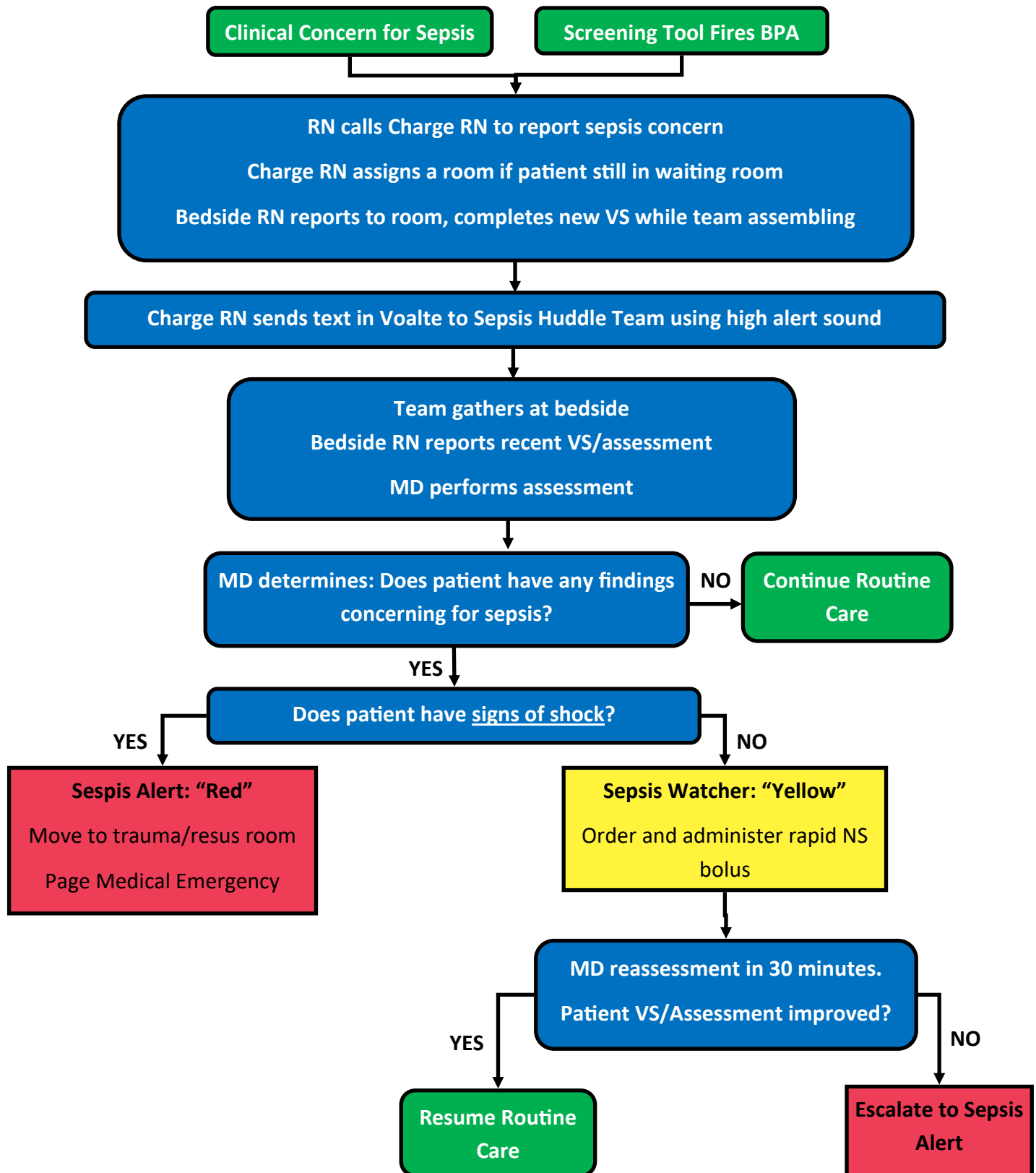


Sepsis Huddle Workflow



How To: Chart a Sepsis Huddle Decision

Click "Sepsis" Tab at top of patient chart

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the patient chart with various tabs: Call Ba..., ED..., Triage, Tr..., Disp..., Results, Hom..., Orders, Sedat..., MAR, Sepsis, and Expe... The 'Sepsis' tab is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the navigation bar, the 'Sepsis' section is active, displaying a 'QuickBar' with vital signs (Temperature, NIBP, Pulse Ox, Heart Rate, Respiratory Rate) and a 'Sepsis Documentation Start' form with fields for Time (19:56:18) and Date (11/11/2021). On the right side, the 'Sepsis Response Documentation' panel is visible, showing a list of events including 'Sepsis Decision' which is currently unselected.

Click "Sepsis Decision" under Sepsis Response Documentation

This screenshot shows the 'Sepsis Decision' form in detail. The form includes fields for 'Time taken' (19:58:06) and 'Date' (11/11/2021). Under the 'Values By' section, there are three options for the huddle outcome: 'Sepsis ALERT' (highlighted with a red box), 'Sepsis WATCHER' (highlighted with a yellow box), and 'Continue routine care' (highlighted with a green box). On the right side, the 'Sepsis Response Documentation' panel is shown with 'Sepsis Decision' selected, indicated by a red arrow and a red box around the selection radio button.

