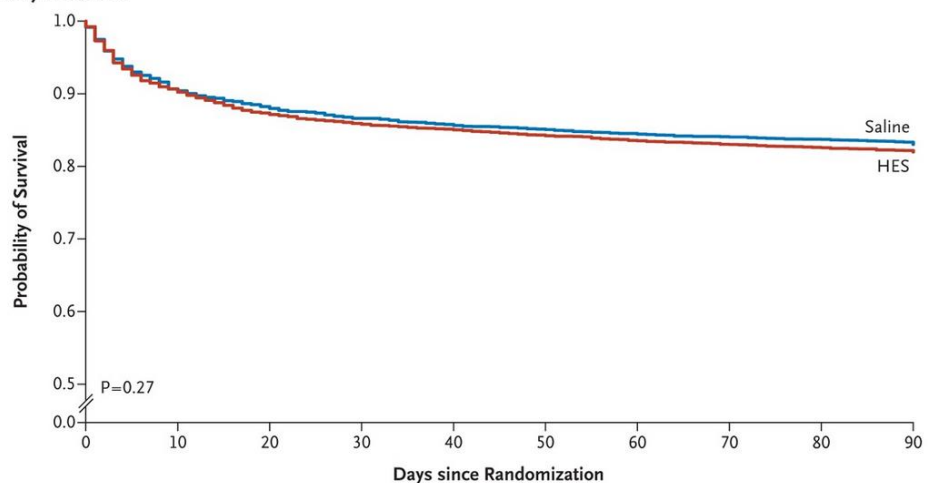


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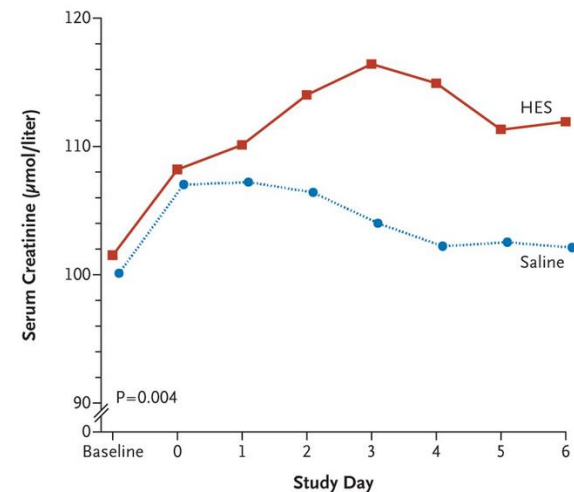
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A Probability of Survival



No. at Risk	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Saline	3336	3024	2943	2889	2860	2837	2816	2801	2788	2752
HES	3315	3004	2895	2846	2819	2791	2766	2747	2731	2695

A Serum Creatinine



No. at Risk	Baseline	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
HES	3260	2197	2899	2111	1576	1238	998	851
Saline	3283	2253	2916	2196	1614	1291	1026	857

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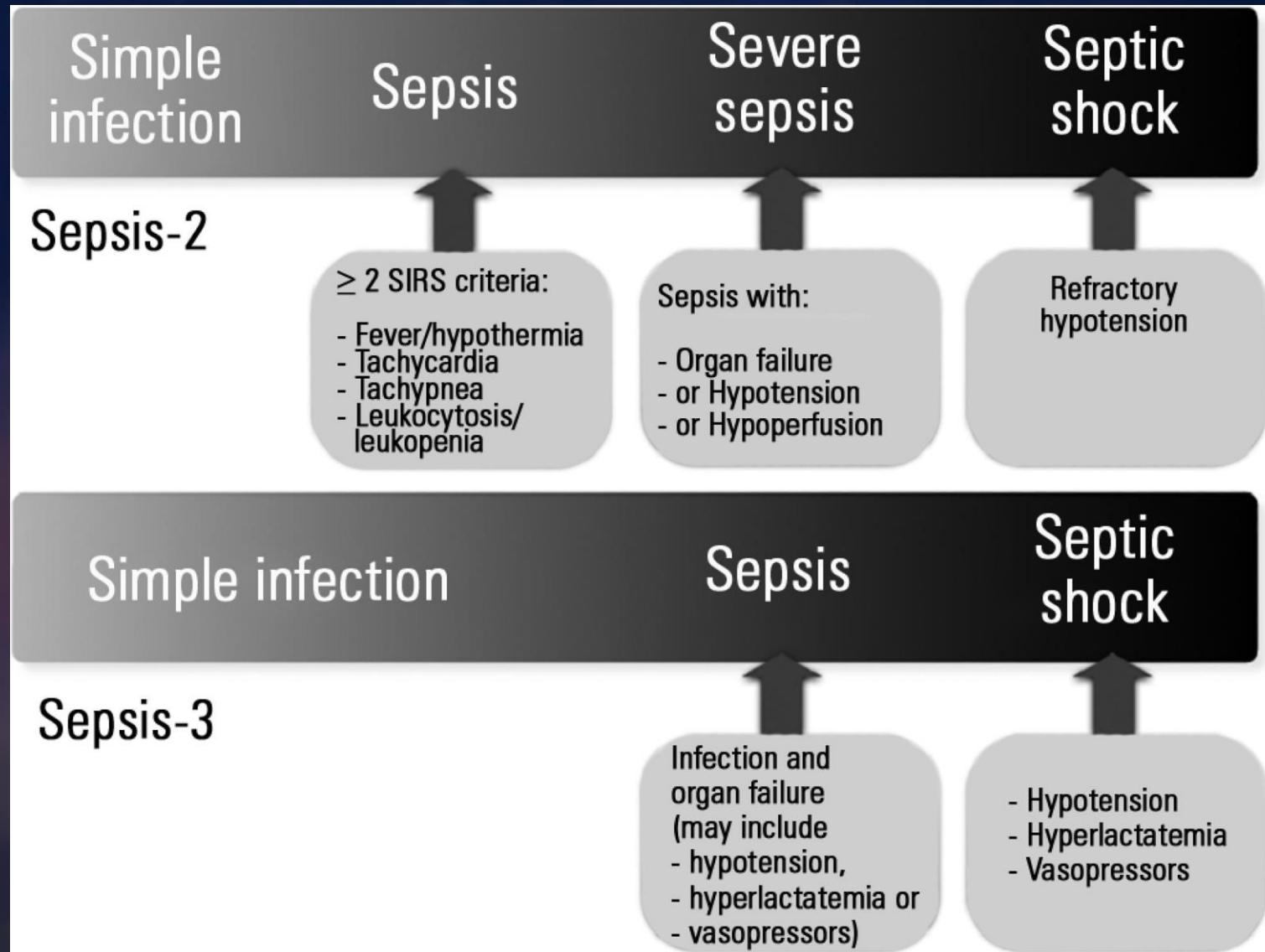
The Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3)

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Box 3. New Terms and Definitions

- Sepsis is defined as life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection.
- Septic shock is a subset of sepsis in which underlying circulatory and cellular/metabolic abnormalities are profound enough to substantially increase mortality.

