

# **ACEP Emergency Quality (E-QUAL) Network Sepsis Learning Collaborative 2016**

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# Outline

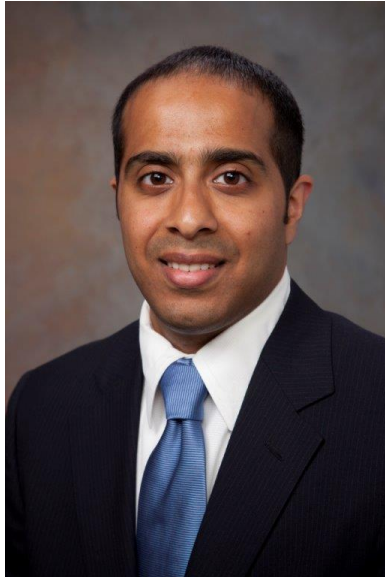
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## Objectives

- Gain a better understanding the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI)
- Gain a better understanding of the ACEP Emergency Quality (E-QUAL) Network Sepsis Initiative

## Project Overview

### **CMS Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative: What is it?**

- CMS seeks to help clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation
  - Support >140,000 clinician practices over the next 4 years
    - Sharing, adapting and further developing their comprehensive quality improvement strategies.
    - Preparing to adopt alternate payment methods
- ACEP is one of 39 health care organizations selected to participate in the CMMI TCPI
  - One of 10 Support and Alignment Networks (SAN)

## ACEP Emergency Quality (E-QUAL) Network Focus Areas

1. Improving outcomes for patients with sepsis
2. Reducing avoidable imaging in low risk patients through implementation of ACEP's Choosing Wisely recommendations
  - Reduce use of high-cost imaging for low back pain
  - Head CT scan after minor head injury
  - Chest CT for pulmonary embolus
  - Abdominal CT for renal colic



3. Improving the value of ED chest pain evaluation by reducing avoidable admissions in low risk patients with chest pain

# Benefits to Participating – Why Join?

- Gain access to toolkits including best practices, and sample guidelines
- Submit and receive benchmarking data to guide local QI efforts
- Learn from expert national faculty
- Gain national recognition for your successes
- Get your clinicians access to high-quality eCME for free
- Earn ABEM MOC credit (LLSA and Part IV Activities)
- Meet CMS quality reporting requirement of the QCDR





# What will the Learning Collaboratives provide?

## Recruitment & Enrollment

Enrollment Pledge  
Readiness Assessment  
Survey  
Participation Sign Up

## Learning Period (6-9 months)

Monthly Webinars  
Introduction to tool kit  
eCME & MOC  
Benchmarking data  
Office Hours

## Wrap Up

Data Reports  
Summary Report  
Lessons Learned  
eCEM & MOC credit  
Re-enrollment

## Learning Collaborative

- Sepsis is the #1 cause of inpatient mortality
- The ED plays a key role in the early identification and treatment of patients with sepsis, and is the portal of entry to the hospital.
- E-QUAL seeks to support widespread implementation early recognition and treatment interventions that will save lives



# Learning Collaborative

- Collaborative Goal: To improve the outcomes of ED patients with sepsis

## Specific Aims:

1. To improve provider and nurse knowledge of early identification, treatment and reassessment of sepsis
2. To assist EDs in implementing best practices that support evidence-based sepsis care
3. To improve performance on metrics and meet regulatory requirement: CMS SEP-1 and CEDR sepsis measures
4. To develop expertise in the application of effective clinical and quality improvement methods

# Who Should Participate in Learning Collaborative?

- Goal is for a small team from each participating site to participate
- Physician Lead: ED Director, QI Director, Physician champion
- Nursing Lead: Nurse Director, Nurse Educator, Nurse champion
- Administrator: assist with data gathering and dissemination to staff
- Other Providers and Staff nurses Welcome

## Available Resources

- Monthly Webinars
  - Successful sepsis QI initiative
  - Screening/ Identification of Best Practices
  - Intervention and Implementation of Best Practices
- Tool Kit Materials
  - Getting Started - Facility preparedness
  - Screening/ Identification
  - Intervention
  - Implementation
  - Data Collection strategies and tools
- Office Hours



# Sepsis Webinar Schedule

Date	Topic
<b>Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TCPI Project and ACEP E-QUAL Overview</li> <li>• Learning Collaborative</li> <li>• Successful sepsis QI initiative</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sepsis Tool Kit Review</li> <li>• SEP-1, CEDR Provider Measures, Collecting Data Measures</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harnessing the EHR in sepsis identification</li> <li>• Human elements in screening and initiation of treatment of sepsis</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antibiotics and Source Control</li> <li>• Sepsis Pitfalls and Common Barriers</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approaches to Resuscitation (fluids, blood)</li> <li>• Complex patients</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving sepsis care in transfers and transitions (ICU and boarding)</li> <li>• Office Hours</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>12:00pm-12:45pm EST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building sustainability in your sepsis efforts</li> <li>• Office Hours</li> </ul>

## Data Collection

- One part of participation in learning collaborative is measuring improvement
- Gather Baseline Data
- Implement Changes
- Gather post-implementation data
- How gather data?
  - CEDR – ACEP's QCDR
  - Manual data collection
  - SEP-1

## Clinical emergency data registry (CEDR)

The scope of CEDR is to accept patient data from practicing emergency physicians and clinicians on the care provided to emergency department patients. These data will inform the main goals of CEDR, which are to:

1. Provide a unified method for ACEP members to collect and submit Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) data, MOC, Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE), outcome data, and other related or applicable quality and patient safety data to meet quality improvement and regulatory requirements.
2. Promote the highest quality of emergency care for our patients.
3. Demonstrate the value of emergency care.
4. Facilitate appropriate emergency care research.





