

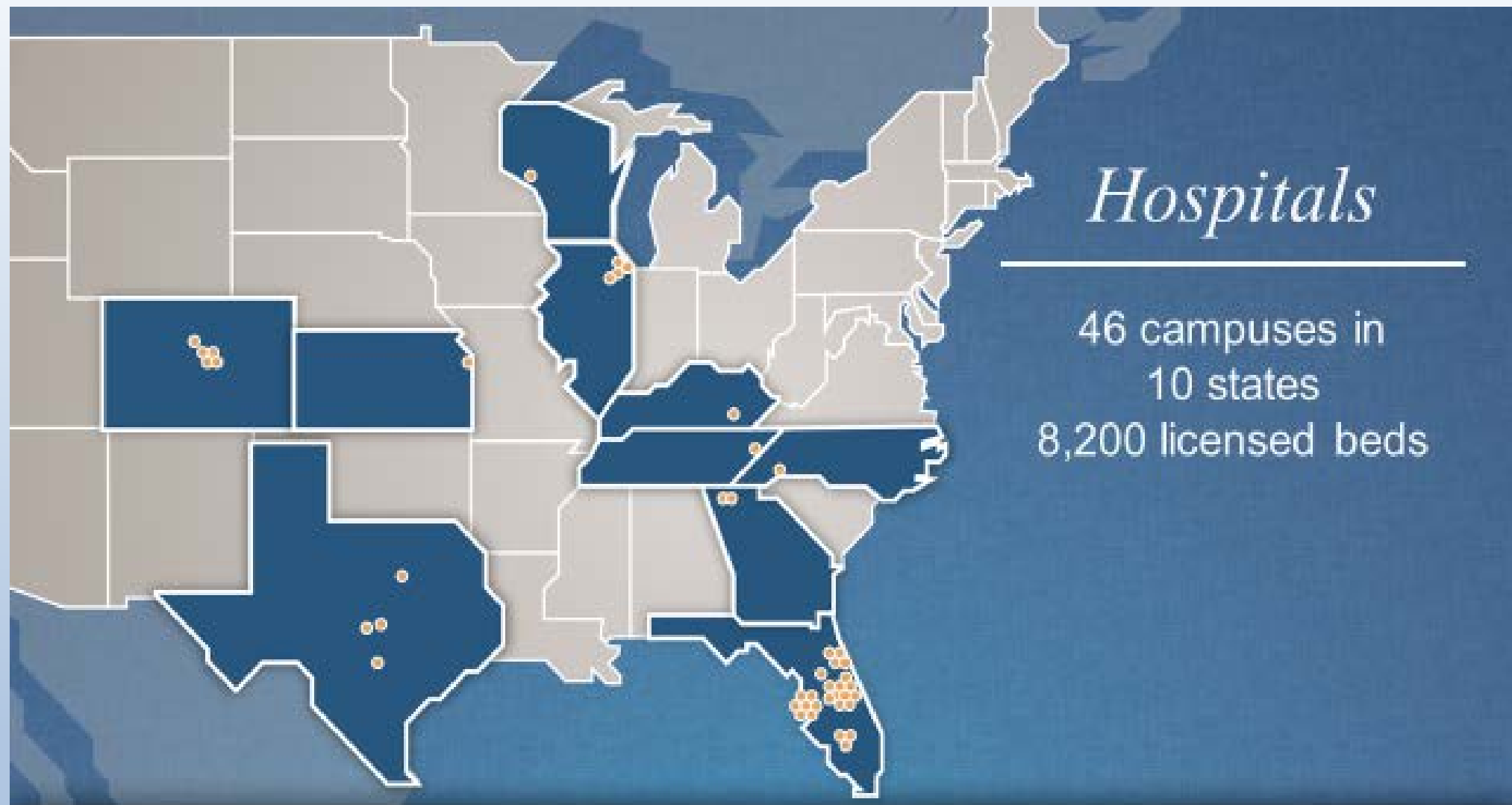
*Adventist Health System Systematic Sepsis  
Improvement Process Scale and Spread  
Initiative (SIPSSI)*

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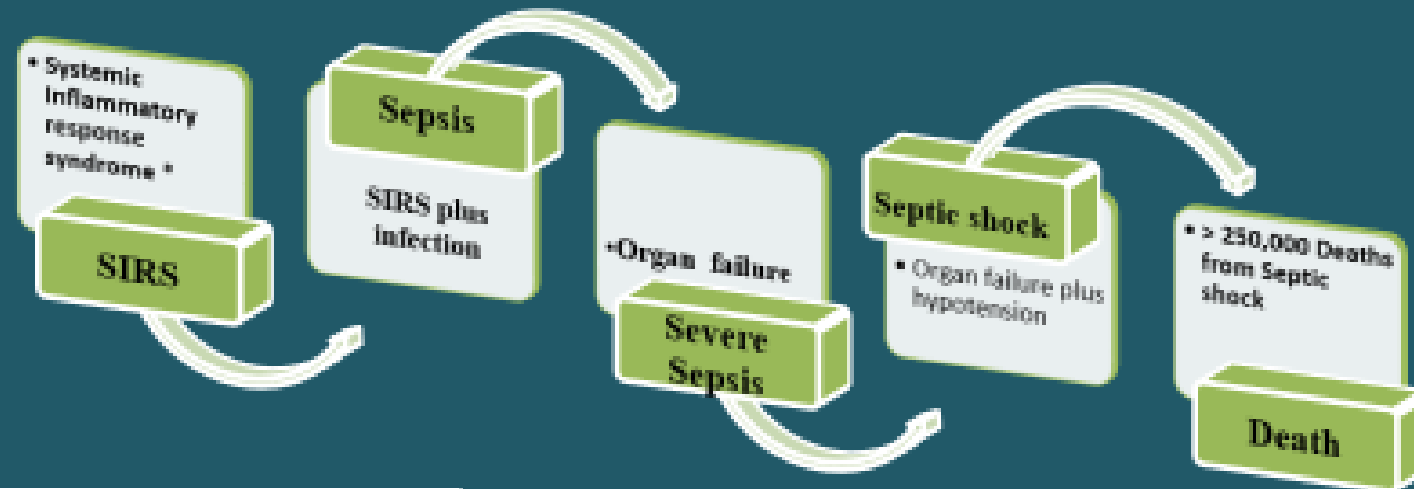


## *Hospitals*

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46 campuses in  
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# Sepsis: Defining a Disease Continuum



