

Exemplar Standards for Primary Care management of Sepsis (UK Sepsis Trust)

The standards below are those which have been identified by the UK Sepsis Trust and the APPG for sepsis as important in the management of sepsis with specific relevance to Primary Care. They are the 'Exemplar Standards' which organizations should aspire to deliver. Achieving these standards will place a Primary Care organization well on the road to the provision of excellent sepsis care.

- 1. Clear written guidance, policies and clinical pathways to be in place for the recognition and management of sepsis and Red Flag Sepsis.**
- 2. Clear written criteria for which patients should be screened for sepsis.**
- 3. According to local criteria for screening, 100% of patients satisfying criteria to have, as a minimum, heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, conscious level, oxygen saturations and blood glucose measured and recorded (unless precluded by equipment failure)**
- 4. Risk assessment to be undertaken and maintained regarding the need for Point of Care Testing for lactate and white blood cell count**
- 5. 100% of patients identified with Red Flag Sepsis to be transported for hospital assessment unless limitations of treatment agreed**
- 6. Clear written and verbal handovers to accompany all patients referred for hospital assessment**
- 7. Oxygen therapy to be available and considered for all patients with Red Flag Sepsis**
- 8. Where transit times to hospital are routinely in excess of 60 minutes, risk assessment to be undertaken and maintained regarding the need for administration of antibiotics and intravenous fluids**
- 9. Documented decision to treat in the community or transfer to hospital in 100% of patients with sepsis without Red Flag signs**
- 10. Where patients with sepsis without Red Flag signs are to be managed in the community, documented safety netting advice and review plans to be in place for all patients.**