

Sepsis Affinity Group Summary

The Health Quality Innovation Network (HQIN) Sepsis Affinity Group five-part series features subject matter expert and quality improvement advisor guidance, resources and tools to assist participants in identifying and developing action plans to address gaps, reduce root causes of sepsis and drive improvement. Each session builds upon the previous session's content.

Session 1: Early Screening Strategies (Presented August 5, 2021)

- **Presenter:** Deb Smith, MLT (ASCP), BSN, CIC, CPHQ, Quality Improvement Advisor, Health Quality Innovators
- **Session Summary:** Learn how to build your TEAM, set your goals and identify patients at risk for sepsis in the ED, ICU and more.
- **Resources:** [Presentation slides](#), [recording](#) and the [gap analysis](#)

Session 2: Implementation/Improvement of Sepsis Bundles (Presented August 19, 2021)

- **Presenter:** John Lawrence, RN, BSN, SCRNP, RN, Sepsis Coordinator, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
- **Session Summary:** Review bundle basics as the presenter shares his facility's experience, discuss barriers and how to facilitate success.
- **Resources:** [Presentation slides](#) and [recording](#), contact your HQIN Quality Improvement Advisor for the Inova shared resources

Session 3: Audit, Measure and Feedback for Success (Presented September 2, 2021)

- **Presenters:** Rachel Schade, BS, Data Analyst, Health Quality Innovators, and Deb Smith, MLT (ASCP), BSN, CIC, CPHQ, Quality Improvement Advisor, Health Quality Innovators
- **Session Summary:** Learn auditing strategies for sepsis, understand the Hospital Quality Improvement Initiative (HQIC) sepsis measures and review the importance of providing feedback.
- **Resources:** [Presentation slides](#) and [recording](#)

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Session 4: Patient and Family Engagement (Presented September 16, 2021)

- **Presenter:** Diana Pullin Ayscue, BSN, RN, UVA Community Health
- **Session Summary:** Review early follow-up strategies post discharge and recovery and self-management from the patient's perspective.
- **Resources:** [Presentation slides](#), [recording](#) and the [Patient and Family Guide to Understanding Sepsis](#)

Session 5: Building Sustainability Into your Sepsis Improvement Plan (Presented September 30, 2021)

- **Presenter:** Deb Smith, MLT (ASCP), BSN, CIC, CPHQ, Quality Improvement Advisor, Health Quality Innovators
- **Session Summary:** Learn how adoption and spread fit into your sustainability plan and discuss the importance of monitoring and reporting your successful efforts.
- **Resources:** [Presentation slides](#) and [recording](#)