Sepsis 2 vs Sepsis 3



QSOFA



Box 4. qSOFA (Quick SOFA) Criteria

Respiratory rate $\geq 22/\text{min}$

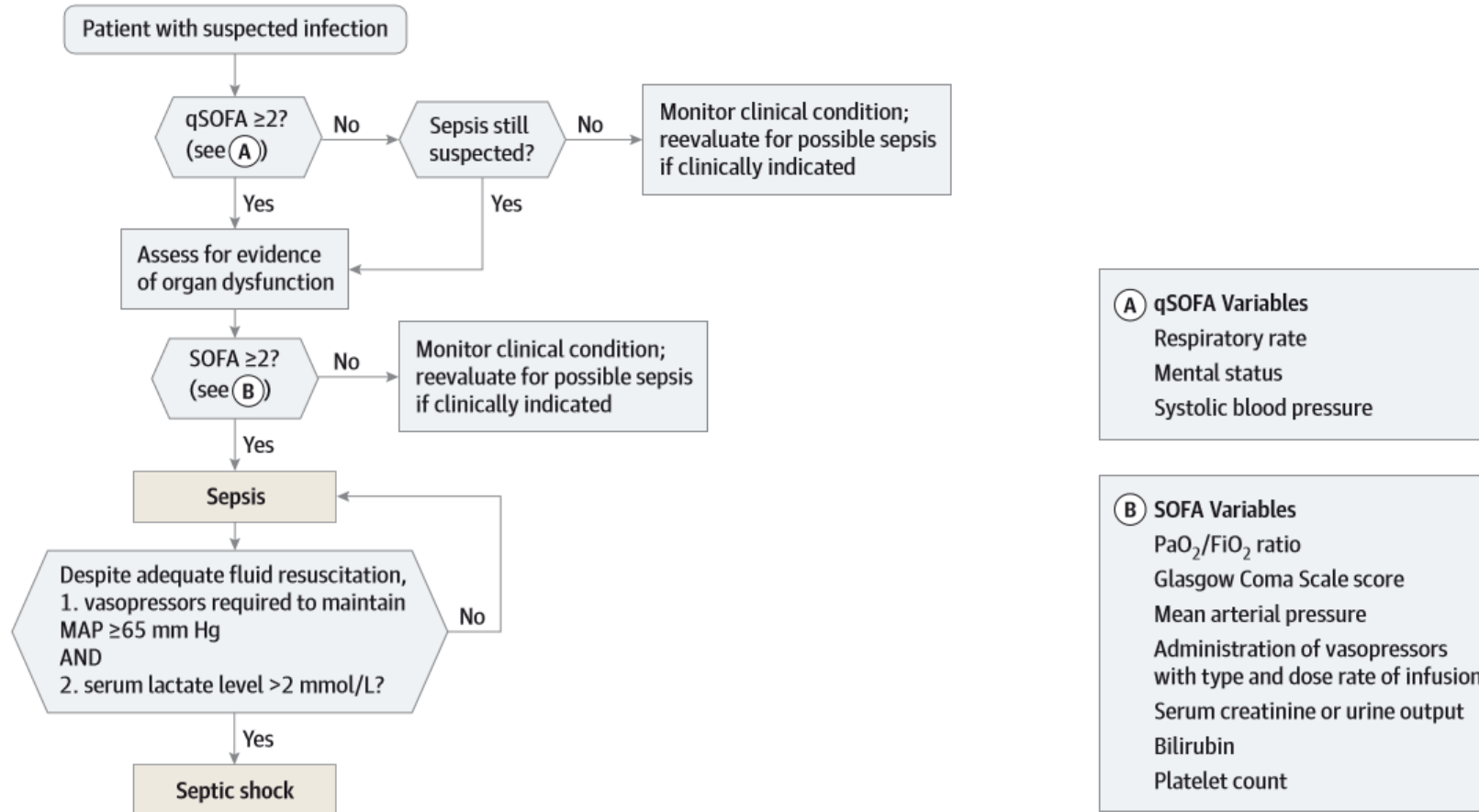
Altered mentation

Systolic blood pressure ≤ 100 mm Hg

Box 3. New Terms and Definitions

- Sepsis is defined as life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection.
- Organ dysfunction can be identified as an acute change in total SOFA score ≥ 2 points consequent to the infection.
 - The baseline SOFA score can be assumed to be zero in patients not known to have preexisting organ dysfunction.
 - A SOFA score ≥ 2 reflects an overall mortality risk of approximately 10% in a general hospital population with suspected infection. Even patients presenting with modest dysfunction can deteriorate further, emphasizing the seriousness of this condition and the need for prompt and appropriate intervention, if not already being instituted.
- In lay terms, sepsis is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body's response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs.
 - Patients with suspected infection who are likely to have a prolonged ICU stay or to die in the hospital can be promptly identified at the bedside with qSOFA, ie, alteration in mental status, systolic blood pressure ≤ 100 mm Hg, or respiratory rate $\geq 22/\text{min}$.
 - Septic shock is a subset of sepsis in which underlying circulatory and cellular/metabolic abnormalities are profound enough to substantially increase mortality.

Figure. Operationalization of Clinical Criteria Identifying Patients With Sepsis and Septic Shock



The baseline Sequential [Sepsis-related] Organ Failure Assessment (SOFA) score should be assumed to be zero unless the patient is known to have preexisting (acute or chronic) organ dysfunction before the onset of infection. qSOFA indicates quick SOFA; MAP, mean arterial pressure.




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Definitions

Sepsis is now defined as life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to infection.

Septic shock is a subset of sepsis with circulatory and cellular/metabolic dysfunction associated with a higher risk of mortality

Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) system

	2016 Descriptor	2012 Descriptor
Strength	Strong	1
	Weak	2
Quality	High	A
	Moderate	B
	Low	C
	Very Low	D
Ungraded strong recommendation	Best Practice Statement	Ungraded

A. INITIAL RESUSCITATION

1. Sepsis and septic shock are medical emergencies, and we recommend that treatment and resuscitation begin immediately (BPS).
2. We recommend that, in the resuscitation from sepsis-induced hypoperfusion, at least 30 mL/kg of IV crystalloid fluid be given within the first 3 h (strong recommendation, low quality of evidence).
3. We recommend that, following initial fluid resuscitation, additional fluids be guided by frequent reassessment of hemodynamic status (BPS).

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COVID-19 Resources

Summary of recommendations of the COVID-19 guidelines therapeutic update

Severe COVID-19

Critical COVID-19

 **DO:** Systemic corticosteroids

 **CONSIDER:** Dexamethasone over other corticosteroids


 **DO:** Pharmacologic VTE prophylaxis

 **CONSIDER:** Remdesivir

 **CONSIDER avoiding:** Remdesivir

 **CONSIDER avoiding:** Convalescent plasma outside of clinical trials

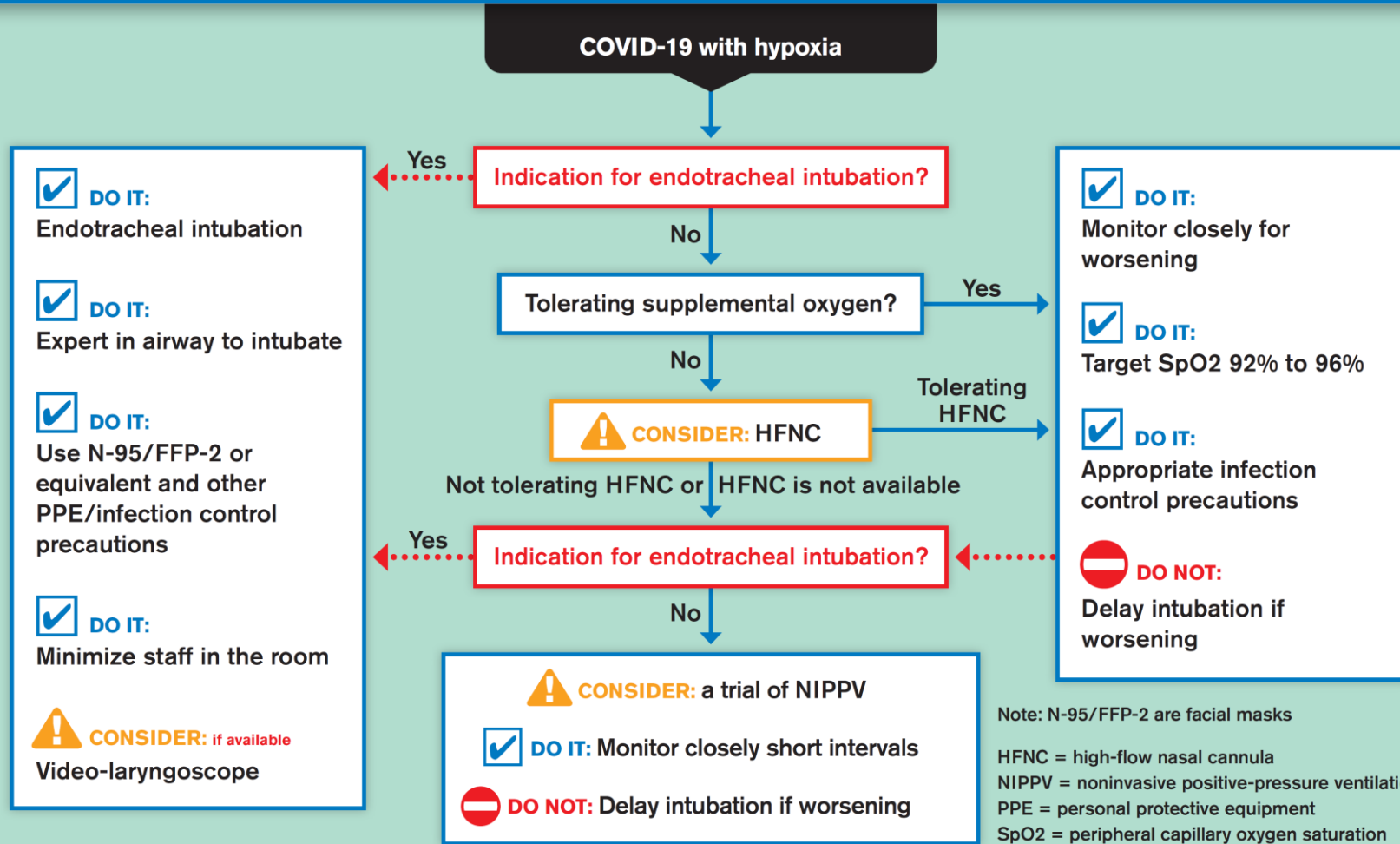
 **CONSIDER avoiding:** Full anticoagulation in patients without VTE outside of clinical trials

 **DON'T DO:** Hydroxychloroquine

 **UNCERTAIN:** Awake proning

COVID-19 Resources


Summary of recommendations on the initial management of hypoxic COVID-19 patients





COVID-19 Resources


Summary of recommendations on the management of patients with COVID-19 and ARDS


COVID-19 with mild ARDS

 **DO:**
Vt 4-8 ml/kg and P_{plat} <30 cm H₂O


 **DO:**
Investigate for bacterial infection


 **DO:**
Target SpO₂ 92% - 96%


 **CONSIDER:**
Conservative fluid strategy


 **CONSIDER:**
Empiric antibiotics


COVID-19 with mod to severe ARDS


 **CONSIDER:**
Higher PEEP
PEEP should be tailored to individual response

 **CONSIDER:**
NMBA boluses to facilitate ventilation targets


 **CONSIDER:**
if PEEP responsive
Traditional recruitment maneuvers


 **CONSIDER:**
Prone ventilation 12 -16 h

 **CONSIDER:**
if proning, high P_{pit}, asynchrony
NMBA infusion for 24 h


 **DON'T DO:**
Staircase recruitment maneuvers

Rescue/adjunctive therapy

 **CONSIDER:**
if proning, high P_{pit}, asynchrony
NMBA infusion for 24 h

 **CONSIDER:**
Prone ventilation 12 -16 h

 **CONSIDER:**
A trial of inhaled nitric oxide
STOP if no quick response

 **CONSIDER:**
V-V ECMO or referral to ECMO center
follow local criteria for ECMO

Mod = moderate
ARDS = adult respiratory distress syndrome
P_{plat} = plateau pressure
SpO₂ = peripheral capillary oxygen saturation
PEEP = positive end-expiratory pressure
NMBA = neuromuscular blocking agents
ECMO = extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

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Screening and early treatment

Recommendation

- For hospitals and health systems, we **recommend** using a performance improvement program for sepsis, including sepsis screening for acutely ill, high-risk patients and standard operating procedures for treatment.

Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence for screening.

Strong recommendation, very low-quality evidence for standard operating procedures.

