



Sepsis Gap Analysis for Nursing Homes

Category	Question	Related Considerations for Action Planning	Action Plan
Education	<p>Is education related to early identification of sepsis and early appropriate intervention of sepsis care being provided?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<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 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>
Clinical Intervention	<p>Does a protocol 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>Does a care team exist to respond to suspected sepsis?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR) format • Sepsis clinical pathway • Necessary care team members • Availability • Scope • Documentation 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>



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Technology/ Systems	Is technology or are systems available to support early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<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	Is the episode of suspected sepsis escalated consistently? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<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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Barriers	<p>Do barriers to early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care exist?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>List barriers:</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>On call physicians</i> • <i>Inconsistent staff assignments</i> • <i>Lack of nurse managers after hours/weekends</i> • <i>Facilities focused on reducing hospital readmissions</i> • <i>Short staffed (use of agency nursing)</i> 	<p>Action(s):</p> <p>Responsible person(s):</p> <p>Timeline:</p>