

SEPSIS ADULT SS

Adult Sepsis Short Set

NURSING

REMINDER: For patients with sepsis who are hospitalized and confined to bed, VTE prophylaxis should be used; the options include an LMWH, LDUH, or a blood clotting factor ten a (Xa) inhibitor; for patients with a contraindication to anticoagulant therapy, use mechanical prophylaxis with leg compression device or graduated elastic stockings [Evidence](#)

REMINDER: Patients with severe sepsis or sepsis-induced hypotension during the first 6 Hrs of resuscitation should receive early goal-directed therapy [Evidence](#)

- Vital signs other than routine: Q 15 minutes x 4, Q 30 minutes x 2
- Insert 2 large bore IV's
- Notify MD of abnormal vital signs:
 - Systolic Blood Pressure < 90 or > 180
 - Heart Rate < 60 or > 100
 - And latest vital sign after each IV bolus
- Blood glucose monitoring (BGM) - AC and HS. Recommended schedule: 0745, 1100, 1700, 2100
[Evidence](#)

RESPIRATORY [Evidence](#)

- Apply oxygen (O₂) with defined parameters: to maintain SAT ≥ 92%

IV FLUIDS

Fluid Resuscitation Initial Bolus

- Sodium Chloride 0.9%, 500 mL IV over 30 mins Prn SBP < 100 mmHg, REPEAT until SBP > 100 or until 2 liters infused (i.e. DO NOT exceed 4 doses total). Hold if SBP > 100 mmHg. If bolus IV fluids stopped continue with maintenance IVF.

Fluid Resuscitation Initial Bolus Colloids [Evidence](#)

- Albumin, 5%, 250 mL IVPB over 30 mins x 1 dose.

Maintenance IV fluids

- Sodium Chloride 0.9% IV at 150 mL/Hr after boluses have been given. [Evidence](#)

MEDICATIONS

Antibiotic medications [Evidence](#)

- AZithromycin (Zithromax) 500 mg IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of Presentation then Q 24 Hrs.
- Cefepime (Maxipime) 2 Gm IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 8 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
- CefTRIAxone (Rocephin) 1 Gm IVPB Q 24 Hrs. 1st dose STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation. Indication: Sepsis
- Ciprofloxacin (Cipro) 400 mg IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 8 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
- Meropenem (Merrem) 1 Gm IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 8 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
- MetroNIDAZOLE (Flagyl) 500 mg IVPB IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of Presentation then Q 8 Hrs.
- Levofloxacin (Levaquin) 500 mg IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 24 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
- Levofloxacin (Levaquin) 750 mg IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 24 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
- Piperacillin-tazobactam (Zosyn) 3.375 Gm IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of

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- presentation then Q 6 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
- Piperacillin-tazobactam (Zosyn) 4.5 Gm IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 6 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis
 - Tobramycin IV (Nebcin) Per Pharmacy protocol. Indication: Sepsis. Give 1st dose STAT after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation.
 - Vancomycin IV (Vancocin) per Pharmacy protocol to achieve target trough levels of 15 – 20 mg/L. Give 1st dose STAT after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation. Indication: Sepsis

Antibiotic medications: Aztreonam

RESTRICTION CRITERIA: Aztreonam (Azactam)

- 1) *Pts with a DOCUMENTED IgE mediated Beta Lactam Allergy (bronchospasm, angioedema, severe rash)*
- Aztreonam (Azactam) 2 Gm IVPB x 1 STAT, after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 8 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis

Antibiotic medications: DAPTOmycin

RESTRICTION CRITERIA: DAPTOmycin (Cubicin)

- 1) *Management of patients with suspected or confirmed vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus species infections*
 - 2) *Management of patients intolerant to vancomycin or with infections that are refractory to vancomycin therapy*
 - 3) *Empiric therapy for suspected MRSA bacteremia in patients with Hx of infection caused by MRSA with high vanco MIC (Etest >1 mCg/mL)*
 - 4) *Directed therapy (culture positive) for bacteremia caused by MRSA with high vanco MIC (Etest >1 mCg/mL)*
 - 5) *Management of osteomyelitis*
 - 6) *Patients with risks of ototoxicity (Vancomycin therapy > 14 days **OR** hearing test indicates baseline hearing loss **OR** use of hearing aid device **OR** Ataxia)*
- DAPTOmycin (Cubicin) 6 mg/Kg IVPB x 1 STAT after cultures, within 1 Hr of presentation then Q 24 Hrs. Pharmacy to adjust per renal dosing protocol. Indication: Sepsis

