The Clinician Perspective on Sepsis Care: 
Early Management Bundle for 
Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock

Minutes

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The moderator, Candace Jackson, welcomed everyone to the call. She reminded the attendees that the program was being recorded and that the transcript, slides, and a recording of the day’s presentation, as well as, a questions-and-answers document, will be posted on QualityNet at a later date. Presentation slides were posted to the Quality Reporting Center website (www.qualityreportingcenter.com) in advance of the presentation. Ms. Jackson then introduced the speaker(s) for the day’s event: Sean Townsend, MD; Bob Dickerson, RRT, MHSA; and Lemeneh Tefera, MD, MSc.
Dr. Townsend began the presentation by discussing the day’s objectives, including:

- Describe the basis, rationale, and content of the Early Management Bundle, Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock measure
- Explain the importance of the collection of the Sepsis Bundle
- Recognize the updates that have been made to SEP-1 since its introduction
- Recognize common critiques of SEP-1 and offer responses
- Explore baseline analysis of the breakdown of overall SEP-1 cases and bundles

Dr. Townsend further went on to explain the importance of a sepsis diagnosis and the SEP-1 measure. Before turning the presentation over to Bob Dickerson, Dr. Townsend provided a detailed overview of the SEP-1 measure, including examples on calculating time.

Then Mr. Dickerson provided a brief summary of the major changes and updates to the SEP-1 measure in the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures: Discharges 07-01-16 (3Q16) through 12-31-16 (4Q16), Version 5.1. He then concluded his portion with a review of the revisions and changes that will take effect January 1, 2017 with version 5.2a.

Finally, Dr. Tefera provided a comprehensive review of the national performance standard from the fourth-quarter 2015 data for the SEP-1 measure. He further broke down components of the measure and discussed common areas for improvement. Before handing the presentation back to go over the Continuing Education (CE) process and any questions, Dr. Tefera emphasized the importance of the SEP-1 measure and its ongoing refinements.

At the end of the presentation, Dr. Debra Price discussed the online Continuing Education (CE) certificate process to attain credit for the webinar.

Lastly, the presenters opened the floor to answer any questions that came in during the day’s presentation.

All questions and answers, as well as a detailed transcript of the event, will be posted at a later date on www.qualityreportingcenter.com.