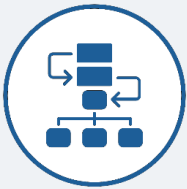


# Emergency Department Sepsis Order Sets

## What's new? What's Changed? Why?

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- New: [Adult sepsis guideline algorithm – ED and Inpatient](#)
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### ~New~: [Algorithm](#)

Introducing a new algorithm to support early recognition and management of sepsis, included in the Nurse Protocol and Order Sets. Delayed blood culture draw is associated with adverse outcome.



### ~New~: [Antibiotic Module](#)

Developed by Infection Management Advisory Committee, the antibiotic module is a complete refresh of empiric antibiotic selection for sepsis to align with evidence and best practice. Changes are based on new guidelines regarding management of beta-lactam allergies, epidemiology of pathogens causing sepsis, and local antibiotic resistance patterns.



### ~Change~: **Consider repeat lactate at 4 hours if initial lactate is >2mmol/L**

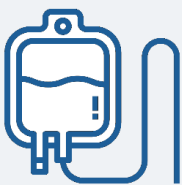
This is a **change** to the previous order set, from threshold of 4mmol/L due to delayed diagnosis reported through PSLs.



### ~Change~: **Use Ringer's lactate in place of normal saline.**

In sepsis resuscitation, even a single litre of Ringers lactate in place of normal saline results in a mortality benefit. This **change** includes patients with elevated or risk of elevated potassium.

[Click here to read more about this change.](#) (*American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.*)



### ~Change~: **Limited volume bolus before moving to vasopressors**

This **change** aligns with evidence and best practice. Earlier use of vasopressors in septic shock is now recommended.

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