Cardiac medications: Vasoactive Agents [Evidence](#)

- Norepinephrine (Levophed) 4 mg/250 mL D5W continuous IV infusion, start at 4 mCg/min and titrate by 2-4 mCg/min Q 5 -15 mins up to a max of 30 mCg/min to maintain MAP > 60 or SBP > 90. Titrate down by 1-4 mCg/min Q 15 mins. Must be discontinued upon patient transfer out of Critical Care/Critical Care equivalent units.
- DOPamine (Intropin) 400 mg/250mL D5W continuous IV infusion, start at 5 mCg/Kg/min and titrate initially by 5 mCg/Kg/min Q 5 -15 mins and then by 1-3 mCg/Kg/min Q 5 -15 mins up to a max of 20 mCg/Kg/min to maintain MAP > 60 or SBP > 90. Titrate down by 1-2 mCg/Kg/min Q 15 mins. Must be discontinued upon patient transfer out of Critical Care/Critical Care equivalent units.

Other medications: _____

***All labs/diagnostics will be drawn/done routine now unless otherwise specified**

BLOOD BANK

- Type & Screen - STAT

LABORATORY – Cardiac Markers

- Troponin-I - STAT [Evidence](#)
- Troponin-I Q 6 Hrs x 3

LABORATORY - Hematology

- Complete Blood Count (CBC) - STAT

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LABORATORY – Chemistry

REMINDER: Procalcitonin can be used for patients with suspected gram negative sepsis to rule out other etiology of similar symptoms

- Basic Metabolic Panel (BMP) - STAT
- Cortisol, random - STAT
- Hepatic Function Panel (LFT) - STAT
- Lactic Acid - STAT [Evidence](#)
- Lipase - STAT
- Procalcitonin - STAT

LABORATORY – Blood Gas

- Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) with lactate and electrolytes - STAT
- Venous Blood Gas (VBG) with lactate - STAT [Evidence](#)

LABORATORY - Coagulation

- Prothrombin Time (PT/INR) - STAT
- Partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) - STAT
- Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) Profile - STAT

LABORATORY – Urine

- Urinalysis reflex to culture (UATC)
- HCG Pregnancy Urine

MICROBIOLOGY

REMINDER - Blood cultures should be obtained before administering antimicrobial therapy [Evidence](#)

- Culture, Blood x 2 (1 set drawn peripheral and 1 from each vascular access device) - STAT
- Culture, Respiratory - STAT
- Culture, Wound [Evidence](#) – STAT
- Stool for C. difficile toxin
- Urine Culture

DIAGNOSTIC - Cardiology

- Electrocardiogram (12-lead EKG); Reason for exam: _____
- Echocardiogram; Reason for exam: _____

DIAGNOSTICS - Radiology

- Chest X-Ray (CXR) 1View Portable - STAT; Reason for exam: _____
[Evidence](#)

DIAGNOSTIC - CT

- CT brain without contrast; Reason for exam: _____
- CT abdomen/pelvis without contrast Reason for exam: _____ [Evidence](#)
- CT abdomen/pelvis with IV contrast Reason for exam: _____ [Evidence](#)
- CT chest without contrast Reason for exam: _____
- CT chest with IV contrast Reason for exam: Pulmonary Embolism (PE protocol)

REMINDERS

- **Goals:**
 - Identify patient – see “**ADULT SEVERE SEPSIS SHOCK REFERENCE TOOL**”
 - Obtain labs/cultures/procedures
 - If SEPSIS and STABLE:** Adequate response to fluid therapy, SBP > 90, RR < 30, and lactic acid < 4mm/L admit to medical floor
- **If SEVERE SEPSIS/SEPTIC SHOCK and UNSTABLE:** Fluid challenged, SBP < 90, RR > 30, vasopressor therapy, and lactic acid > 4mm/L admit to critical care

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