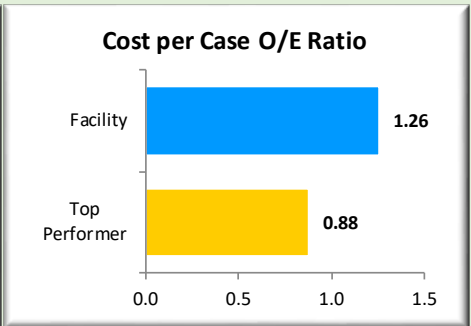
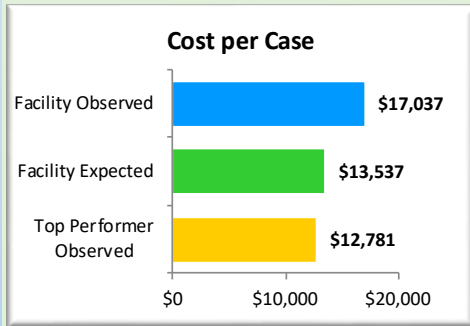
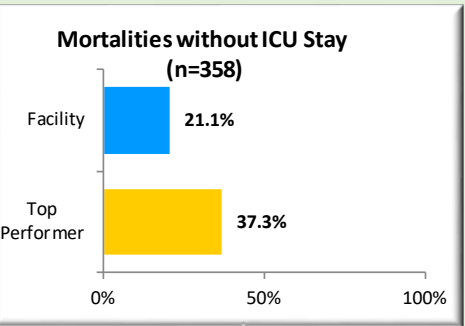
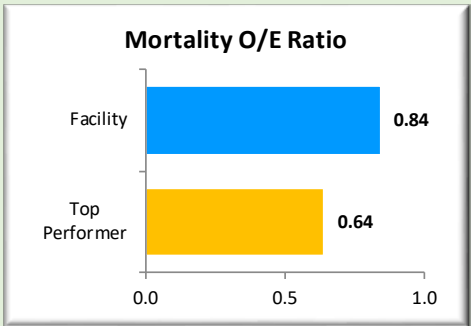
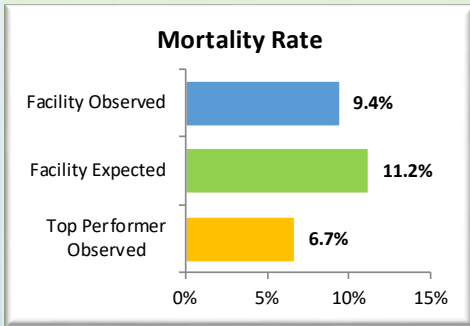
- SIRS: A clinical response arising from a nonspecific insult, including  $\geq 2$  of the following:
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  - HR  $\geq 90$  beats/min
  - Respirations  $\geq 20$ /min
  - Elevated WBC count

# Key Indicator Overview Primary Sepsis

The vast majority of Primary Sepsis patients come into the hospital through the Emergency Department.

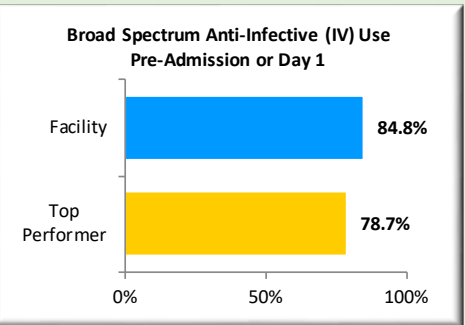
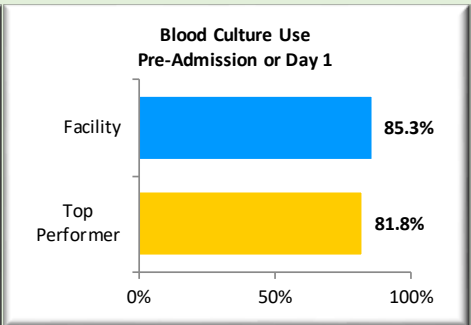
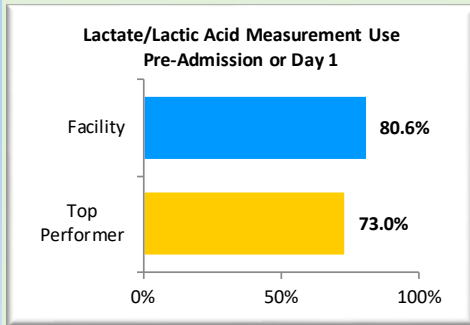
Primary Sepsis (n=18,037 cases)

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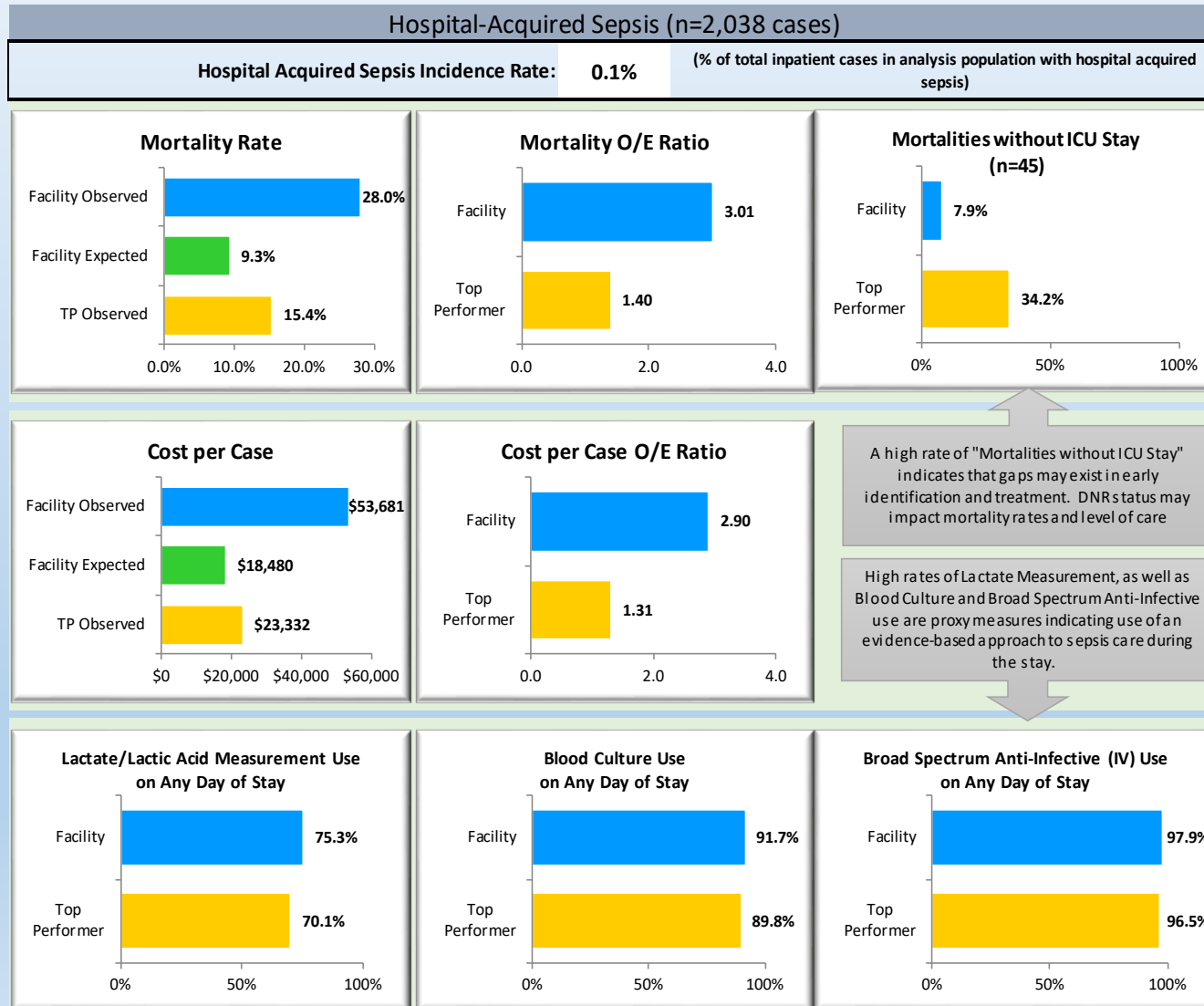
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- "Mortalities without ICU Stay" measure is useful in determining whether gaps may exist in transitioning patients to the appropriate level of care.
- Use of 3-hour sepsis bundle elements **on pre-admission or day 1** of stay are provided as proxy measures for use of early, goal-directed therapy

