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Nuovi score e loro valore predittivo nelle infezioni gravi

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Conflicts of interest

- ❖ Grants from MSD, Pfizer, Shionogi, Gilead, BioMerieux as a speaker



Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines 2016 vs. 2021

Rhodes A et al. *Intensive Care Med* 2017; 43:304–377

We recommend that administration of IV antimicrobials be initiated as soon as possible after recognition and **within 1 h for both sepsis and septic shock** (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence, grade applies to both conditions)

Evans L et al. *Intensive Care Med* 2021; 47: 1181–1247

For adults with possible **septic shock** or a high likelihood for sepsis, we recommend administering antimicrobials immediately, ideally **within 1 h** of recognition (strong recommendation, low quality of evidence)

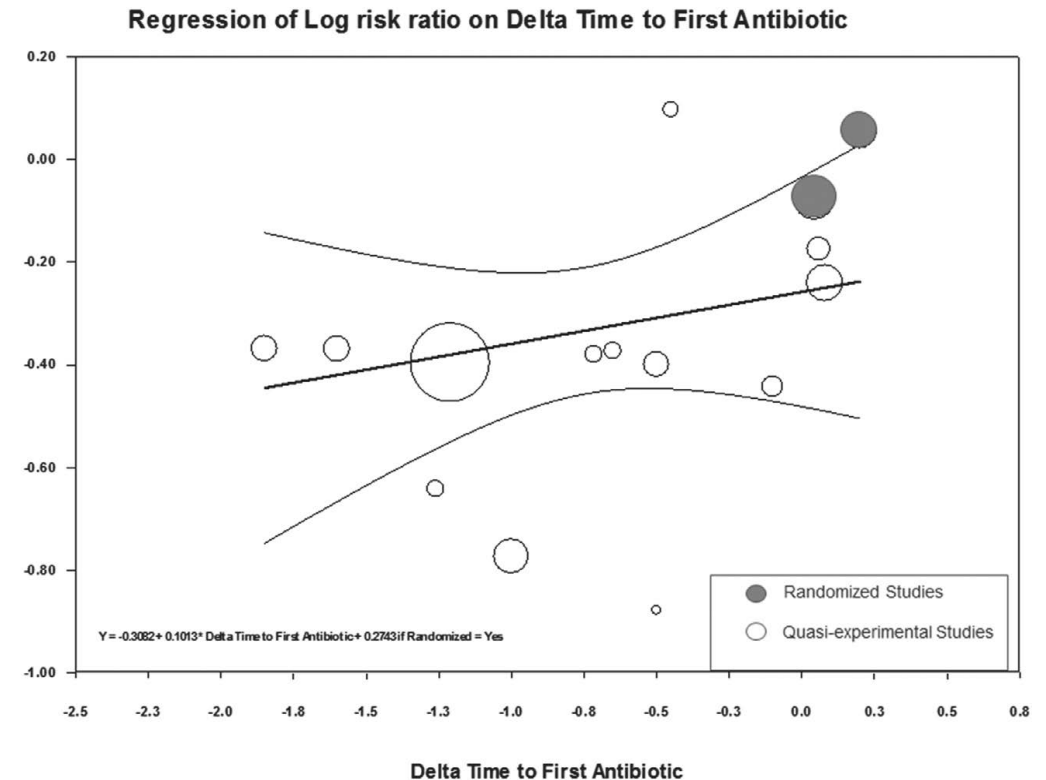
For adults with possible **sepsis without shock**, we suggest a **time-limited course of rapid investigation** and if concern for infection persists, the administration of antimicrobials **within 3 h** from the time when sepsis was first recognized (weak recommendation, very low quality of evidence)



Early goal-directed therapy for sepsis: A novel solution for discordant survival outcomes in clinical trials

Kalil AC et al Crit Care Med 2017; 45:607–614

- ❖ 31 Obs studies (n = 15,656), 6 RCTs (n=4,342)
 - ✓ Obs mortality reduction (RR = 0.73, 0.67–0.80)
 - ✓ RCTs non significant mortality reduction (RR = 0.92 0.78–1.07)

