PEDIATRICS (< 18 years-old)
ED Sepsis BPA Guide - Providers

How to Address Sepsis Best Practice Alerts (BPAs) in Epic

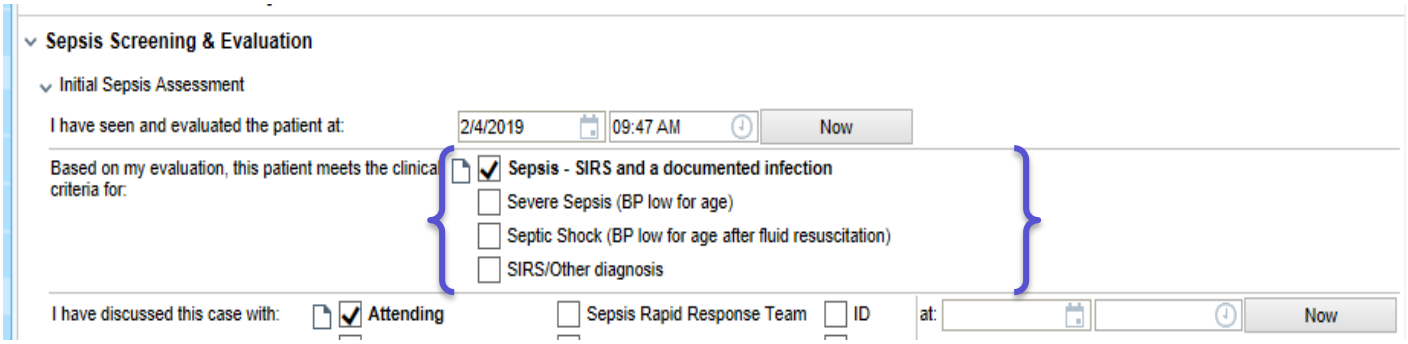
Reminder: Epic is a tool to aid workflow—it is not intended to replace communication.

1. Nurse receives BPA and **notifies Attending** that patient needs evaluation.
   - The BPA turns the ED Track Board sepsis column red and adds patient to Sepsis Tracking.

2. Provider opens chart after receiving notification from nurse or seeing red sepsis column on ED Track Board/Sepsis Tracking.
   - Provider must open the chart within 10 minutes to address the alert.
   - The BPA appears once the provider opens the chart.

3. Provider selects "**Do Not Open**" (and also either "Sepsis not suspected" or "Evaluation in progress") or "Open Order Set" (to initiate sepsis protocol).

4. After evaluating patient, Provider navigates to *ED Progress Notes* and **completes "Initial Sepsis Assessment."**
   - Choosing "SIRS/Other diagnosis" clears the red column on the ED Track Board and removes the patient from the Sepsis Tracking list.



5. If Provider suspects sepsis without receiving a BPA, Provider can open Pediatrics Sepsis Order Set by navigating to **ED Track Board → Quick Doc → Add Sepsis Flag**
   - Select "Based on my evaluation, this patient merits sepsis workup."
   - BPA will then pop-up with a link to Pediatrics Sepsis Order Set