

Septic shock in children. Is it different than adults?

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SEPSIS KILLS

Sepsis Cases in the Developing World ⁷

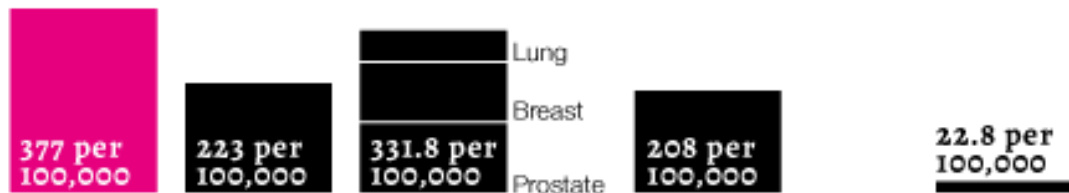


Sepsis kills
>6,000,000

newborn and small children
every year in the Developing world

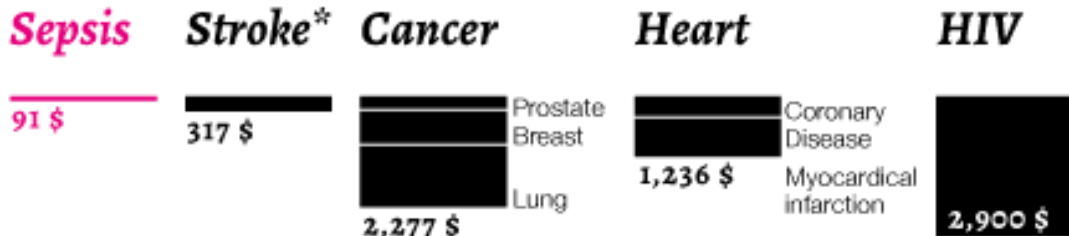
Sepsis is one
of the most
common diseases ¹

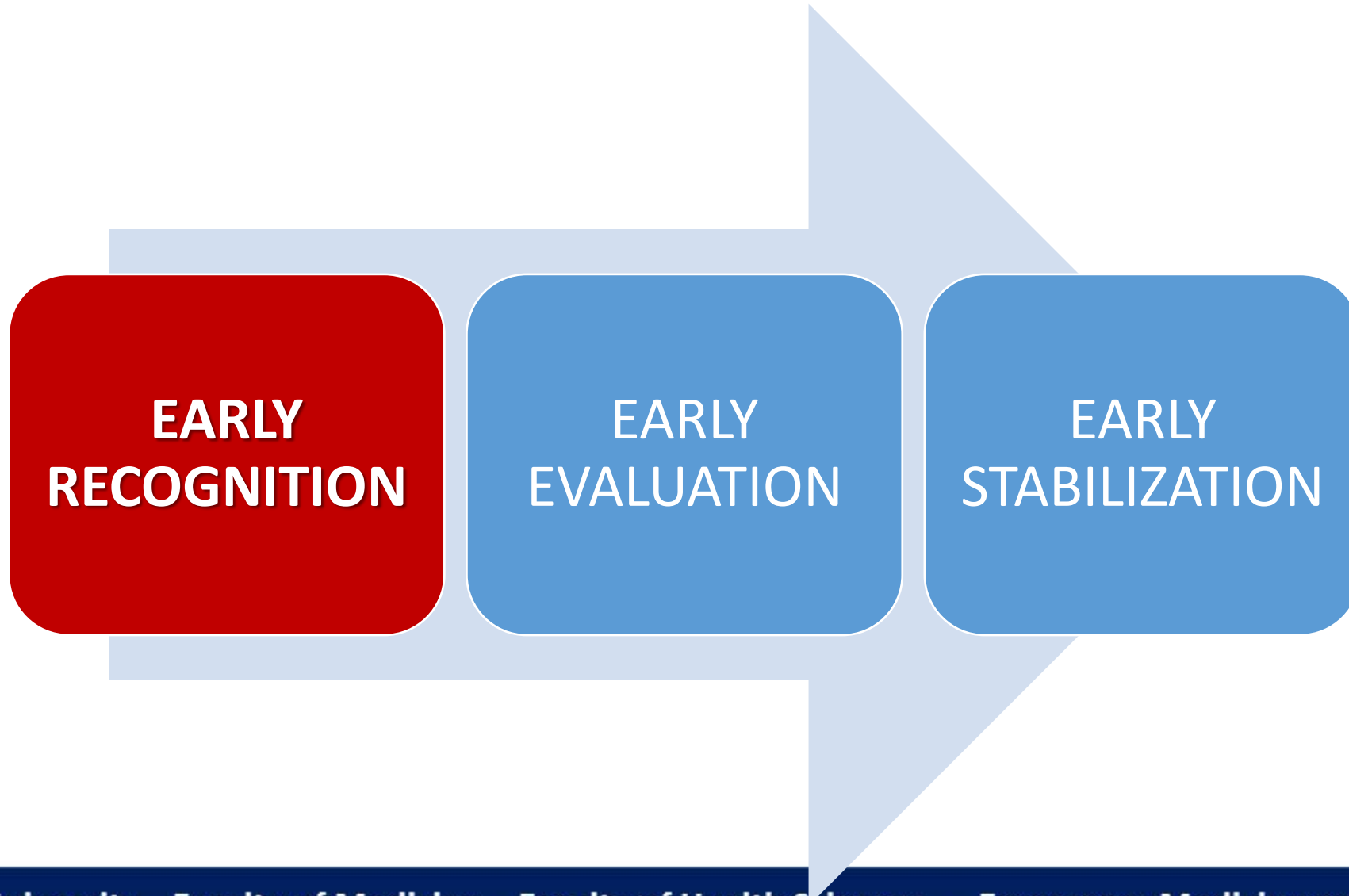
Cases per
100,000 population
(US / *Europe)

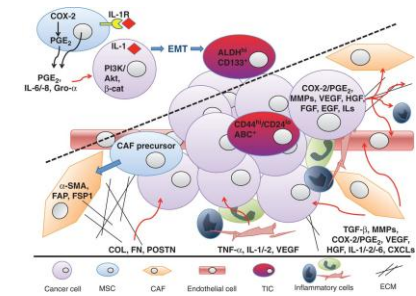
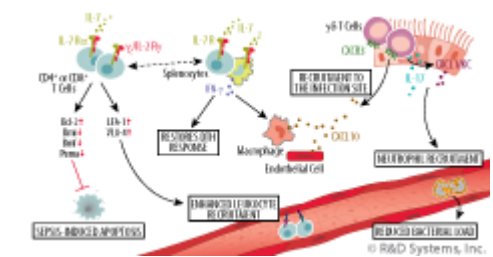
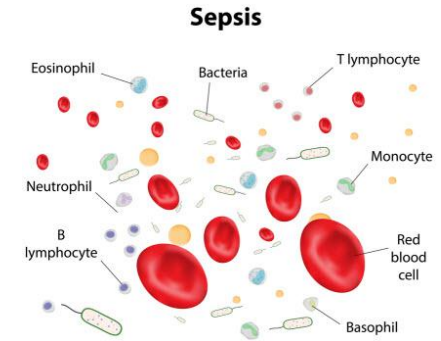
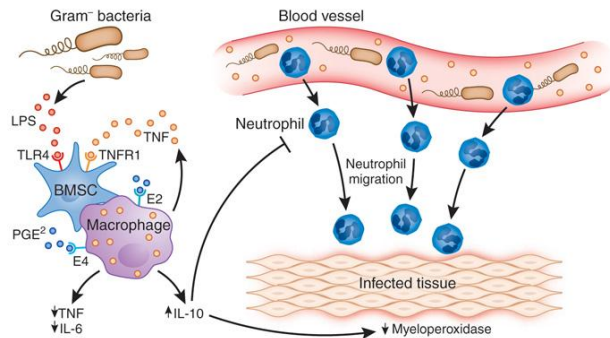
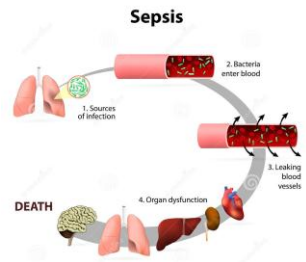
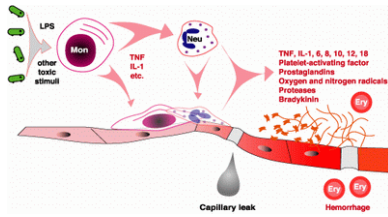


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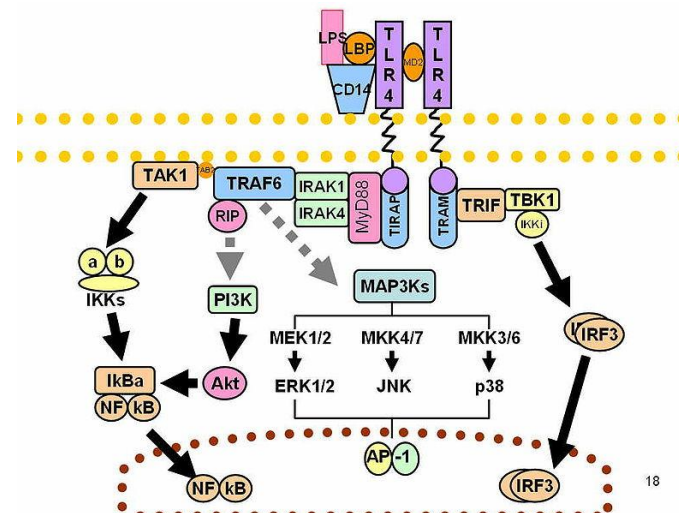
Sepsis research
receives the
lowest funding ²







But how?..



<http://radiopaedia.org/play/2031/case/12221/studies/12534>

<http://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sepsa>

Infection, documented or suspected, and some of the following:

General variables

- Fever ($> 38.3^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Hypothermia (core temperature $< 36^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Heart rate $> 90/\text{min}^{-1}$ or more than two SD above the normal value for age
- Tachypnea
- Altered mental status
- Significant edema or positive fluid balance ($> 20\text{ mL/kg}$ over 24 hr)

Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2012

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- Creatinine increase $> 0.5\text{ mg/dL}$ or $44.2\text{ }\mu\text{mol/L}$
- Coagulation abnormalities (INR > 1.5 or aPTT $> 60\text{ s}$)
- Ileus (absent bowel sounds)
- Thrombocytopenia (platelet count $< 100,000\text{ }\mu\text{L}^{-1}$)
- Hyperbilirubinemia (plasma total bilirubin $> 4\text{ mg/dL}$ or $70\text{ }\mu\text{mol/L}$)

Tissue perfusion variables

- Hyperlactatemia ($> 1\text{ mmol/L}$)
- Decreased capillary refill or mottling

TABLE 2. Severe Sepsis

Severe sepsis definition = Sepsis-induced tissue hypoperfusion or organ dysfunction (any of the following thought to be due to infection)

Sepsis-induced hypotension

Lactate above upper limits laboratory normal

Urine output < 0.5 mL/kg/hr for more than 2 hrs despite adequate fluid resuscitation

Acute lung injury with $P_{aO_2}/F_{iO_2} < 250$ in the absence of another infection source

Acute lung injury with $P_{aO_2}/F_{iO_2} < 200$ in the presence of pneumonia infection source

Creatinine > 2.0 mg/dL (176.8 μ mol/L)

Bilirubin > 2 mg/dL (34.2 μ mol/L)

Platelet count < 100,000 μ L

Coagulopathy (international normalized ratio > 1.5)

Adapted from Levy MM, Fink M, Marshall JC, et al: 2001 SCCM/ESICM/ACCP/ATS/SIS International Sepsis Definitions Conference. *Crit Care Med* 2003; 31: 1250–1256.