# Key Indicator Overview Hospital-Acquired Sepsis

**Patients with Hospital-Acquired Sepsis are typically admitted to the hospital for medical treatment unrelated to sepsis and acquire it at some point during their stay.**



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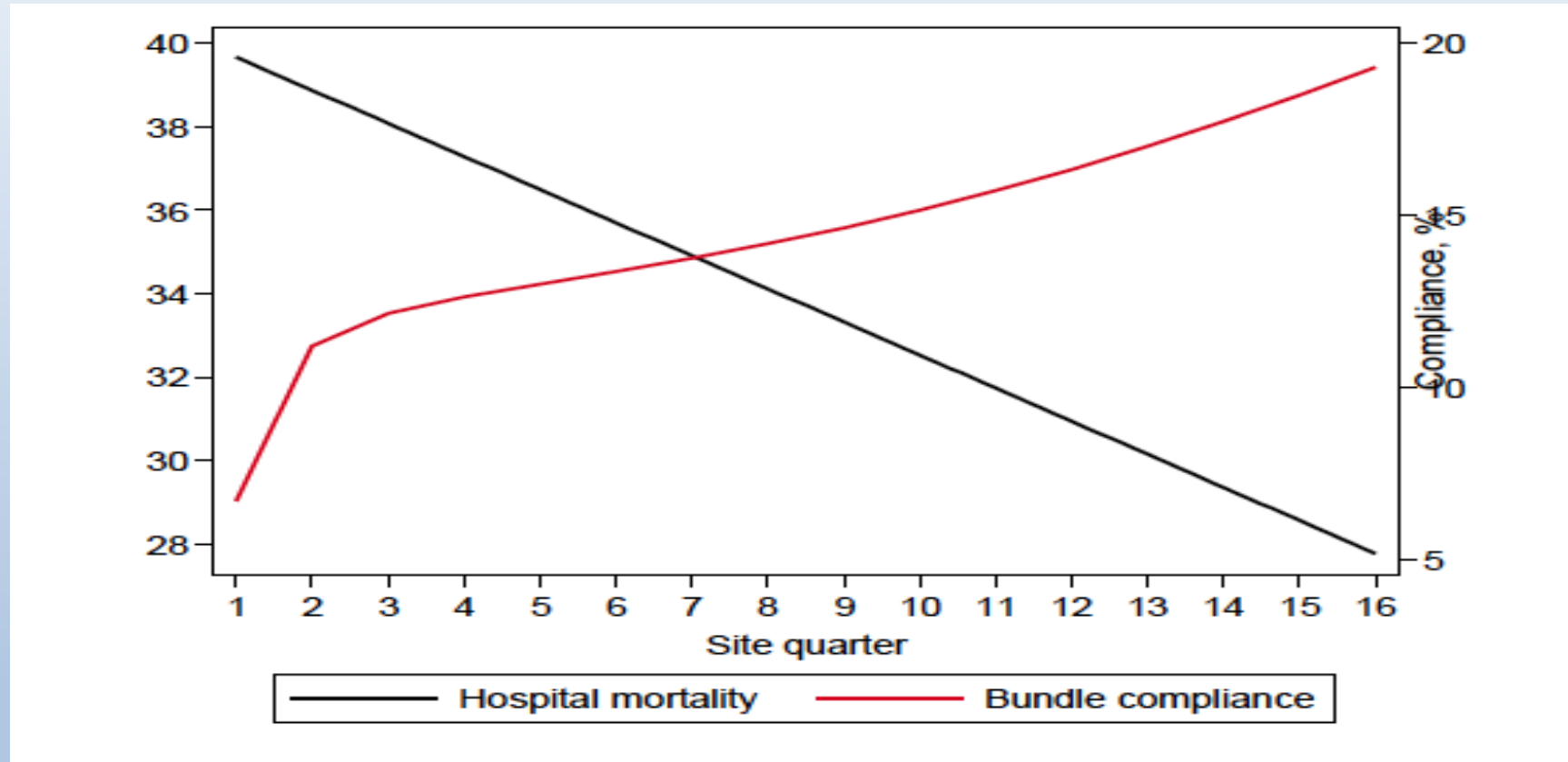
**Three-hour Resuscitation Bundle** was initiated if screen is positive or clinician suspects:

- Measure Lactate Level
- Obtain Blood Cultures Prior to Administration of Antibiotics
- Administer Broad Spectrum Antibiotics
- Administer 30 mL/kg Crystalloid for Hypotension or Lactate  $\geq 4$  mmol/L

**Six-hour Septic Shock Bundle** was initiated if hypotension developed or lactate increased after three-hour bundle:

- Apply Vasopressors (for Hypotension That Does Not Respond to Initial Fluid Resuscitation to Maintain a Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP)  $\geq 65$  mm Hg)
- In the Event of Persistent Arterial Hypotension Despite Volume Resuscitation (Septic Shock) or Initial Lactate  $\geq 4$  mmol/L (36 mg/dL):
  - Measure Central Venous Pressure (CVP)
  - Measure Central Venous Oxygen Saturation (ScvO<sub>2</sub>)
- Re-measure Lactate If Initial Lactate Was Elevated

# *Mortality in HIGH COMPLIANCE Sites with at least 48 months of data collection*



**↓Mortality:** 42.9% to 26.2%  
ARR: 16.7% P < 0.001  
**RRR: 39%**

Source: Surviving Sepsis  
Campaign Database

# *Sepsis on the Floors Collaborative*

- Collaboration between the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the Society of Hospital Medicine
- 17 faculty – Teams included intensivist, RN, hospitalist, improvement advisor, and project management
- 63 hospitals overall nation-wide participated
  - Academic medical centers
  - Teaching hospitals
  - Community hospitals
- 4 regional collaboratives with dedicated faculty
  - East Coast
  - West Coast
  - Midwest
  - Adventist Health System – 10 hospitals participating



# *Sepsis Collaborative Measures*

## Outcome measures:

- Mortality due to severe sepsis or septic shock
- ALOS for patients with sepsis

## Process measures:

- Percentage of patients screened for sepsis at a designated interval
- Percentage of patients who screened positive for sepsis on the wards and are bundle eligible
- Percentage of time the 3-hour bundle is implemented for patients who screen positive and are bundle eligible