SEPSIS SCREENING TOOL GENERAL PRACTICE

AGE 12+

01 START THIS CHART IF THE PATIENT LOOKS UNWELL OR HAS ABNORMAL PHYSIOLOGY

RISK FACTORS FOR SEPSIS INCLUDE:

- Age > 75
- Impaired immunity (e.g. diabetes, steroids, chemotherapy)
- Recent trauma / surgery / invasive procedure
- Indwelling lines / IVDU / broken skin

02 COULD THIS BE DUE TO AN INFECTION?

LIKELY SOURCE:

- Respiratory
- Urine
- Skin / joint / wound
- Indwelling device
- Brain
- Surgical
- Other

SEPSIS UNLIKELY, CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

03 ANY RED FLAG PRESENT?

- Objective evidence of new or altered mental state
- Systolic BP \leq 90 mmHg (or drop of $>$ 40 from normal)
- Heart rate \geq 130 per minute
- Respiratory rate \geq 25 per minute
- Needs O₂ to keep SpO₂ \geq 92% (88% in COPD)
- Non-blanching rash / mottled / ashen / cyanotic
- Recent chemotherapy
- Not passed urine in 18 hours ($<$ 0.5ml/kg/hr if catheterised)

RED FLAG SEPSIS
START GP BUNDLE

04 ANY AMBER FLAG PRESENT?

IF UNDER 17 & IMMUNITY IMPAIRED TREAT AS RED FLAG SEPSIS

- Relatives concerned about mental status
- Acute deterioration in functional ability
- Immunosuppressed
- Trauma / surgery / procedure in last 8 weeks
- Respiratory rate 21-24
- Systolic BP 91-100 mmHg
- Heart rate 91-130 or new dysrhythmia
- Temperature $<$ 36°C
- Clinical signs of wound infection

USE CLINICAL JUDGEMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER PATIENT CAN BE MANAGED IN COMMUNITY SETTING. IF TREATING IN THE COMMUNITY CONSIDER:

- PLANNED SECOND ASSESSMENT +/- BLOODS
- SPECIFIC SAFETY NETTING ADVICE

NO AMBER FLAGS : ROUTINE CARE AND GIVE SAFETY-NETTING ADVICE:

CALL 111 IF CONDITION CHANGES OR DETERIORATES. SIGNPOST TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES AS APPROPRIATE

CALL 999 IF ANY OF:

- Sturred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- 'I feel I might die'
- Skin mottled, ashen, blue or very pale

GP RED FLAG BUNDLE:

THIS IS TIME-CRITICAL - IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED: DIAL 999 AND ARRANGE BLUE LIGHT TRANSFER

COMMUNICATION: Ensure communication of 'Red Flag Sepsis' to crew. Advise crew to pre-alert as 'Red Flag Sepsis'. Where possible a written handover is recommended including observations and antibiotic allergies.



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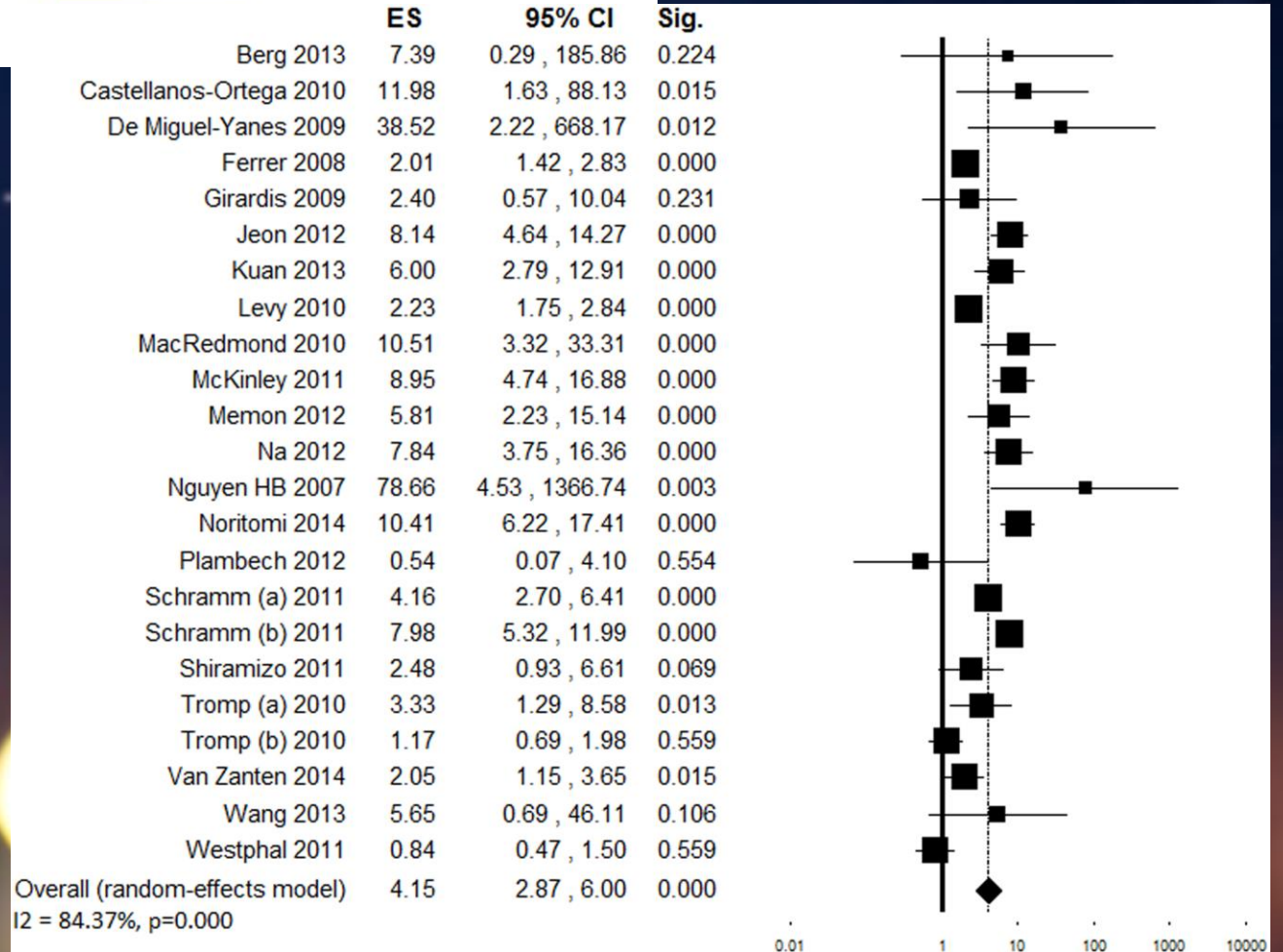
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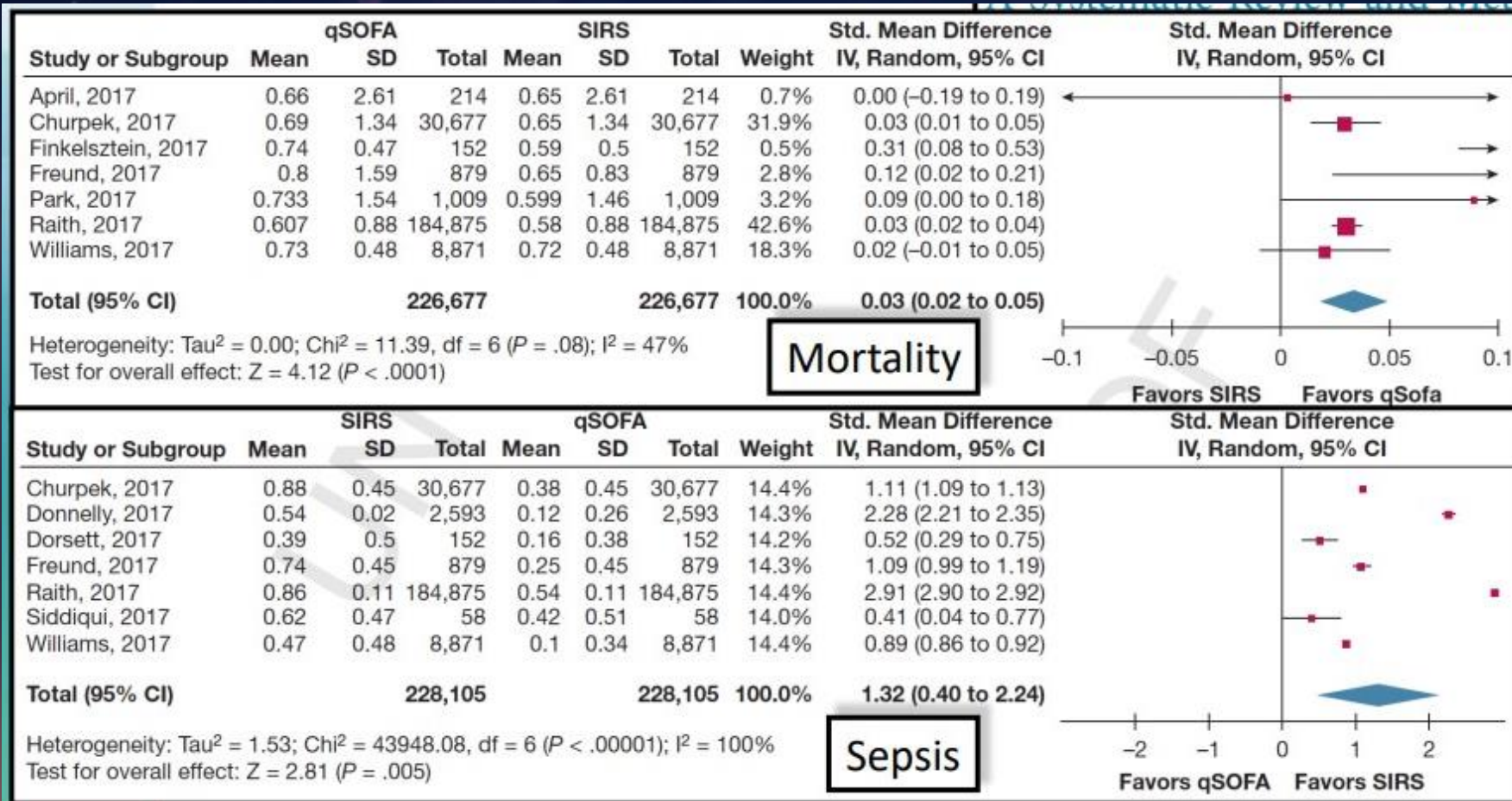
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Forest plot showing individual and overall ES of studies that evaluated changes in compliance with the complete 6-hour bundle following the implementation of the performance improvement program (k = 25).



Recommendation

2. We **recommend against** using qSOFA compared with SIRS, NEWS, or MEWS as a single screening tool for sepsis or septic shock.
Strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence.



Recommendation

- For adults suspected of having sepsis, we **suggest** measuring blood lactate.

Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

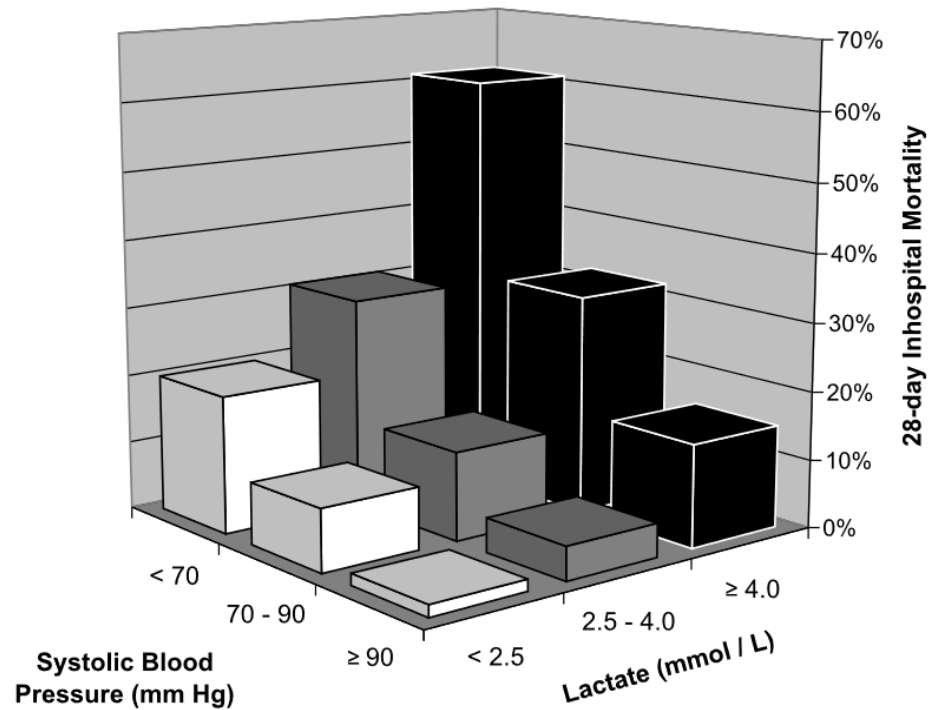


Fig. 1 28-day in-hospital mortality risk stratified by blood pressure and serum lactate level

**Number of Patients
In Each Lactate/Blood Pressure Group**

Lactate (mmol / L)	Systolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg)		
	< 70	70 - 90	≥ 90
< 2.5	20	99	819
2.5 - 4.0	13	31	202
≥ 4.0	18	25	60

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ORIGINAL

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Occult hypoperfusion and mortality in patients with suspected infection

Initial resuscitation

Recommendations

4. Sepsis and septic shock are medical emergencies, and we **recommend** that treatment and resuscitation begin immediately.

Best practice statement.

5. For patients with sepsis induced hypoperfusion or septic shock we **suggest** that at least 30 mL/kg of IV crystalloid fluid should be given within the first 3 hours of resuscitation.

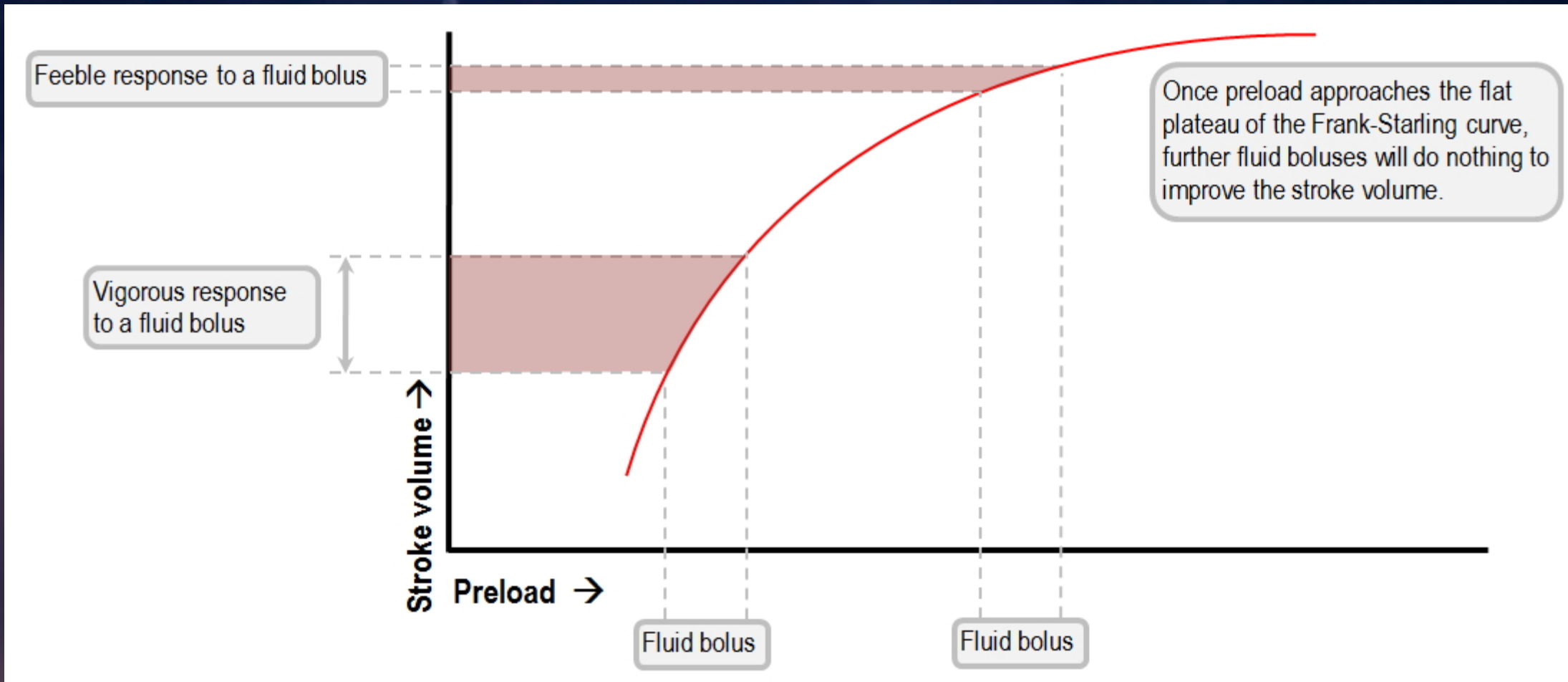
Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

6. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using dynamic measures to guide fluid resuscitation over physical examination or static parameters alone.
Weak recommendation, very low-quality evidence.

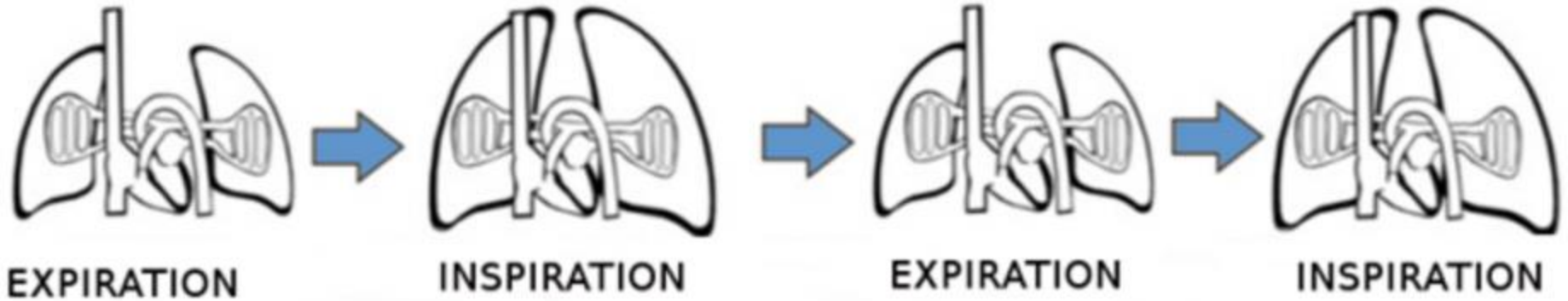
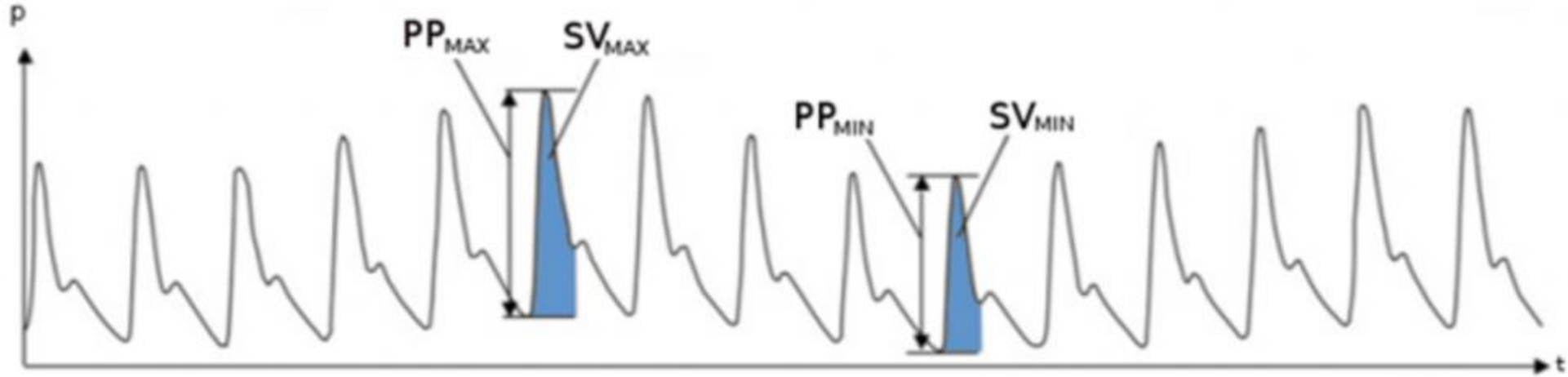
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Dynamic parameters include response to a passive leg raise or a fluid bolus, using stroke volume (SV), stroke volume variation (SVV), pulse pressure variation (PPV), or echocardiography, where available.