## CEDR Sepsis Metrics

- CEDR 28-Septic shock: lactate level measurement
- CEDR 30-Septic shock: Antibiotics ordered
- CEDR 31-Septic shock: Fluid resuscitation
- CEDR 32-Septic shock: Repeat lactate level
- CEDR 33-Septic shock: Lactate clearance rate  $\geq 10\%$

## Next Steps

- We need you to do 3 things!
  1. Gather your team
  1. Sign up – take the online Readiness Assessment
    1. Need each participating site to fill out one survey
    2. Required of ACEP by CMS
  2. Look for upcoming email with tools and data collection strategies

## For More Information

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# Disclosures

- Bard Medical Division—research funding to investigate temperature burden in patients with severe sepsis
- No other relevant sepsis-related disclosures

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# Case Vignette

- 54 year-old male
- Abdominal pain
- Triage VS:
  - T<sup>o</sup>, 100.5° F      -- BP, 128/78 mmHg
  - HR, 88 BPM      -- RR, 21 breaths per minute
  - O<sub>2</sub> sat, 96%, RA    -- Pain, 6/10
- Triaged as ESI 3 patient
- To waiting room along with 15 other patients



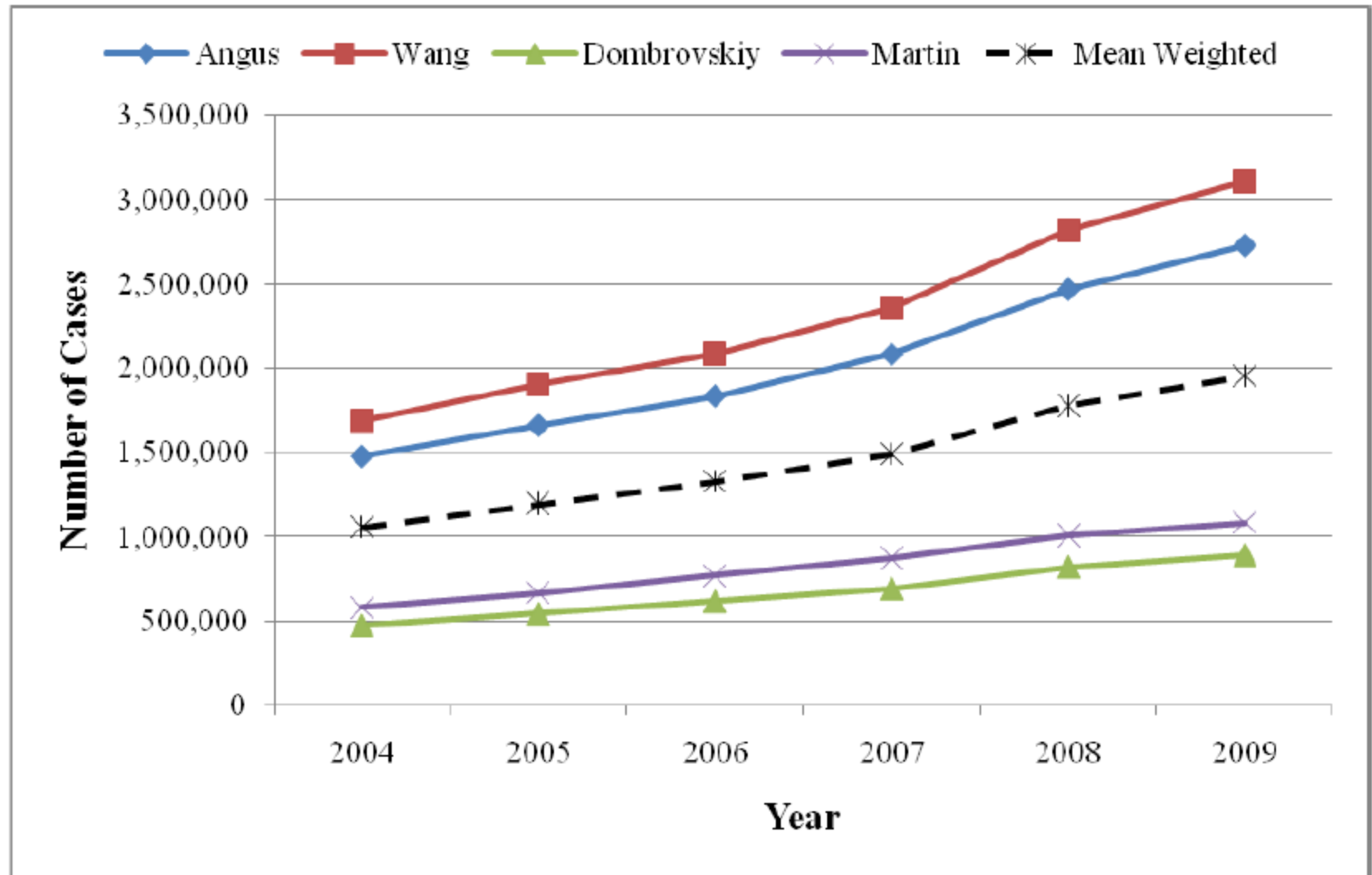
# Typical sepsis patient

- How sick is he?
  - Does he have a time-sensitive infection?
  - How aggressive does his treatment need to be?
- On initial presentation:
  - no obvious signs of end organ dysfunction
  - Does not obviously have “severe sepsis”
- What does this mean?