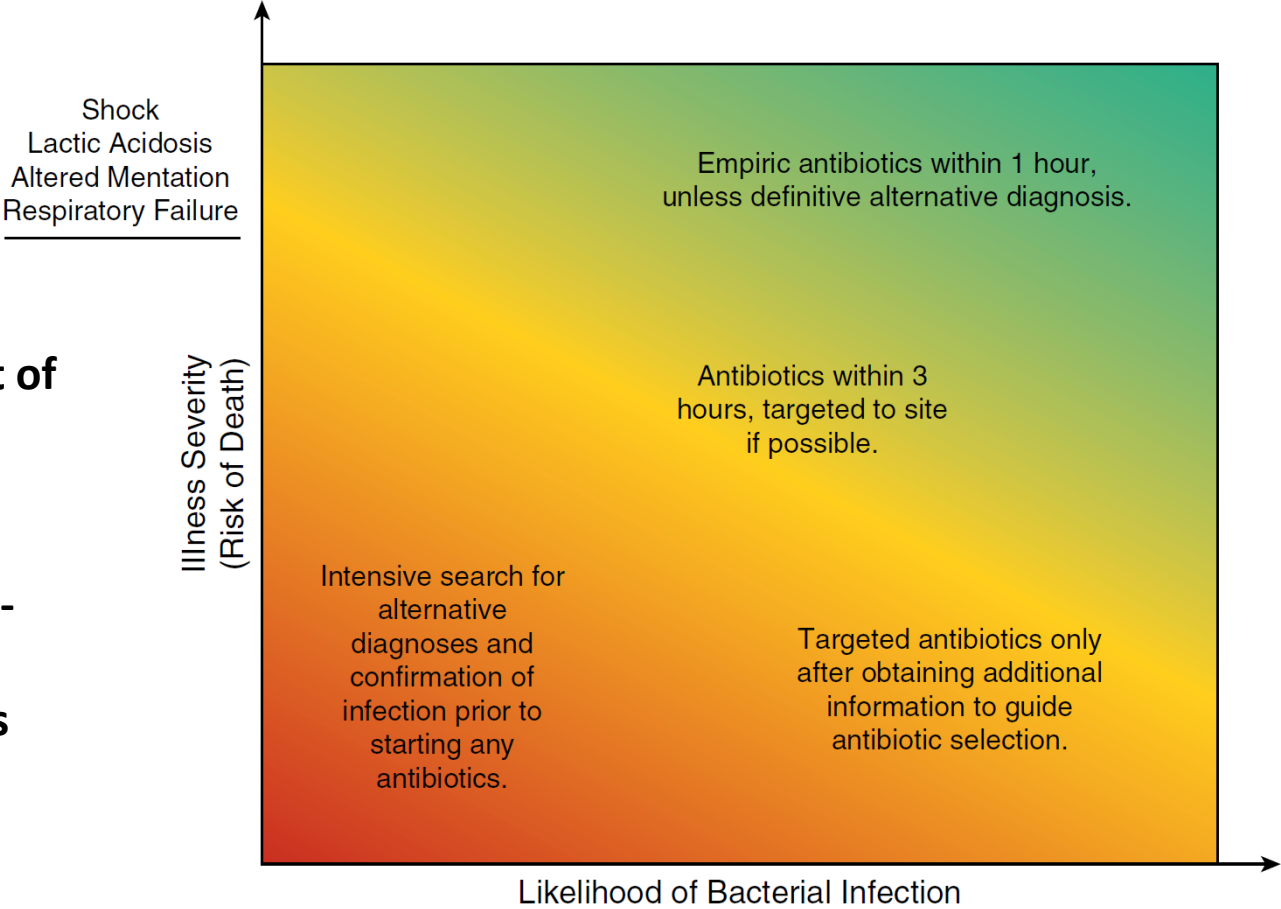


- ❖ Factors that explained the statistically significant mortality differences between RCT and obs studies were **time-to-first antibiotic [6 hours (R2 = 94%), 4 hours (R2 = 99%), 3 hours (R2 = 99%)], and appropriate antibiotic use (R2 = 96%)**

Improving Sepsis Treatment by Embracing Diagnostic Uncertainty

Prescott Annals ATS Volume 16 Number 4 | April 2019

Framework for Timing and Broadness of Initial Antimicrobials



Illness Severity: assessment of the patient’s risk of death based on pre-existing risk factors (e.g. age, chronic medical condition, immune-suppression) and acute physiological derangements

Likelihood of Bacterial infection: assessment of clinical signs and symptoms of infection, initial laboratories, imaging

Conditions that can Mimic Sepsis & Septic Shock

GI Disease

- Intestinal perforation
- Bowel obstruction
- Volvulus
- Pancreatitis
- Inflammatory bowel disease

Pulmonary disease

- ARDS
- Pulmonary embolism
- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis
- Aspiration pneumonitis
- Pneumothorax
- COPD/asthma exacerbation

CNS disease

- Seizure
- Intracranial hemorrhage

Drugs & toxins

- Drug overdose
- Drug withdrawal
- Medication toxicity
- Alcohol intoxication

Malignancies

- Lymphoma
- Hemophagocytic syndrome
- Tumor lysis syndrome

Vascular disease

- Mesenteric ischemia
- Antiphospholipid syndrome
- Cholesterol emboli
- Air emboli
- Vasculitis

Cardiac disease

- Congestive heart failure
- Myocardial infarction
- Cardiac arrhythmias

Endocrine disease

- Adrenal insufficiency
- Hyperthyroid storm
- Diabetic ketoacidosis

Others

- Compartment syndrome
- Severe burns
- Urinary retention

Heffner, Clin Infect Dis 2010;50:814-820
Contou, Critical Care 2016;20:360
Klein Klouwenberg, Crit Care 2015;19:319



Recognition of Sepsis in the Immunocompromised Patient

- ❖ 109,663 ICU pts with infection and organ failure
- ❖ SIRS missed one patient in eight with severe sepsis
- ❖ SIRS neg
 - **Immunosuppression OR 1.28**
 - **End stage liver diseases OR 1.37**
 - **Leukemia OR 1.50**

