



Sepsis Gap Analysis for Nursing Homes

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? Yes No	 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?	Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR) format Sepsis clinical pathway	Action(s):
	Does a care team exist to respond to suspected sepsis? Yes No	 Necessary care team members Availability Scope Documentation 	Responsible person(s): Timeline:

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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?	 Documentation systems Communication systems Alerts for SIRS criteria Resources Email capability for staff 	Action(s):
			Responsible person(s):
			Timeline:
Communication	Is the episode of suspected sepsis escalated consistently?	 Use of SBAR format Use of electronic medical record Component of hand-off report 	Action(s):
			Responsible person(s):
			Timeline:







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Case Reviews	Are sepsis case reviews performed consistently to identify areas of opportunity for improvement?	 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? ☐ Yes ☐ No	 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):
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Resource Allocation	Are there necessary clinical resources available for early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care? Yes No	 Education/training Medication availability Phlebotomy/specimen transport services Ability to administer fluids Transport plan/agreement 	Action(s): Responsible person(s):
			Timeline:
Leadership	Is early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care a priority? Yes No	Corporate/owner buy-in Leadership focused/purposeful rounding Necessary preparation for rounding	Action(s):
			Responsible person(s):
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Performance Evaluations	Is early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care a component of the performance evaluation? Yes No	 Cycle/frequency of evaluations/competencies Engagement of clinical educator/staff development 	Action(s):
			Responsible person(s):
			Timeline:
Action Planning	Does an action plan for early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care exist?	Component of the QAPI plan	Action(s):
	□Yes □ No		Responsible person(s):
			Timeline:







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Operational Improvements	Are opportunities for operational improvements in early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care identified and addressed?	 Medication/antibiotic administration times Fluid administration Lab result turnaround times 	Action(s): Responsible person(s):
			Timeline:
Collaboration Across the Continuum of Care	Is there collaboration with other providers across the continuum of care related to early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care? Yes No	Thorough hand-off report between and among disciplines: Nursing Nursing assistant/unlicensed assistive personnel Physician Nurse practitioner Social work Dietitian Chaplain Occupational therapy Physical therapy Respiratory therapy Activities therapy	Action(s): Responsible person(s): Timeline:







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Barriers	Do barriers to early recognition of sepsis and early, appropriate intervention of sepsis care exist?	List barriers:	Action(s):
	□Yes □ No	 Examples: On call physicians Inconsistent staff assignments Lack of nurse managers after hours/weekends Facilities focused on reducing hospital readmissions Short staffed (use of agency nursing) 	Responsible person(s): Timeline: