

Sepsis Update 2021: Incidence, Mortality and Bundle Science Update



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Objectives

- ▲ Determine the impact sepsis has on mortality, location of disposition in long range economic impact
- ▲ Examine any new evidence on the bundles and implementation

Polling Question

 Who is with us today?

- △ Quality coordinator
- △ Sepsis coordinator
- △ CMO, CNO, CEO
- △ Unit manager
- △ Physicians/APP's
- △ Frontline nurses
- △ Nurse educators
- △ Clinical nurse specialist



Sepsis is a Public Health Problem

- ▲ Affects >1.7 million Americans per year
- ▲ 3rd leading cause of death in the US
- ▲ 1-week mortality for Medicare beneficiaries with sepsis is 18% vs 4.1% with no sepsis
- ▲ Sepsis occurs in just 10% of U.S. hospital patients, but it contributes to as many as half of all hospital deaths
- ▲ \$41.5 billion spent on sepsis inpatient care and skilled nursing for Medicare beneficiaries in 2018
- ▲ 87% of all adult sepsis cases begin outside the hospital

> 700 people die each day from sepsis in the U.S.



1 every 2
minutes

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Sepsis
is the body's
response to
infection.

Sepsis develops when the immune system fails to limit an infection and vital organ function is compromised.



The rise in inpatient admission rates and counts is proportional across all severities of sepsis. The rate of hospital acquired sepsis ("not present on admission") declined.

The sepsis event not only predicted higher mortality, but also a poorer quality of life with fewer returning to their family home (57% versus, 80% for non-sepsis admissions) 6 months following a sepsis inpatient admission

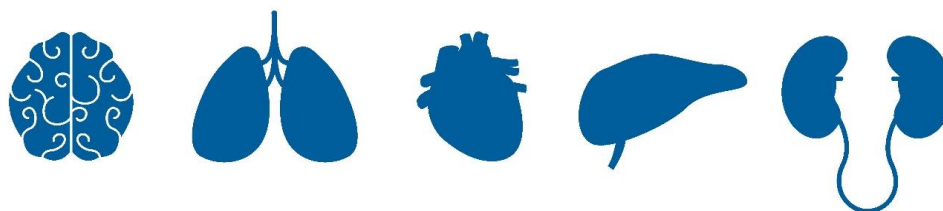
Sepsis is the most costly of inpatient diagnoses.



More than **1.7 million** Americans develop sepsis annually. More than a quarter million die from sepsis.

Source : <https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/dataareports/index.html>

The Burdens Of SEPSIS



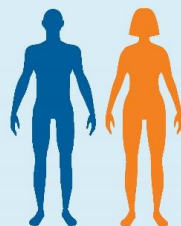
Medicare spent more than **\$41.5 billion** on sepsis inpatient admissions and subsequent skilled nursing facility care in 2018.



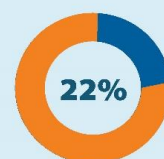
A contemporary rough-order of magnitude estimate of the minimum cost of sepsis in 2019 is in excess of **\$62 billion**.

- It does **NOT** include doctor bills.
- It does **NOT** include costs of subsequent outpatient care.
- It does **NOT** include economic losses.
- It does **NOT** include care delivered through federal health systems

Sepsis inpatient admissions rates (per million beneficiaries) rose even faster than the Medicare beneficiary population. In 2018, the count of sepsis inpatient admissions was ~65% greater than it was in 2012



U.S. population



Medicare beneficiary
population



Rate of Sepsis
admissions

Rate of Growth from 2012 to 2018

The cost of sepsis inpatient admission is steadily declining, and even though the study shows improvement in survival with each passing year, the number of beneficiaries and their rates of sepsis inpatient stays is overwhelming.

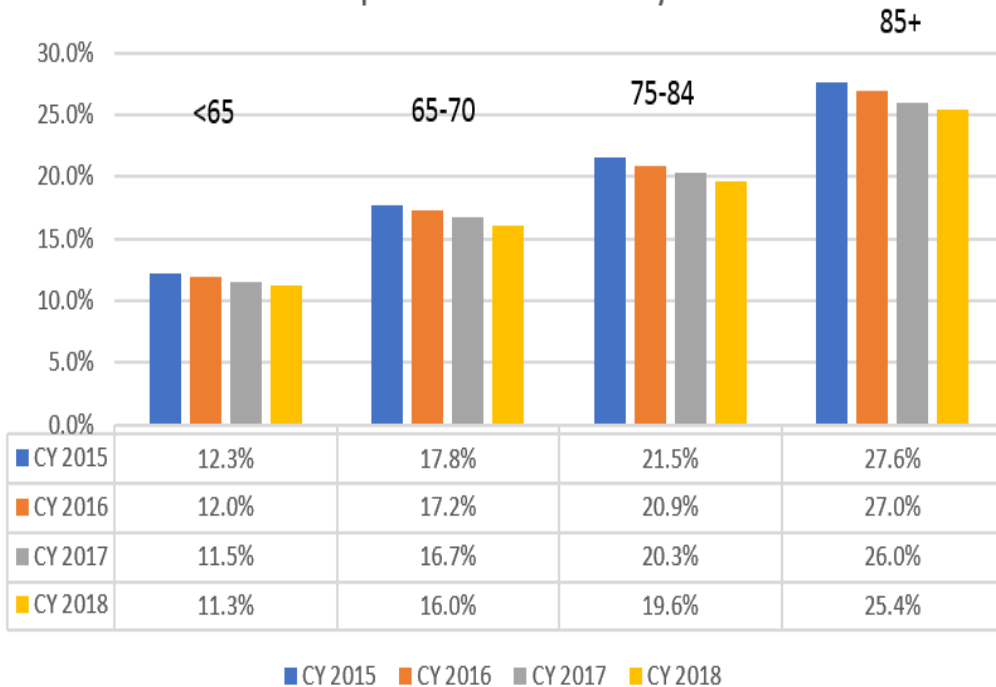


This study presents the most comprehensive analysis of paid Medicare Claims via the Centers for the Medicare & Medicaid Services Data Link Project to provide contemporary estimates of the burden, cost and mortality associated with acute inpatient Medicare beneficiaries admission for sepsis.

Sepsis Admissions and Mortality for Medicare Beneficiaries

Over the 7-year study interval, the rate of sepsis admissions increased by 50%.