Fluid resuscitation and assessment of fluid responsiveness

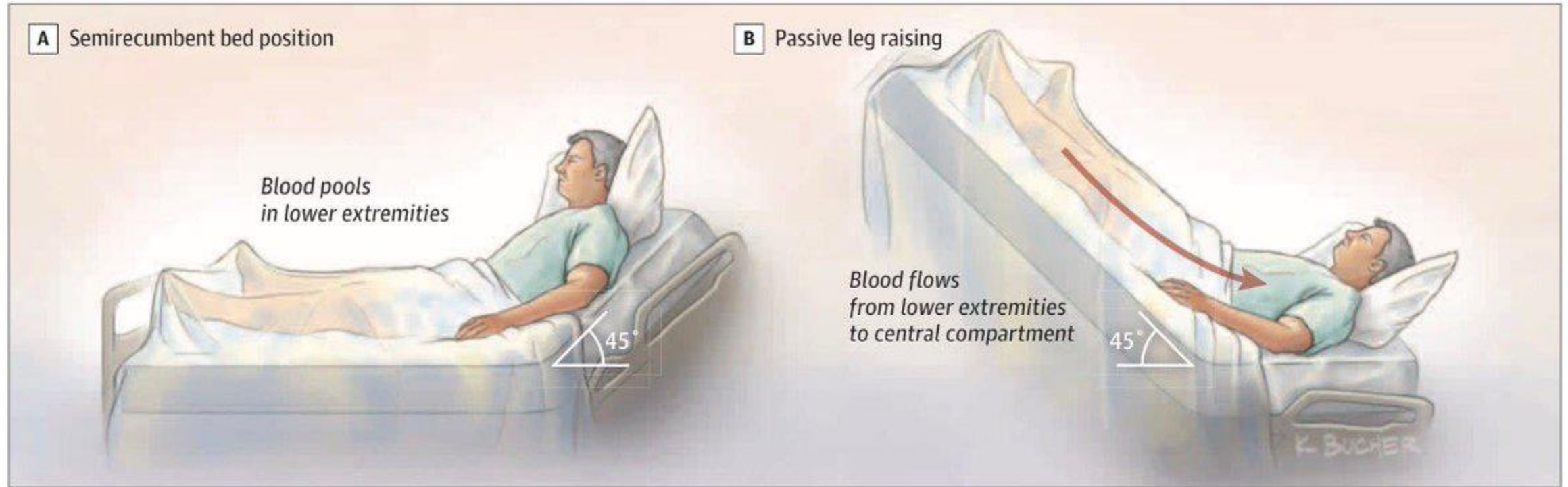


Pulse pressure variation



Passive Leg raise Test

Figure 2. Performance of a Passive Leg-Raising Test



7. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** guiding resuscitation to decrease serum lactate in patients with elevated lactate level, over not using serum lactate.

Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

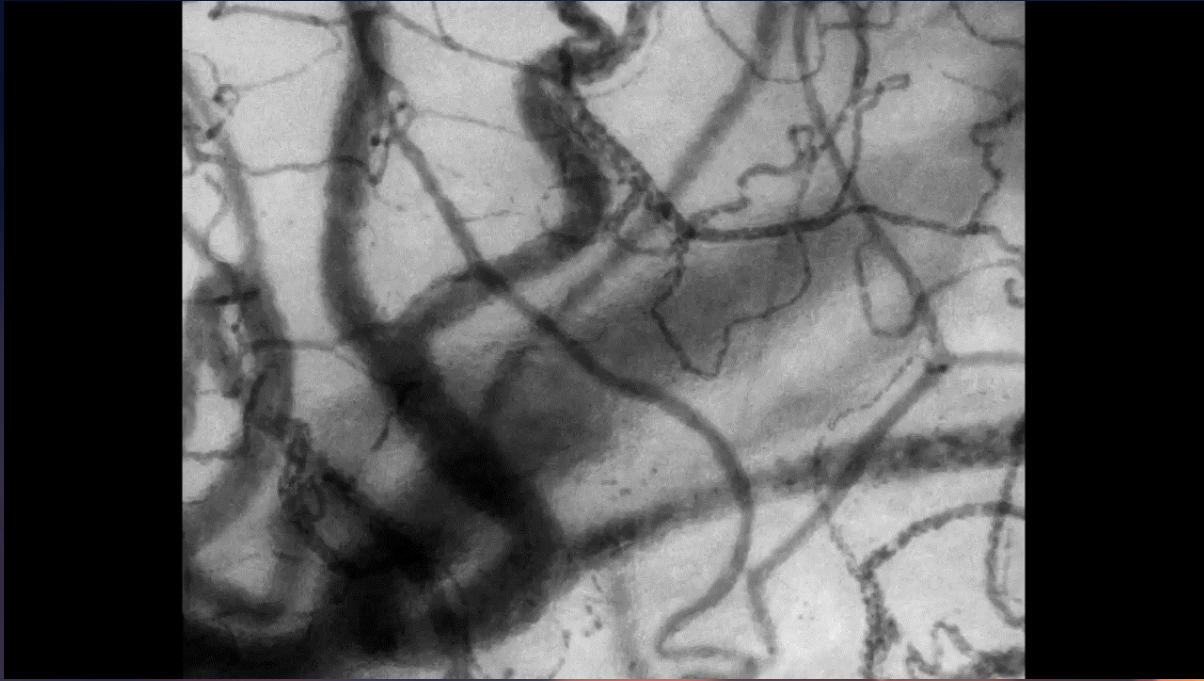
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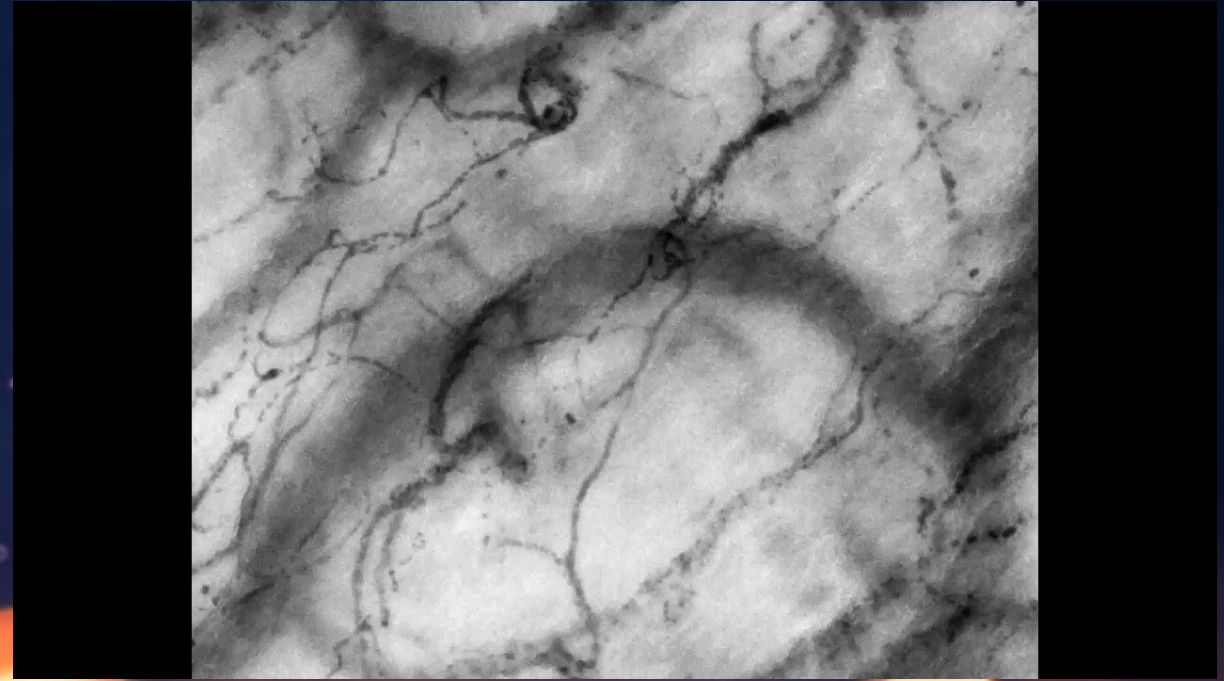
8. For adults with septic shock, we **suggest** using capillary refill time to guide resuscitation as an adjunct to other measures of perfusion.

Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

Micro-Circulation



Normal



Sepsis

Recommendation

9. For adults with septic shock on vasopressors, we **recommend** an initial target mean arterial pressure (MAP) of 65 mm Hg over higher MAP targets.

Strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence.

Recommendation

10. For adults with sepsis or septic shock who require ICU admission, we **suggest** admitting the patients to the ICU within 6 hours.

Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

Infection

Recommendation

11. For adults with suspected sepsis or septic shock but unconfirmed infection, we **recommend** continuously re-evaluating and searching for alternative diagnoses and discontinuing empiric antimicrobials if an alternative cause of illness is demonstrated or strongly suspected.

Best practice statement.



Infection

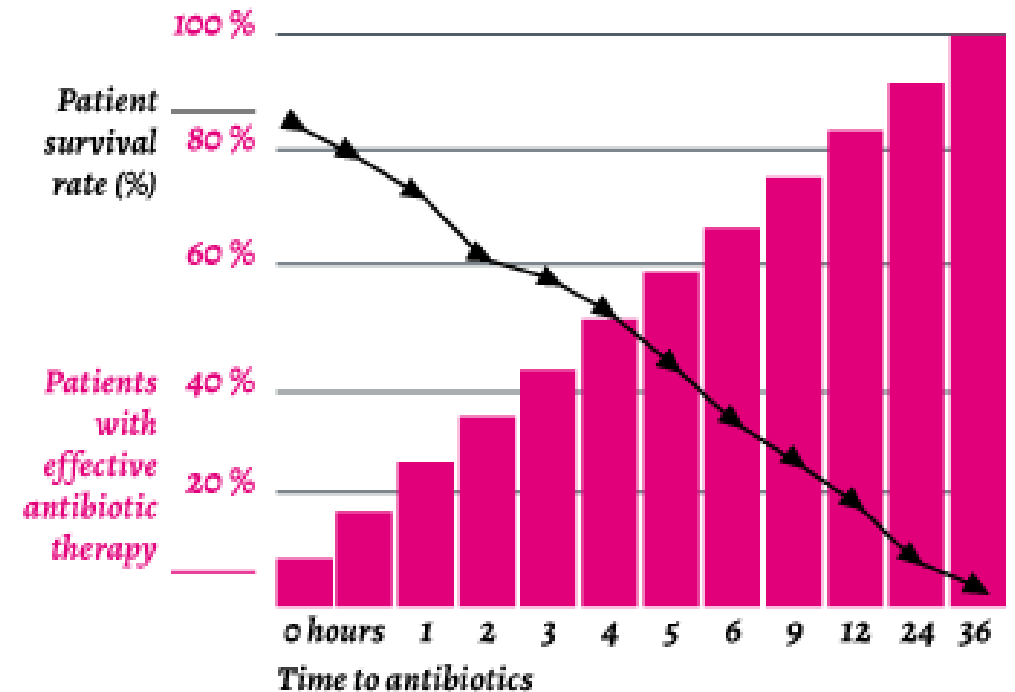
Recommendations

12. For adults with possible septic shock or a high likelihood for sepsis, we **recommend** administering antimicrobials immediately, ideally within one hour of recognition.