SEPSIS-3

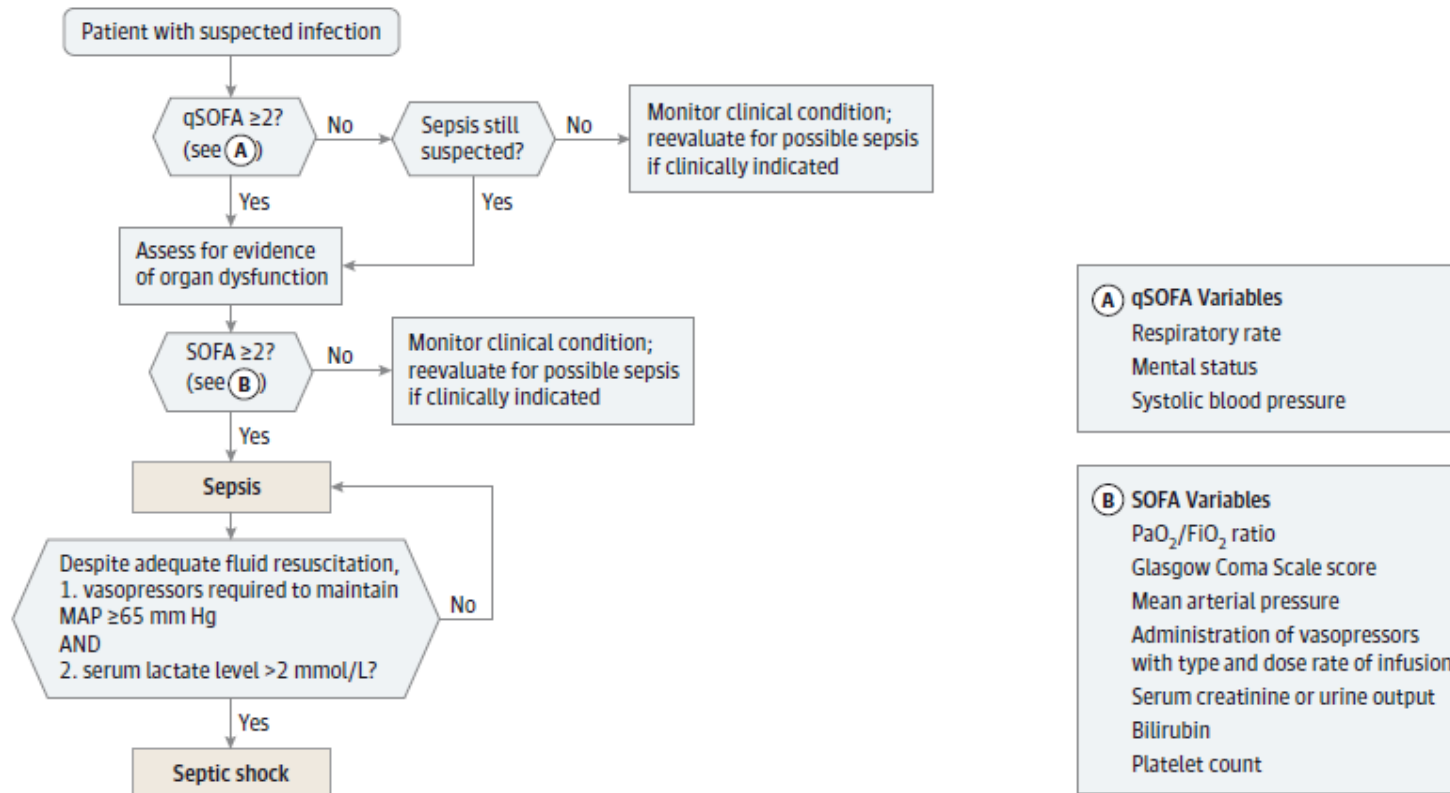
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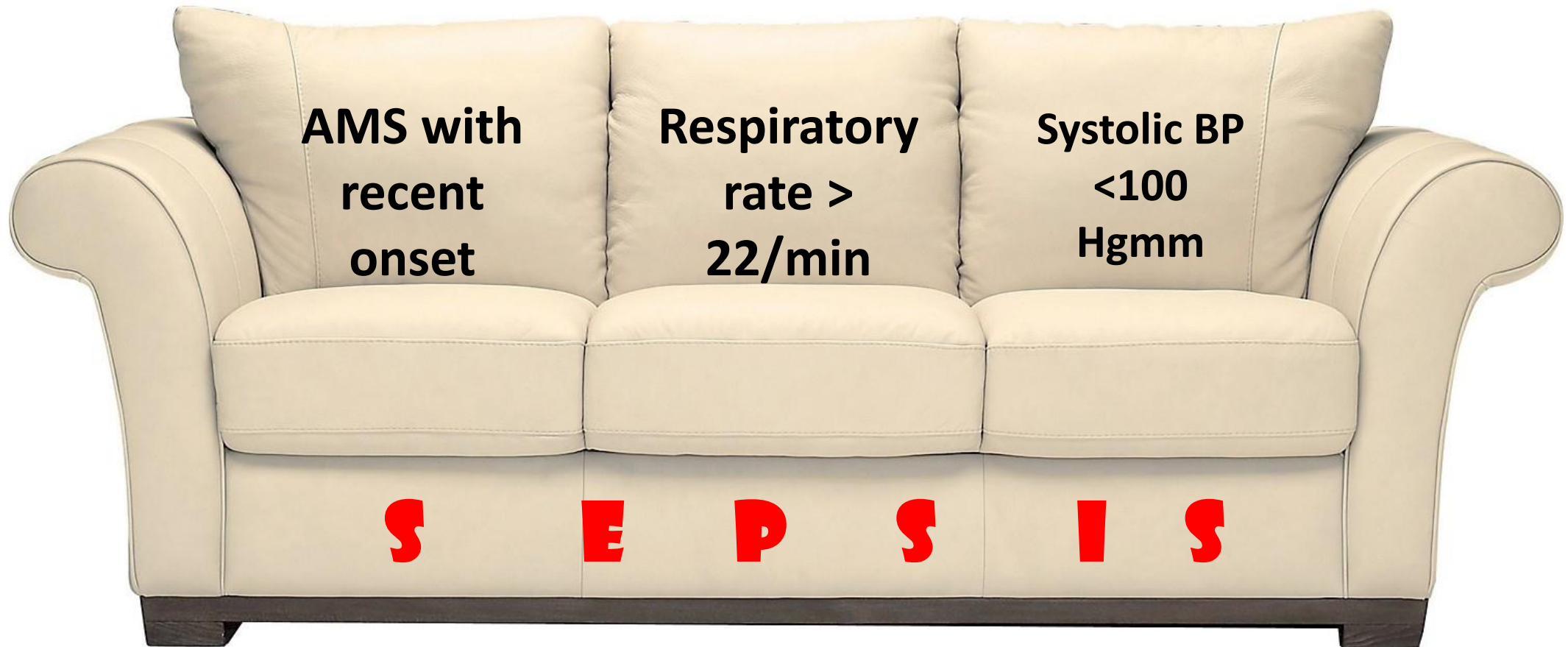
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Figure. Operationalization of Clinical Criteria Identifying Patients With Sepsis and Septic Shock



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The task force focused on adult patients yet recognizes the need to develop similar updated definitions for pediatric populations and the use of clinical criteria that take into account their age-dependent variation in normal physiologic ranges and in patho-physiologic responses.

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Surviving Sepsis

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C. Fluid Resuscitation

1. In the initial fluid resuscitation phase, use boluses of up to 20 mL/kg of crystalloid solution.

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H. Blood Product Transfusion

1. Similar hemoglobin levels and central venous oxygen saturation are considered reasonable goals for transfusion.

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2. Similar platelet counts and bleeding times are considered reasonable goals for transfusion.

3. Use plasma to correct coagulopathy, including prothrombin time and activated partial thromboplastin time, in the setting of microangiopathy.

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I. Mechanical Ventilation

1 Lung-protective ventilation

J. Sedation/Analgesia/Drug Toxicities

1. We recommend use of sedation with a sedation goal in critically ill mechanically ventilated patients with sepsis (grade 1D).

2. Monitor drug toxicity labs because drug metabolism is reduced during severe sepsis, putting children at greater risk of adverse drug-related events (grade 1C).

K. Glycemic Control

1. Control hyperglycemia using a similar target as in adults ≤ 180 mg/dL. Glucose infusion should accompany insulin therapy in newborns and children because some hyperglycemic children make no insulin whereas others are insulin resistant (grade 2C).

L. Diuretics and Renal Replacement Therapy

1. Use diuretics to reverse fluid overload when shock has resolved, and if unsuccessful then continuous venovenous hemofiltration (CVVH) or intermittent dialysis to prevent $> 10\%$ total body weight fluid overload (grade 2C).

M. Deep Vein Thrombosis Prophylaxis

No recommendation on the use of DVT prophylaxis in prepubertal children with severe sepsis.

N. Stress Ulcer Prophylaxis

No recommendation on the use of SU prophylaxis in prepubertal children with severe sepsis.