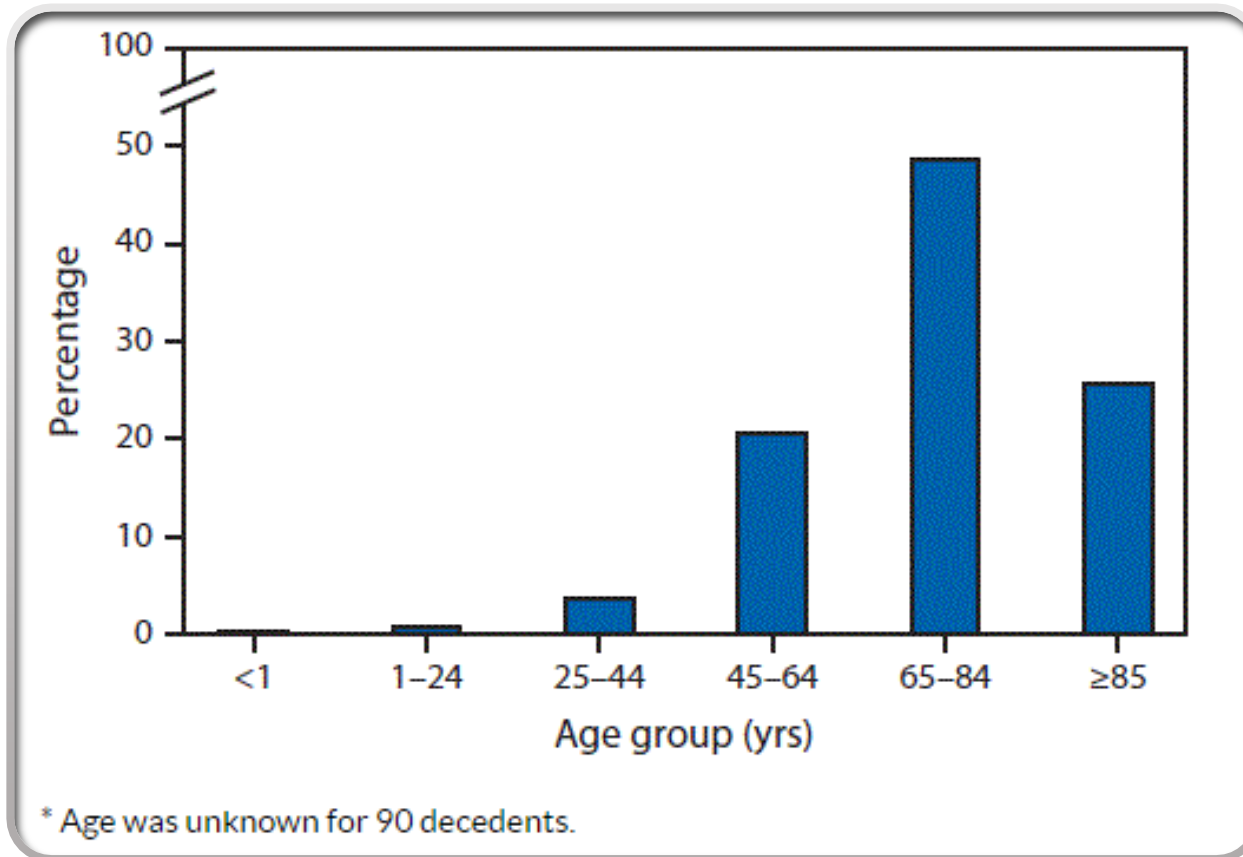
Sepsis 1 Week Mortality



Mortality after hospital discharge is high

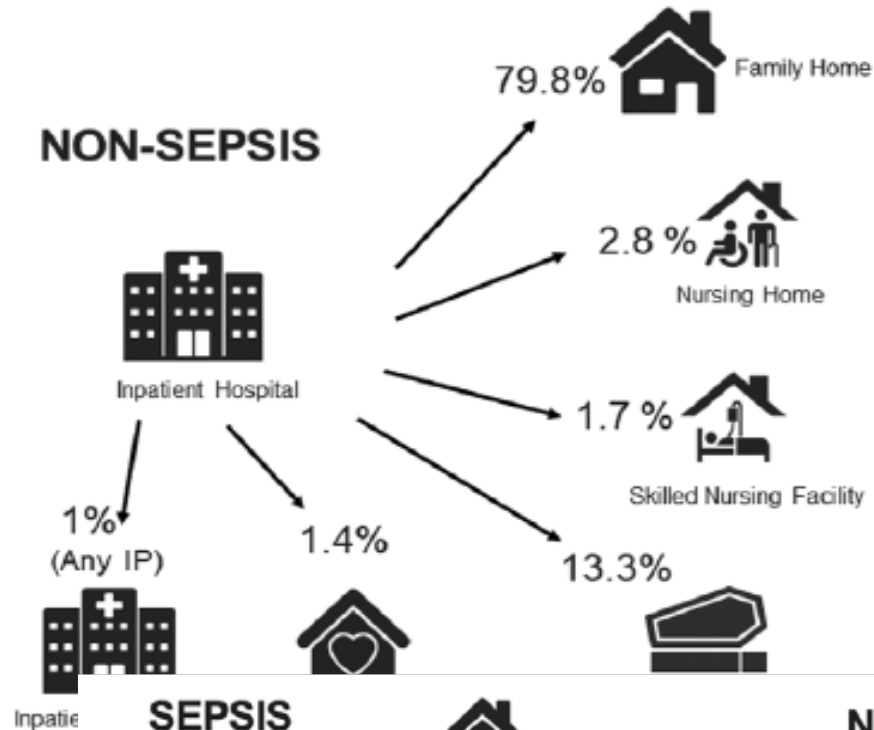
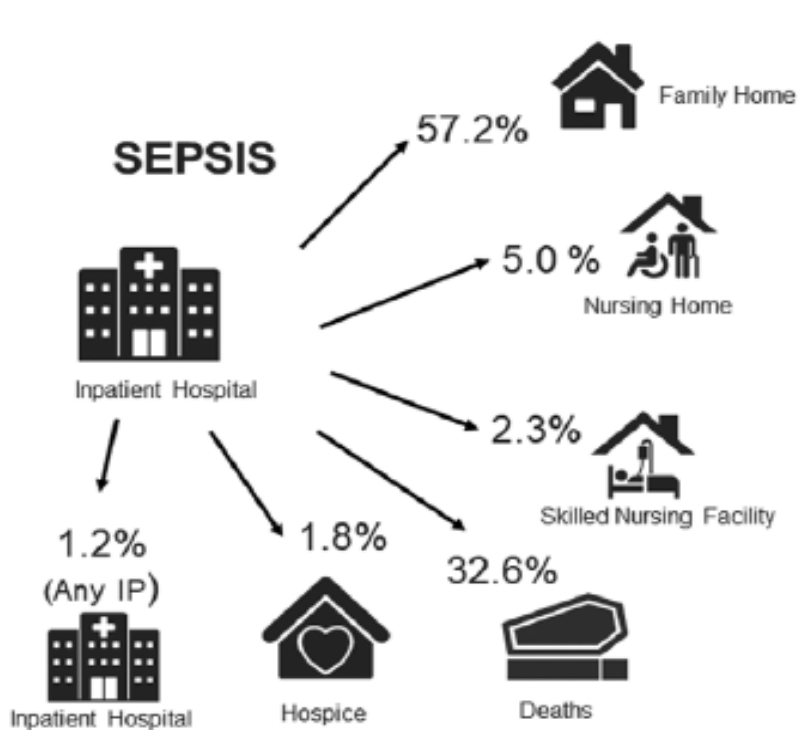
- The one-week mortality after discharge among Medicare beneficiaries for
 - Septic shock 40.6%
 - Severe sepsis 15.3%
 - Unspecified sepsis is 11%.
- 6-month after discharge (CY 2018), Medicare beneficiaries mortality rate;
 - septic shock 60%
 - severe sepsis 36%
 - unspecified sepsis 30.9%.
- This high mortality rate continues at 1 and 3 years post initial sepsis hospitalization.

Sepsis Deaths by Age Group



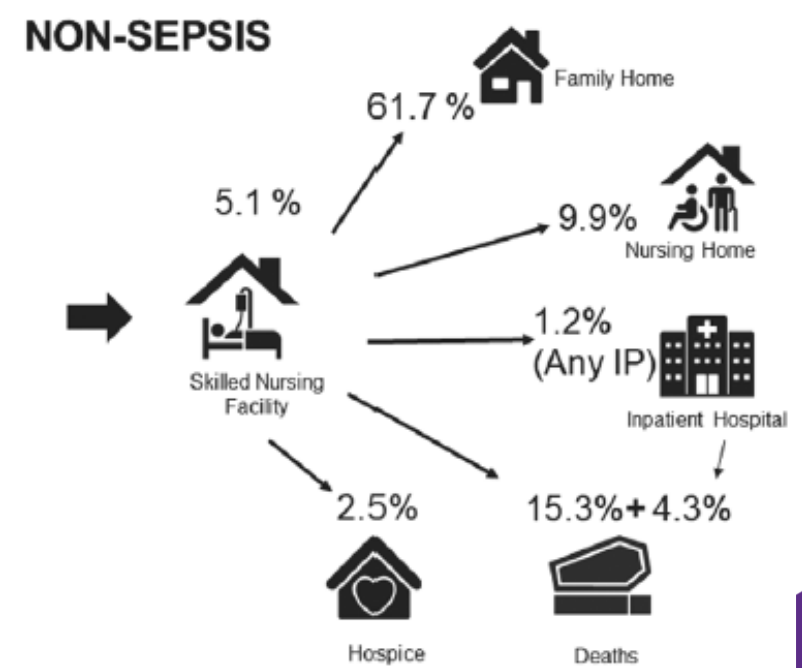
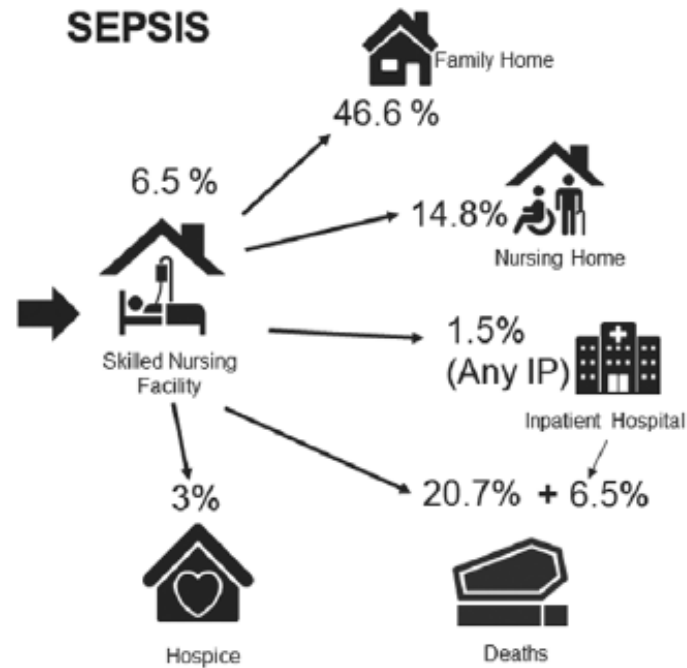
- **Sepsis Deaths by Age Group**

(N = 2,470,666) based on death certificate data, by age groups* — United States, 1999–2014



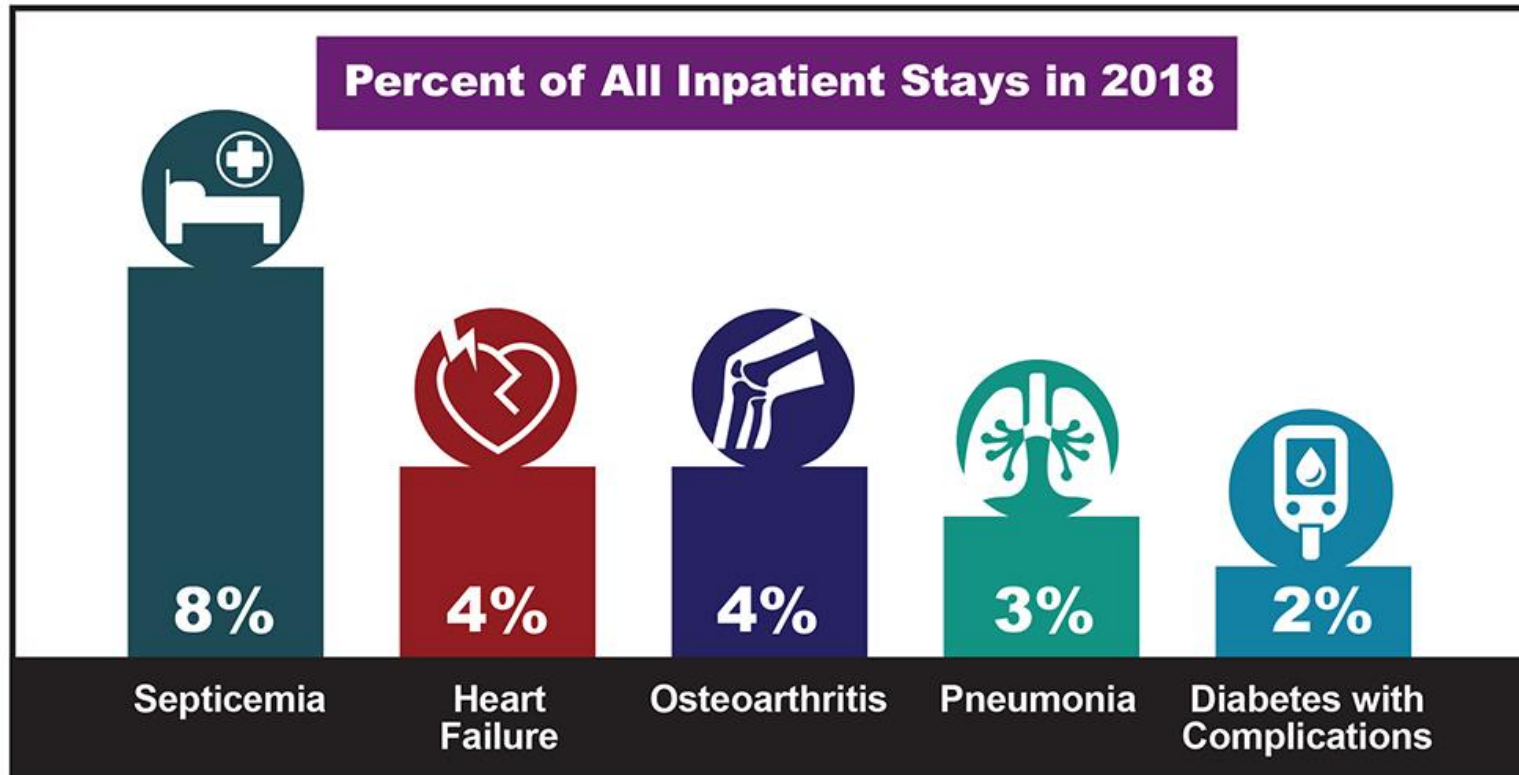
Medicare
Beneficences

Initial Sepsis sent to Skilled
Facility from Hospital





Most Prevalent Conditions Requiring Hospitalization



Source: AHRQ, Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project Statistical Brief #277: *Most Frequent Principal Diagnoses for Inpatient Stays in U.S. Hospitals, 2018*. <https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb277-Top-Reasons-Hospital-Stays-2018.jsp>
HCUP Data Partners can be found at: www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/partners.jsp

Common Causes of Hospitalization Adults aged 85 and over: U.S.

	2000	2005	2010	Percent change ¹ (2000 to 2010)
First-listed diagnosis	Rate of hospitalization per 1,000 population			
Congestive heart failure	48	47	43	-9.5
Pneumonia	51	52	34	-32.8
Urinary tract infection	19	24	30	+55.9
Septicemia	15	18	28	+84.8
Stroke	37	27	28	-25.0
Hip fracture	28	23	21	-25.4

¹Percent change for each diagnosis is significant from 2000 through 2010 ($p < 0.05$).

NOTE: First-listed diagnosis is considered to be the main cause or reason for the hospitalization. The diagnoses were chosen because they were the top six first-listed diagnoses in 2010.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Hospital Discharge Survey, 2000–2010.