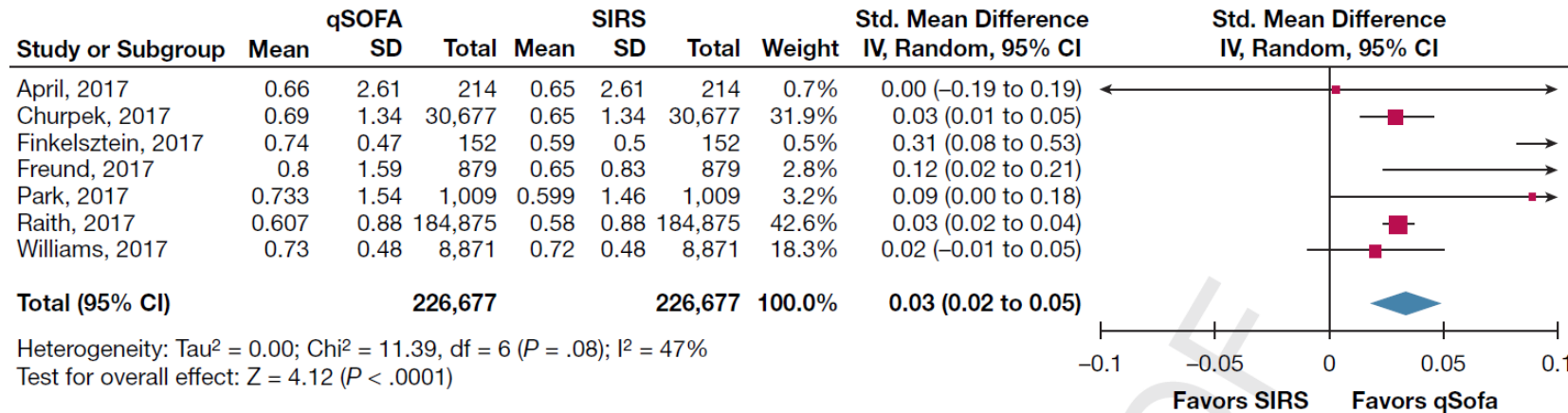
Kirsi-Maija Kaukonen et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:1629



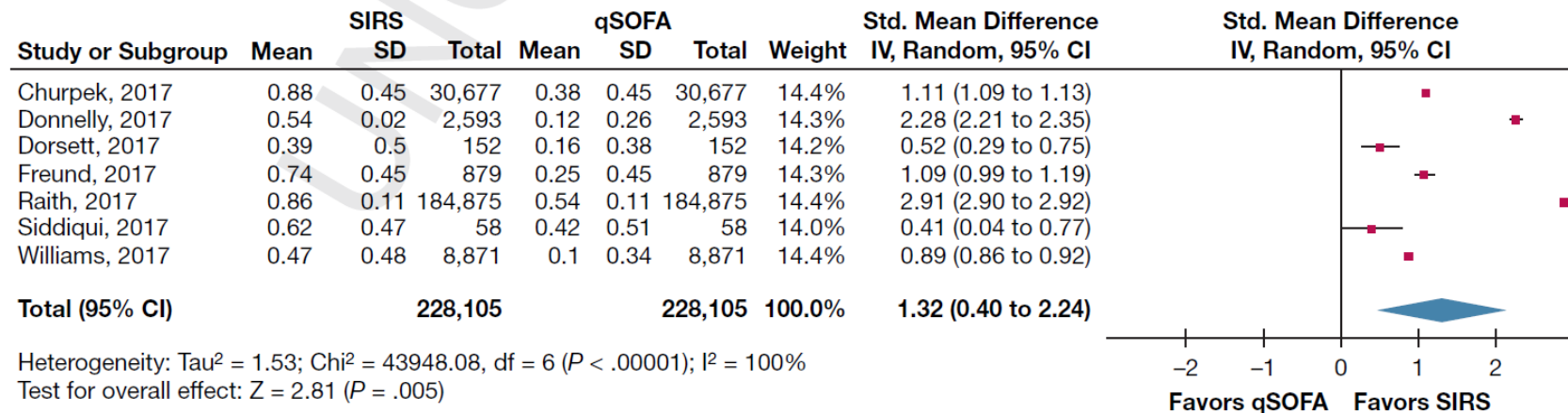
A Comparison of the Quick-SOFA and Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome Criteria for the Diagnosis of Sepsis and Prediction of Mortality: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

Serafim R et al Chest 2017 Dec 28.