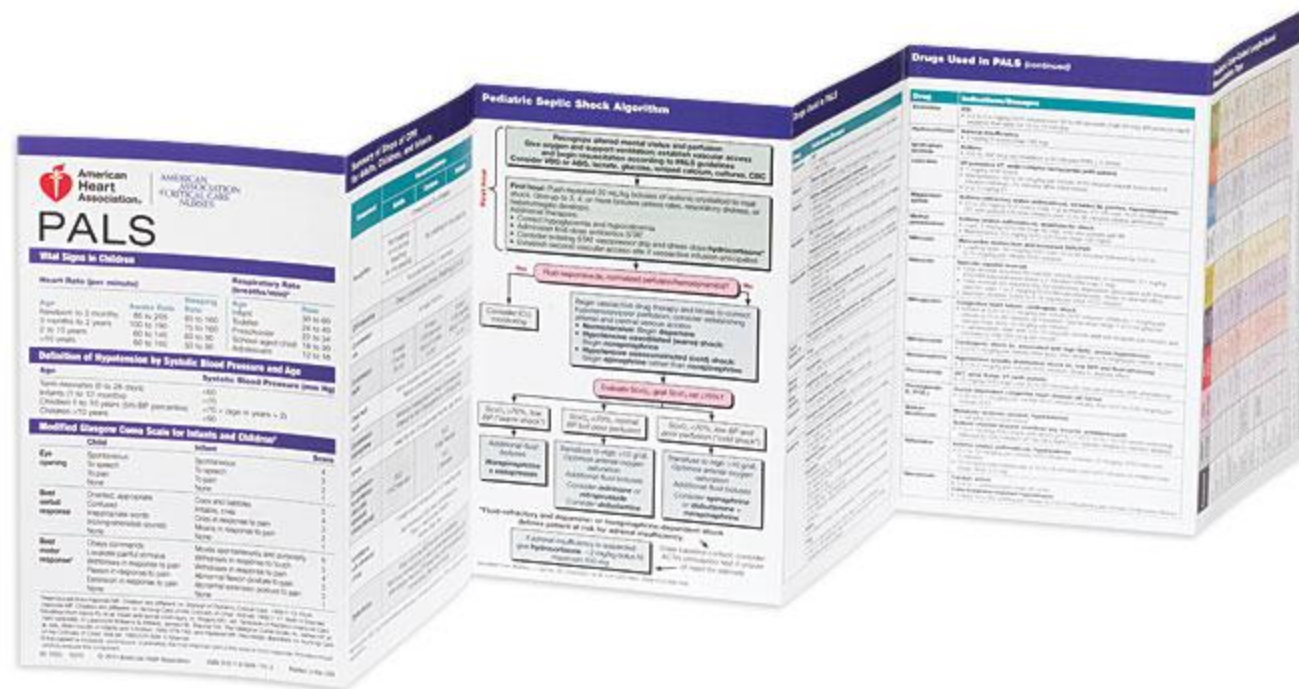
O. Nutrition

1. Enteral nutrition given to children who can be fed enterally, and parenteral feeding in those who cannot (grade 2C).

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0-5 minutes

Signs of poor perfusion

- Decreased (altered) mental status
- Cold extremities
- Delayed CRT
- Weak pulses, differential central and peripheral pulses
- Low urine output (if measured)
- Hypotension or low BP – age dependent

Assess ABCs

- Provide 100% oxygen at high flow rate (15L)
- Early intubation in neonates and infants
- Respiratory support, including mechanical ventilation

Establish IV access and start monitoring

- 2 large-bore peripheral IVs or IOs
- Blood sampling: blood gas, lactate, glucose, ionized calcium, FBC, cultures



<http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/2072410-overview>

5-15 minutes

Fluid and electrolyte resuscitation

Push 20 mL/kg crystalloid IV/IO over 5-20min

Repeat 20 mL/kg bolus push of fluid (up to 60 mL/kg) until clinical symptoms improve or patient develops respiratory distress/rales/ hepatomegaly

May continue to require additional fluid above 60 mL/kg (fluid refractory)

Fluid needs may approach 200 mL/kg in warm septic shock (warm extremities, flash capillary refill)

Correct hypoglycemia:

Glucose levels in hypoglycemia

Glucose dosage: 0.5-1 g/kg IV/IO

Correct hypocalcemia for low ionized calcium:

Calcium gluconate 100 mg/kg IV/IO (max 2g) PRN

Calcium chloride 20 mg/kg IV/IO PRN



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5-60 minutes

Infection control (5-60min)

Immediate considerations:

- Administer antibiotics immediately after cultures obtained (blood, urine, +/- CSF/ sputum)
- Do not delay antibiotics to wait for cultures; initial antibiotics should be given within 1h

General treatment recommendations:

- Empiric therapy should be used for unknown etiology of sepsis;
- Tailoring of therapy to address suspected pathogens or to achieve adequate drug penetration may be necessary;
- Broader initial coverage may be needed for initial stabilization
- Dosing varies by age and weight (see specific recommendations and dosages immediately below)

Duration of therapy:

- Determined by ultimate source of infection; 7-10d is typically sufficient
- Above regimens may be empiric therapy for 48-72h, until cultures and sensitivities are known, so as to accurately tailor treatment
- If culture-negative sepsis, antibiotic choice and duration determined by severity of presentation and most likely pathogen
- Infectious disease consultation may be necessary



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15-60 minutes

Fluid-refractory shock (persisting after 60 mL/kg fluid)

CVP, vasopressors

Shock persists following vasopressor initiation

Fluid, CVP, ScvO₂

Fluid refractory and vasopressor-dependent shock

Hydrocortisone 2 mg/kg

Continued shock

PiCCO, ECMO



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Supplemental treatment

Blood transfusion considered for Hb < 100 g/L (ideal threshold for transfusion unknown)

Optimize oxygenation through ventilation

IV immunoglobulin can be considered (?)



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Therapeutic endpoints

Heart rate normalized for age

Capillary refill < 2sec

Normal pulse quality

No difference in central and peripheral pulses

Warm extremities

Blood pressure normal for age

Urine output >1 mL/kg/h

Normal mental status

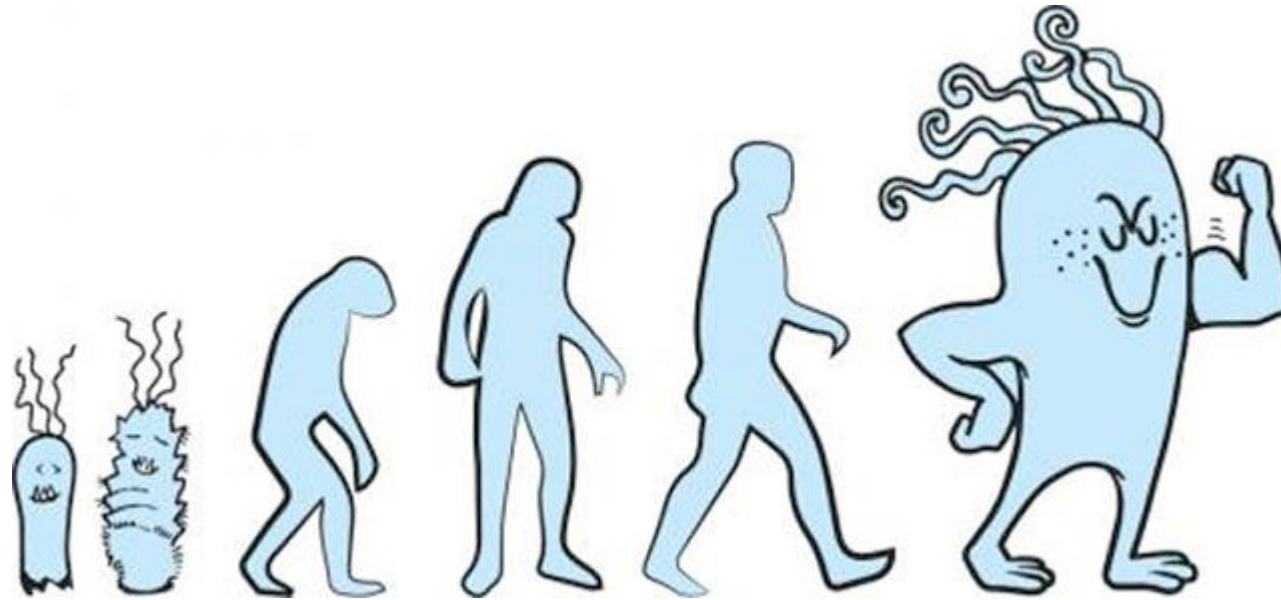
CVP >8 mmHg

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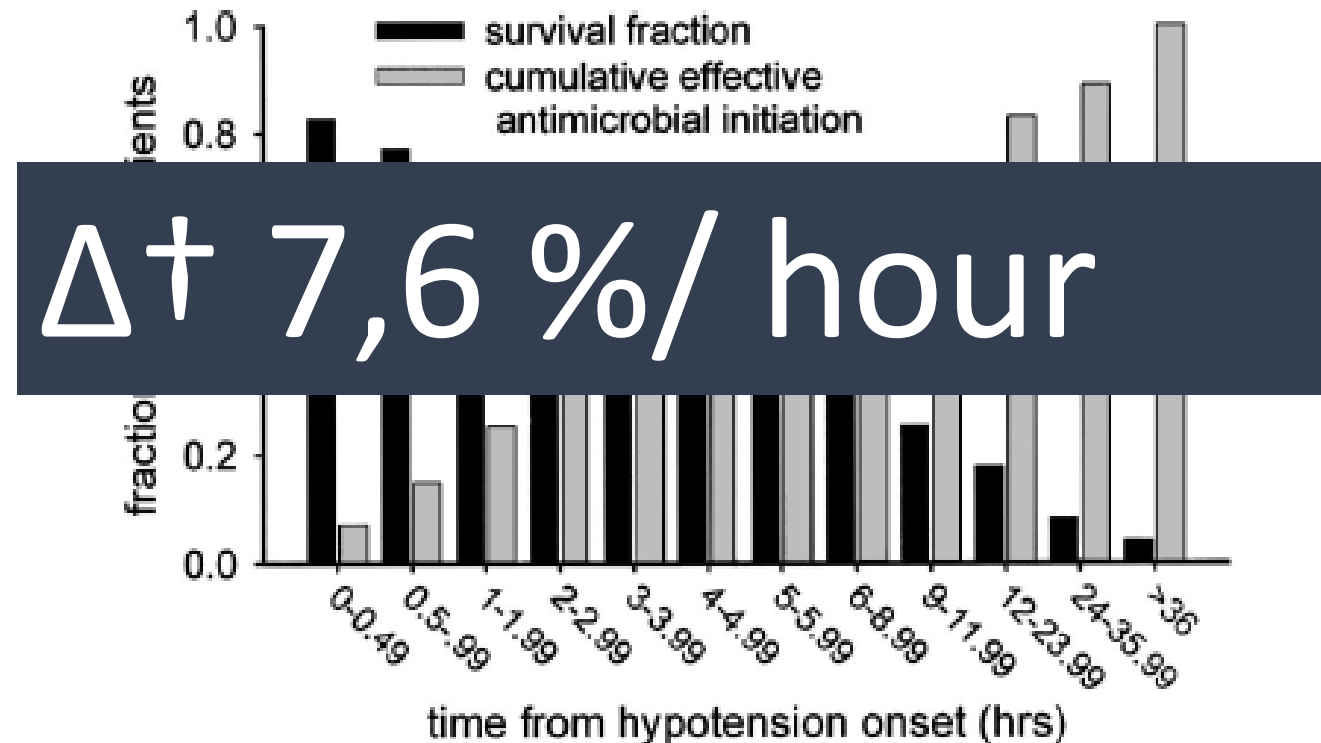


1. Deliver high-flow oxygen.
2. Take blood cultures.
3. Administer empiric intravenous antibiotics.
4. Measure serum lactate and send full blood count.
5. Start intravenous fluid resuscitation.
6. Commence accurate urine output measurement.



Antibiotics : remedies with controversy and confusion

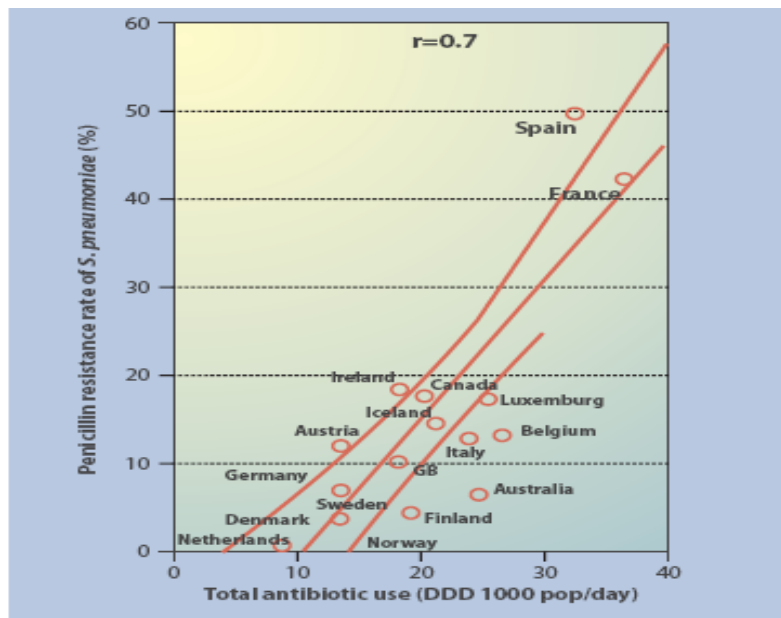
Problems with delay



Kumar A, et al. *Crit Care Med* 2006; 34: 1589-96

Antibiotics: remedies with controversy and confusion

Problems with resistance



Increased rate of fungal infections after 7 days.

Increased polyresistance after 10 days.

Marchetti O et al. *Clin Infect Dis* 2004;38:311-320

Albrich W, et al. *Emerg Infect Dis* 2004; 10: 514-517

EDITORIAL

The Barcelona Declaration from the World Alliance against Antibiotic Resistance: engagement of intensivists

Jean M Carlet^{*1}, Antonio Artigas², Michael S Niederman³ and Antoni Torres⁴, on behalf of World Alliance against Antibiotic Resistance

- Microorganisms resistant to almost every antibiotic are already present in the ICUs of many countries, requiring the use of old and toxic antibiotics such as colistin
- **No new antibacterial agent active against Gram-negative bacteria is expected in the next 5 years**
- The European Centre for Diseases Control estimate is that 25,000 patients in Europe might die from infections due to resistant organisms every year

„We engage ourselves to use antibiotics wisely, only when necessary, and to systematically re-evaluate therapy at day 2 or 3 of therapy. This last point is absolutely key for the success of the programme.”

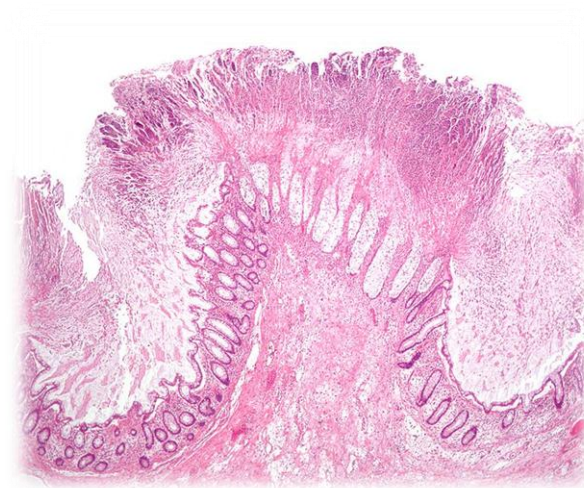
Antibiotics: remedies with controversy and confusion

Problems with AB associated colitis

Especially with amoxicillin,
cephalosporins and clindamycin

Incidence: 97 hospitals across 34
European countries, the incidence of *C. diff* in hospitalized patients was 41 per
100,000 patient-days¹