Strong recommendation, low quality of evidence (septic shock)

Strong recommendation, very low quality of evidence (sepsis without shock)

Sepsis is a medical emergency⁸



Infection

13. For adults with possible sepsis without shock, we **recommend** rapid assessment of the likelihood of infectious versus non-infectious causes of acute illness.

Best practice statement.

Remarks:

Rapid assessment includes history and clinical examination, tests for both infectious and non-infectious causes of acute illness and immediate treatment for acute conditions that can mimic sepsis. Whenever possible this should be completed within 3 hours of presentation so that a decision can be made as to the likelihood of an infectious cause of the patient's presentation and timely antimicrobial therapy provided if the likelihood of sepsis is thought to be high.

Infection

14. For adults with possible sepsis without shock, we suggest a time-limited course of rapid investigation and if concern for infection persists, the administration of antimicrobials within 3 hours from the time when sepsis was first recognized.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

15. For adults with a low likelihood of infection and without shock, we suggest deferring antimicrobials while continuing to closely monitor the patient.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

Antibiotic Timing		
	Shock is present	Shock is absent
Sepsis is definite or probable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Administer antimicrobials immediately, ideally within 1 hour of recognition. 	
Sepsis is possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Administer antimicrobials immediately, ideally within 1 hour of recognition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rapid assessment* of infectious vs noninfectious causes of acute illness. ✓ Administer antimicrobials within 3 hours if concern for infection persists.

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Figure 1. Recommendations on timing of antibiotic administration.

Infection

Biomarkers to Start Antibiotics

Recommendation

16. For adults with suspected sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** using procalcitonin plus clinical evaluation to decide when to start antimicrobials, as compared to clinical evaluation alone.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

Infection

Antimicrobial Choice

Recommendations

17. For adults with sepsis or septic shock at high risk of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), we **recommend** using empiric antimicrobials with MRSA coverage over using antimicrobials without MRSA coverage.

Best practice statement.

18. For adults with sepsis or septic shock at low risk of MRSA, we **suggest against** using empiric antimicrobials with MRSA coverage, as compared with using antimicrobials without MRSA coverage.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

Infection

Recommendations

19. For adults with sepsis or septic shock and high risk for multidrug resistant (MDR) organisms, we **suggest** using two antimicrobials with gram-negative coverage for empiric treatment over one gram-negative agent.

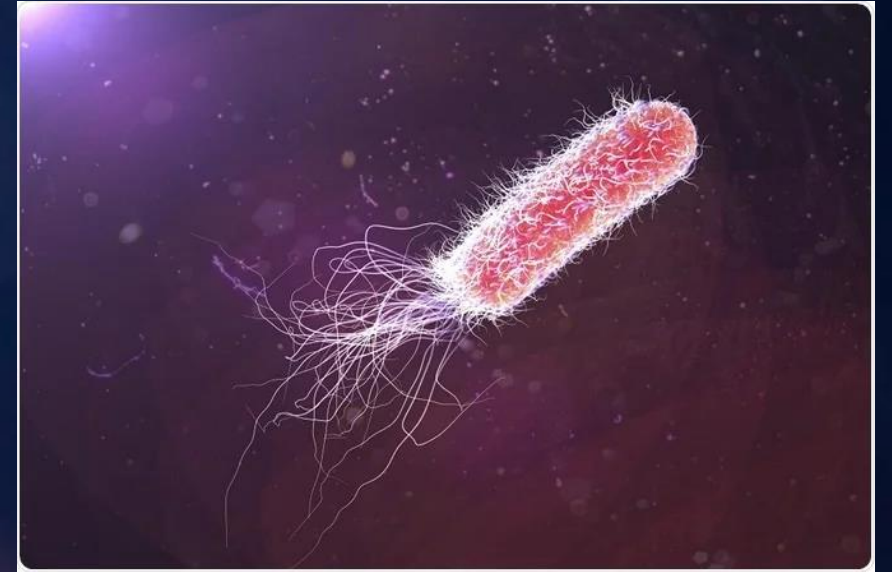
Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

20. For adults with sepsis or septic shock and low risk for MDR organisms, we **suggest against** using two gram-negative agents for empiric treatment, compared with one gram-negative agent.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

21. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** using double gram-negative coverage once the causative pathogen and the susceptibilities are known.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.



Infection

Antifungal Therapy

Recommendations

22. For adults with sepsis or septic shock at high risk of fungal infection, we **suggest** using empiric antifungal therapy over no antifungal therapy.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

23. For adults with sepsis or septic shock at low risk of fungal infection, we **suggest against** empiric use of antifungal therapy.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

Infection

Risk Factors for Candida Sepsis

Candida Colonization at Multiple Sites (177–179)

Surrogate Markers Such as Serum Beta-D-Glucan Assay (177)

Neutropenia (180, 181)

Immunosuppression (173, 180, 181)

Severity of Illness (High APACHE score) (182, 183)

Longer ICU Length of Stay (183)

Central Venous Catheters and Other Intravascular Devices
(168, 180, 181, 184)

Persons Who Inject Drugs (185)

Total Parenteral Nutrition (186)

Broad Spectrum Antibiotics (178, 187)

Gastrointestinal Tract Perforations and Anastomotic Leaks
(186, 188–190)

Emergency Gastrointestinal or Hepatobiliary Surgery (190)

Acute Renal Failure and Hemodialysis (186, 188)

Severe Thermal Injury (191–193)

Prior Surgery (186)



Infection

Risk Factors for Endemic Yeast (Cryptococcus, Histoplasma, Blastomyces, Coccidioidomycosis)

Antigen Markers Such as Cryptococcal, Histoplasma or Blastomyces assays (194–196)

HIV Infection (197–200)

Solid Organ Transplantation (199, 201–203)

High Dose Corticosteroid Therapy (199)

Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (204)

Certain Biologic Response Modifiers (205, 206)

Diabetes Mellitus (207)



Risk Factor for Invasive Mold Infection

Neutropenia (204, 208)

Surrogate Markers Such as Serum or Bronchoalveolar Lavage Galactomannan Assay (209–211)

Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (204, 208, 212)

Solid Organ Transplantation (202, 212–214)

High Dose Corticosteroid Therapy (215, 216)

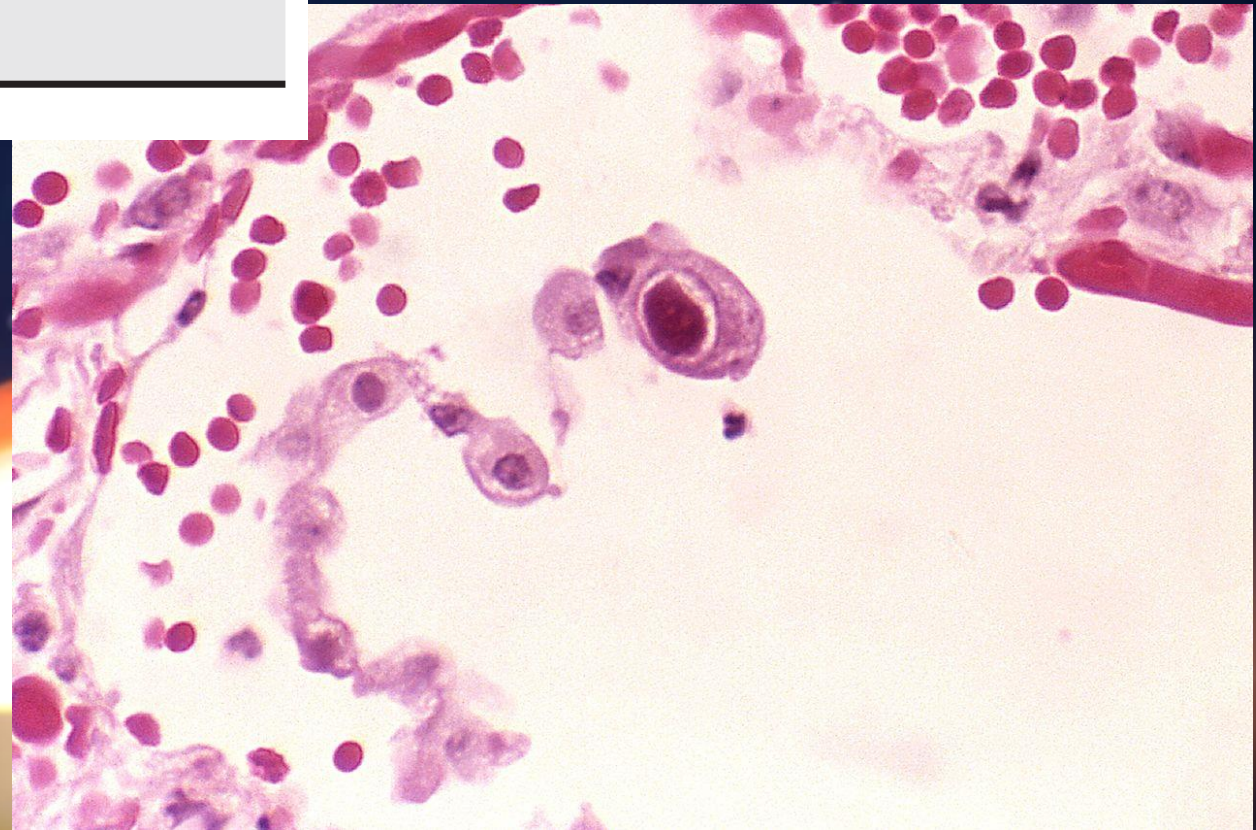
Certain Biologic Response Modifiers (206, 217, 218)

Infection

Antiviral Therapy

Recommendation

24. We make no recommendation on the use of antiviral agents.



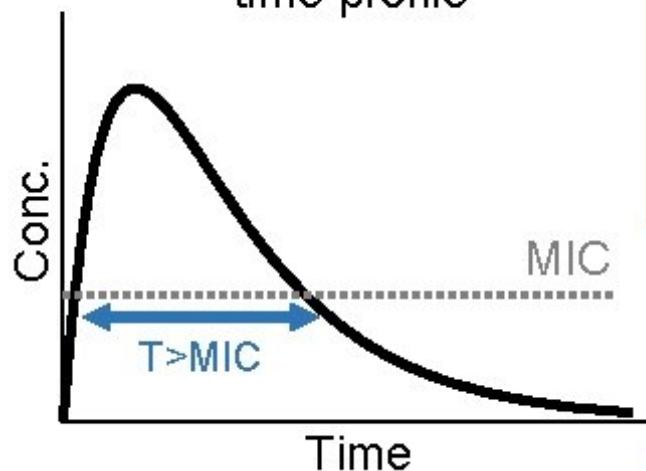
Infection

Recommendation

25. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using prolonged infusion of beta-lactams for maintenance (after an initial bolus) over conventional bolus infusion.