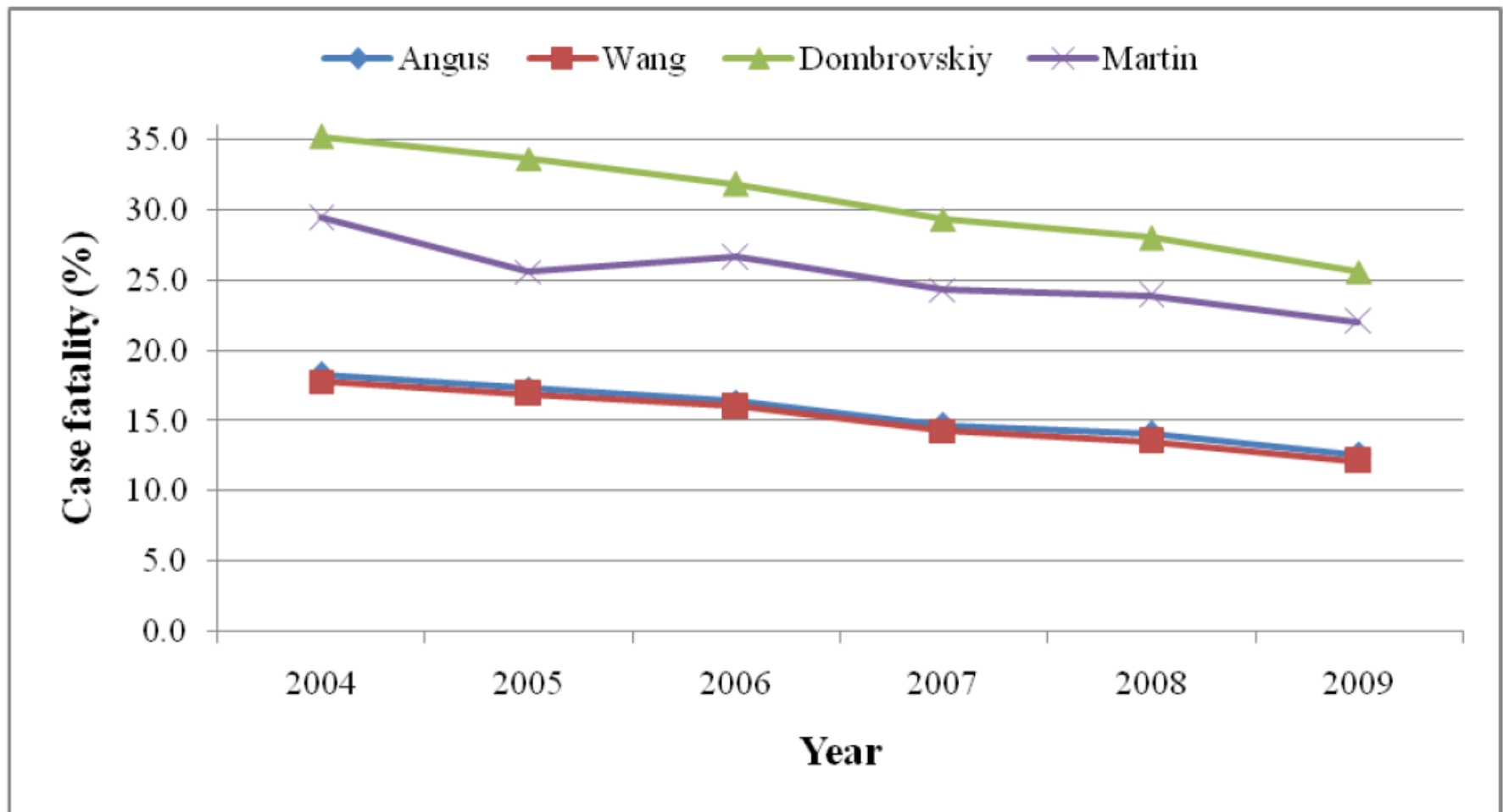
# Epidemiology of Sepsis

Figure 2a: Incidence of Severe Sepsis by Method Over 6-year Period<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> 95% CI < 1% of total for all data points and cannot be represented graphically.

Figure 2b: In-hospital Case Fatality of Severe Sepsis by Method<sup>1</sup>



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# Know Your Hospital's Baseline

# Severe Sepsis Cohorts Derived From Claims-Based Strategies Appear to be Biased Toward a More Severely Ill Patient Population\*

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**TABLE 2. Sensitivities of Two Different Code Abstraction Methods for Identifying Cases of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock Determined by Patient-Level Data**