Hospital Readmission is Common

Hospital Readmission and Healthcare Utilization Following Sepsis in Community Settings

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Frequency, Cost, and Risk Factors of Readmissions Among Severe Sepsis Survivors*

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Post-Acute Care Use and Hospital Readmission after Sepsis

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Unplanned Readmissions After Hospitalization for Severe Sepsis at Academic Medical Center-Affiliated Hospitals

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Rehospitalizations Following Sepsis: Common and Costly*

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All sepsis survivors have an
increased risk for readmission
(40% within 90 days for
Medicare beneficiaries)

Risk for Readmission

Table. Most Frequent Readmission Diagnoses After Hospitalization for Severe Sepsis

Diagnosis ^a	Severe Sepsis (n = 2617)	
	No. of Survivors	% (95% CI)
Sepsis	167	6.4 (5.4-7.3)
Congestive heart failure	144	5.5 (4.6-6.4)
Pneumonia	92	3.5 (2.8-4.2)
Acute renal failure	87	3.3 (2.6-4.0)
Rehabilitation	74	2.8 (2.2-3.5)
Respiratory failure	65	2.5 (1.9-3.1)
Complication of device, implant, or graft	52	2.0 (1.5-2.5)
COPD exacerbation	49	1.9 (1.4-2.4)
Aspiration pneumonitis	47	1.8 (1.3-2.3)
Urinary tract infection	44	1.7 (1.2-2.2)

▲ Sepsis survivors have an increased risk for readmission (40% within 90 days for Medicare patients) related to

- △ infection/sepsis
- △ heart failure
- △ renal failure.

▲ Reconciling medications, infection prevention, management of chronic conditions, and cognitive and functional rehabilitation will aid in preventing readmissions.

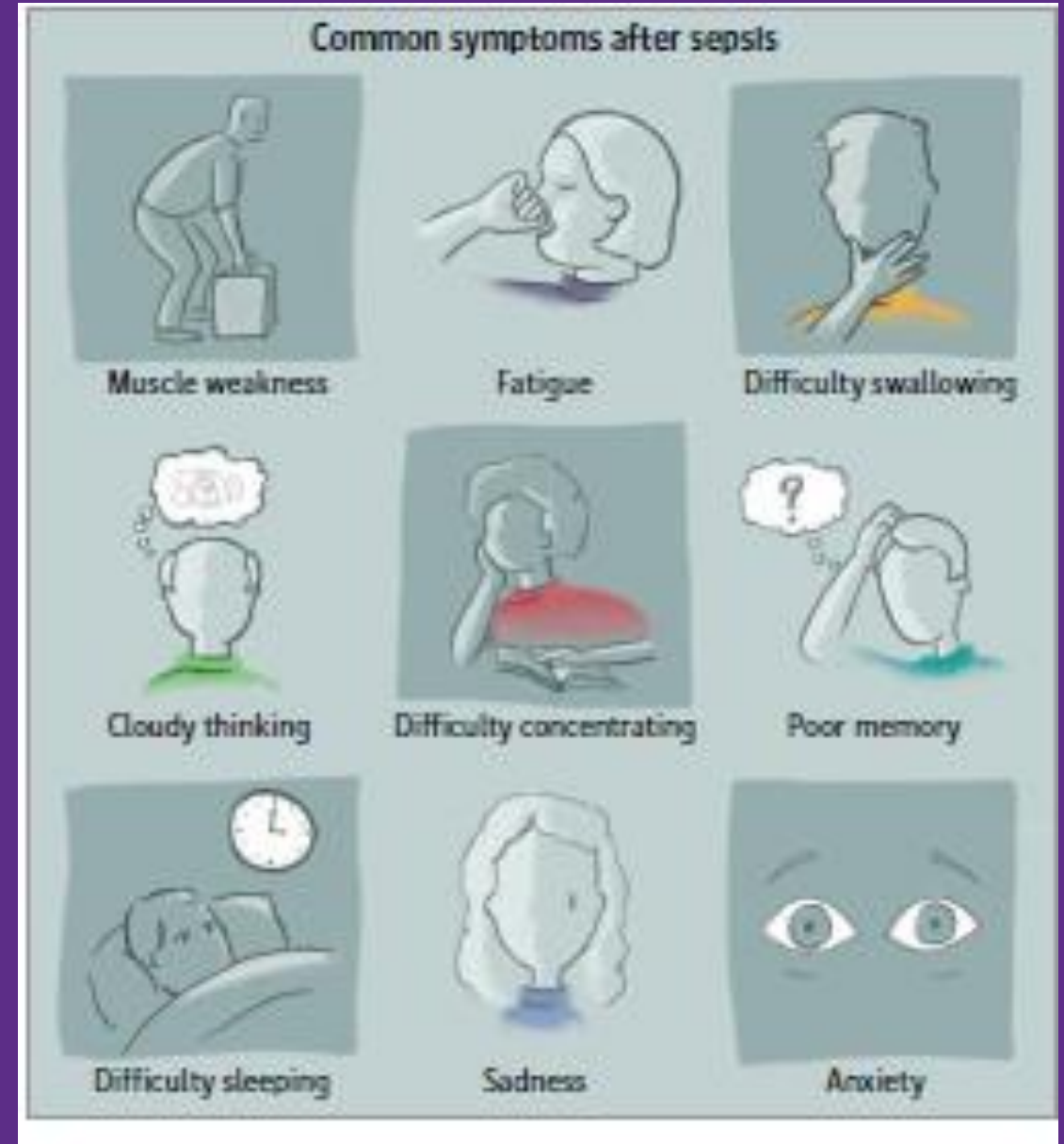
Sepsis and COVID 19

- 🔗 Sepsis and COVID-19 overlap and are more similar than different
 - △ There are semantic in real differences between subsystem COVID-19
 - △ In both the early and later phases of the disease sepsis in COVID-19 are nearly indistinguishable in clinical treatment goals are the same
- 🔗 Both conditions require timely and accurate diagnosis in order to provide appropriate treatment
 - △ Phenotyping an endo typing may be valuable for directing therapy
- 🔗 SSG for COVID:
 - △ For severe & critical
 - Systemic Corticosteroids
 - Venous thromboprophylaxis
 - △ Non-ventilated patients/severe
 - Remdesivir
 - △ For the acute resuscitation of adults with COVID-19 and shock, we suggest using a conservative over a liberal fluid strategy.



Post-Sepsis Syndrome

- Describes physical and/or long-term effects that affects up to 50% of people who survive sepsis.
- Longer term effects of sepsis include:
 - Sleep disturbance including insomnia
 - Experiencing nightmares, hallucinations, flashbacks and panic attacks
 - Muscle and joint pains which can be severe and disabling
 - Extreme tiredness and fatigue
 - Inability to concentrate
 - Impaired mental (cognitive) functioning
 - Loss of confidence and self-belief



Polling Question

 What is your current mortality for septic shock

1. <20%
2. >20% < 30%
3. >30% <40%
4. >40%

Have We Achieved the Mortality Outcomes our Patients Deserve?

- ▲ Septic shock mortality is 38-42%
- ▲ Severe sepsis mortality is 28-32%
- ▲ Sepsis readmissions are 30-35%

Is it Good Enough?



What is current
and what is new!!

Sepsis
Management

TO SAVE LIVES.....



Early identification



Early antibiotics



Early fluid resuscitation

SSC Guidelines Screening



- ▲ For hospitals and health systems **we recommend** using a performance improvement program for sepsis including sepsis screening for acutely ill, high risk patients and standard operating procedures for treatment



Screening for Severe Sepsis



- **Develop screening process for ED, rapid response team, ICU and house wide** (To screen effectively, it must be part of the nurses' daily routines— i.e., part of admission and shift assessment)
- Education beyond PowerPoint...case studies
- Develop audit process to evaluate compliance and effectiveness
- Ensure screening process has clear “next steps” defined for nursing staff

If you don't screen you will miss patients
that may have benefited from the interventions



Electronic Routine Screening

The screenshot displays the 'Sepsis Screening Tool' interface. At the top, a teal header contains the title 'Sepsis Screening Tool'. Below it, a light blue banner states: 'The purpose of this tool is to facilitate EARLY RECOGNITION & TREATMENT OF SEPSIS THIS TOOL DOES NOT REPLACE CLINICAL JUDGEMENT'. The main section is titled 'Sepsis Screen' and is divided into two parts: 'Systemic Inflammatory Response' and 'Organ Dysfunction Screen'. The 'Systemic Inflammatory Response' section has three checkboxes: 'No criteria identified', 'Resp rate greater than 20/min', and 'Temp less than 36 C or greater than 38.3 C'. An orange callout box points to the temperature checkbox with the text 'Temp <36 C (96.8 °F) or Temp > 38.3 (101 °F)'. The 'Organ Dysfunction Screen' section has a 'No criteria identified' checkbox highlighted with an orange box. Below it, several criteria are listed, including 'Lactic acid greater than 2 mMol/L within 12 hrs', 'Systolic blood pressure (SBP) less than 90 mmHg', and 'MAP less than 65 mmHg'. An orange callout box on the right explains: 'Positive SEVERE Sepsis Screen Occurs when one selection is chosen once one Organ Dysfunction is identified. Automatically defaults to a Positive SEVERE Sepsis Screen. SEVERE Sepsis Screen is activated'. At the bottom, a section titled 'Severe Sepsis Screening Result' contains two radio buttons: 'Negative SEVERE Sepsis Screen' and 'Positive SEVERE Sepsis Screen'. A blue callout box on the left states: 'Bonus: Screening Creates a Time Zero Every 12 hours'. A teal footer at the bottom contains the text: 'A POSITIVE Sepsis Screen Result plus 1 or more signs of Organ Dysfunction = Positive SEVERE Sepsis'.

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Sepsis Screen

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Organ Dysfunction Screen

- ☐ No criteria identified
- ☐ Lactic acid greater than 2 mMol/L within 12 hrs
- ☐ Systolic blood pressure (SBP) less than 90 mmHg
- ☐ MAP less than 65 mmHg
- ☐ SBP decrease of 40 mmHg from baseline
- ☐ BIPAP or Mechanical Ventilation
- ☐ Creatinine > 0.5 mg/dL within past 72 hrs
- ☐ Creatinine > 2 mg/dL in past 72 hrs not chronic kidney dx
- ☐ Creatinine > 2 mg/dL within past 72 hrs
- ☐ Hematocrit < 30% within past 72 hrs
- ☐ Hematocrit < 100,000 K/uL within past 72 hrs
- ☐ Bleeding time > 10 sec in past 72 hrs without anticoagulants
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SEVERE Sepsis Screen is activated

Severe Sepsis Screening Result

☐ Negative SEVERE Sepsis Screen ☐ Positive SEVERE Sepsis Screen

Bonus: Screening Creates a Time Zero Every 12 hours

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7 Hospital Systems: Northern California