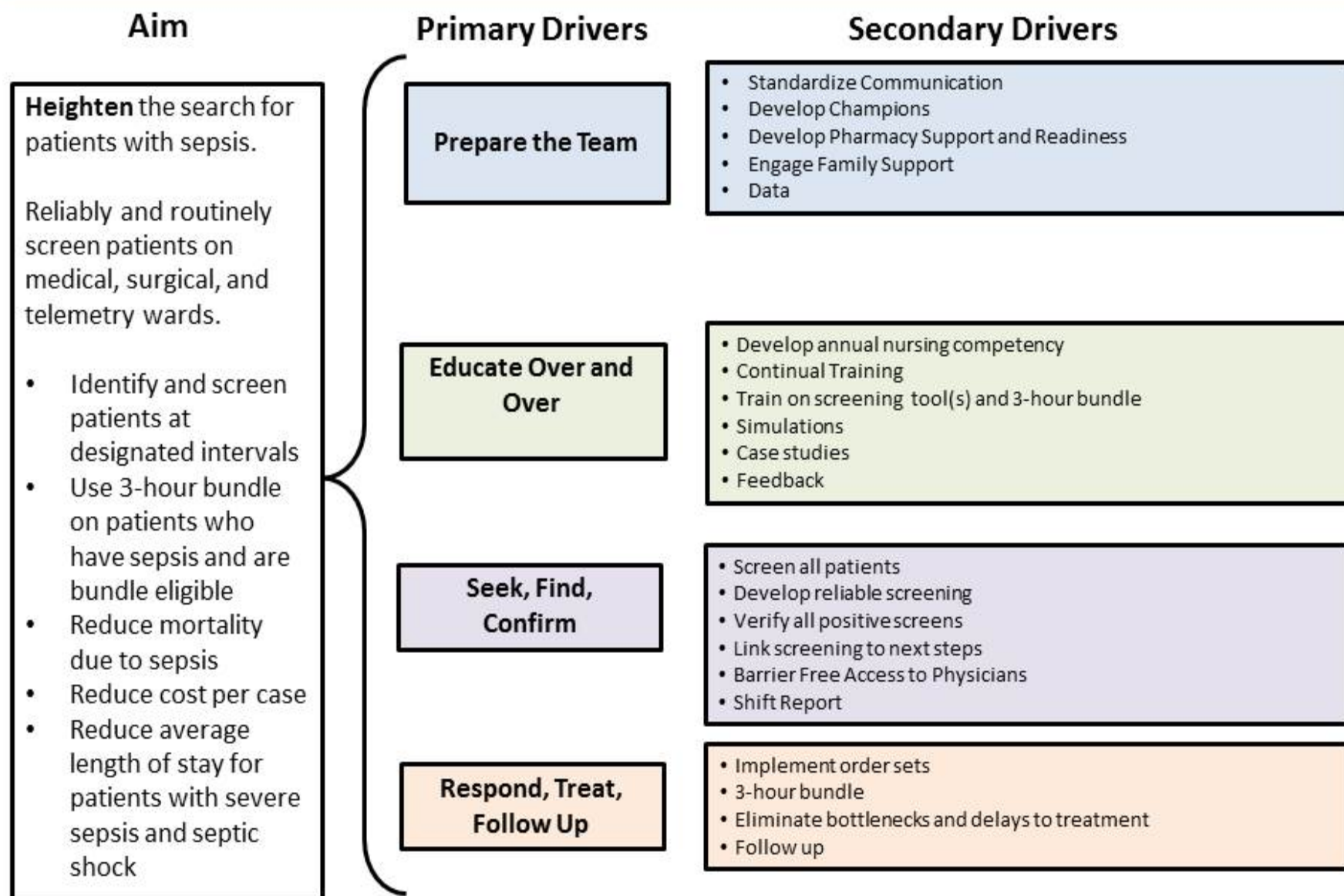
## Balancing measures:

- Costs per case for patients discharges who experienced sepsis or septic shock

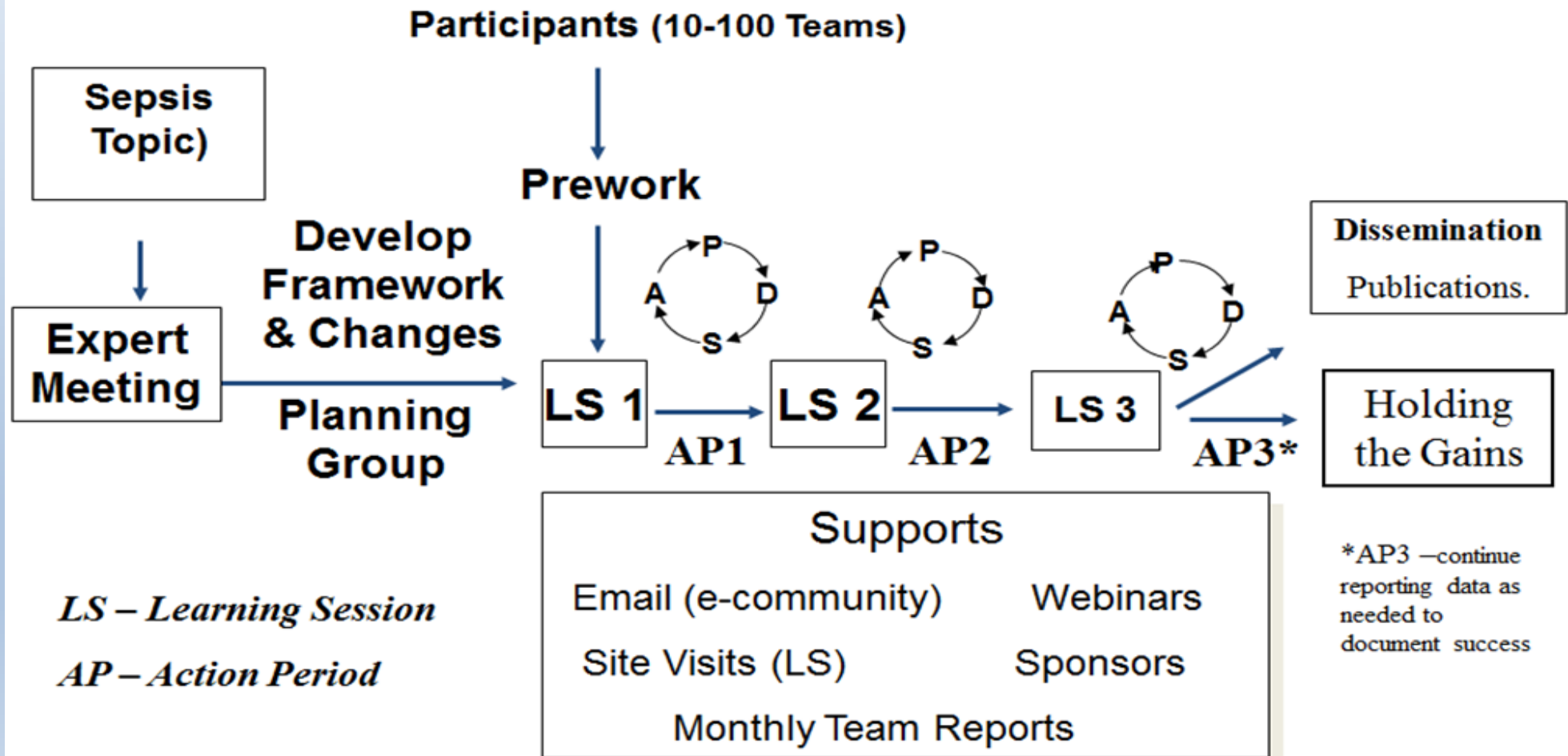
# *Benefits of the Collaborative Model*

- Nationally recognized, expert faculty created change package ideas organized by primary and secondary drivers
- Set clear aim statement and objectives
- Provided structured learning and inquiry environment
  - Pre-set milestones
- Collaborative model provided:
  - Education
  - Tools
  - Opportunity to query, compare experiences/challenges, share and learn from one another
- Sense of community - breaking new, *important* ground together
- Recognition that there was not just one solution
- Data collection and comparison to aggregate