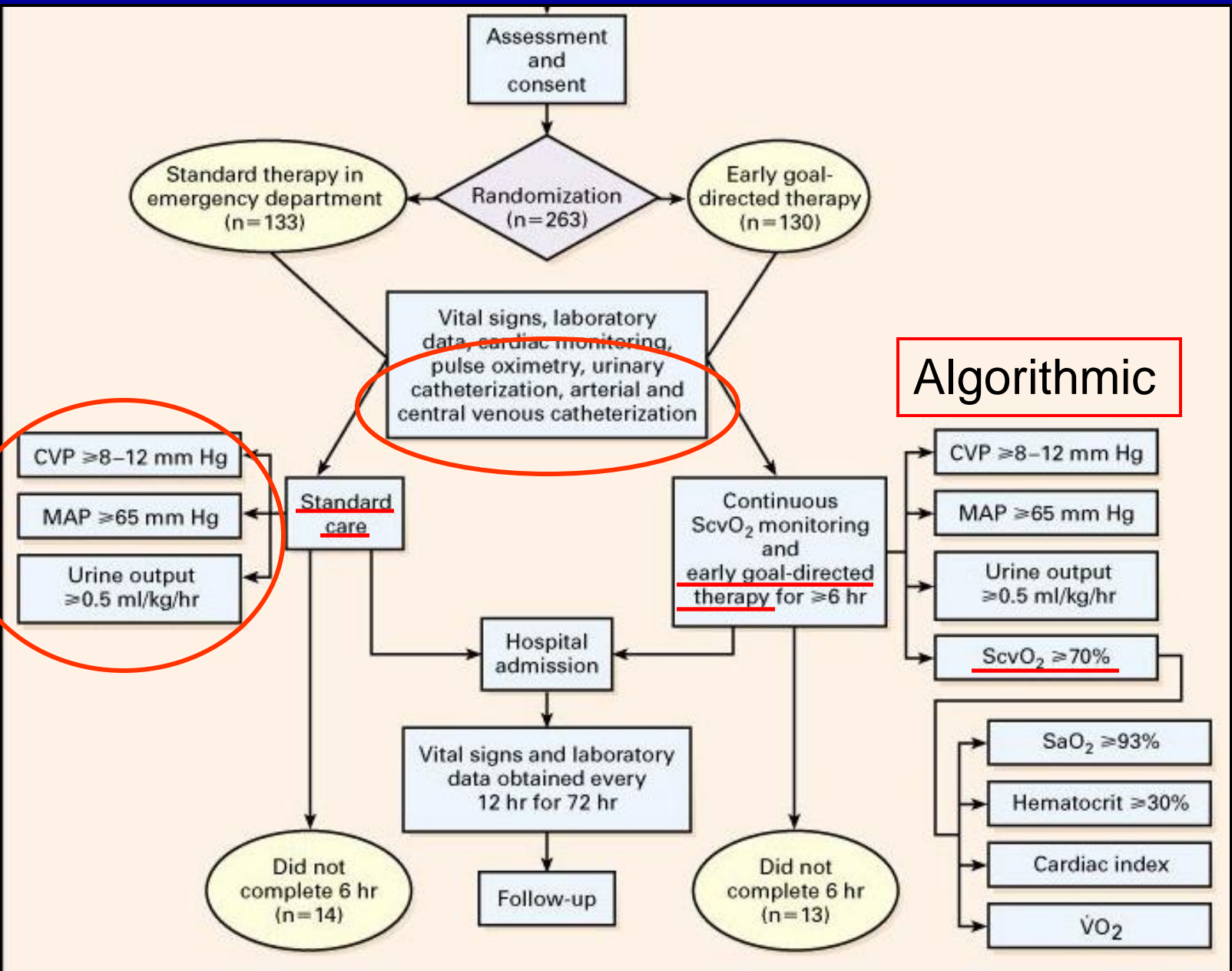
Code Abstraction Method	Sensitivity to Identify Severe Sepsis Cases ( $n = 1735$ ) <sup>a</sup>	95% Confidence Interval
1. Severe sepsis (ICD-9-specific coding method, 995.92)	20.5%	18.6% to 22.4%
2. Combining end-organ dysfunction and infection codes (the Angus coding method)	47.2%	44.8% to 49.5%
Code Abstraction Method	Sensitivity to Identify Septic Shock Cases ( $n = 321$ ) <sup>a</sup>	95% Confidence Interval
1. Severe sepsis (ICD-9-specific coding method, 995.92)	49.5%	44.0% to 55.0%
2. Septic shock (ICD-9-specific coding method, 785.52)	42.4%	37.0% to 47.8%
3. Combining end-organ dysfunction and infection codes (the Angus coding method)	75.1%	70.4% to 79.8%

ICD-9 = *International Classification of Diseases*, 9th Revision.

<sup>a</sup>Cases of septic shock ( $n = 321$ ) were encompassed within the severe sepsis ( $n = 1735$ ) population.

Categorical data are presented as proportions.

# Getting Started



Algorithmic



# Our patient. Next steps?

- Other easily obtainable data?
- What if lactate = 1.4 mmol/L?
- What if lactate = 4.1 mmol/L?
- EMR algorithm utilizes CC + VS to generate an automatic order for a serum lactate
- Drawn by EMT 10 minutes after triage
- Sent to the critical care laboratory for analysis



# Recognition

Emergency Department = 36			Rapid Care = 4				Waiting Room					
Time	UnAtt	PT	Gender	Complaint	C	Age	BP	Temp	Pulse	O2Sat	Resp	Re
13:43 01/28	51		Male	Inj, Shoul	2	56 Years	157/100	97.9	99		14	14
13:59 01/28	84		Male	CP	2	51 Years	153/90	96.4	105	96	14	14
14:22 01/28	10		Female	HTN	2	77 Years	197/89	96.4	87		14	15
14:28 01/28	33		Female	Abcess	2	77 Years	128/49	96.1	81		14	15
15:27 01/28	17		Female	CO	2	20 Years	128/77	96.8	72	99	14	
15:34 01/28	11		Female	Sr Thrt	2	21 Years	117/81	96.5	86		14	
12:56 01/28	163		Female	HyperG	3	57 Years	172/89	99.1	94		14	14
13:02 01/28	75		Female	NV	3	18 Years	113/68	96.7	70		14	14
13:05 01/28	79		Male	HTN	3	45 Years	151/83	97.8	64		14	14
15:20 01/28	23		Male	HA	3	39 Years	136/93	97.7	80		14	
15:41 01/28	5		Female	GYN	3	28 Years	117/81	101.6	105		14	
15:44 01/28	1		Female	Dizzy	3	29 Years	135/99	96.8	82		14	
14:52 01/28	54		Male	Pain, Back	4	58 Years	147/97	97.9	85		14	