Sepsis Mortality Reduction

- ED& ICU – continue improvements
- Emphasis placed on a new patient population

MOST



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Oncology
Surgical
Telemetry

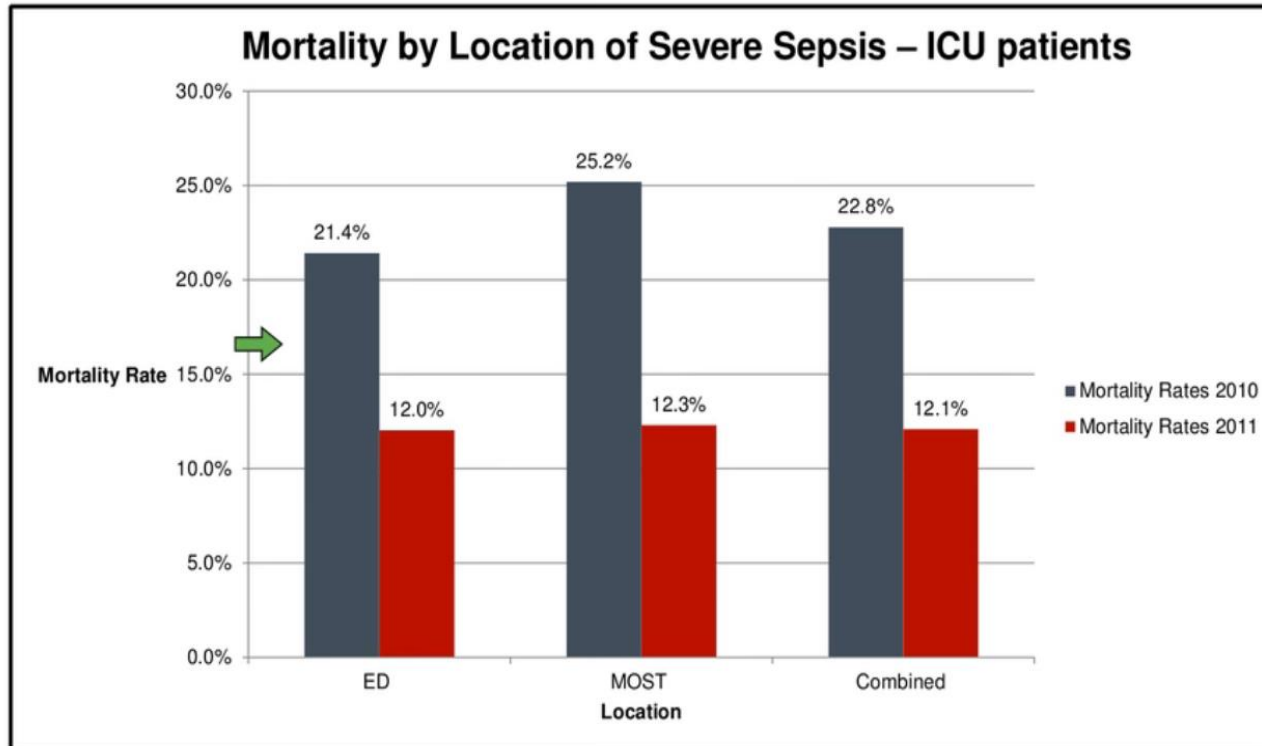
- Introduced screening as part of nurse's shift assessment on the floors
- Already occurring in ED and ICU's
- Started at 1 facility and spread to 6
- Measure impact on bundle compliance and morality

Empowering Nurses for Early Sepsis Recognition
accessed

on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s687VMj6iwo>

Outcomes of Screening on the Floors

2010 Baseline and 2011 Outcomes Data



EPIC Sepsis Predication Model: External Validation

- Retrospective cohort study
- 27,697 patients > 18yrs of age who had 38,455 hospitalizations
- ESM (EPCI Sepsis Model) calculated every 15 min
- Evaluate area under the curve at hospital level/prediction horizons of 4, 8, 12, 24hrs

Model performance	Hospitalization	Time horizons			
		24 h	12 h	8 h	4 h
Outcome incidence, %	6.6	0.43	0.29	0.22	0.14
Area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (95% CI)	0.63 (0.62-0.64)	0.72 (0.72-0.72)	0.73 (0.73-0.74)	0.74 (0.74-0.75)	0.76 (0.75-0.76)
Positive predictive value (ESM score ≥ 6), %	12	2.4	1.7	1.4	0.92
No. needed to evaluate (ESM score ≥ 6) ^a	15	42	59	73	109

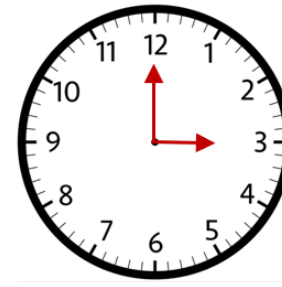
- Alert score ≥ 6 identified only 7% of patients whose sepsis was missed by the clinician
- EMS did not identify 67% of patients with sepsis despite generating alerts on 18% of all hospitalized patients-causing alarm fatigue



Sepsis (Severe Sepsis) and septic shock are medical emergencies, and we recommend that treatment and resuscitation begin immediately

2017 Surviving
Sepsis
Guidelines Best
Practice
Statement

SEP-1: Early Management Bundle



To be completed within 3 hours of time of presentation *

1. Measure lactate level
2. Obtain blood cultures prior to administration of antibiotics
3. Administer broad spectrum antibiotics
4. Administer 30ml/kg crystalloid for hypotension or lactate ≥ 4 mmol/L

* *Time of presentation* is defined as the time of earliest chart annotation consistent with all elements of severe sepsis or septic shock, as ascertained through chart review.



SEP-1



TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN **6 HOURS** OF TIME OF PRESENTATION:

5. Apply vasopressors (for hypotension that does not respond to initial fluid resuscitation) to maintain a mean arterial pressure (MAP) ≥ 65 mmHg
6. In the event of persistent hypotension after initial fluid administration (MAP < 65 mm Hg) or if initial lactate was ≥ 4 mmol/L, re-assess volume status and tissue perfusion and document findings according to table 1.
7. Re-measure lactate if initial lactate elevated.



SURVIVING SEPSIS CAMPAIGN RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS			Evans L, et al. ICM 2021;
	2012	2016	2021
SEPSIS DEFINITION	Systemic manifestation of infection + suspected infection Severe sepsis: sepsis + organ dysfunction	Life threatening organ dysfunction caused by dysregulated response to infection No severe sepsis category	No change from 2016
INITIAL RESUSCITATION	at least 30 cc/kg in first 3 hours Crystalloid fluid (no recommendations on 0.9% NaCl vs balanced solution) Albumin if patients require “substantial” fluids (weak)		For patients with sepsis induced hypo perfusion or septic shock we suggest that at least 30ML per kilogram of IV crystalloid fluid should be given within the first three hours of resuscitation. We suggest using balanced crystalloids instead of normal saline for resuscitation.
	Protocolized care including CVP ScVO2 Normalize lactate	Use dynamic resuscitation markers (passive leg raise) Target MAP of 65mmHg Reassess hemodynamic status to guide resuscitation Normalize lactate	No change from 2016 Suggest use of cap refill to assess resuscitation
VASOPRESSORS	target MAP of 65 mmHg 1. Norepinephrine 2. Epinephrine if not at target MAP OR vasopressin to reduce norepinephrine requirement 3. Avoid dopamine in most patinets		No change- from 2016 We suggest starting vasopressors peripherally to restore MAP rather than delaying initiation till central venous access secured
STERIODS	Only indicated for patients with septic shock refractory to adequate fluids and vasopressors		For adults with septic shock & ongoing requirement for vasopressor we suggest using IV corticosteroid
ANTIBIOTICS	One or more antibiotics active against presumed pathogen Combination therapy (double coverage) for neutropenic patients and pseudomonas	Initial broad spectrum antibiotics (ex: vancomycin + piperacillin-tazobactam) Against combined therapy (i.e. do not double cover pseudomonas) May use procalcitonin to guide de-escalation	For adults with possible septic shock or high likelihood of sepsis we recommend administering antimicrobials immediately, ideally within 1 hr. of recognition. For those with possible sepsis- we suggest a time limited course of rapid investigation & if concern for infection persist provided antimicrobials in 3 hrs. For patients at high risk of MRSA we recommend empiric antimicrobials with MRSA coverage. We suggest against empiric with MRSA coverage not using if at low risk.
SOURCE CONTROL	Achieve within 12 hours, if feasible	Achieve as soon as medically and logically feasible	
VENTILATOR	6 cc/kg tidal volume prone patients with severe ARDS (P/F <150 in 2017 guideliens)		No change from 2016
	no recommendation	Against high frequency oscillatory ventilation (HFOV)	No change from 2016 No change from 2016
	weak recommendation for noninvasive ventilation in select patients with sepsis induced ARDS	Unable to make recommendation on noninvasive ventilation	For adults with sepsis induced ARDS we suggest using VV ECMO when conventional MV fails in experience centers We suggest high flow NC over non-invasive
Rhodes A, Evans LE, Alhazzani W, et al. Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2016. Crit Care Med [Internet] 2017;1.			

SEP-1 Updates (Version 5.10 /Discharges 07/01/21)

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- 🔗 Broad Spectrum or Other Antibiotic Administration – Documentation of administration of a broad spectrum OR other antibiotic within the specified time frame.
 - △ There are no longer antibiotic selection guidelines – the list of acceptable antibiotics (both broad spectrum & antibiotic combination therapy) has been removed.
 - △ Any antibiotic given in the specified time frame is acceptable for the Broad Spectrum or Other Antibiotic Administration data element. 24hrs before or 3hrs after Severe Sepsis presentation
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Antibiotics are Key



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

The Timing of Early Antibiotics and Hospital Mortality in Sepsis

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Increased Time to Initial Antimicrobial Administration Is Associated With Progression to Septic Shock in Severe Sepsis Patients

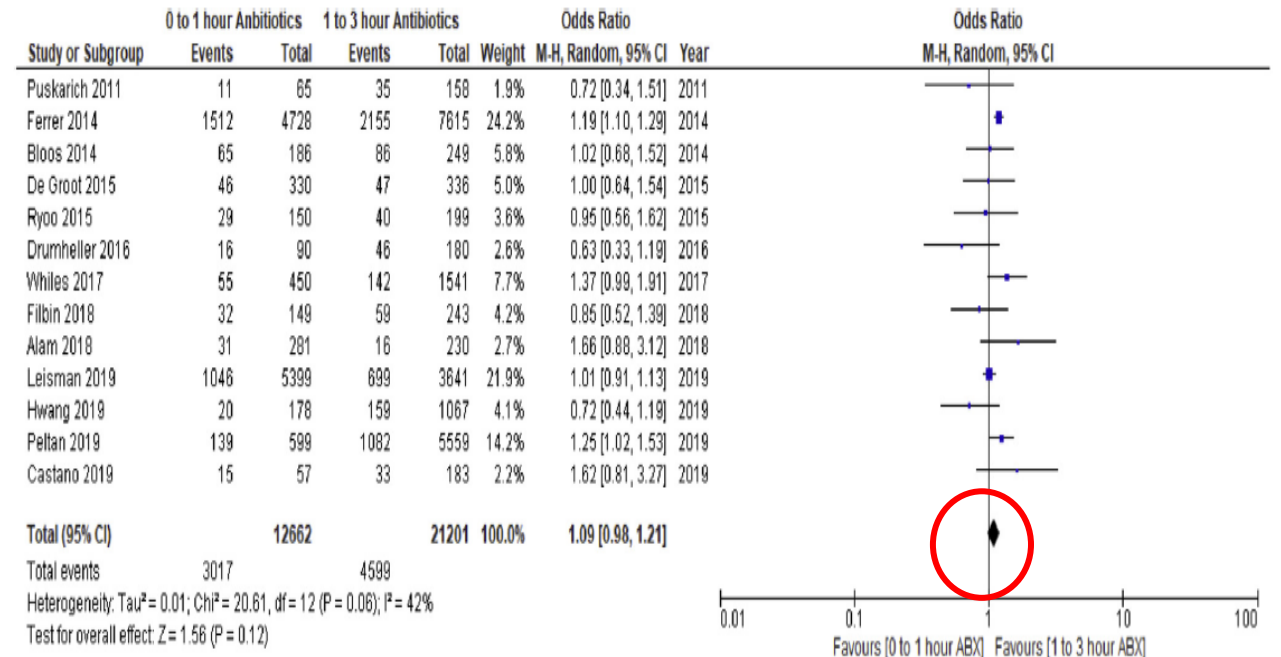
Bristol B. Whiles, BS¹; Amanda S. Deis, MS¹; Steven Q. Simpson, MD²