Mortality



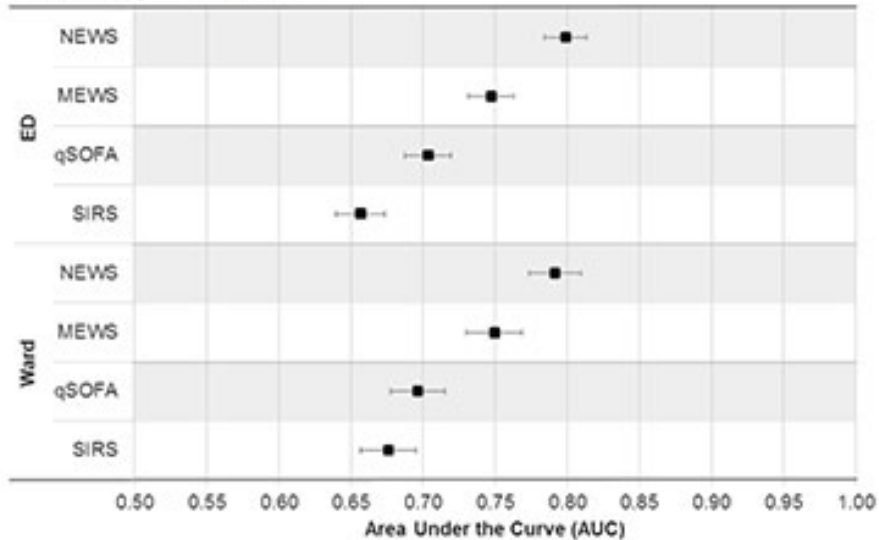
Diagnosis of sepsis



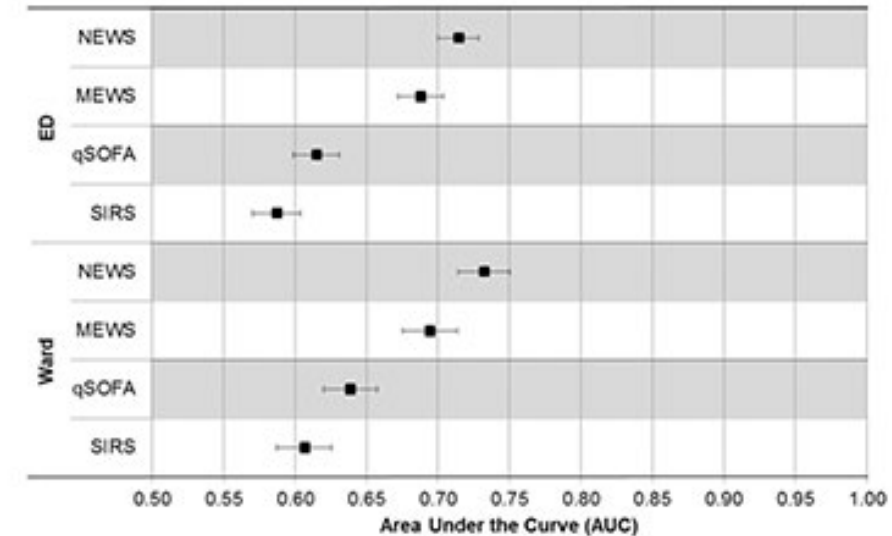
30,677 patients in the emergency department and ward at the University of Chicago

Overall test performance

Mortality outcome



Mortality or ICU admission



Select cutoffs to predict mortality or ICU transfer

	Sensitivity	Specificity
SIRS \geq 2	91%	13%
qSOFA \geq 2	54%	67%
NEWS \geq 7	77%	53%
NEWS \geq 8	67%	66%
NEWS \geq 9	54%	78%

qSOFA is an insensitive and late indicator of deterioration

Churpek et al. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine 2016; 195 7



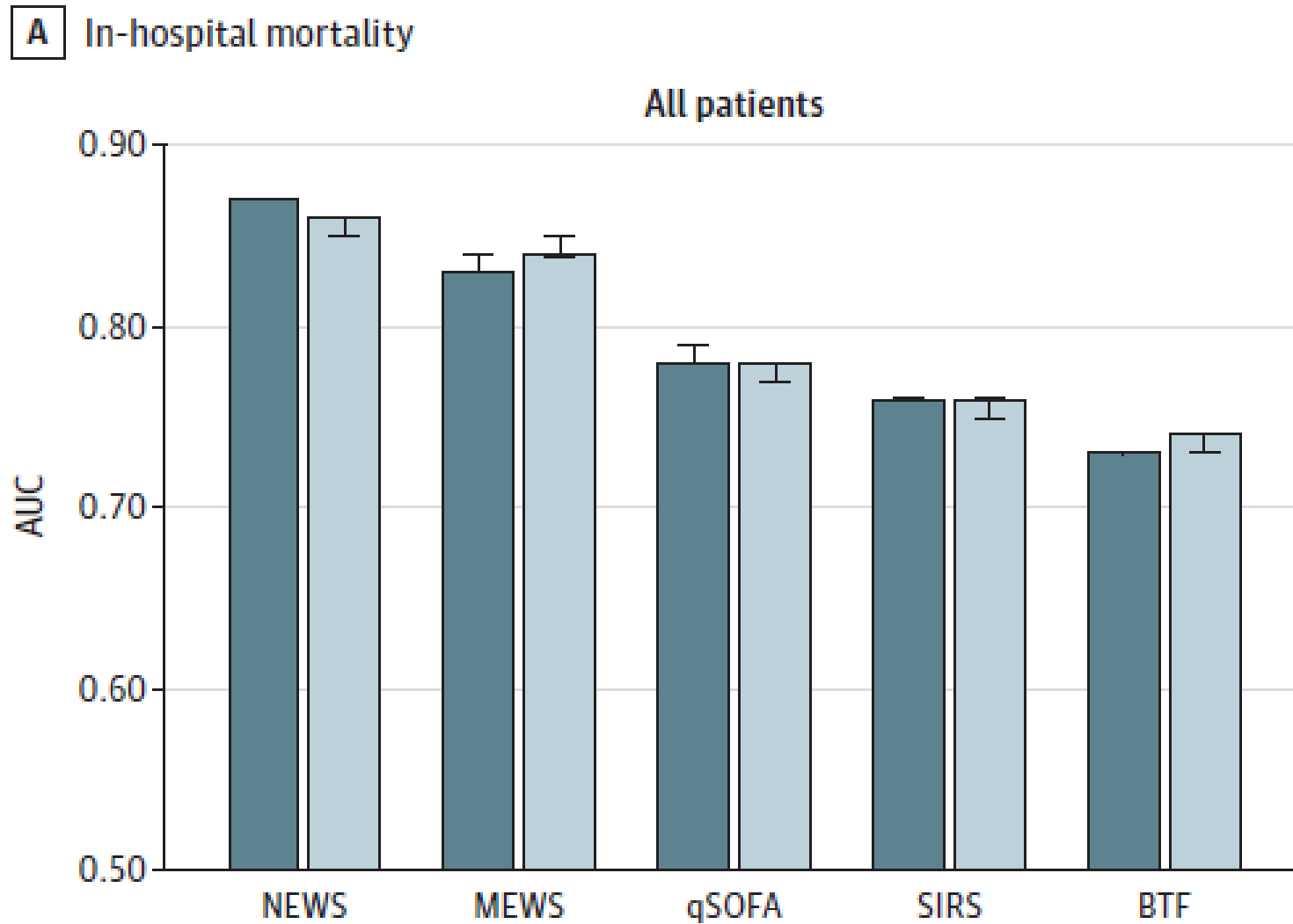
Components of SIRS, qSOFA, MEWS, and NEWS