Treatment: metronidazol+vancomycin



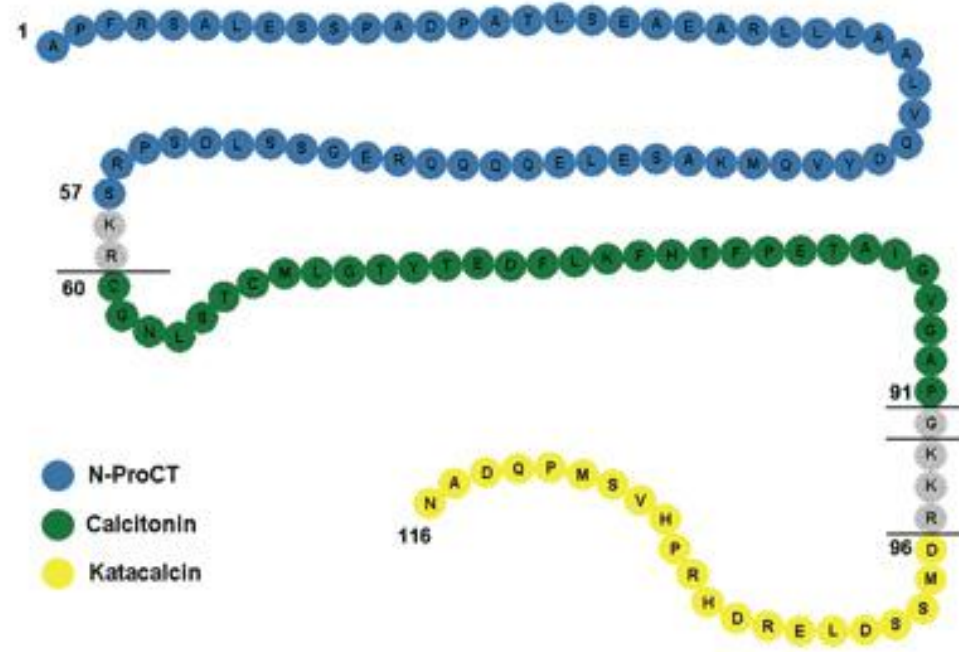
¹ Bauer MP et al: *Lancet*. 2011; 377(9759):63-73

Antibiotics : remedies with controversy and confusion

Problems with cost



Why do we need PCT?



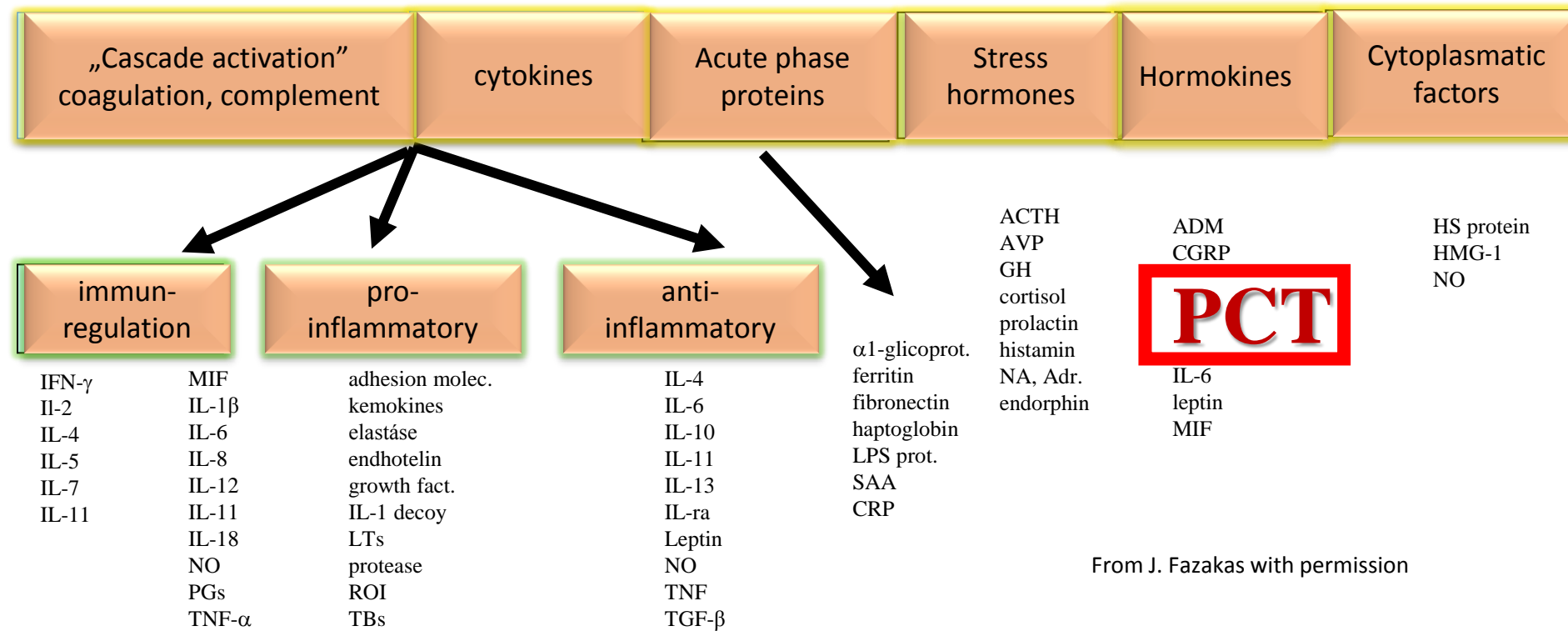
<https://www.aacc.org/publications/cln/2009/july/Pages/series0709.aspx>