Whiles BB et al Critical Care Medicine. April 2017. Vol 45 (4) Number 4

- Each elapsed hour between presentation and antibiotic administration was associated with a 9% increase in the odds of mortality with sepsis of all severity levels
 - Each hour until initial antimicrobial administration was associated with a 8% increase in progression to septic shock.
 - Patients who progressed to shock had significant increase in hospital LOS (18.7 days vs 9.66 days) and mortality (30.1% vs 7%)
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1 vs 1-3hr Antibiotics

- 13 studies included
 - 5 prospective longitudinal
 - 8 retrospective cohorts
- 3 studies had high risk of bias
- Quality of evidence low



Early Fluid Resuscitation is Key

Multicenter Implementation of a Treatment Bundle for Patients with Sepsis and Intermediate Lactate Values

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Patterns and Outcomes Associated With Timeliness of Initial Crystalloid Resuscitation in a Prospective Sepsis and Septic Shock Cohort*

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- Decrease in hospital mortality was observed primarily in patients with heart and/or kidney failure ($p < 0.04$) who received at least 2 Liters fluid resuscitation for severe sepsis with lactate between 2.1-3.9
- Early fluid initiation (30-120 minutes) was associated with significantly lower hospital mortality, mechanical ventilation, ICU admission, LOS and ICU days & no harm seen to the patients



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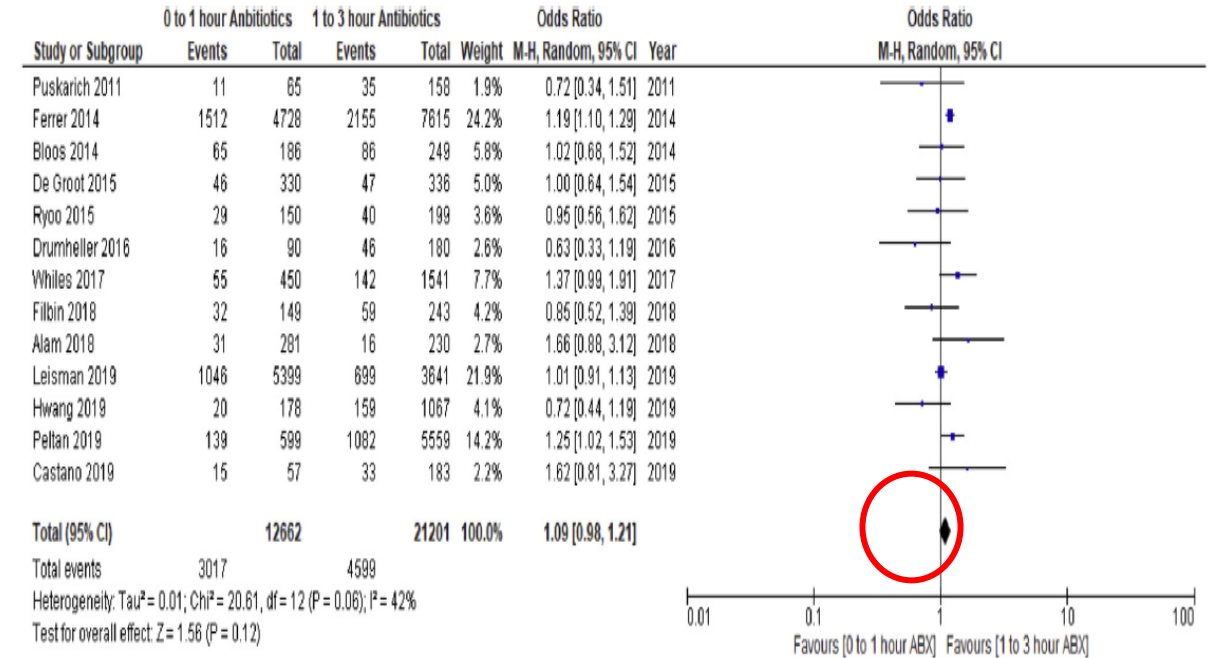
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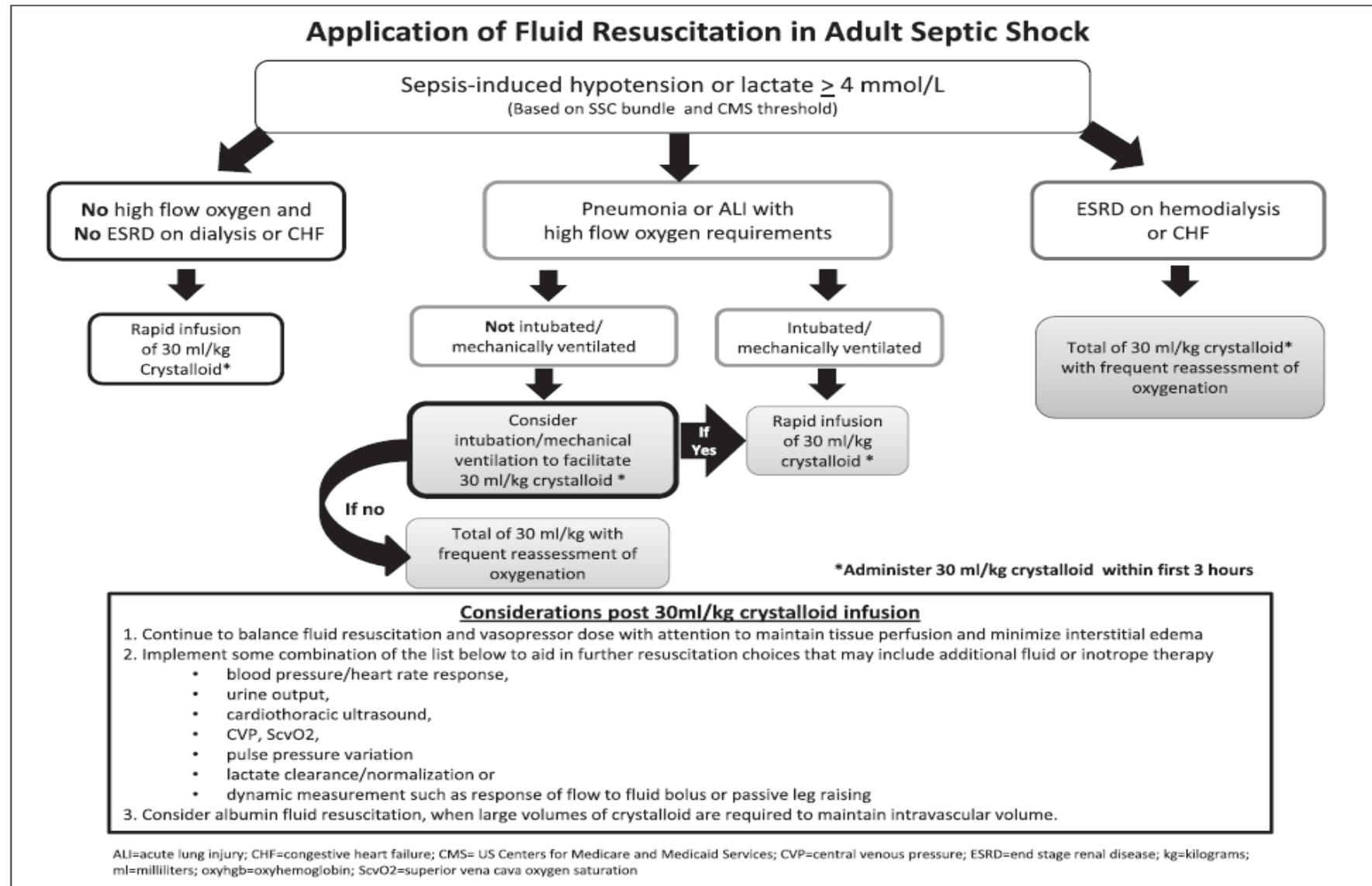
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Application of Fluid Resuscitation in Adult Septic Shock



Type of Fluid



SALT-ED and SMART Studies - RCT



SALT-ED

- 13,347 patients
- Saline vs. LR/Plasma-Lyte in non-critically ill
- Median fluids administered 1079 ml

Both demonstrated statistically significant incidence of acute kidney injury (AKI)

SMART

- 15,802 patients
- Saline vs. LR/Plasma-Lyte in critically ill
- Median fluids administered ~ 2.5 L
 - ~ 33% mechanical ventilation
 - ~ 25% vasopressors



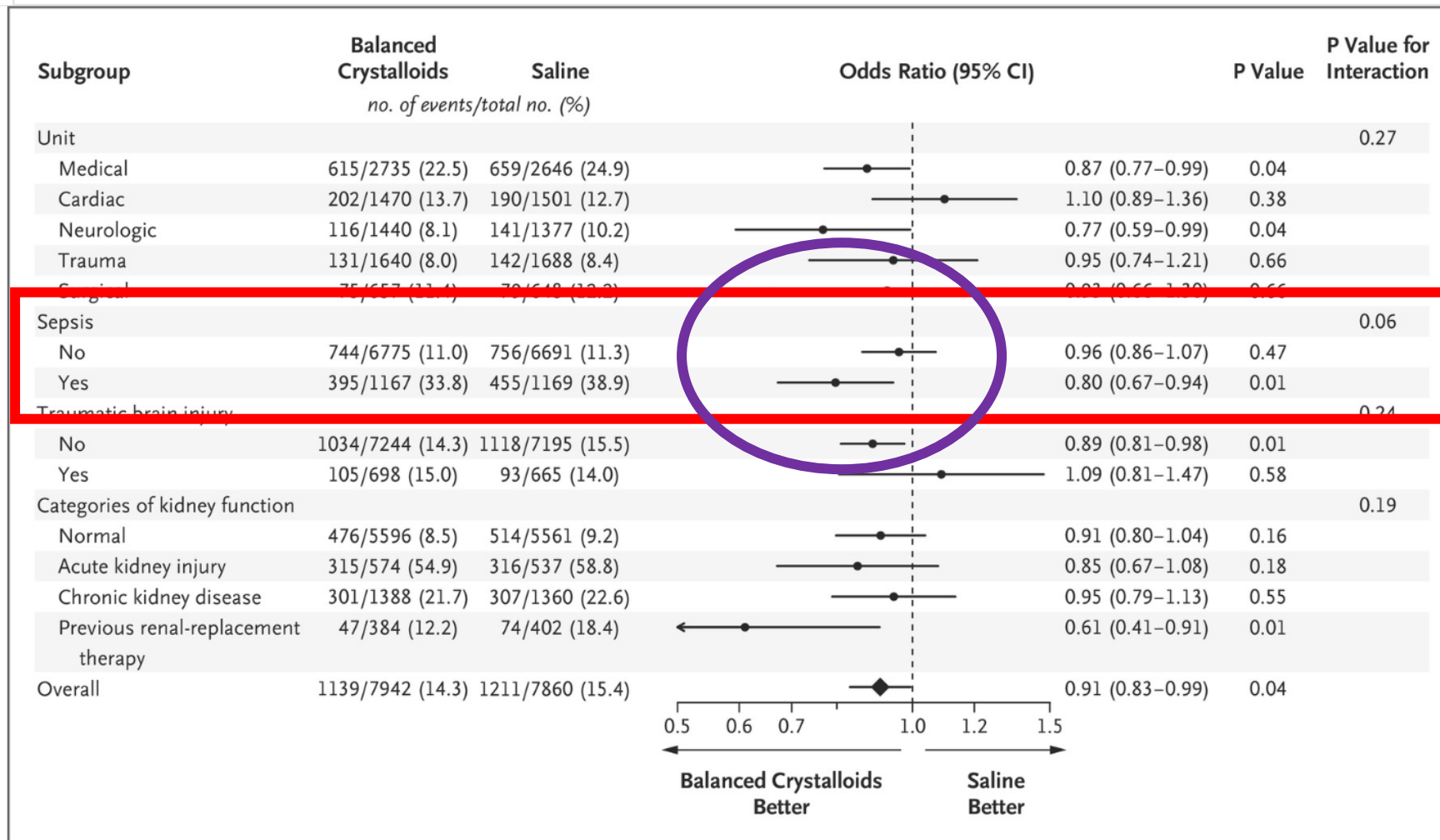
Results: SALT-ED

Table 3. Clinical Outcomes According to Assigned Treatment Group in the Intention-to-Treat Analysis.