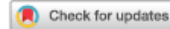
	SIRS	qSOFA	MEWS	NEWS
Temperature	✓		✓	✓
Heart rate	✓		✓	✓
Blood pressure		✓	✓	✓
Respiratory rate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oxygen saturation				✓
Use of supplemental oxygen				✓
Mental status		✓	✓	✓
Leukocyte count	✓			
Urine Output			✓	



Comparison of EarlyWarning Scoring Systems for Hospitalized Patients **With and Without Infection** at Risk for In-Hospital Mortality and Transfer to the Intensive Care Unit

Liu V JAMA Netw Open 2020 May 1;3(5):e205191.





Prospective, multi-site study of patient outcomes after implementation of the TREWS machine learning-based early warning system for sepsis

Roy Adams^{1,2}, Katharine E. Henry^{2,3}, Anirudh Sridharan⁴, Hossein Soleimani⁵, Andong Zhan Nishi Rawat⁶, Lauren Johnson⁷, David N. Hager⁸, Sara E. Cosgrove⁸, Andrew Markowski⁹, Eili Y. Klein¹⁰, Edward S. Chen⁸, Mustapha O. Saheed¹⁰, Maureen Henley⁷, Sheila Miranda¹¹, Katrina Houston⁷, Robert C. Linton⁴, Anushree R. Ahluwalia⁷, Albert W. Wu^{6,8,12,13,14} and Suchi Saria^{1,3,8,12,15}

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Effectiveness of automated alerting system compared to usual care for the management of sepsis

Zhongheng Zhang^{1,12}, Lin Chen^{2,12}, Ping Xu^{3,4,5,12}, Qing Wang⁶, Jianjun Zhang³, Kun Chen², Casey M. Clements⁷, Leo Anthony Cell^{8,9,10}, Vitaly Herasevich¹¹ and Yucai Hong¹

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Original Investigation | Health Informatics

Sepsis Prediction Model for Determining Sepsis vs SIRS, qSOFA, and SOFA

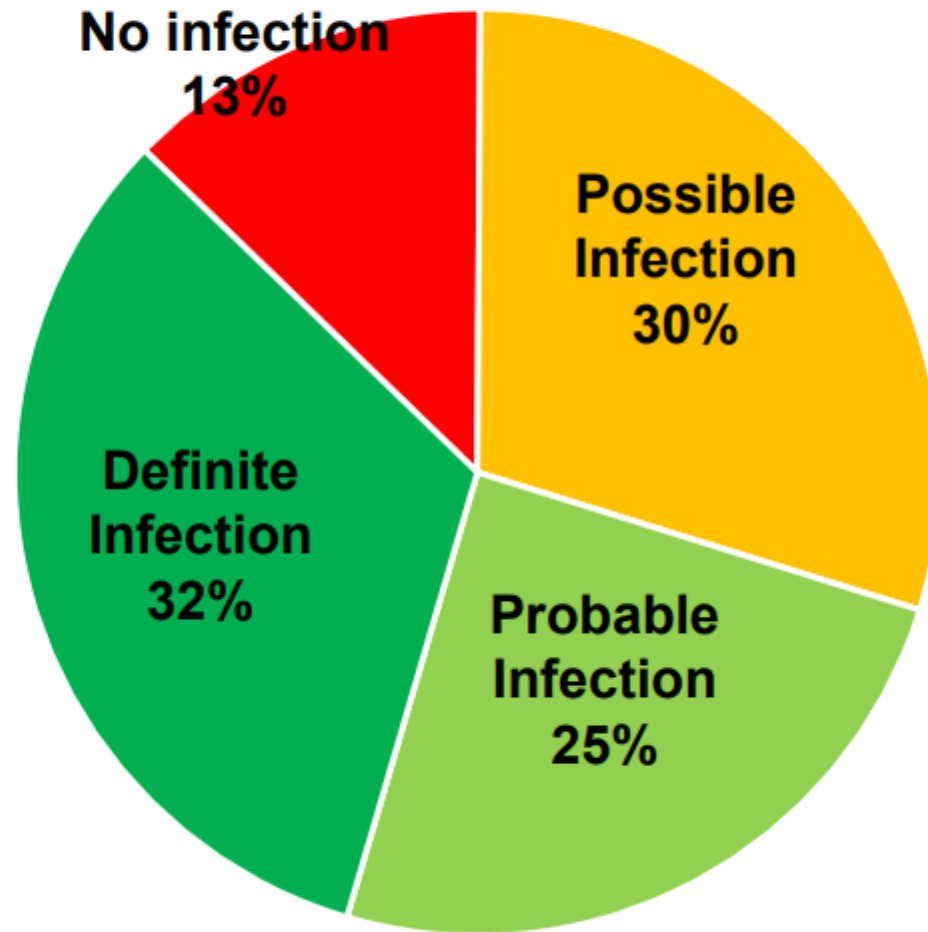
Adam R. Schertz, MD, MS; Kristin M. Lenoir, MPH; Alain G. Bertoni, MD, MPH; Beverly J. Levine, PhD; Morgana Mongraw-Chaffin, PhD; Karl W. Thomas, MD