# Surviving Sepsis Campaign Collaborative Driver Diagram



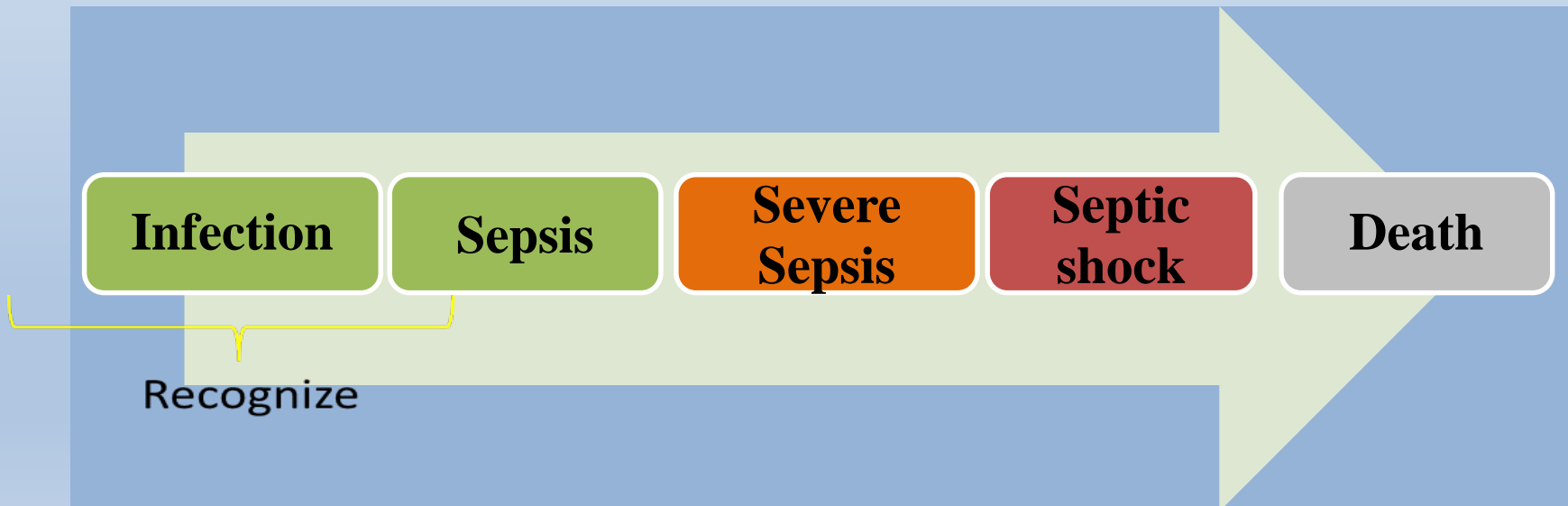
# IHI Breakthrough Series Adapted for Sepsis Collaborative Phase 4 (18 Months Time Frame)



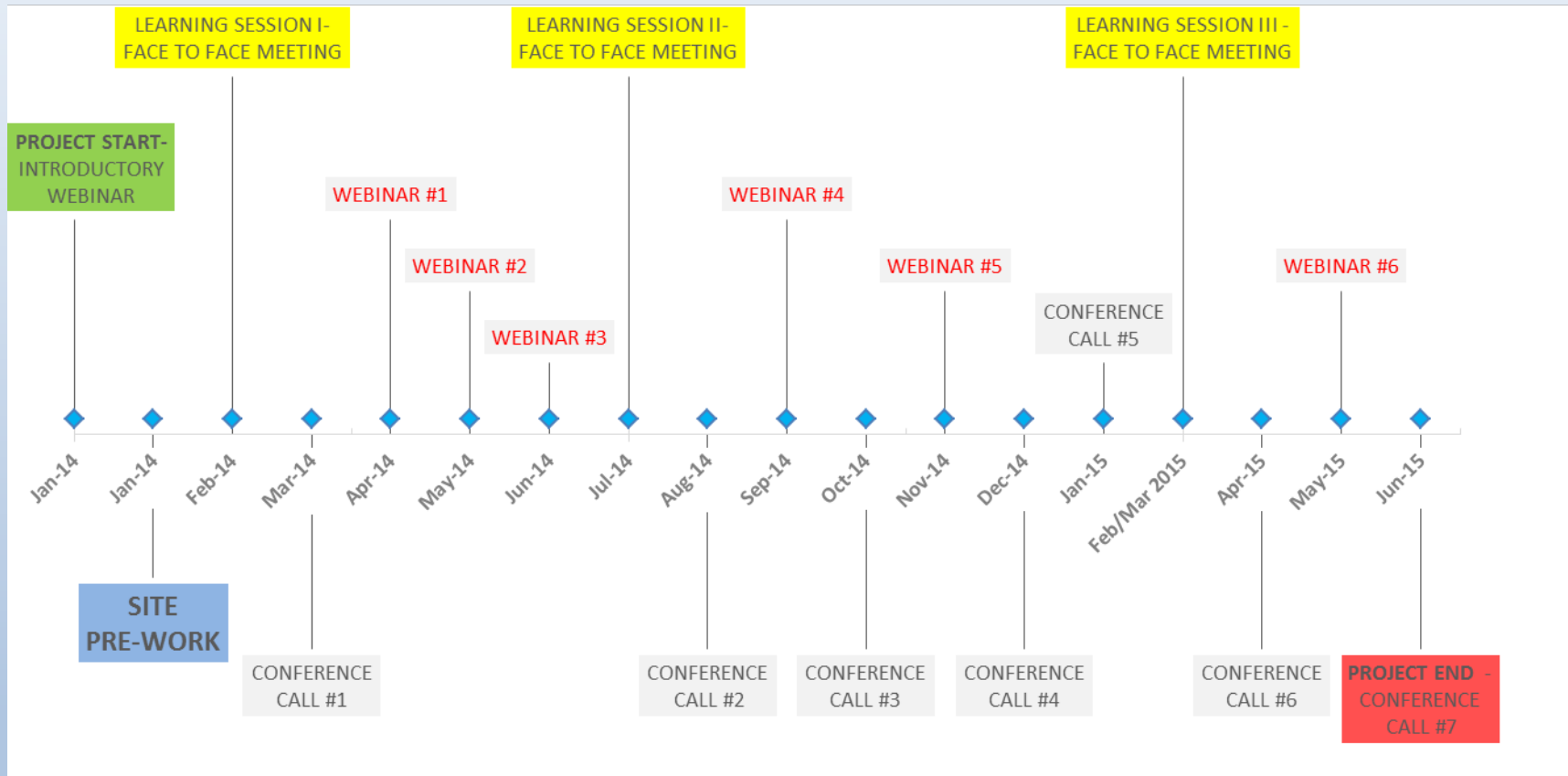
# *Strategies of Sepsis Initiative*

1. Move **Recognize** to the left.
2. Decrease the time between **Recognize** and **Respond**
3. Improve and standardize **Rescue** of the patient.

Early detection, timeliness, competency of clinical response



# Collaborative Schedule



The Collaborative extended to September for two months of additional data collection.