# Need for Early Recognition

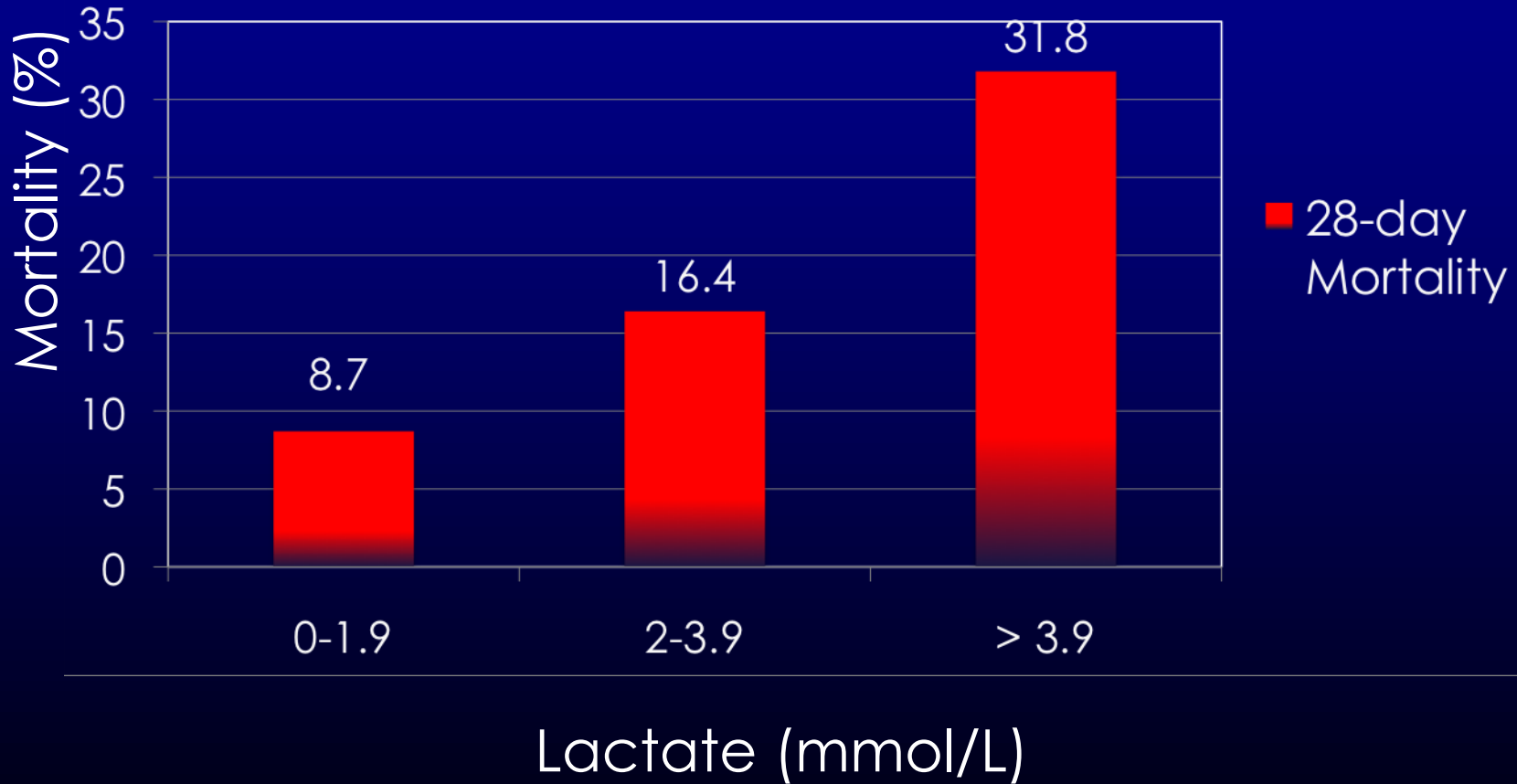
SIRS criteria and systolic  
blood pressure  $\leq 90$  mm Hg  
or lactate  $\geq 4$  mmol/liter

# SIRS, Severe Sepsis

- Historically => very sensitive; but not specific
- Shapiro => neither sensitive nor specific
- 3102 pts, suspect infection (blood Cx drawn)
  - 34% of severe sepsis pts didn't meet SIRS criteria
  - 24% of septic shock pts didn't meet SIRS criteria
- Need other methods