Innate inflammatory response: cell stress, insult, damage, bacteria

PCT

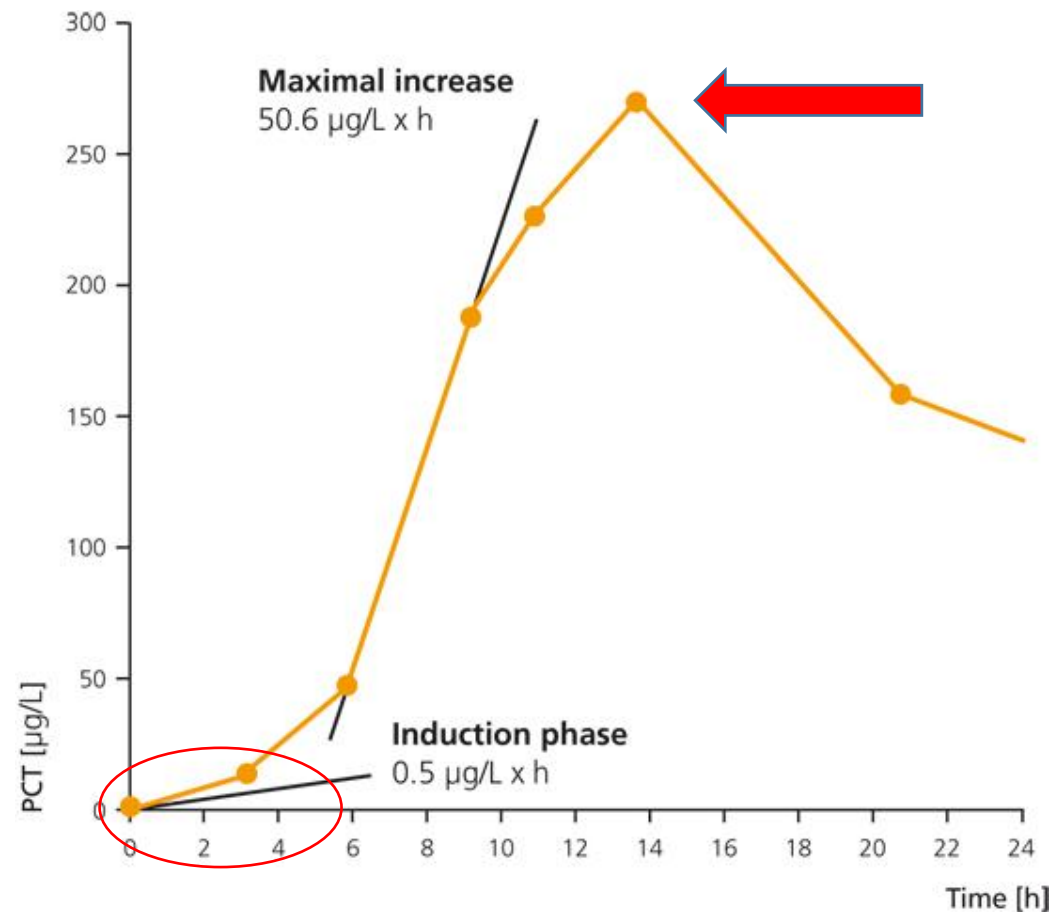
leucocyte, lymphocyte, „endothel“, „parenchymal“ cells
TLR4, CD14, MD2, mannos-MBL, NOD, NALP, „P“ substance

Humoral adaptive response



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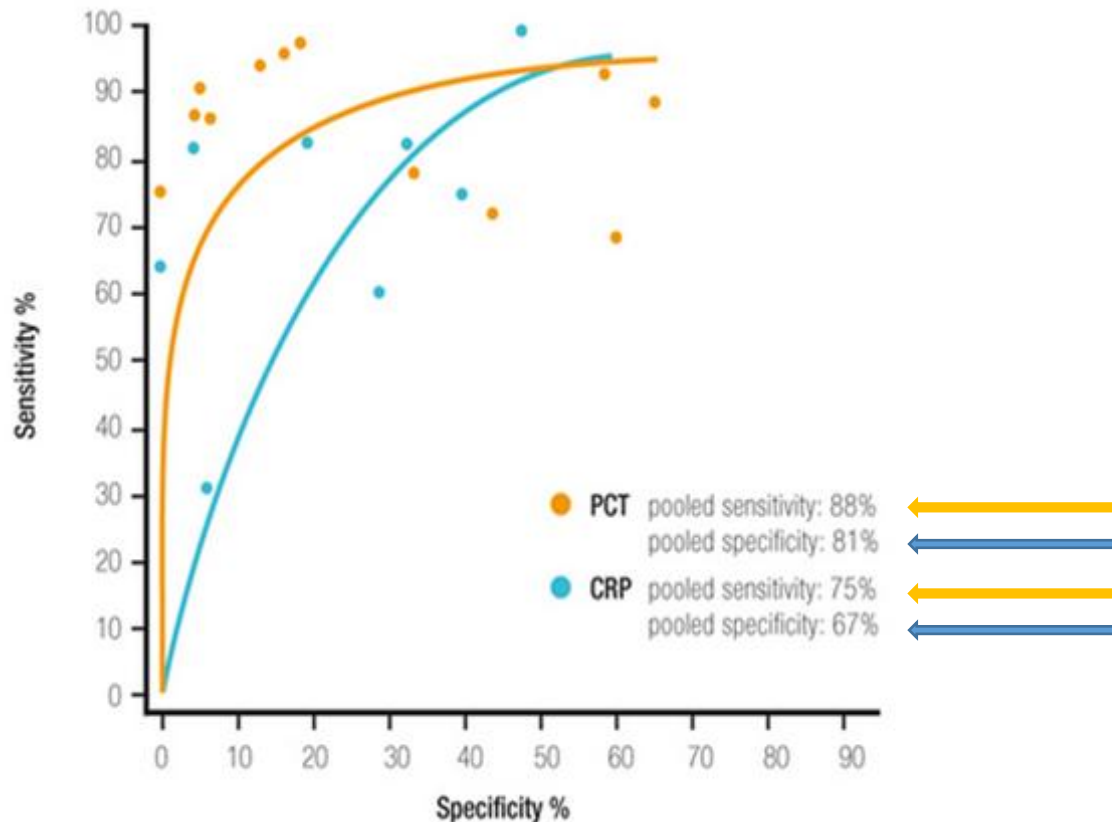
Kinetics of procalcitonin



Brunkhorst F.M. et al., *Intens Care Med* 1998;24: 888-892

Why better than CRP?

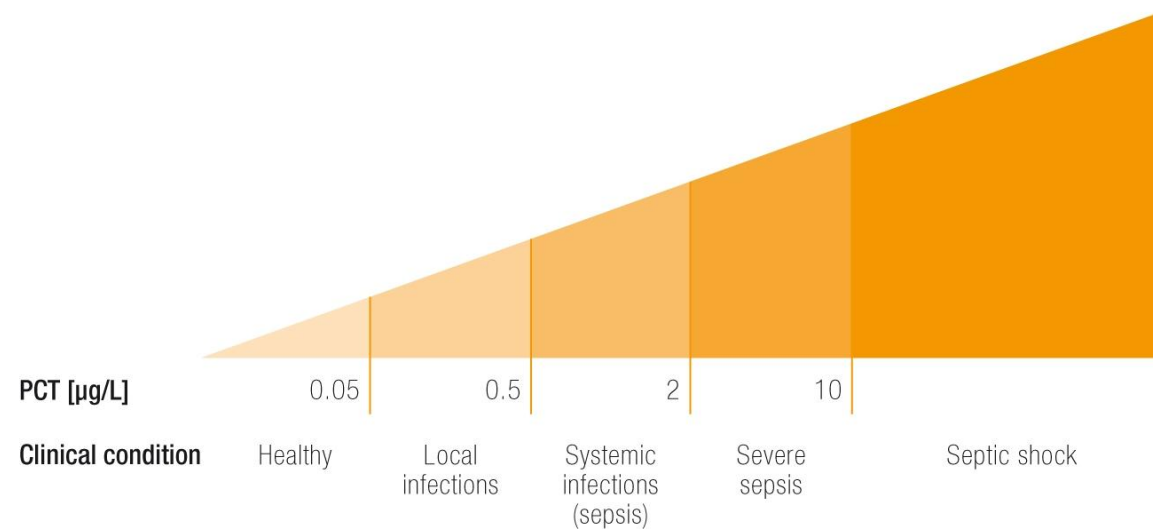
Kinetics.