Outcome	Balanced Crystalloids (N=6708)	Saline (N=6639)	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI)*	Adjusted P Value
Median hospital-free days to day 28 (IOR)	25 (22–26)	25 (22–26)	0.98 (0.92–1.04)	0.41
Major adverse kidney event within 30 days — no. (%)	315 (4.7)	370 (5.6)	0.82 (0.70–0.95)	0.01
Death — no. (%)	94 (1.4)	102 (1.5)	0.89	
New renal-replacement therapy — no./total no. (%)†	18/6582 (0.3)	31/6530 (0.5)	0.56	
Final serum creatinine ≥200% of baseline — no./total no. (%)†	253/6582 (3.8)	293/6530 (4.5)	0.84	
Stage 2 or higher acute kidney injury — no./total no. (%)†	528/6582 (8.0)	560/6530 (8.6)	0.91 (0.80–1.03)	0.14
In-hospital death — no. (%)	95 (1.4)	105 (1.6)	0.88 (0.66–1.16)	0.36

KIDNEY Injury Events!

SMART Trial



Secondary Analysis of SMART

- 15,802 patients enrolled in SMART
- 1,641 patients were admitted to the medical intensive care unit with a diagnosis of **sepsis**
- 217 patients **(26.3%)** in the balanced crystalloids group experienced 30-day in-hospital mortality, compared with,
- 255 patients **(31.2%)** in the saline group
 - (adjusted odds ratio, 0.74; 95% confidence interval, 0.59 – 0.93; $p = 0.01$)

Secondary Analysis of SMART

Patients in the balanced group experienced a lower incidence of major adverse kidney events within 30 days

△ (35.4% vs 40.1%; OR 0.78; 95% CI 0.63 – 0.97)

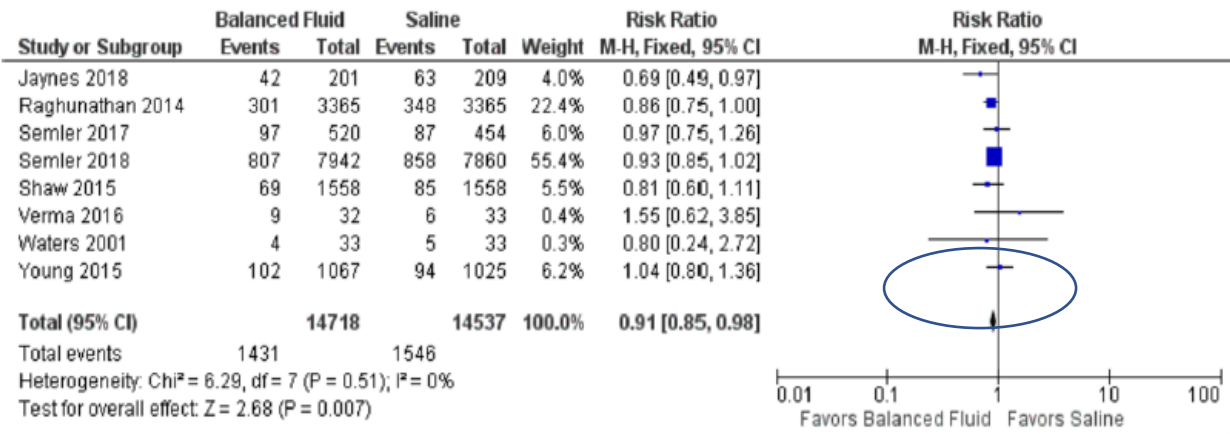
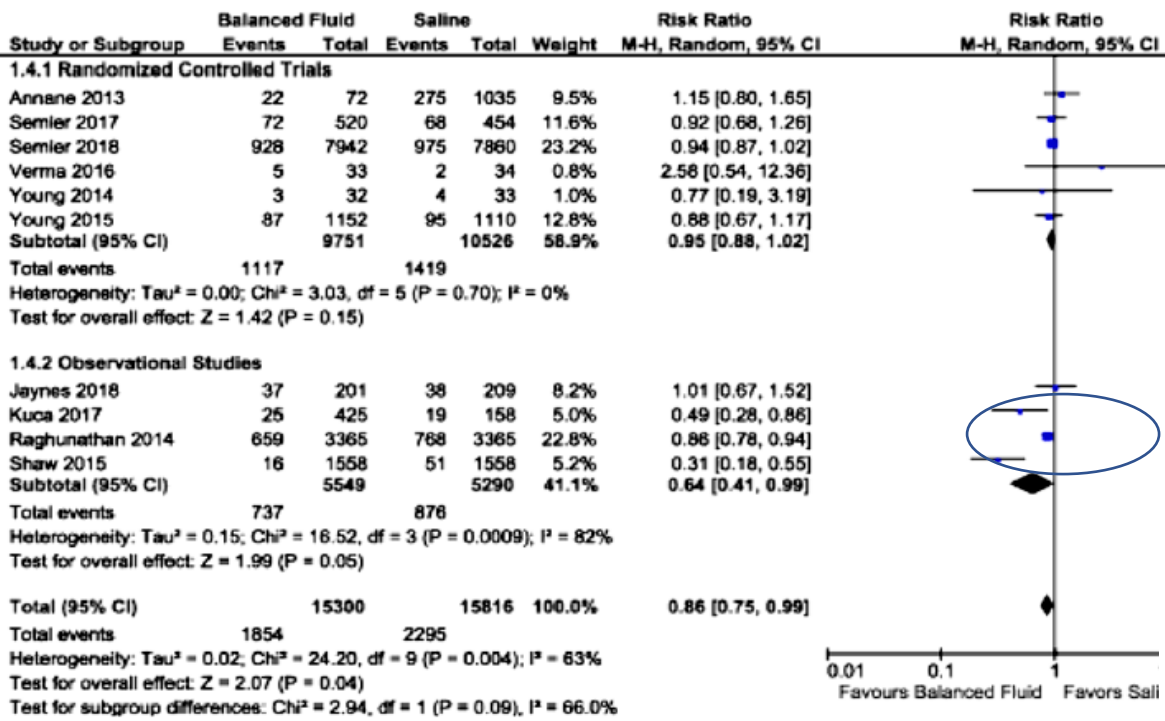
Greater number of vasopressor-free days

△ (20 ± 12 vs 19 ± 13 ; OR 1.25; 95% CI 1.02 – 1.54)

Renal replacement therapy-free days

△ (20 ± 12 vs 19 ± 13 ; OR 1.35 [1.08 – 1.69])

Balanced Crystalloids vs Saline in Critically Ill Adults: A meta-analysis



BaSICS Trial: Saline vs Balanced Solution

75 ICU's, 11,052 patients

Double blind factorial RCT

Admitted to ICU

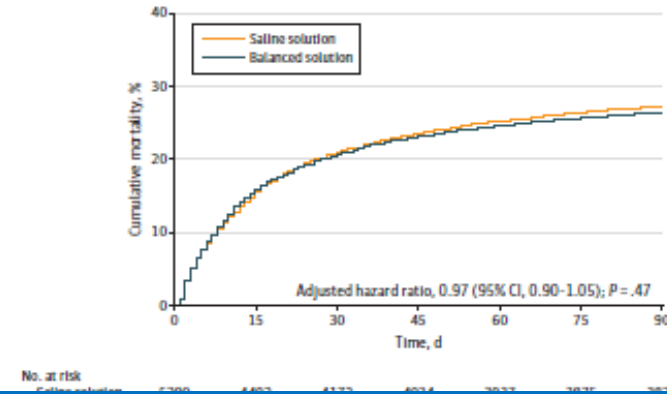
△ 1 factor for worse outcomes

△ Required 1 bolus

△ Remain in ICU > 24hrs

Measure difference in mortality & secondary outcomes

Figure 3. Cumulative Incidence of the Primary Outcome of 90-Day Survival for a Balanced Solution vs Saline Solution (0.9% Sodium Chloride)



For regular bolus of ICU patients, either fluid is likely safe. However we don't have enough data on patients who required a significant amount of volume resuscitation on fluid to use

Traumatic brain injury

No	1303/4981 (26.2)	1389/5053 (27.5)	0.96 (0.89-1.03)
Yes	78/249 (31.3)	50/237 (21.1)	1.48 (1.03-2.12)

Surgical patients

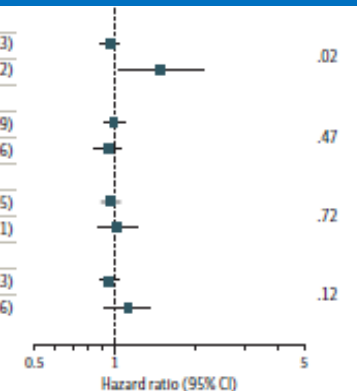
No	880/2078 (42.3)	891/2046 (43.5)	0.99 (0.91-1.09)
Yes	501/3152 (15.9)	548/3244 (16.9)	0.94 (0.83-1.06)

APACHE II score^d

<25	1131/4865 (23.2)	1170/4886 (23.9)	0.97 (0.89-1.05)
≥25	250/365 (68.5)	269/404 (66.6)	1.02 (0.86-1.21)

Administration of saline solution 24 h before randomization, L

<1.0	1181/4277 (27.6)	1229/4286 (28.7)	0.95 (0.88-1.03)
≥1.0	193/935 (20.6)	203/994 (20.4)	1.12 (0.91-1.36)



How do you know if your hypotensive patient is a fluid responder?

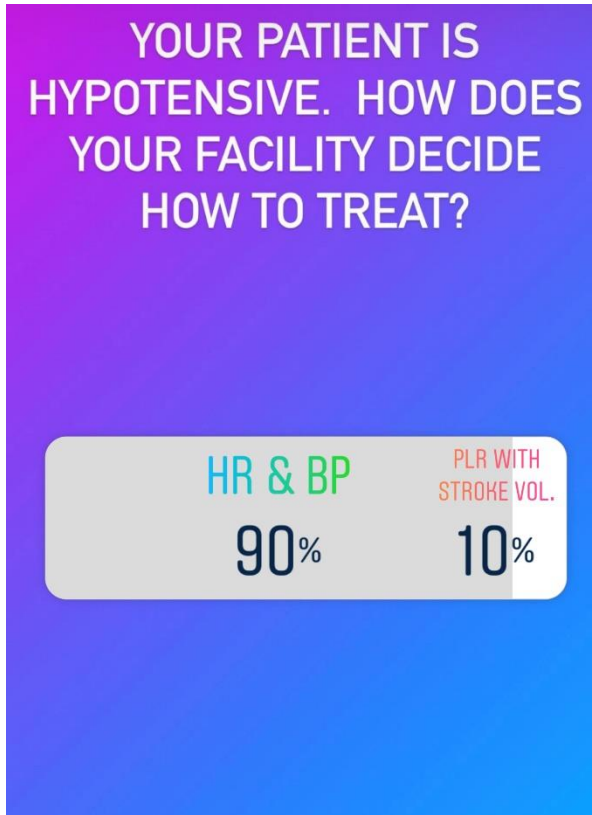


OR



Social media poll:

Which measures do you routinely use to determine if the patient needs fluid?