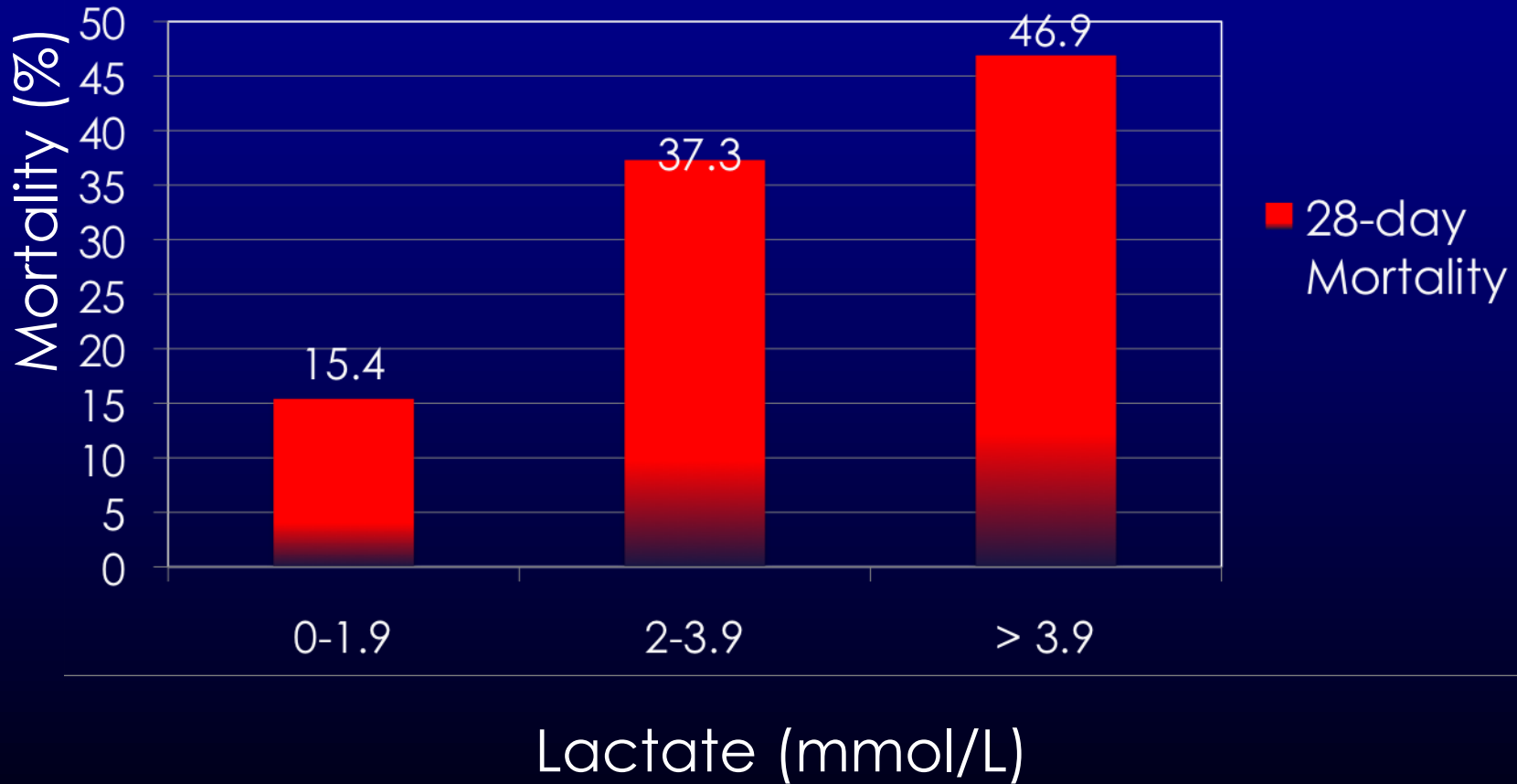
# ED Lactate in Severe Sepsis

Normotensive



# ED Lactate in Severe Sepsis

Hypotensive



# Our Case: Changing Severity



# Protocolized Care

- Lactate = 5.4 mmol/L → Treatment room
- 2 18 gauge IVs placed
- Bedside ECHO:
  - Under-filled RV; > 50% IVC collapse
- 3 L NSS in 1 hr
- WBC=16.5; Tbili=2.7; AST/ALT 335/284
- Repeat VS: BP 128/82; HR 84; RR 24
- Bedside ultrasound:
  - + Gallstones; + GBWT

# Protocolized Care

- Continue volume resuscitation (I/O: 4550/20)
- Repeat Lactate: 3.2 mmol/L
- Repeat ECHO:
  - Decreased EF 45%; --IVC collapse negligible
- MAP decreased to 55 mmHg
  - A-line, L FA; CVC R IJV under US guidance
  - Started on NE and Dobut
- Vanco, Pip-Tazo, 1<sup>st</sup>, 50 min post-triage



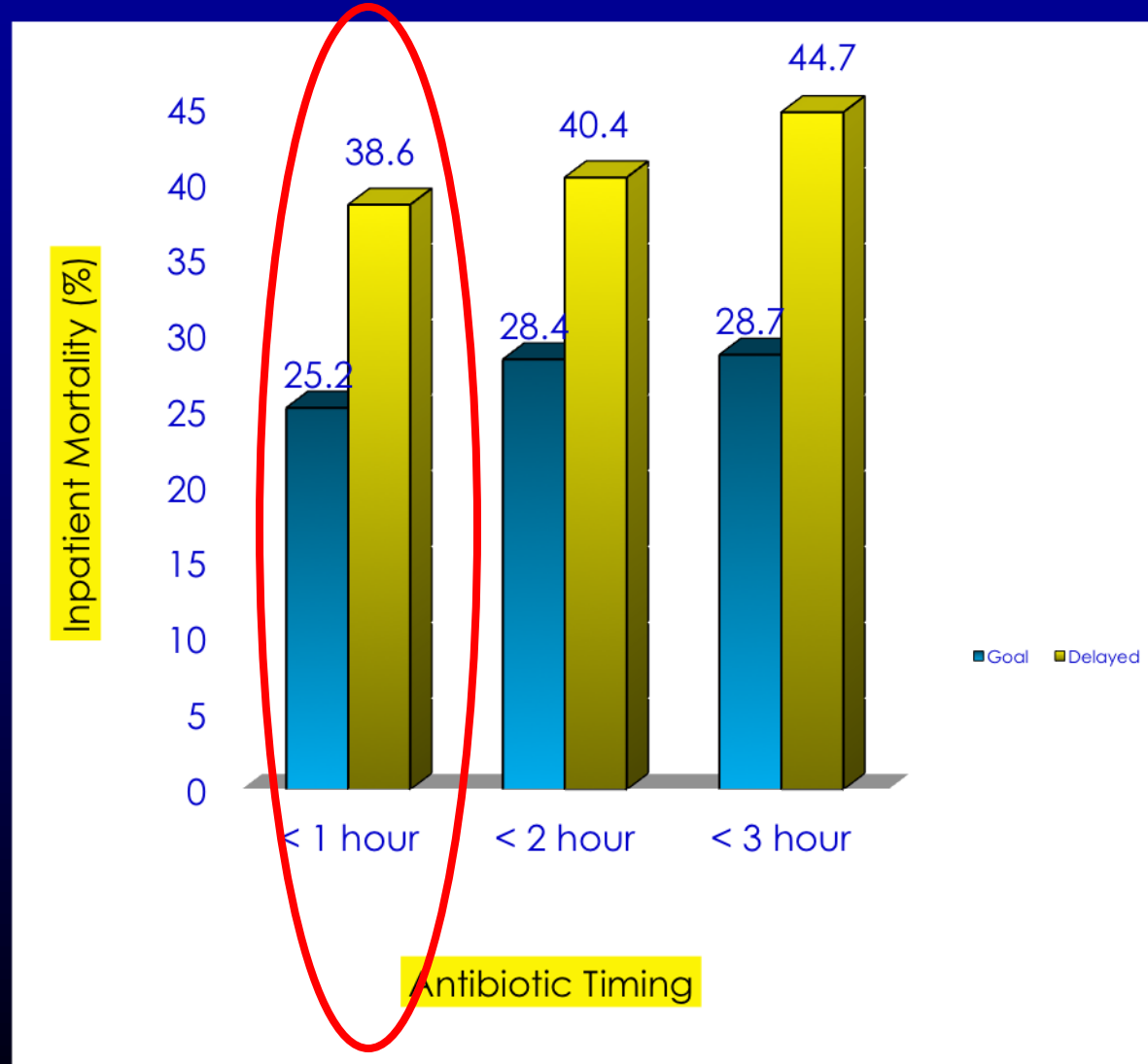
# Time to Antibiotics

Impact of time to antibiotics on survival in patients with severe sepsis or septic shock in whom early goal-directed therapy was initiated in the emergency department

