

- 1. Signs of instability: rigors, hypothermia, hypotension, tachycardia, mental status changes, poor perfusion, glucose instability, and metabolic acidosis
- 2. After 2 unsuccessful peripheral attempts, discuss obtaining arterial blood culture with fellow or attending. If decision made to not obtain arterial blood culture OR after 1 unsuccessful arterial attempt, consider a central culture after discussion with fellow or attending.
- 3. Severely immunocompromised patients with masked signs of sepsis are patients who are receiving corticosteroid therapy (>1 mg/kg/day) after a BMT, induction therapy for HLH, and reduction or induction therapy for Burkitt Lymphoma
- 4. Consider imaging as needed and complete a full updated documented physical exam. See "Evaluation of other sources of fever or infection" on checklist