Weak recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.

Concentration vs. time profile



T > MIC

Time during with concentrations above the minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC)



Maximize the exposure time

Infection

Recommendation

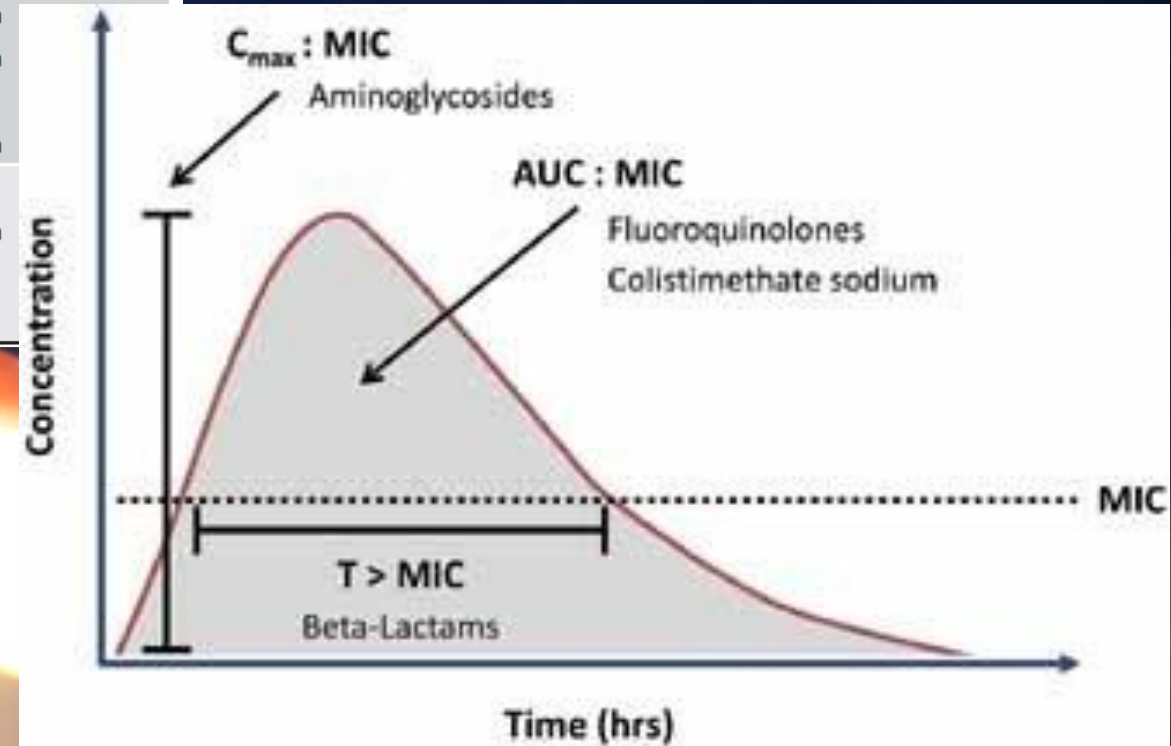
26. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** optimizing dosing strategies of antimicrobials based on accepted pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) principles and specific drug properties.

Best practice statement.

Infection

TABLE 3.
Guidance for PK/PD-Based Dosing for Specific Drug Classes

Drug or Drug Class	PK/PD Index Associated With Bacterial Killing or Efficacy	Drug Concentration Target	Considerations for Optimized Dosing*	Reference Number
Antibacterials				
Aminoglycosides	AUC_{0-24}/MIC ; C_{max}/MIC	AUC 70–100 C_{max}/MIC 8–10	Use extended interval dosing with patient weight and kidney function	237
Beta-lactams	$fT_{>MIC}$	$C_{min} > MIC$	Use prolonged infusions, consider patient weight and kidney function	253
Colistin	AUC_{0-24}/MIC	Unspecified	Use patient weight and kidney function	
Daptomycin	AUC_{0-24}/MIC ; C_{max}/MIC	$AUC_{0-24}/MIC > 200$	Use patient weight and kidney function	
Fluoroquinolones	AUC_{0-24}/MIC ; C_{max}/MIC	AUC_{0-24}/MIC 80–125	Use kidney function	
Vancomycin	AUC_{0-24}/MIC	AUC_{0-24}/MIC 400	Use patient weight and kidney function	
Antifungals				
Fluconazole	AUC_{0-24}/MIC	AUC_{0-24}/MIC 100	Use patient weight and kidney function	
Posaconazole	AUC_{0-24}/MIC	C_{min} 1–4 mg/L	Use formulation-specific dose	
Voriconazole	AUC_{0-24}/MIC	C_{min} 2–6 mg/L	Use patient weight	



Infection

Source Control

Recommendation

27. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** rapidly identifying or excluding a specific anatomical diagnosis of infection that requires emergent source control and implementing any required source control intervention as soon as medically and logistically practical.

Best practice statement.

Recommendation

28. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** prompt removal of intravascular access devices that are a possible source of sepsis or septic shock after other vascular access has been established.

Best practice statement.

Infection

De-escalation of Antibiotics

Recommendation

29. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** daily assessment for de-escalation of antimicrobials over using fixed durations of therapy without daily re-assessment for de-escalation.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

Recommendation

30. For adults with an initial diagnosis of sepsis or septic shock and adequate source control, we **suggest** using shorter over longer duration of antimicrobial therapy.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

Infection

TABLE 4.

Planned Duration of Empirical Antimicrobial Therapy in RCTs of Shorter vs Longer Duration of Therapy According to Clinical Syndrome

Population/Syndrome	RCT/Systemic Review (Data Extracted From)	Shorter Duration	Longer Duration	Outcomes
Pneumonia	Capellier 2012 (301)	8 days	15 days	No difference
	Chastre 2003 (301, 302)	8 days	15 days	No difference
	El Moussaoui 2006 (302)	3 days	8 days	No difference
	Fekih Hassen 2009 (301–303)	7 days	10 days	No difference
	File 2007 (302, 303)	5 days	7 days	No difference
	Kollef 2012 (302, 303)	7 days	10 days	No difference
	Leophonte 2002 (302, 303)	5 days	10 days	No difference
	Medina 2007 (301)	8 days	12 days	No difference
	Siegel 1999 (302, 303)	7 days	10 days	No difference
Tellier 2004 (302, 303)	5 days	7 days	No difference	
Bacteremia	Chaudhry 2000 (302)	5 days	10 days	No difference
	Runyon 1991 (302)	5 days	10 days	No difference
	Yahav 2018 (304)	7 days	14 days	No difference
Intra-abdominal infection	Montravers 2018 (305)	8 days	15 days	No difference
	Sawyer 2015 (293)	Max. 5 days	Max. 10 days	No difference
Urinary tract infection	Peterson 2008 (290)	5 days	10 days	No difference

Haemodynamic management

Recommendations

32. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** using crystalloids as first-line fluid for resuscitation.
Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.

33. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using balanced crystalloids instead of normal saline for resuscitation.
Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

34. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using albumin in patients who received large volumes of crystalloids over using crystalloids alone.
Weak recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.

Haemodynamic management

35. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend against** using starches for resuscitation.

Strong recommendation, high quality of evidence.

36. For adults with sepsis and septic shock, we **suggest against** using gelatin for resuscitation.

Weak recommendation, moderate quality.

Haemodynamic management

Recommendations

37. For adults with septic shock, we **recommend** using norepinephrine as the first-line agent over other vaso-pressors. *Strong recommendation*

Dopamine. *High quality evidence*

Vasopressin. *Moderate-quality evidence*

Epinephrine. *Low-quality evidence*

Selepressin. *Low-quality evidence*

Angiotensin II. *Very low-quality evidence*

Remark:

In settings where norepinephrine is not available, epinephrine or dopamine can be used as an alternative, but we encourage efforts to improve the availability of norepinephrine. Special attention should be given to patients at risk for arrhythmias when using dopamine and epinephrine.

Haemodynamic management

38. For adults with septic shock on norepinephrine with inadequate MAP levels, we **suggest** adding vasopressin instead of escalating the dose of norepinephrine.

Weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence.

Remark:

In our practice, vasopressin is usually started when the dose of norepinephrine is in the range of 0.25–0.5 µg/kg/min.

39. For adults with septic shock and inadequate MAP levels despite norepinephrine and vasopressin, we **suggest** adding epinephrine.


Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

40. For adults with septic shock, we **suggest against** using terlipressin.


Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.