Instagram poll 4/26/2021
6,082 responses

Why B/P is NOT a good predictor of fluid responsiveness?

🌀 The ABP response to intravenous volume expansion is unpredictable

△ Some pts exhibit an increase – others do not

🌀 Fluid administration if aimed to restore and maintain ABP could lead to the following:

△ Unnecessary fluid overload

△ Delayed vasoactive therapy


△ Increased mortality

🌀 BP a late sign of hypovolemia

FRESH Trial

 13 US and UK Hospitals

 Non-blinded RCT

 n = 124 patients

△ 83 treatment vs. 41 Usual Care

△ 2:1 enrollment

 Enrolled in the ER

△ Refractory septic shock

△ < 3L of fluid administered

 PLR with dynamic measure of SV change using Bioreactance

△ Used to guide decision of fluid vs. vasopressors for clinical hypoperfusion

△ Over the next 72 hours of care, or ICU discharge

 Hypoperfusion defined as:

△ MAP < 65

△ Persistent hyperlactemia

△ Cryptic shock – lactate > 4 without hypotension

Primary Endpoint

Decreased 72-hour Fluid Balance (p=0.02)

△ Treatment Group: 0.65 L +/- 2.85 L

△ Control Group: 2.02 L +/- 3.44 L

Favoring Treatment Group: -1.37 L

- 43% fluid responsive on initial PLR
- 33% fluid responsive between 48 – 72 hours
- 18% never fluid responsive

Secondary Endpoints

Renal Replacement Therapy (RRT) $p = 0.04$

△ Treatment Group 5.1%

△ Control Group 17.5 %

Mechanical Ventilation $p = 0.04$

△ Treatment Group 17.7%

△ Control Group 34.1%

ICU LOS $p = 0.11$

△ Treatment Group 3.31

△ Control Group 6.22

Discharge Home $p = 0.035$

△ Treatment Group 63.9%

△ Control Group 43.9 %

SEP-1 v 5.11 Fluid Volume Requirement Starting 1/1 2022

- ⚙ Volumes ordered that equals 30mL/kg
- ⚙ Within 10% less than 30mL/kg is acceptable
- ⚙ order for less than 30ML per kilogram of crystalloid fluids if the volume is specified in order in one of the following reasons is documented
 - △ concern for volume overload
 - △ blood pressure stabilized with lesser volume
 - △ end stage heart failure
 - △ end stage renal disease
 - △ a portion of the crystalloid volume was administered as colloids

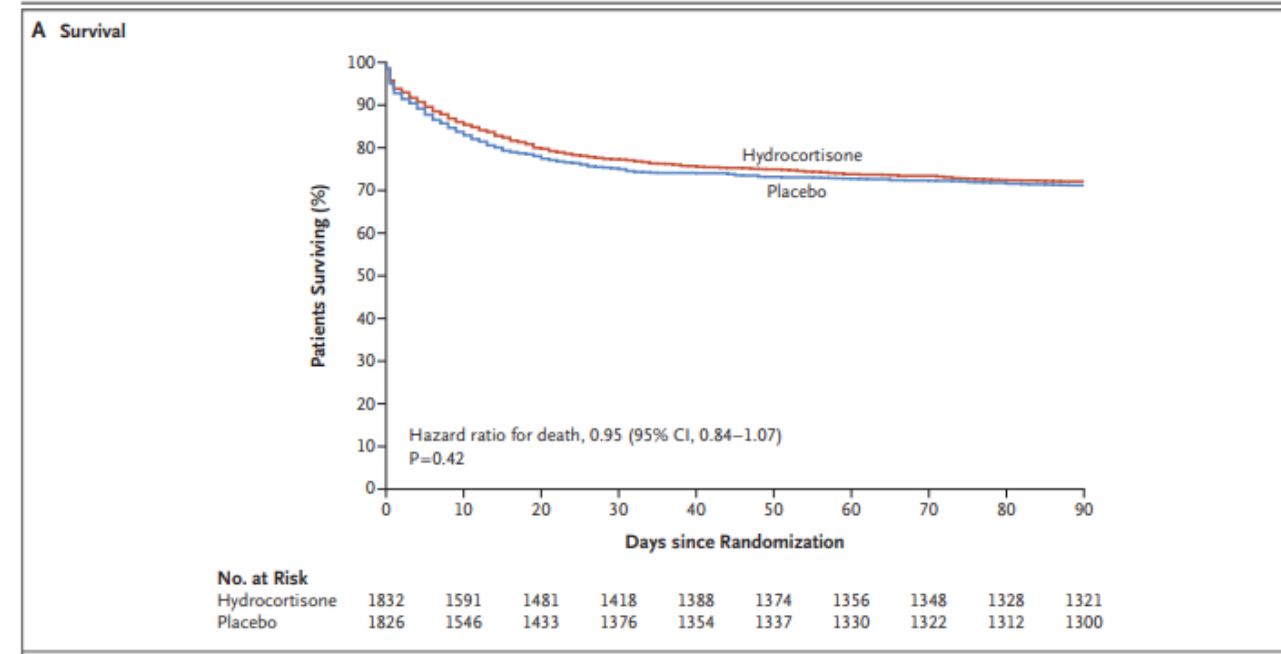
Adjunctive Therapies



Adjunctive Corticosteroid Treatment in Critically Ill Patients With Septic Shock-ADRENAL Trial

▲ RCT-3800 patients

- △ 5 countries (Australia, NZ, Saudi Arabia, UK & Denmark)
- △ Tx: 200mg infusion hydrocortisone vs placebo
- △ No tapering done/no stim test
- Inclusion:
 - > 18 years
 - Proven or strong suspicion of infection
 - Shock or pressors for a minimum of 4 hours
 - > 2 SIRS criteria
 - Mechanical ventilation
 - Etomidate naive



Secondary Benefits

- Faster time to shock reversal
- D/C from ICU faster
- Less PRBC's
- Faster time to extubation

Vitamins RCT: Vitamin C, Hydrocortisone and Thiamine vs. Hydrocortisone Alone

- RCT 10 ICU's in Australia, New Zealand and Brazil
- 216 patients/Sepsis 3 definition for Septic Shock

- Intervention group-109
 - IV vitamin C (1.5g q 6 hrs), IV hydrocortisone (50mg q 6 hrs) & thiamine (200 mg every 12 hrs)
- Control group-107
 - IV hydrocortisone (50 mg q 6 hrs) until shock resolution or 10 days

Results

Time alive and vasopressor free up to day 7

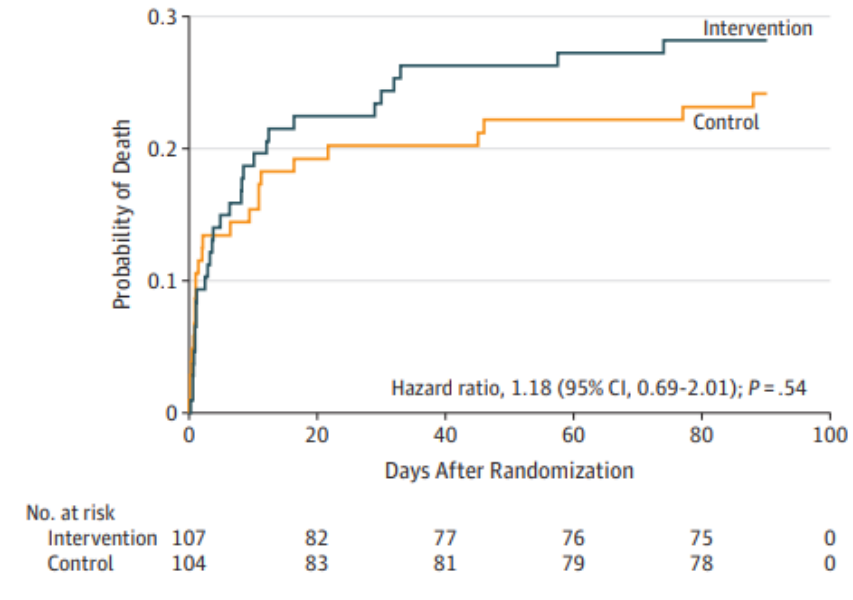
- Intervention group 122.1 hrs
- Control group 124.6 hrs $p=.83$

No difference in any secondary outcomes

Limitations:

- Open label
- Under powered to detect difference in mortality
- 24 hrs must meet SEP 3 criteria
- **Median time to first dose of Vitamin C was 12.1 hrs from ICU admission**

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Analysis by Randomization Group



VICTAS Trial: Vitamin C, Thiamine and Steroid in Treatment of Sepsis

43 Hospitals

- △ ED or ICU enrollment
- △ Patients with sepsis induced cardiac or respiratory dysfunction
- △ 500 patients funding withheld (study stopped)/Prior to COVID
- △ Vasopressors
 - HFNC, NIV, IMV
- △ Vit C 1.5 gm, thiamine (100mg) & steroids (50mg) q 6 vs. placebo
- △ Infusion 96hrs, d/c ICU or death

Outcome Measurements

- △ Vasopressor free days
- △ Ventilator free days
- △ 30-day mortality

Results

- Open label steroids administration 32% in both groups
- No difference in VFD or vasopressor free days
- No difference in 30-day mortality

Clover Study: Coming Attraction

Crystalloid Liberal or Vasopressors Early Resuscitation in Sepsis



Hypothesis

- Restrictive (vs liberal) fluid treatment strategy during the 1st 24hr of resuscitation for sepsis-induced hypotension will reduce 90-day in hospital mortality
 - Conservative (vasopressor first followed by rescue fluids)
 - liberal (fluids followed by rescue vasopressors)

Enrollment to be
completed by June
2021

Method

- Multicenter, randomized prospective phase 3 trial
- Intervention: protocolized fluid titration strategies for up to 24 hours
- Sample: 2,320 patients planned to enrollment
- Primary outcome: 90 day inpatient mortality
- 50 Hospitals—acute and critical care (part of Petal Network)

