



Sepsis Gap Analysis for Nursing Homes

Name of Facility: _____

CCN: _____ Date: _____

Category	Question	Related Considerations for Action Planning	Action Plan
Education	Is education related to early identification of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care being provided? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time allotted Level provided Presenter available Component of onboarding Adequate resources available Budgeted Target audience Content (Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome [SIRS] criteria, suspected or confirmed infection) Education related to when to transfer to acute care 	Action(s): Responsible person(s): Timeline:
Clinical Intervention	Does a protocol for early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care exist? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Does a care team exist to respond to suspected sepsis? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR) format Sepsis clinical pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necessary care team members Availability Scope Documentation 	Action(s): Responsible person(s): Timeline:



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Technology/ Systems	<p>Is technology or are systems available to support early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation systems • Communication systems • Alerts for SIRS criteria • Resources • Email capability for staff 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>
Communication	<p>Is the episode of suspected sepsis escalated consistently?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of SBAR format • Use of electronic medical record • Component of hand-off report 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>



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Case Reviews	Are sepsis case reviews performed consistently to identify areas of opportunity for improvement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case debriefing with a change in resident’s condition • Clinical pathway periodic review 	Action(s): Responsible person(s): Timeline:
Metrics	Are metrics related to sepsis monitored? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including sepsis in the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program • Leveraging infection tracking to identify areas of opportunity for improving sepsis mortality 	Action(s): Responsible person(s): Timeline:



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<p>Resource Allocation</p>	<p>Are there necessary clinical resources available for early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/training • Medication availability • Phlebotomy/specimen transport services • Ability to administer fluids • Transport plan/agreement 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>
<p>Leadership</p>	<p>Is early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care a priority?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate/owner buy-in • Leadership focused/purposeful rounding • Necessary preparation for rounding 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>



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Performance Evaluations	<p>Is early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care a component of the performance evaluation?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle/frequency of evaluations/competencies • Engagement of clinical educator/staff development 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>
Action Planning	<p>Does an action plan for early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care exist?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Component of the QAPI plan 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>



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Operational Improvements	<p>Are opportunities for operational improvements in early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care identified and addressed?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medication/antibiotic administration times• Fluid administration• Lab result turnaround times	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>
Collaboration Across the Continuum of Care	<p>Is there collaboration with other providers across the continuum of care related to early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thorough hand-off report between and among disciplines:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Nursing<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing assistant/unclicensed assistive personnel<input type="checkbox"/> Physician<input type="checkbox"/> Nurse practitioner<input type="checkbox"/> Social work<input type="checkbox"/> Dietitian<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain<input type="checkbox"/> Occupational therapy<input type="checkbox"/> Physical therapy<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory therapy<input type="checkbox"/> Activities therapy	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>