Haemodynamic management

Vasoactive Agent Management


 Use norepinephrine as first-line vasopressor

For patients with septic shock on vasopressors


 Target a MAP of 65 mm Hg

 Consider invasive monitoring of arterial blood pressure


If central access is not yet available

 Consider initiating vasopressors peripherally*

If MAP is inadequate despite low-to-moderate dose norepinephrine

 Consider adding vasopressin

If cardiac dysfunction with persistent hypoperfusion is present despite adequate volume status and blood pressure

 Consider adding dobutamine or switching to epinephrine

Haemodynamic management

Inotropes

Recommendations

41. For adults with septic shock and cardiac dysfunction with persistent hypoperfusion despite adequate volume status and arterial blood pressure, we **suggest** either adding dobutamine to norepinephrine or using epinephrine alone.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

42. For adults with septic shock and cardiac dysfunction with persistent hypoperfusion despite adequate volume status and arterial blood pressure, we **suggest against** using levosimendan.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

Haemodynamic management

Monitoring and Intravenous Access

Recommendations

43. For adults with septic shock, we **suggest** using invasive monitoring of arterial blood pressure over noninvasive monitoring, as soon as practical and if resources are available.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

44. For adults with septic shock, we **suggest** starting vasopressors peripherally to restore MAP rather than delaying initiation until a central venous access is secured.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

Remark:

When using vasopressors peripherally, they should be administered only for a short period of time and in a vein in or proximal to the antecubital fossa.

Haemodynamic management

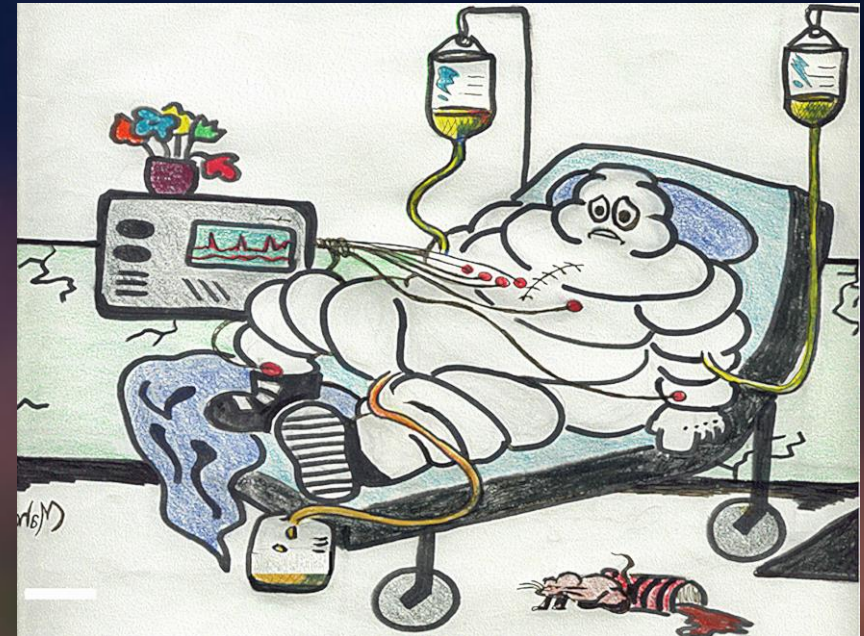
Fluid Balance

Recommendation

45. There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation on the use of restrictive versus liberal fluid strategies in the first 24 hours of resuscitation in patients with sepsis and septic shock who still have signs of hypoperfusion and volume depletion after initial resuscitation.

Remark:

Fluid resuscitation should be given only if patients present with signs of hypoperfusion.



VENTILATION

Recommendation

46. There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation on the use of conservative oxygen targets in adults with sepsis-induced hypoxemic respiratory failure.

Recommendation

47. For adults with sepsis-induced hypoxemic respiratory failure, we **suggest** the use of high flow nasal oxygen over noninvasive ventilation.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

Recommendation

48. There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation on the use of noninvasive ventilation in comparison to invasive ventilation for adults with sepsis-induced hypoxemic respiratory failure.

Haemodynamic management

Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

Recommendation

57. For adults with sepsis-induced severe ARDS, we **suggest** using venovenous (VV) ECMO when conventional mechanical ventilation fails in experienced centers with the infrastructure in place to support its use. *Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.*



ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Recommendation

58. For adults with septic shock and an ongoing requirement for vasopressor therapy we **suggest** using IV corticosteroids.

Weak recommendation; moderate quality of evidence.

Remarks:

The typical corticosteroid used in adults with septic shock is IV hydrocortisone at a dose of 200 mg/d given as 50 mg intravenously every 6 hours or as a continuous infusion. It is suggested that this is commenced at a dose of norepinephrine or epinephrine ≥ 0.25 mcg/kg/min at least 4 hours after initiation.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Blood Purification

Recommendations

59. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** using polymyxin B hemoperfusion.
Weak recommendation; low quality of evidence.
60. There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation on the use of other blood purification techniques.



ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Red Blood Cell (RBC) Transfusion Targets

Recommendation

61. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** using a restrictive (over liberal) transfusion strategy.

Strong recommendation; moderate quality of evidence.

Remarks:

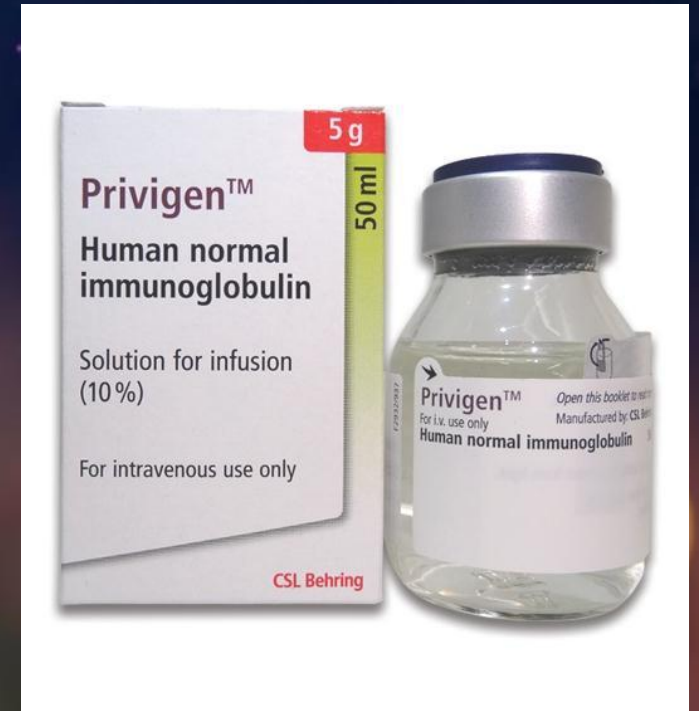
A restrictive transfusion strategy typically includes a hemoglobin concentration transfusion trigger of 70 g/L; however, RBC transfusion should not be guided by hemoglobin concentration alone. Assessment of a patient's overall clinical status and consideration of extenuating circumstances such as acute myocardial ischemia, severe hypoxemia or acute hemorrhage is required.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Immunoglobulins

Recommendation

62. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** using intravenous immunoglobulins
Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.



ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis

Recommendation

63. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, and who have risk factors for gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding, we **suggest** using stress ulcer prophylaxis.
Weak recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis

Recommendations

64. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** using pharmacologic VTE prophylaxis unless a contraindication to such therapy exists.
Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.
65. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** using low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) over unfractionated heparin (UFH) for VTE prophylaxis.
Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.
66. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** using mechanical VTE prophylaxis in addition to pharmacological prophylaxis, over pharmacologic prophylaxis alone.
Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Renal Replacement Therapy

Recommendations

67. In adults with sepsis or septic shock and AKI who require renal replacement therapy, we **suggest** using either continuous or intermittent renal replacement therapy.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

68. In adults with sepsis or septic shock and AKI, with no definitive indications for renal replacement therapy, we **suggest against** using renal replacement therapy.

Weak recommendation, moderate quality of evidence.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Glucose Control

Recommendation

69. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** initiating insulin therapy at a glucose level of ≥ 180 mg/dL (10 mmol/L).

Strong recommendation; moderate quality of evidence.

Remark:

Following initiation of an insulin therapy, a typical target blood glucose range is 144–180 mg/dL (8–10 mmol/L).

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Vitamin C

Recommendation

70. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** using IV vitamin C.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Bicarbonate Therapy

Recommendations

71. For adults with septic shock and hypoperfusion-induced lactic acidemia, we **suggest against** using sodium bicarbonate therapy to improve hemodynamics or to reduce vasopressor requirements.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

72. For adults with septic shock, severe metabolic acidemia ($\text{pH} \leq 7.2$) and AKI (AKIN score 2 or 3), we **suggest** using sodium bicarbonate therapy.

Weak recommendation, low quality of evidence.

ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

Nutrition

Recommendation

73. For adult patients with sepsis or septic shock who can be fed enterally, we **suggest** early (within 72 hours) initiation of enteral nutrition.

Weak recommendation; very low quality of evidence.

Long-Term Outcomes and Goals of Care

Recommendations

74. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** discussing goals of care and prognosis with patients and families over no such discussion.

Best practice statement.

75. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** addressing goals of care early (within 72 hours) over late (72 hours or later).

Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

76. There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation for any specific standardized criterion to trigger goals of care discussion.

Long-Term Outcomes and Goals of Care

Palliative Care

Recommendations

77. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **recommend** integrating principles of palliative care (which may include palliative care consultation based on clinician judgement) into the treatment plan, when appropriate, to address patient and family symptoms and suffering.

Best practice statement.

78. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest against** routine formal palliative care consultation for all patients over palliative care consultation based on clinician judgement.

Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence.

Long-Term Outcomes and Goals of Care

Peer Support Groups

Recommendation

79. For adult survivors of sepsis or septic shock and their families, we **suggest** referral to peer support groups over no such referral.

Weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence.

Long-Term Outcomes and Goals of Care

Recommendations

80. For adults with sepsis or septic shock, we **suggest** using a handoff process of critically important information at transitions of care, over no such handoff process. *Weak recommendation, very low-quality evidence.*
81. There is insufficient evidence to make a recommendation for the use of any specific structured handoff tool over usual handoff processes.

Long-Term Outcomes and Goals of Care

Recommendation

82. For adults with sepsis or septic shock and their families, we **recommend** screening for economic and social support (including housing, nutritional, financial, and spiritual support), and make referrals where available to meet these needs.

Best practice statement.

Recommendation

83. For adults with sepsis or septic shock and their families, we **suggest** offering written and verbal sepsis education (diagnosis, treatment, and post-ICU/post-sepsis syndrome) prior to hospital discharge and in the follow-up setting.

Weak recommendation, very low-quality evidence.

Thank You

WORLD SEPSIS DAY INFOGRAPHICS



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47 000 000 - 50 000 000
cases per year



At least 11 000 000 die
- 1 death every 2.8 seconds



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lifelong consequences



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