## *What AHSS did to scale lessons*

- Physician driven collaborative from the corporate office
- Each facility designated physician champion
- Each facility designated sepsis leader
- Ten hospitals included in the SCCM study
- All efforts duplicated in a mirror study with the other 34 hospitals
- Used a paper screening tool developed by SCCM
- Screened twice a day, every day, every patient
- On site conferences every 6 months for 18 months
- Quarterly review of data

## *Shadow Collaborative*

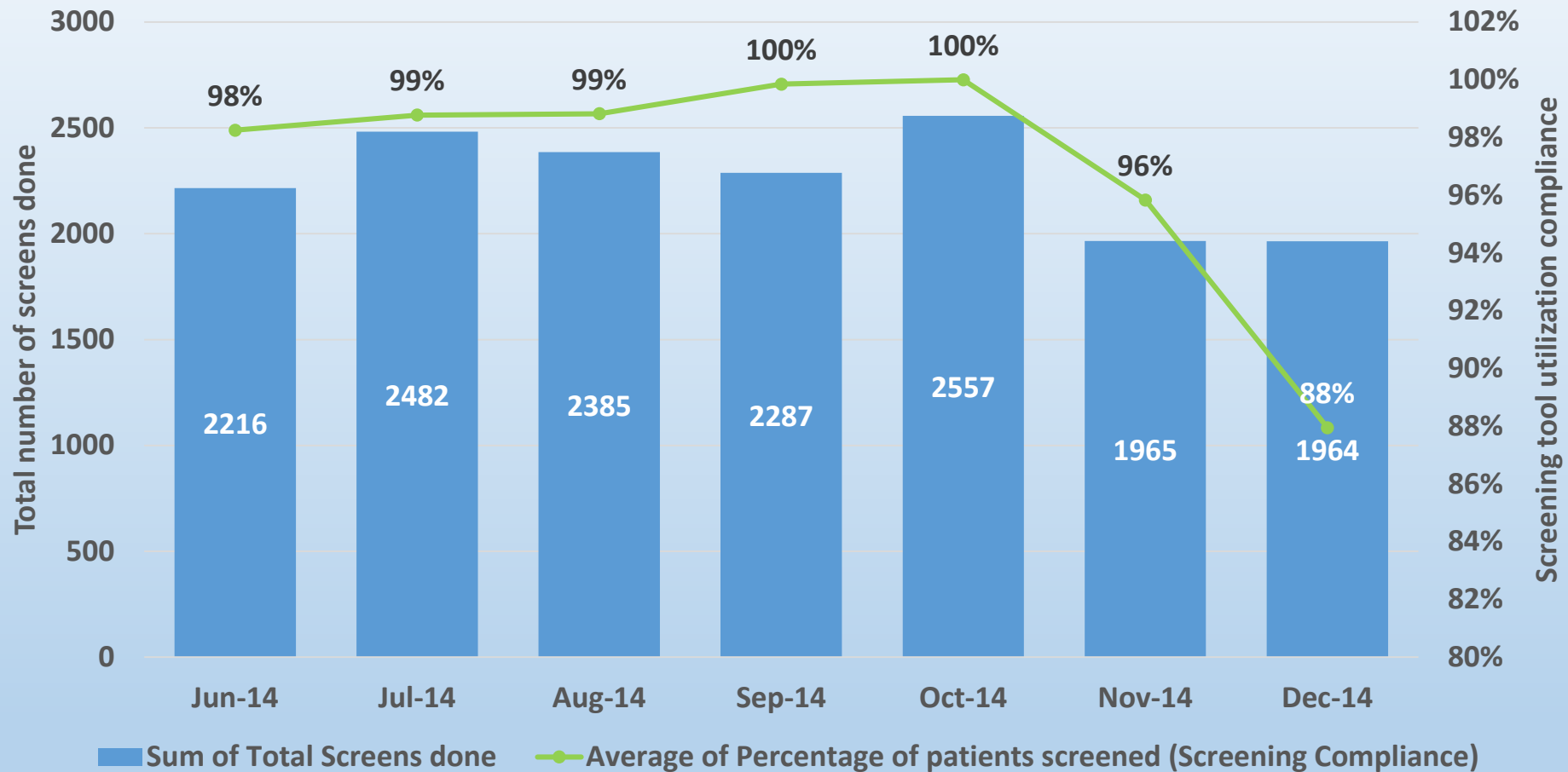
- After six months, AHSS launched “shadow” collaborative to spread system-wide
- 36 hospitals were smaller community facilities
- Located primarily in East (Florida), Midwest and West
- Scaled and spread learnings/lessons through staff involved in primary collaborative, whom served as faculty
- Data from the shadow collaborative was placed in the SCCM data base for reporting purposes but not used in publications





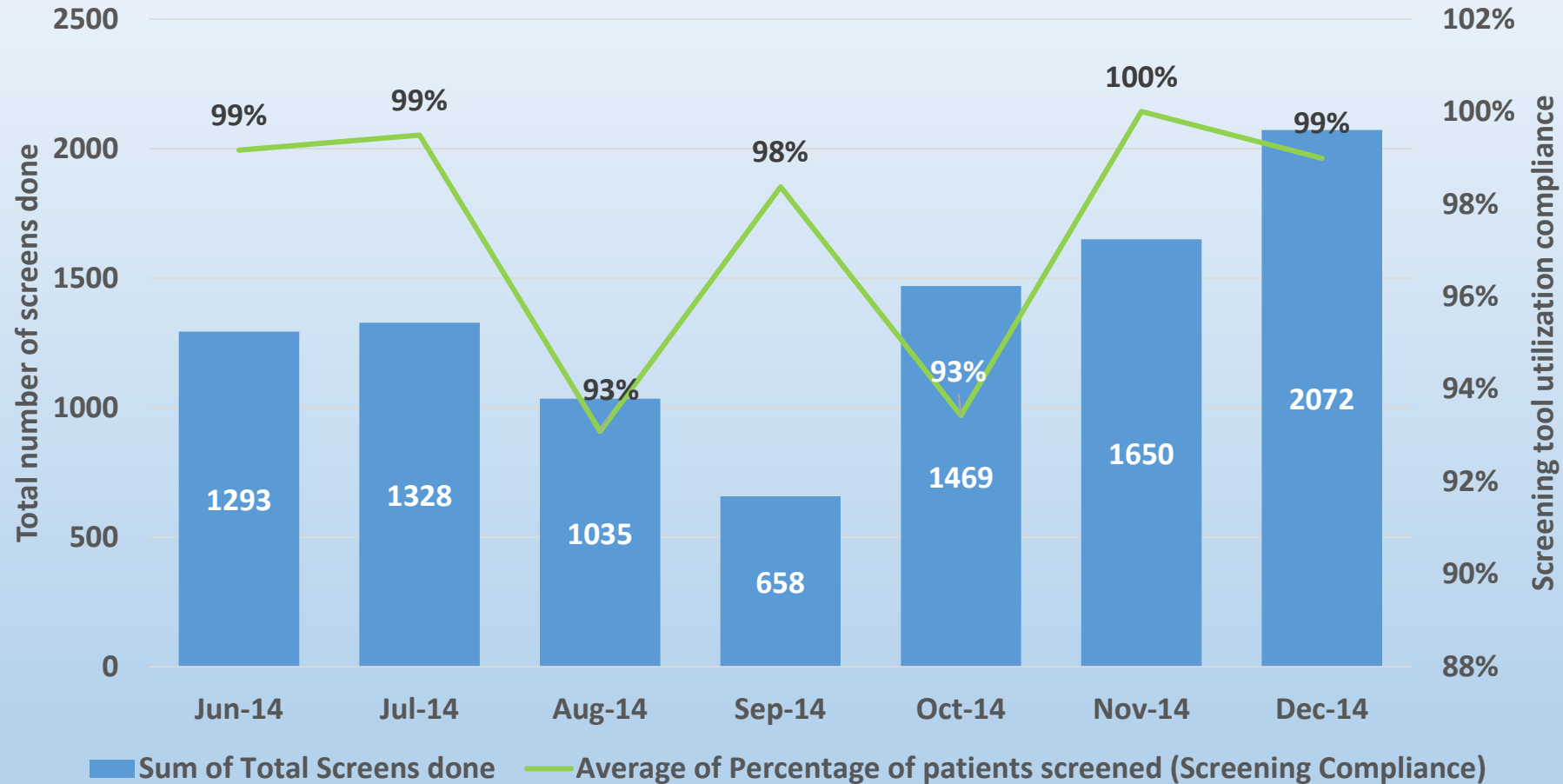
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## *Case Study: CVPCU*