Sepsis was defined as receipt of 4 or more days of antimicrobials, blood cultures collected within 48 hours of initial antimicrobial, and at least 1 organ dysfunction (eSOFA)



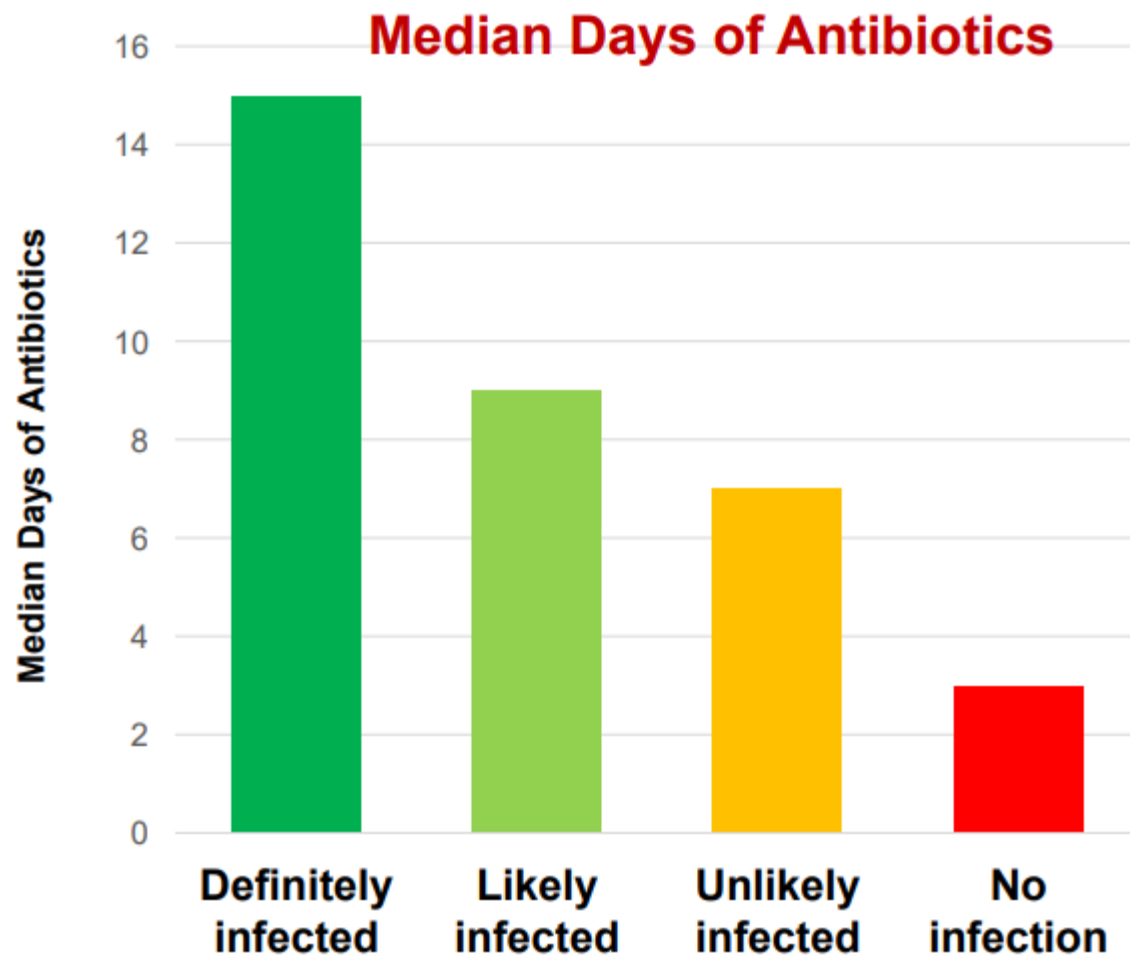
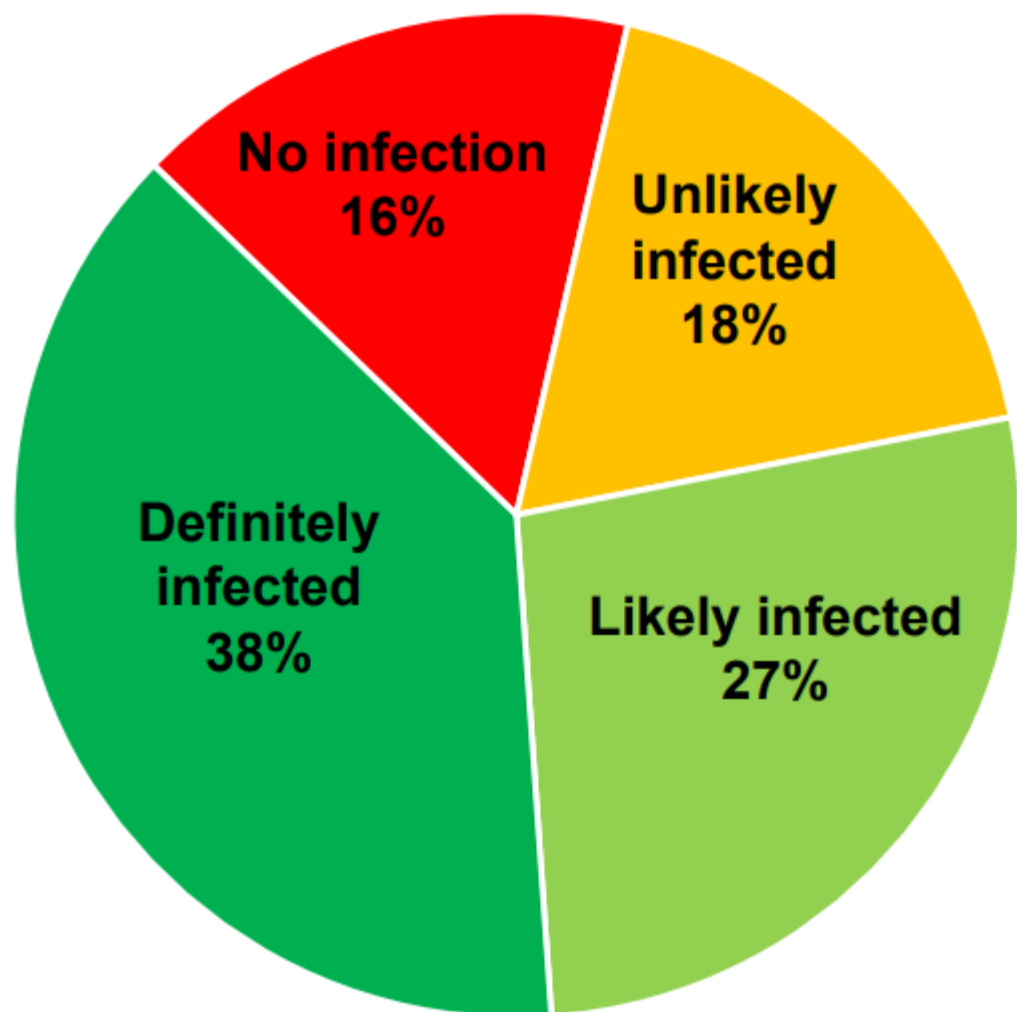
Up to 40% of ICU Patients with “Sepsis” Are Not Infected...