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- Study the relationship between time to antibiotics and mortality in patients treated with EGDT in the ED
- 261 patients
- Average time to antibiotics:
  - Triage to antibiotics: 119 minutes
  - Qual for EGDT to antibiotics: 42 minutes

# Time Qual for EGDT to Appropriate Antibiotics





### Pre-Antibiotic Guidelines

Begin immediately after 2 sets of blood + other cultures drawn, lactate etc

#### Broad-Spectrum Antimicrobials:

+ Cefepime 1 gm IV <sup>(1)</sup>  
+ Vancomycin 1 gm ( $\leq 70$  kg) or  
1.5 gm ( $> 70$  kg) IV  
 $\pm$  Amikacin 15 mg/kg or  
7.5 mg/kg (CrCl  $< 20$ ) IV <sup>(4)</sup>

No

PCN  
Allergy

Yes

#### Broad-Spectrum Antimicrobials:

+ Levofloxacin 750 mg IV  
+ Vancomycin 1 gm ( $\leq 70$  kg) or  
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#### Community Acquired Pneumonia:

+ Azithromycin 500mg IV <sup>(2)</sup>

#### Anaerobic Source:

+ Metronidazole 500 mg IV <sup>(3)</sup>

#### On TPN:

+ Fluconazole 400 mg IV

#### Prolonged Neutropenia $\pm$

#### Steroids:

+ Caspofungin 70 mg IV

$\pm$  Hydrocortisone 50-100 mg IV

# Preventing Readmissions



# Post-Discharge Problems

“Unfortunately, discharge from a severe sepsis hospitalization is all too often the beginning of the end”

# Readmissions @ Penn

- Admitted with septic shock and discharged alive to a non-hospice, 2007-2010
- 269 at-risk survivors:
  - 63 (23.4%) readmitted within 30 days of discharge
  - 16% resulted in death or d/c to hospice
  - 46% of readmits were infection-related
- Is “sepsis follow-up clinic” the answer?
  - Piloted @ Vanderbilt

# Case Conclusion

- Evaluated by ESS
- Went to IR for a percutaneous drain
- E. coli in blood cultures and drainage fluid
- On NE and DOBUT for 3 days
- Clinically stabilized
- Delayed cholecystectomy
- Discharged in good condition on HD-17



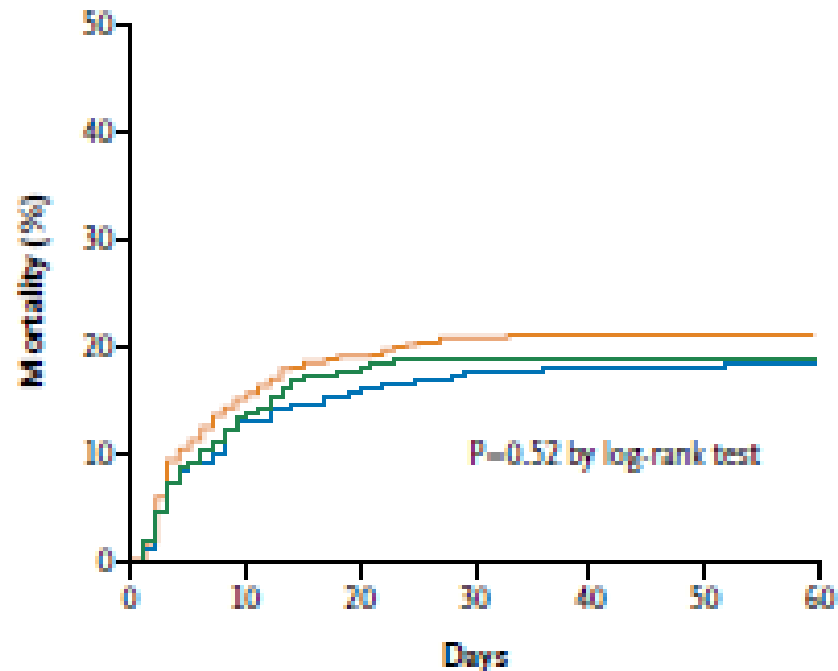
# Sepsis Improvements @ HUP

- Baseline IHM, 2002-2004: 25.4%
- Baseline EGDT era, 2005-2007: 18.9%
- 2009:
  - 532 patients w/ SS
  - IHM: 9.8%
  - 398 pts (75%): 1<sup>st</sup> Lactate > 2.1mmol/L
  - 41% Qual EGDT; 58% Received EGDT
  - Rest modified protocol w/ US, LacClear
- Always tweaking protocol

