

## THE SIGNS OF SEPSIS\*



Shivering Extrême pain Pale skin Sleepiness I feel like I might die' Shortness of breath

### PREVENT:

- ✓ Hand hygiene
- ✓ Vaccinate patients/staff
- ✓ Keep wounds clean
- ✓ Know the signs of sepsis



### TREAT WHILE AWAITING TRANSFER:

- ✓ Start IV access
- ✓ Draw blood cultures and lactate
- ✓ Start antibiotics
- ✓ Start fluid



### PREPARE

Hold role-playing sessions for staff  
Learn to recognize sepsis symptoms early

### PREVENT

infections and wash your hands

### SCREEN

to improve recognition with a sepsis screening tool for ALL staff (Wallet Cards, Stoplight Tool)

### KNOW

the signs of sepsis and have an escalating action plan

### COMMUNICATE

Use the SBAR tool to effectively communicate clinical information to physician or advanced practice clinician

### TREAT

while awaiting transfer

The **KEY** is



**Early Detection**

Sepsis SBAR: Situation Background Assessment Recommendation

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