Retrospective analysis of 2,579 patients admitted to 2 Dutch ICUs and treated for sepsis



Up to 35% of ED patients who get IV antibiotics uninfected

Retrospective analysis of 300 ED patients in whom blood cultures were drawn and IV antibiotics given, 4 Harvard Hospitals



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	Pre Phase (N = 195)	Post Phase (N = 187)	P Value
Blood culture before antibiotics (%)	21	85	<.001
Etiological diagnosis (%)	9	42	<.001
Appropriate empiric antibiotic therapy (%)	30	79	<.001
De-escalation with microbiological data (%)	13	46	<.001
De-escalation without microbiological data (%)	17	16	.993
All-cause 14-day mortality (%)	40	29	.002



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Variable	HR	95% CI	P Value
qSOFA score ≥ 2	1.68	1.15-2.45	.007
serum lactate ≥ 2 mmol/L	2.13	1,39-3.25	<.001
unknown infection source	2.07	1.42-3.02	<.001
being attended by «sepsis team» during post phase	0.64	0.43-0.94	.026



Improving Decision Making in Empiric Antibiotic Selection (IDEAS) for Gram-negative Bacteremia: A Prospective Clinical Implementation Study

Elligsen et al Clin Infect Dis 2020

- ❖ qSOFA <3, threshold of 80% coverage
- ❖ qSOFA ≥3, threshold of 90% coverage

Report: Assessment Note [Show Details](#)

Improving Decision Making in Empiric Antibiotic Selection (IDEAS) Feedback Form

Klebsiella oxytoca has now been isolated and identified from your patient's blood cultures. Based on epidemiologic models* the Klebsiella oxytoca has the following probabilities of susceptibility:

- Ciprofloxacin: >80% Probability
- Pip-Tazo: >80% Probability
- Ceftriaxone: >80% Probability
- Ertapenem: >80% Probability
- Ceftazidime: >80% Probability

Based on the above probabilities the antibiotic this patient is currently receiving (pip-tazo) is predicted to provide adequate coverage of their bacteremia but narrower spectrum agents are also suitable (Ceftriaxone 1g IV Q24H).

The antimicrobial stewardship pharmacist is available at p4116 for dosing/prescribing support.

*Daneman et al. Clin Micro Infect Dis. 2018.