Select huddle outcome based on MD decision

Category	Description	Examples	Actions
Sepsis Alert "Red"	Assessment findings concerning for shock	Any "watcher" patient or previously healthy patient + significantly delayed CRT, hypotension, AMS, etc	Move to trauma room, rapid bolus and antibiotics
Sepsis Watcher "Yellow"	Sepsis possible- sepsis on the differential, but no signs of shock *currently working up patient for infection or will workup because of the alert	Febrile neonate Sickle cell hx + fever Neutropenia + fever Persistently hypothermic neonate	Rapid bolus and reassess in 30 mins
Continue Routine Care "Green"	No assessment findings concerning for sepsis *not working up patient for infection	Ear infection + fever + elevated HR Hypothermic neonate whose temperature regulates after 20 mins of warm blankets	Continue routine care

Paging a Sepsis Huddle: Charge Nurses

Epic calculates a sepsis score for each patient every hour. This score is based on vitals, assessment, and the presence of high-risk conditions.

If the hourly sepsis score is 8 or higher, a BPA will fire for the nurse the next time the chart is opened:

The screenshot shows a software interface with a navigation bar at the top containing buttons for 'Narrator', 'Triage', 'Trauma/Med Emerg Narr...', 'Disposition', 'Results Review', 'Home Meds', 'Orders', and 'Sedation Narrator'. Below this is a 'BestPractice Advisory' window titled 'Critical (1)'. The main content area has a red header 'Sepsis Advisory' and features a graphic of a hand pointing at a 'PAUSE' button. The text 'Suspected Sepsis' is displayed in red. Vital signs are listed: Temperature: (!) 39 °C, Heart Rate (3-6 mo): (!) 190, NIBP (0-6 mo): 64/39, and Respiratory Rate (3-6 mo): 65. A section titled 'What steps do I need to complete?' lists four actions: 1. Call Charge RN (Charge RN pages huddle alert to team members), 2. Obtain a set of vital signs prior to the huddle, 3. Complete Sepsis Huddle, and 4. Document huddle outcome in sepsis narrator. Below this, it states 'The following actions have been applied:' followed by a checked box 'Sent: This advisory has been sent via In Basket to the Data Collectors'. At the bottom, there is an 'Acknowledge Reason' field and two buttons: 'Resuscitation required, defer huddle' and 'Charge nurse notified'.

The nurse who receives the BPA will call you so you can send out the huddle alert on Voalte.

To send the huddle alert, text the phrase **“Sepsis Huddle Room ____”** to the following team members:

- Assigned RN
- Assigned MD (or Trauma MD if no MD assigned)
- ANM
- Team Lead or Float RN
- Paramedic (if available)

Use the !! icon when sending the message, so it is received with the “high alert” sound

If a patient is in the waiting room at the time of the alert, assign a room and have a staff member bring them back (use a trauma room if necessary!)

Sepsis Huddles



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Hypothermic Infants: SR Emergency Department

Two-thirds of infants admitted with sepsis this year were afebrile in the ED.

Hypothermic infants receive treatment (fluids and antibiotics) much less quickly than febrile infants.

Starting August 1st, for any patient younger than 1 year old with a documented temperature <36°C, a sepsis huddle should occur at the bedside.

These patients won't prompt a BPA

Patient's RN will need to contact charge to page the huddle

Huddle Reminders:

MD Assessment	Sepsis Decision
No concern for sepsis	Continue Routine Care "Green"
Signs of infection/sepsis, no signs of shock	Sepsis Watcher "Yellow"
Sepsis likely, signs of shock	Sepsis Alert "Red"

Patient's RN is responsible for charting the Sepsis Decision in the Sepsis Narrator:

The screenshot shows the Sepsis Narrator interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Call Back', 'Narrator', 'Triage', 'Trauma/Me...', 'Disposition', 'Results', 'Home M.', 'Orders', 'Sedat...', 'MAR', and 'Sepsis'. The 'Sepsis' tab is active. The main content area shows the 'Sepsis Decision' section, which is expanded to show three options: 'Sepsis ALERT', 'Sepsis WATCHER', and 'Continue routine care'. The 'Sepsis Decision' option is highlighted with a red box. The 'Sepsis Decision' option is also highlighted with a red box in the left sidebar menu.

Sepsis Huddle Drill Checklist

Date and Time of Huddle _____

Status of Dept (census, acuity, etc) _____

	Y/N
Did Charge RN know how to page (Voalte- high alert tone)?	
Did Charge RN know who to page?	
Did all huddle team members respond?	
Did team respond in <5 minutes?	
Did RN know how to document huddle outcome in narrator?	
Did MD know their role (assessment and sepsis decision)?	
Did MD know how to document the huddle in their note (.EDSepsis smart phrase)?	

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