- Nurses on Cardio Vascular Progressive Care Unit had sepsis recognition training and screened patients as soon as the sepsis alert fired.
- After 14 months the nursing staff has become so aware of the early signs of sepsis they routinely recognize and screen for sepsis before the alert fires.
- One patient, a 54-year-old male post op AAA had a minor temperature elevation and was slightly lethargic. He had a screen, evaluation by the Rapid Response Team and the three hour bundle started before the alert fired. He lived.

## *Case Study: Behavioral Health*

- Forty-seven year-old female admitted to inpatient Behavioral Health unit for depression.
- On morning of second day of stay, was still in bed in the afternoon
- Nurse entered room to encourage her to get up and try to eat
- Nurse had been through sepsis training the week before
- The patient appeared to have an altered level of consciousness that couldn't be explained by diagnosis or prescribed drugs. This was a new onset of altered mental status.
- Nurse considered sepsis, did a screen and it was positive.
- Patient was admitted to ICU, had infection in bowel, received the bundle and survived.

# *Quotes*

- “Patients are being consistently recognized in early sepsis.”
- “Fewer of the septic patients need ICU care.”
- “We know we have decreased mortality related to sepsis.”
- “This has truly changed me as a nurse and I’ve been an RN for 18 years.”
- “A preliminary review of Code Blue patients reveals a decrease in codes as a result of sepsis.”
- “Our nurses assess their patients with more scrutiny about sepsis.”

# *Adventist Health System Results*

- A total of 217 patients were entered into the SCCM database
- These patients had severe sepsis or shock, not present on admission
- Sixty three percent of the patients received all the bundle elements
- Compliance with the bundle increased 9% a month
- 93% of the patients were detected in severe sepsis, not septic shock
- The AHS pre-collaborative mortality rate was 36-38% (coded data)
- The AHS post-collaborative mortality rate was 17.5% (on collaborative units)
- The odds of death from severe sepsis decreased 6% a month

# *Lessons Learned*

- Wide practice variations once sepsis is suspected
- Post sepsis huddles were helpful
- Need to share data universally
- Did not remember to obtain second lactate without reminder
- SBAR for discussion on fluid bolus streamlined this discussion
- CBL for physicians was well received
- Include ancillary staff – nurse techs, RTs in sepsis education
- Review protocols and standing physician orders for current practice



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# Sepsis Monitoring Tool Quality Audit Report

		Alert	SIRS Criteria Met	At risk medical Conditions	Organ Dysfunction Criteria	Provider Contacted
07/08/2016 01:30:00 AM	Patient #1	Yes	Heart rate greater than 90, WBC less than 4000, greater than 12000 or greater 10% bands	No at risk condition or anti-infective therapies identified		
07/07/2016 07:00:00 PM	Patient #2	Yes	Heart rate greater than 90, Respiratory rate greater than 20 or PaCO2 less than 32, Glucose greater than 140 and non-diabetic	Yes, at risk condition or anti-infective therapy identified	Does not meet criteria for severe sepsis-Negative Screen	
07/08/2016 06:43:00 AM	Patient #3	Yes	Temp greater than 101F (38.3C) or less than 96.8F (36C), WBC less than 4000, greater than 12000 or greater 10% bands	Yes, at risk condition or anti-infective therapy identified	<b>Section C incomplete</b>	
07/08/2016 07:04:00 AM	Patient #4	No	<b>Only one SIRS Criteria Chosen</b>	<b>Section B incomplete</b>		
07/07/2016 06:19:00 PM	Patient #5	Yes	Heart rate greater than 90, Respiratory rate greater than 20 or PaCO2 less than 32, WBC less than 4000, greater than 12000 or greater 10% bands	Yes, at risk condition or anti-infective therapy identified	SPO2 less than 90% with new or increased oxygen needs	Yes - Called or paged provider

# Sepsis Alert Spread Plan Adoption Report

	Patients w/Alert Count	Total Patients w/Sepsis Coding	% of Patients w/Alerts & Sepsis Coding	Septic shock - R65.21	Severe Sepsis - R65.20	Sepsis	Overall Expired	Expired w/Sepsis Dx	Total Patients w/form	% of Patients w/Alerts & Form	Expired Pts w/form	Patients w/PP	Expired pts w/PP	Median LOS	Discharge Month
Hospital A	133	43	32.33%	15	1	27	14	8	32	24.06%	6	39	5	4.44	Jan 2016
Hospital B	190	52	27.37%	7	6	39	12	3	100	52.63%	2	47	5	4.95	Jan 2016
Hospital C	162	46	28.40%	7	1	38	7	3	78	48.15%	1	26	0	5.44	Jan 2016
Hospital D	185	56	30.27%	13	13	30	17	7	133	71.89%	6	59	5	4.70	Jan 2016
Hospital E	107	31	28.97%	7	5	19	3	2	1	0.93%	0	40	1	3.64	Jan 2016
Hospital F	342	92	26.90%	27	25	40	37	23	312	91.23%	23	42	3	6.09	Jan 2016
Hospital G	239	83	34.73%	22	12	49	14	12	0	0.00%	0	65	8	5.22	Jan 2016
Hospital H	263	58	22.05%	18	3	37	17	11	107	40.68%	4	64	4	4.92	Jan 2016
Hospital I	211	83	39.34%	18	15	50	21	16	81	38.39%	5	49	10	4.35	Jan 2016
Hospital J	239	80	33.47%	10	18	52	12	6	115	48.12%	8	64	3	4.78	Jan 2016
Hospital K	146	32	21.92%	8	4	20	12	6	93	63.70%	6	30	2	4.93	Jan 2016
Hospital A	144	33	22.92%	9	6	18	14	8	142	98.61%	13	49	6	4.52	Feb 2016
Hospital B	182	52	28.57%	3	11	38	10	6	100	54.95%	3	48	6	4.66	Feb 2016
Hospital C	163	53	32.52%	12	4	37	9	5	153	93.87%	6	39	0	5.80	Feb 2016
Hospital D	161	38	23.60%	9	3	26	16	5	159	98.76%	16	42	2	5.09	Feb 2016
Hospital E	106	36	33.96%	9	2	25	8	7	94	88.68%	7	46	6	4.07	Feb 2016
Hospital F	359	101	28.13%	27	21	53	30	22	332	92.48%	17	61	8	5.27	Feb 2016
Hospital G	271	81	29.89%	26	7	48	17	9	6	2.21%	1	67	3	5.65	Feb 2016
Hospital H	266	71	26.69%	15	3	53	20	7	131	49.25%	9	73	6	5.21	Feb 2016
Hospital I	226	93	41.15%	12	12	69	15	8	67	29.65%	2	56	5	4.78	Feb 2016
Hospital J	263	95	36.12%	18	19	58	19	17	101	38.40%	5	73	12	4.93	Feb 2016
Hospital K	128	32	25.00%	13	2	17	6	3	85	66.41%	4	24	3	4.24	Feb 2016