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	Control N=201 (%)	Intervention N=182 (%)	p
Narrowest adequate therapy at culture finalization	88 (44)	100 (55)	.04
E. coli and Klebsiella spp., n	160	121	
Narrowest adequate therapy at culture finalization	75 (47)	77 (64)	.01
Difficult-to-treat GN organisms, n	33	49	
Narrowest adequate therapy at culture finalization	8 (24)	17 (35)	.45



Management of Gram-Negative Bloodstream Infections in the Era of Rapid Diagnostic Testing: Impact With and Without Antibiotic Stewardship

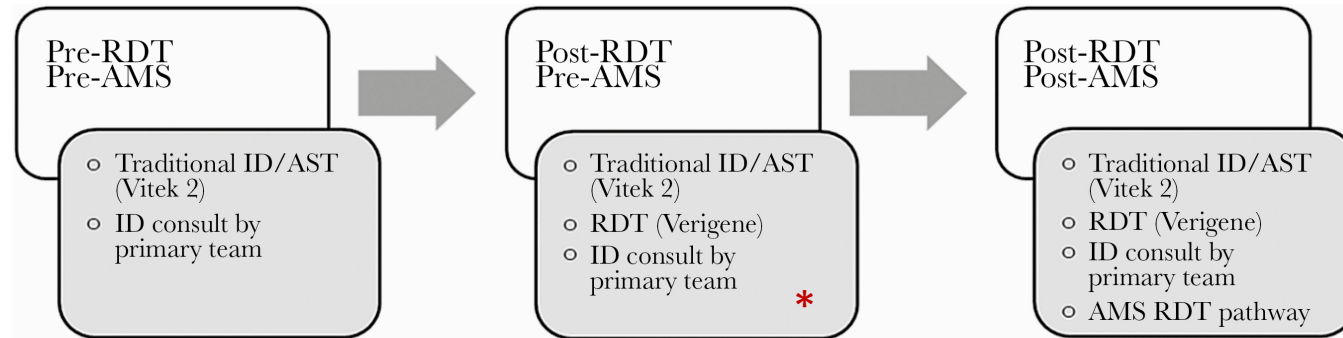
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	Pre-RDT Pre-AMS (n = 237)	Post-RDT Pre-AMS (n = 308)	Post-RDT Post-AMS (n = 287)	p
ID consult within 24 h	50.3%	67.8%	83.6%	<0.001
Optimal therapy (narrowest spectrum)	66.5%	78.9%	83.2%	<0.001
All-cause mortality	15.9%	14.9%	3.8%	<0.001

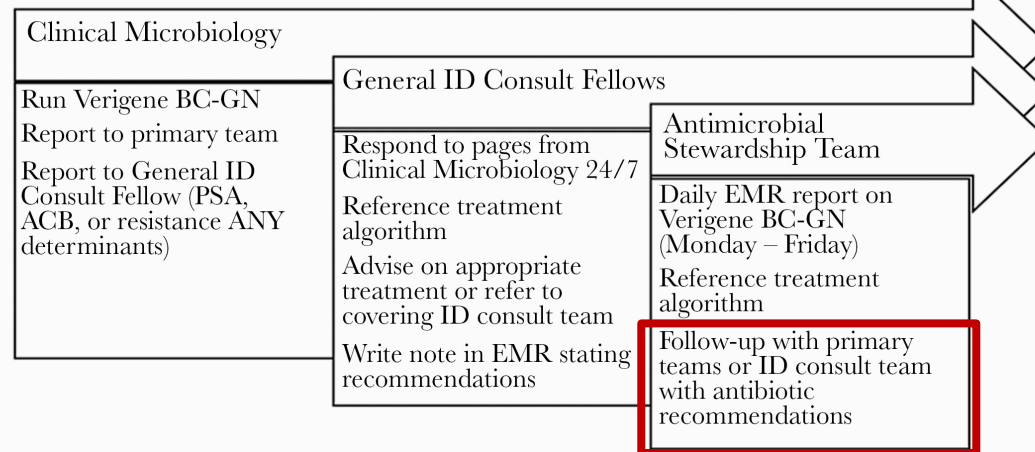


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Antimicrobial Stewardship Team RDT Pathway



***24h/7d**



Starting empirical antimicrobial treatment

1. Certainty of diagnosis
2. Risk of delaying treatment
3. Environmental damage caused by the use of antimicrobial drugs



Starting appropriate empirical antimicrobial treatment

Clinical severity (septic shock, SOFA \geq 2)

- Site of infection acquisition
 - CA, HCA, HA
- Infection source
 - High (primary, lung) vs. low risk (urinary) sources
- **Individual patient risk factors for MDR and/or opportunistic pathogens**
 - Immunosuppression
 - Prior exposure to antibiotics
 - Prior colonization or infection with MDR pathogens
- **Local epidemiology**

**Score building
AI support tool**



**Diagnostic workup
Fast microbiology**



Impact of MDRO colonization

- ❖ Screening strategy (universal vs. high risk patients/units) – local epidemiology
- ❖ Detection methods (**culture-based vs/plus** molecular assays)
- ❖ Timing of colonization (before admission, **during admission**)
- ❖ Lower respiratory tract carriage (high PPV in VAP)
- ❖ Rectal carriage (**low PPV**, high NPV)

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Giannella M et al. Clin Infect Dis 2021;73:e955-e966

Cano A et al. Microbiol Spectr 2022;10:e0197021

Bredin S et al. Journal of Critical Care 2022; 71: 154068

- ❖ Clinical factors
 - ✓ Hospital wide
 - ✓ Specific settings (**ICU, SOT, HM**)
- ❖ Microbiological factors
 - ✓ Multi-site colonization (e.g. throat)
 - ✓ Semiquantitative cultures
 - ✓ Relative abundance (16S rRNA)