

SBAR Communication for Possible Sepsis

SITUATION

My name is: _____

I'm calling from (facility): _____

Name of Physician/Prescriber contacted: _____

I need to speak with you about resident (name): _____

Resident Age: _____

BACKGROUND

The resident was admitted on _____ (date) with the diagnosis of: _____

The resident also has the following co-morbid conditions/diagnoses: _____

The resident is now showing these signs of possible infection: _____

(describe the signs and potential source of infection)

This started on _____ (date)

The resident is currently on, or recently completed PO or IV Antibiotics:

- Antibiotic Name, Dose, Route: _____
- Antibiotic Name, Dose, Route: _____

The resident is allergic to: _____

The resident's advance care directive is _____

ASSESSMENT (describe key findings)

My assessment of the situation is that the resident may be experiencing a new or worsening infection. Here are my findings.

Vital Signs		
Temp:	Heart Rate:	BP:
Respiratory Rate:	SpO2 %(Pulse Ox):	
Current Weight:		
Other Factors		
Blood Sugar:	Foley (Y/N):	Last BM Date:
Current Labs/Recent Cultures:		

Mental status is (changed OR unchanged) from baseline: _____

Possible sources of infection: _____

(e.g., lung sounds, wound assessment, urine characteristics, other)

RECOMMENDATION (REVIEW AND NOTIFY)

I am concerned that this resident may have sepsis.

Would you like to order any labs, IV fluids or treatments? _____

How often should vital signs be performed? _____

What vital signs parameters would initiate an immediate notification to you? _____

If no improvement, when would you want us to call you again? _____

Additional Orders received: _____

Before Calling the Prescriber

Evaluate the resident and complete this form.

- ✓ Check vital signs; be alert for early sepsis warning signs.
- ✓ Review the resident record: recent hospitalizations, lab values, medications and progress notes.
- ✓ Note any allergies.
- ✓ Be aware of the resident's advance care wishes.

Sepsis Early Warning Signs

Temperature \geq 100 F or \leq 96.8 F

Heart rate \geq 100 bpm

Respiratory rate \geq 20 bpm

White blood cell (WBC) count \geq 12,000 μ L-1 or \leq 4,000 μ L-1

Altered mental status

SpO2 (Pulse Ox) \leq 90%

Decreased urine output
From recently drawn labs
(within 24 hours)

Creatinine $>$ 2 mg/dl Bilirubin $>$ 2 mg/dl

Platelet count \leq 100,000 μ L

Lactate \geq 2 mmol/L

Coagulopathy INR \geq 1.5 or
aPTT $>$ 60 secs