# Sepsis Alert Report Summary

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<b>Hospital A</b>														
Oct 2015	162	37	22.84%	12	3	22	7	4	1	0.62%	0	26	1	
Nov 2015	165	44	26.67%	14	1	29	10	6	0	0.00%	0	33	2	
Dec 2015	164	41	25.00%	11	5	25	3	2	0	0.00%	0	21	0	
Jan 2016	162	46	28.40%	7	1	38	7	3	78	48.15%	1	26	0	5.44
Feb 2016	163	53	32.52%	12	4	37	9	5	153	93.87%	6	39	0	5.8
Mar 2016	162	40	24.69%	13	1	26	10	6	155	95.68%	6	30	3	4.94
April 2016	176	41	23.30%	5	7	29	6	3	164	93.18%	4	36	2	5.14
May 2016	135	39	28.89%	13	1	25	9	6	123	91.11%	4	27	3	5.11
<b>Hospital B</b>														
Oct 2015	333	81	24.32%	21	17	43	23	14	294	88.29%	10	59	4	
Nov 2015	272	85	31.25%	25	17	43	17	10	241	88.60%	7	41	3	
Dec 2015	312	71	22.76%	14	20	37	18	6	277	88.78%	11	41	5	
Jan 2016	342	92	26.90%	27	25	40	37	23	312	91.23%	23	42	3	6.09
Feb 2016	358	100	27.93%	27	21	52	30	21	332	92.74%	17	61	8	5.28
Mar 2016	400	106	26.50%	35	16	55	51	30	365	91.25%	33	56	4	5.67
April 2016	334	88	26.35%	26	16	46	32	16	311	93.11%	20	46	8	5.59
May 2016	331	105	31.72%	25	17	63	25	13	307	92.75%	15	49	3	5.47

# Automated Sepsis Performance Feedback:



# Patient Timeline of Treatment for Sepsis:

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TIME ZERO 5/16/2015 07:43

SEPTIC SHOCK / ED SEPSIS

FIN 507638 Age 78.929 Weight 65 kg  
 LOS 19 Days

**Summary**

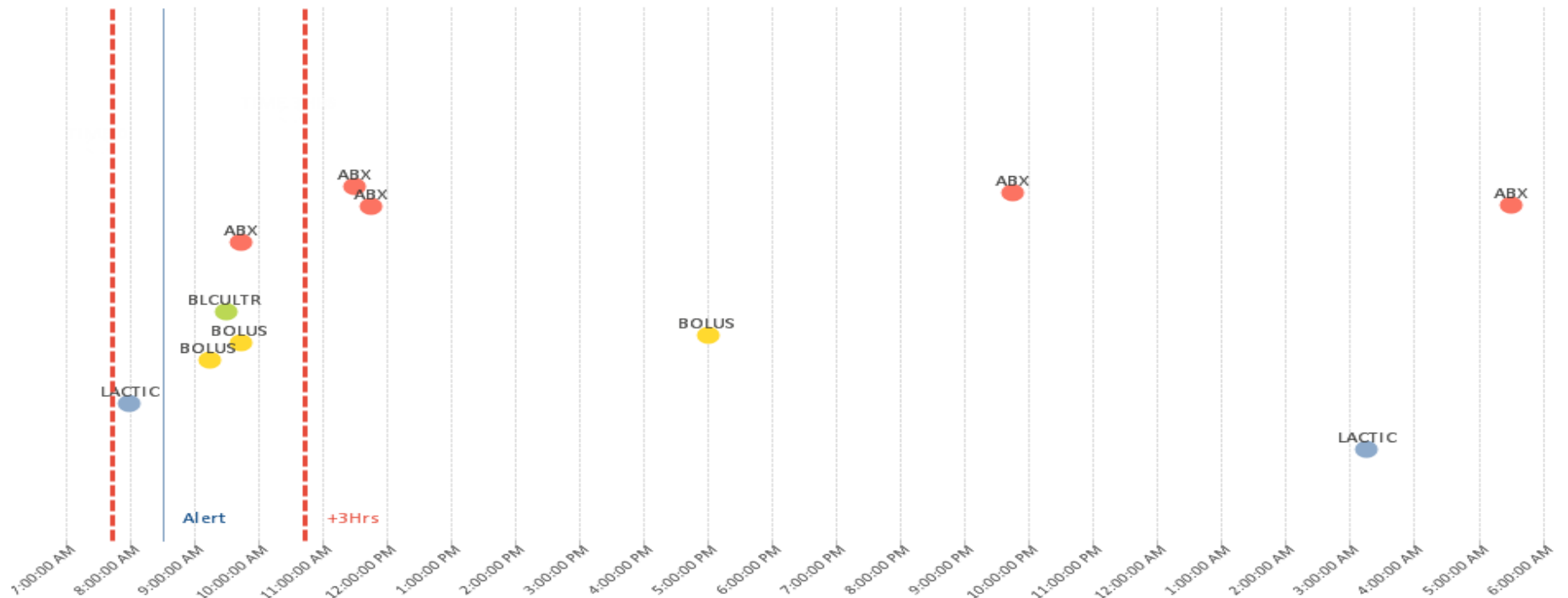
Patient was registered on 5/16/2015 and admitted through Emergency. Encounter Type is Inpatient. LOS was 19.1 days. Patient was discharged with Disposition = Long Term Care Hospital - 63.

- 3 hour bundle met
- Lactic Acid Level Drawn within 180 min
- ABX Administered within 180 min
- Blood Cultures prior to ABX administration
- Fluid Goal Met
- Sepsis Alert Fired
- Sepsis PowerPlan



24Hr Timeline

- Location History
- ICD Codes (Final)
- Sepsis Alerts
- Sepsis PP
- Sepsis Form
- Blood Culture
- Lactic Acid Levels
- ABX
- Fluids (Bolus)
- Vitals





# *A Call to Action: System Wide Spread*

- 2016 initiative is to spread and standardize best practices, screening and early recognition and treatment to the other units in the hospital.
- Export recognition and early treatment in outpatient areas.
- Create processes to screen that support unique needs of each individual unit.
- Measurable Outcomes:
  - Mortality
  - Components of the bundle administered
  - Rate that second lactate was drawn

# *Corporate Spread: Barriers and Challenges*

- Educational deficit of clinical staff
- RN turn over - bedside nurses
- RN time commitment to screen patients
- Paper screening tool was cumbersome
- Physician reluctance to administer fluid bolus
- Small numbers of positive screens (high risk/low volume condition)
- Geographically distant facilities across 10 states
- Variation in state laws regarding nursing practice
- Competing initiatives in the field

# *Corporate Spread: Advantages*

- Advantages:
  - One computer platform-Ability to mine data at unit level
  - Corporate Office of Clinical Effectiveness
  - Senior operational and clinical leader support
  - Alignment with major initiative in hospitalist medicine

# *Going forward*

- County EMS involvement in fluid resuscitation of suspected severe sepsis patient prior to arrival at the ED
- More intention around handoffs/transitions
- Sepsis screening information to go straight to physician summary page
- Link electronic alert to the electronic screening tool so the screen will immediately display when alert fires