

## SBAR

### MEWS / SEPSIS ESCALATION (Inpatient)

Prescriber paged: \_\_\_\_\_

Caller: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

<h1>S</h1> <p>Situation</p>	<p><b>I am calling about:</b> (patient's name and location) _____</p> <p><b>I am calling because this patient's condition has changed</b></p> <p><b>Current diagnosis:</b> _____</p> <p><b>The patient's code status is:</b> _____</p>	
<h1>B</h1> <p>Background</p> <p>Have access to patient's chart on Cerner when you make the call to prescriber.</p>	<p><b>The patient is in the hospital because:</b> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change in level of consciousness</p> <p><b>The patient meets the following (2) SIRS screening criteria :</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heart rate greater than or equal to 91/min</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate greater than or equal to 21/min</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Temperature 38.3° C or more <b>*OR*</b> less than 36° C</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WBC more than 12 <b>*OR*</b> less than 4 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Glucose between 7.82 and 11.1 mmol (patient not diabetic)</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suspected infection _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed infection _____</p> <p><b>Consider other relevant clinical information:</b></p> <p>Breath sounds _____</p> <p>Skin color _____</p> <p>CWMS _____</p> <p>Intake &amp; output _____</p>	<p><b>Patient Current status:</b></p> <p>Heart rate: _____</p> <p>RR: _____</p> <p>T: _____</p> <p>BP: _____</p> <p>O<sub>2</sub> Sat: _____</p> <p>WBC: _____</p> <p>Last C&amp;S done: _____</p> <p>Current antibiotic: _____</p>
<h1>A</h1> <p>Assessment</p>	<p><b>What is your assessment of the situation?</b></p> <p>I am concerned that the patient possibly has sepsis / septic shock.</p>	
<h1>R</h1> <p>Recommendation</p>	<p><b>Ask the prescriber:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you want to initiate the <b>General Sepsis (Adult)</b> power plan on Cerner? The orders include: IV bolus, lactate, blood cultures, and antibiotics</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p><i>If you are taking a verbal/telephone order, ensure the order is immediately transcribed into the patient's health record along with the prescriber's name.</i></p> <p><b>Before you end the call, ensure all information is fully documented in the chart, including signing the order, AND repeat all orders back to the prescriber.</b></p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are you able to come see the patient within the next 30 minutes? If not, who else can I call?</li> <li><b>What signs or symptoms should I call you back about?</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Are you satisfied with the response? If not – Say so</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"I am concerned..."</li> <li>"Help me understand..."</li> <li>"I am requesting that you come in and assess this patient"</li> <li>"What is the plan?"</li> </ul>	

**Refer to Sepsis protocol on SHOP: Sepsis Early Identification and Treatment Using Cerner EHR Protocol**

*Please remember that this document is meant solely as an aid for successful communication. If you are comfortable that you have all the information you need, you do not need to use this worksheet. If you do use the worksheet, only fill in the blanks you need. When you have completed your call, and documented the relevant facts in patient's health record, this sheet can be shredded.*