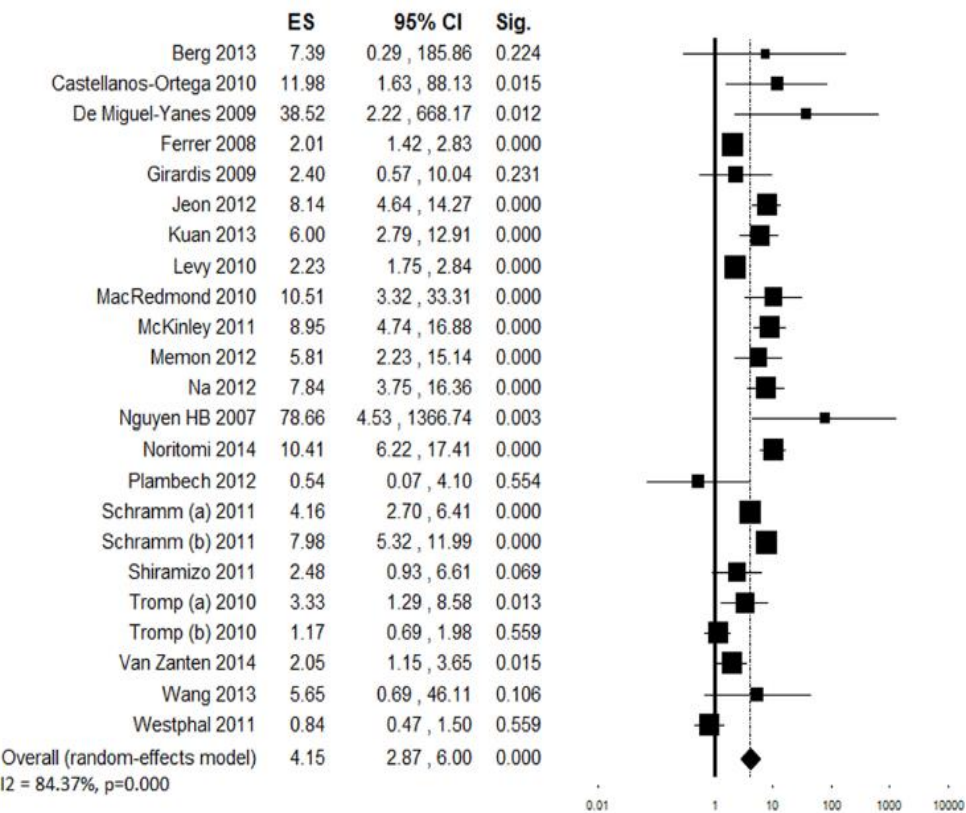


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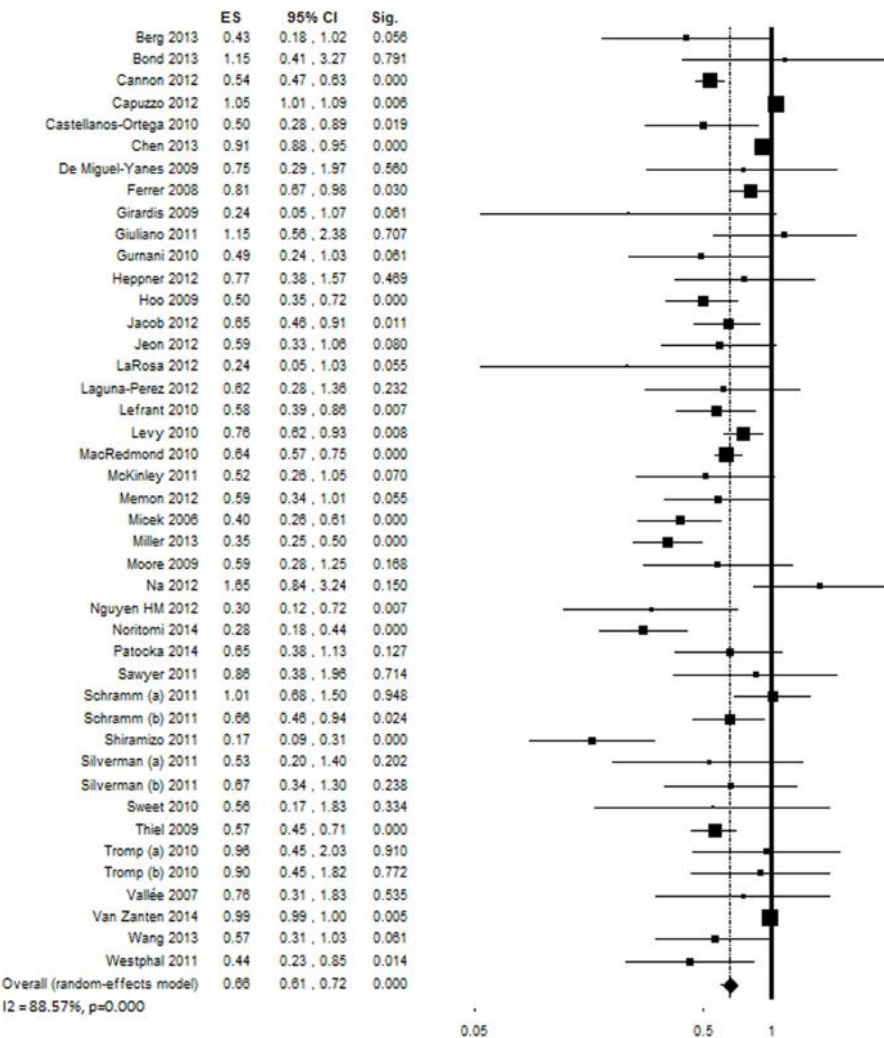
Does Compliance with the
Bundle Make a Difference?

Changes in Bundle Compliance & Mortality with a PI Program

6 Hour Bundle Compliance



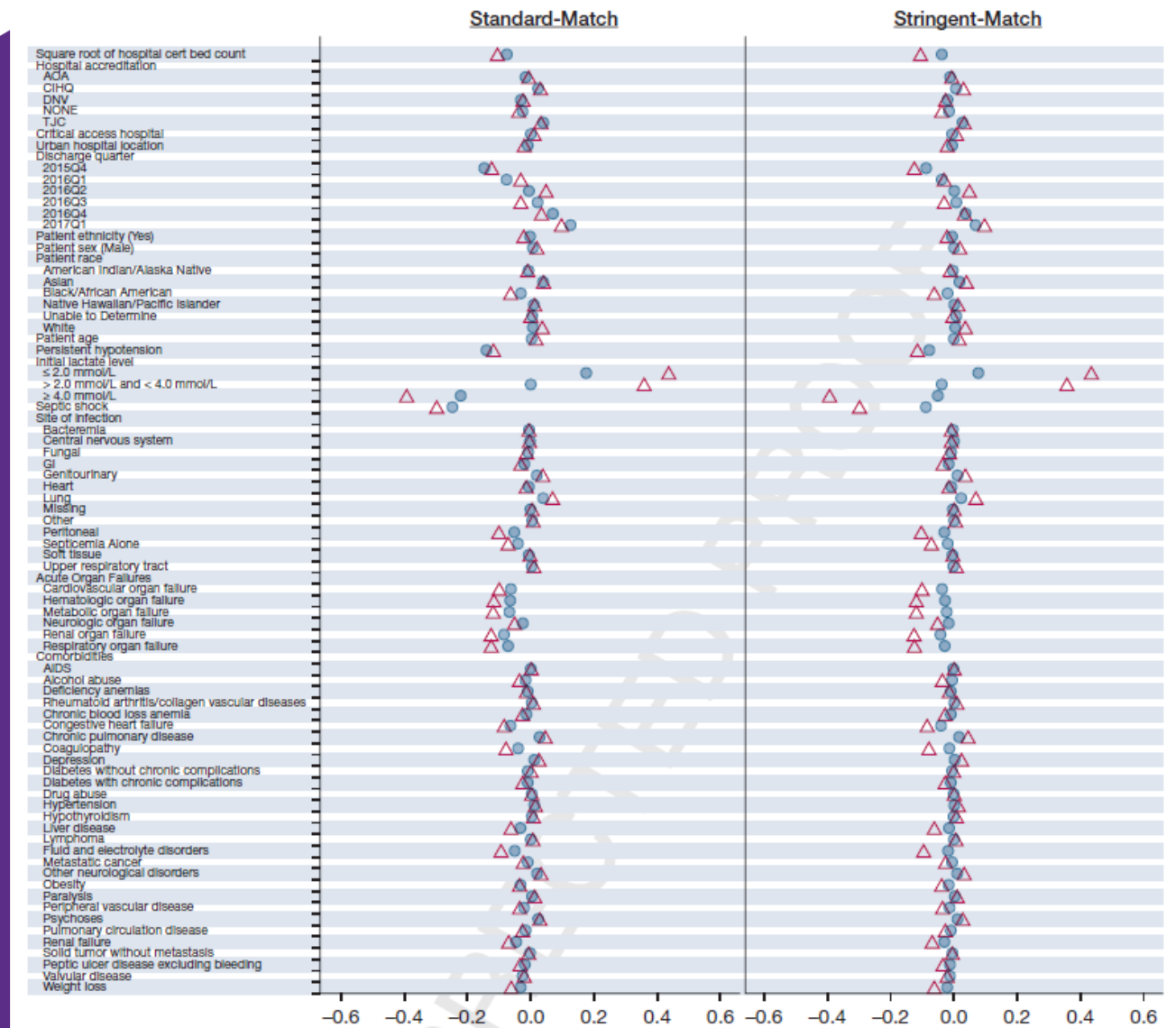
Mortality



Effect of Bundle Compliance with SEP-1 on Mortality among Medicare Beneficiaries with Sepsis

- 🔗 A propensity score matched cohort study
 - △ Standard & stringent
- 🔗 3241 hospitals from 10/01/2015 to 03/31/2017
- 🔗 Compliance was completion of all SEP-1 elements
- 🔗 2 matches completed to evaluate population level effects
 - △ Standard: 122,870 compliant matched to those care were non-compliant
 - △ Stringent: 107,016 compliant matched with those care were non-compliant
- 🔗 Outcome Measures:
 - △ 30-day mortality
 - △ Changes in LOS

Demographics Matching



Adjusted & Unadjusted Impact of Bundle Element Compliance on Mortality

TABLE 3] Element-Level Unadjusted and Adjusted Conditional Treatment Effects Based on the Hierarchical Generalized Linear Model Logistic Regression Model

Bundle: Treatment Section and Elements	No. of Eligible Cases	Pass Rate (%)	Compliant 30-d Mortality (%)	Noncompliant 30-d Mortality (%)	Conditional Adjusted OR	Conditional Adjusted OR 95% CI	P Value
Complete SEP-1 bundle^a	333,770	42.1	21.7	30.3	0.829	0.812-0.864	< .001
Severe sepsis 3 h: initial lactate level	159,646	86.0	26.2	32.0	0.772	0.743-0.802	< .001
Severe sepsis 3 h: antibiotic administration	137,252	88.5	25.8	29.0	0.844	0.798-0.892	< .001
Severe sepsis 3 h: blood culture	121,454	90.0	25.3	30.8	0.867	0.827-0.908	< .001
Severe sepsis 3-h bundle	159,646	68.5	25.3	30.8	0.803	0.779-0.828	< .001
Severe sepsis 6-h bundle: repeat lactate level	74,349	62.6	27.0	26.9	0.885	0.851-0.921	< .001
Shock 3-h bundle: crystalloid fluid administration	24,357	62.2	34.1	34.8	0.915	0.855-0.980	.011
Shock 6 h: vasopressors	5,332	77.3	39.3	29.1	1.317	1.126-1.541	< .001
Shock 6 h: reassessment	9,931	38.1	38.0	36.5	1.012	0.920-1.114	.807
Shock 6 h: vasopressors and reassessment	4,122	42.5	40.8	38.3	1.014	0.879-1.169	.846
Shock 6-h bundle	11,141	34.0	38.0	35.3	1.048	0.955-1.149	.326

^aData inclusive from quarter 4, 2015, to quarter 1, 2017; data in all other rows represent quarter 4, 2015, to quarter 2, 2016.

Compliance with SEP-1 Decrease Mortality

Compliant Care 30-day Mortality

△ 21.81%

Non-Compliant Care 30-day Mortality

△ 27.48%

ARR = 5.67%

(95% CI, 5.33-6.0; p < .001)

RR = .794

(95% CI, 0.783- 0.805)

NNT = 17.65

(95% CI, 16.66-18.76)

Compliant care: LOS 5 days vs 6 days (p<.001)



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