# ProCESS

Protocol-based EGDT    Protocol-based standard therapy    Usual care

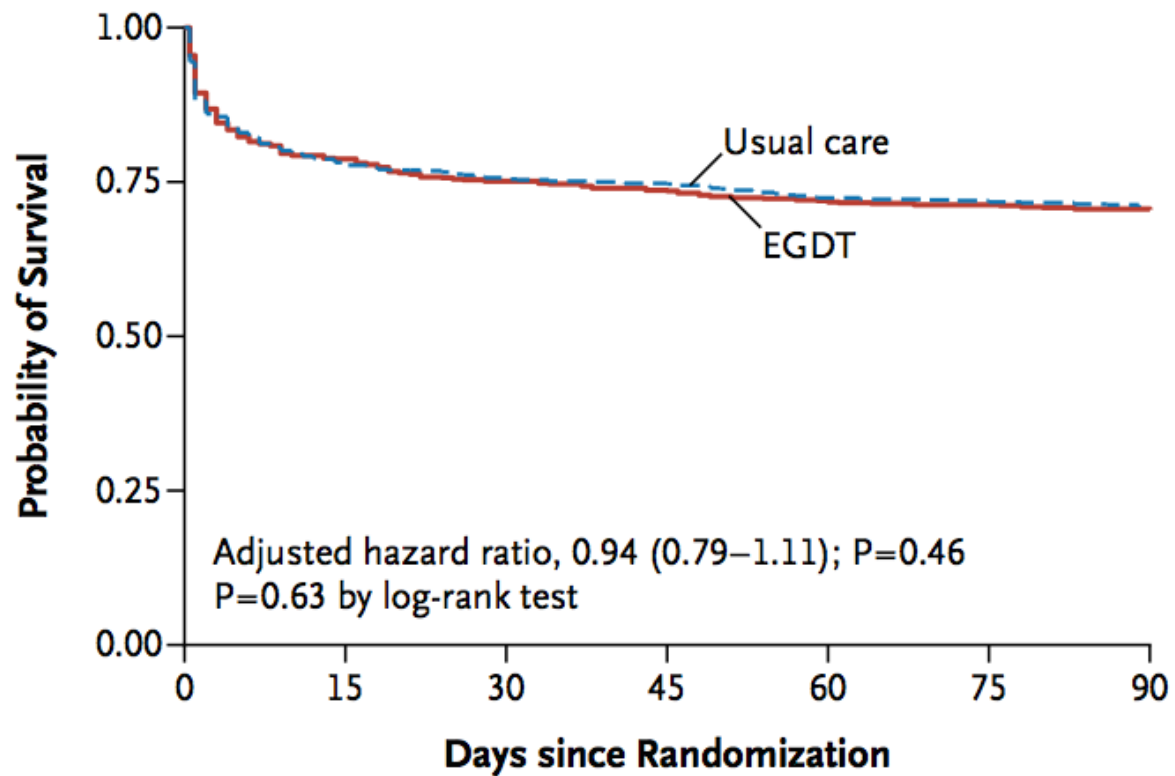
## A Cumulative In-Hospital Mortality to 60 Days



### No. at Risk

Protocol-based EGDT	439	373	356	348	347	347	347
Protocol-based standard therapy	446	389	376	368	366	366	365
Usual care	456	396	376	371	371	371	370

# ProMISe



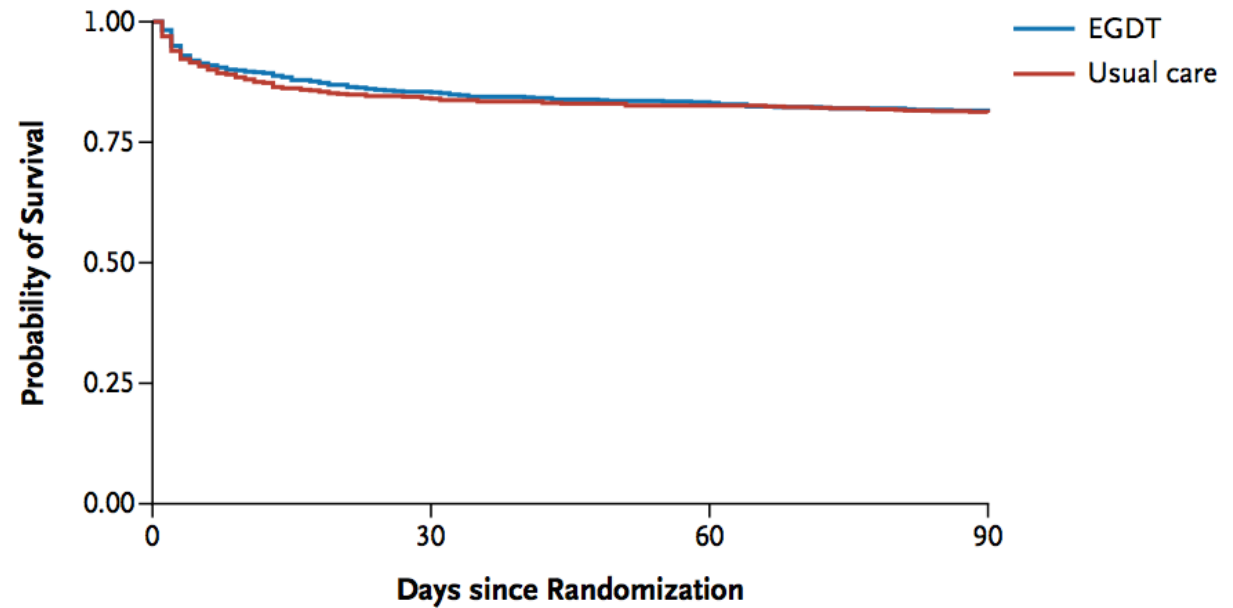
## No. at Risk

EGDT	625	492	470	461	449	445	440
Usual care	626	487	469	464	448	445	439

**Figure 2.** Kaplan–Meier Survival Estimates.

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## A Survival



### No. at Risk

EGDT	792	677	660	646
Usual care	796	670	657	646

# Conclusions

- Huge epidemiologic burden of sepsis
- Know your baseline; know your weak links
- In 2016, “standard care” = “protocolized care”
- Recognition: major hurdle
  - SIRS: Helpful but not infallible
  - Lactate: marker and screening tool; automate
- Track outcomes; modify protocol for institution
- Complications of sepsis continue post-d/c
- Details always changing/further research needed