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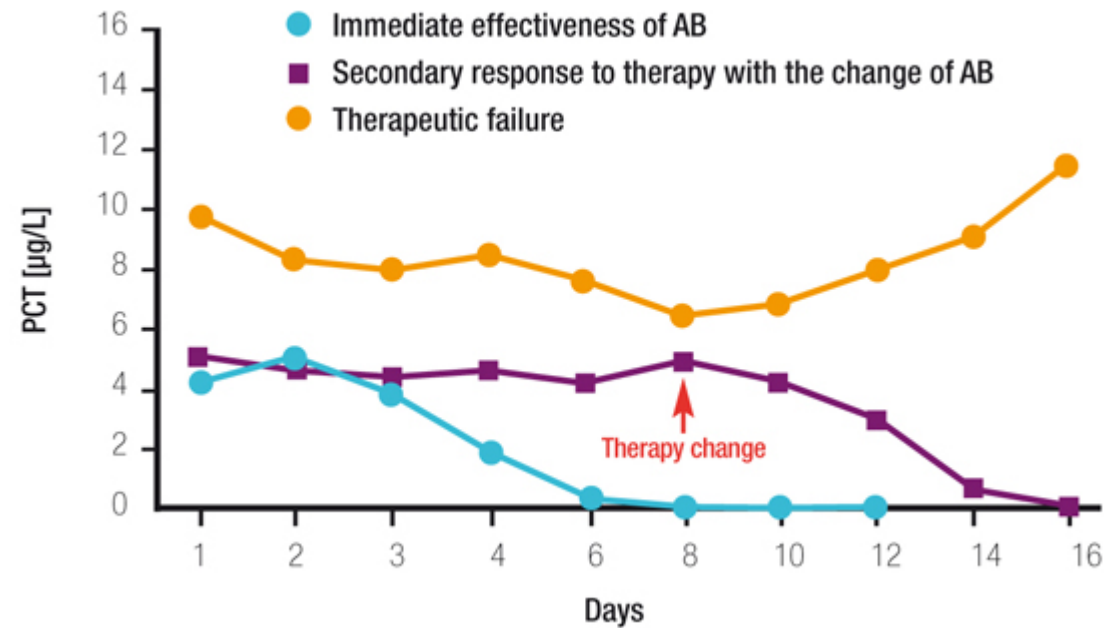
Why better than CRP?

Risk stratification.



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Why better than CRP? Therapy guidance.



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Review

Procalcitonin and community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) in children



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Thorough literature search
PCT and CAP etiology
PCT and disease severity
PCT and AB administration
PCT vs other markers



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Predictive values for procalcitonin in the diagnosis of neonatal sepsis

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Table 3. The sensitivity, the specificity, PPV, and NPV of PCT and CRP

	Cut-off value	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
CRP	12 mg/l	72.9%	100%	93.2%	69.7
Procalcitonin	1.1 pg/ml	80%	85.7%	84.4%	81.1%

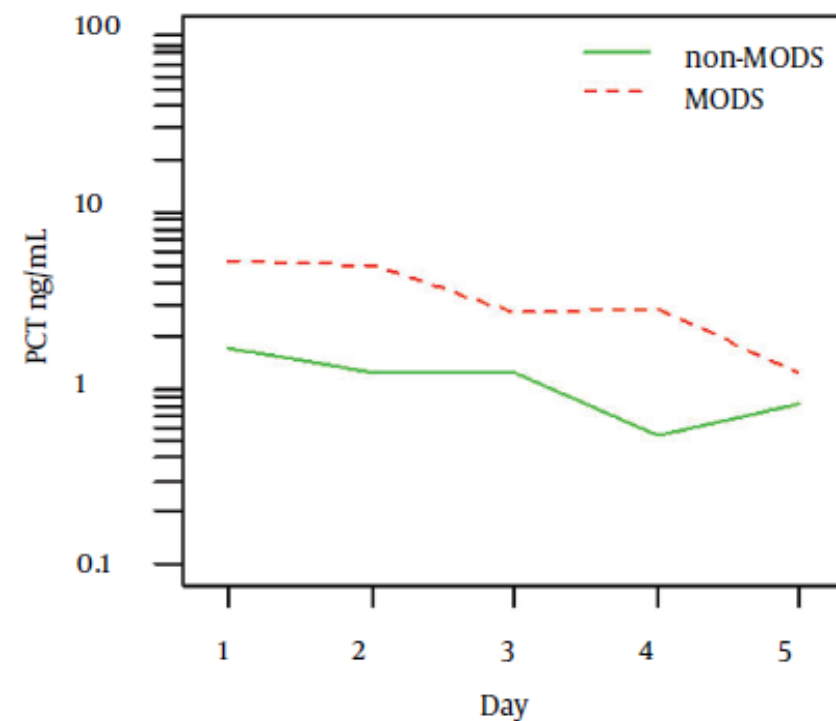
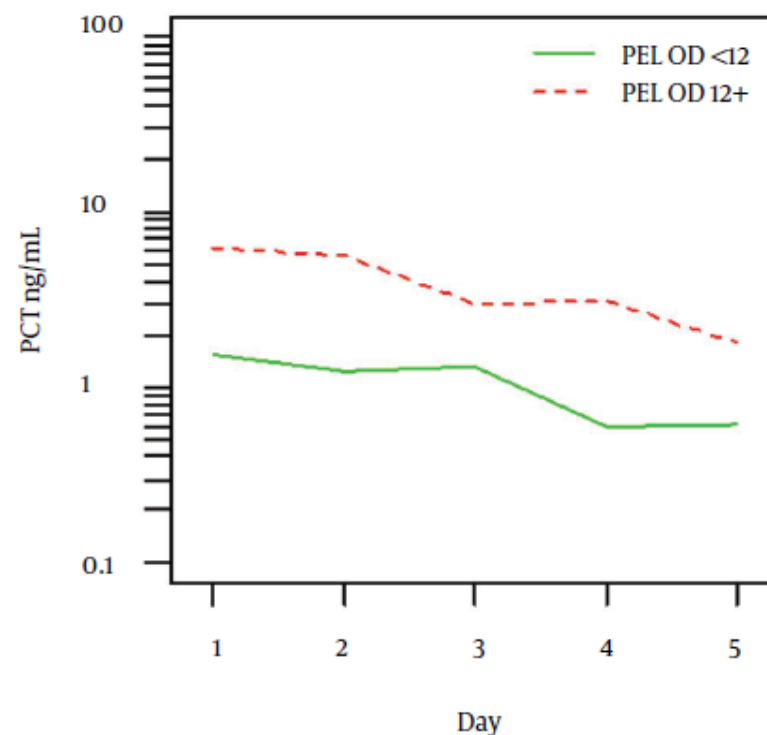
CRP= C-reactive protein, PPV= Positive predictive value, NPV= Negative Predictive value

Procalcitonin Biomarker Kinetics to Predict Multiorgan Dysfunction Syndrome in Children With Sepsis and Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome

Jiri Zurek^{1,*}; Martin Vavrina¹

Organ system and variable	Points assigned			
	0	1	10	20
Neurologic*				
Glasgow coma score	12–15 and	7–11	4–6 or	3
Pupillary reaction	Both reactive		Both fixed	
Cardiovascular				
Heart rate, beats/min				
< 12 years	≤ 195		> 195	
≥ 12 years	≤ 150		> 150	
	and		or	
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg				
< 1 mo	> 65		35–65	< 35
≥ 1 mo–< 1 yr	> 75		35–75	< 35
≥ 1 yr–< 12 yr	> 85		45–85	< 45
≥ 12 yr	> 95		55–95	< 55
Renal				
Creatinine, μmol/L (mg/dL)				
< 7 d	< 140 (< 1.59)		≥ 140 (≥ 1.59)	
≥ 7 d–< 1 yr	< 55 (< 0.62)		≥ 55 (≥ 0.62)	
≥ 1 yr–< 12 yr	< 100 (< 1.13)		≥ 100 (≥ 1.13)	
≥ 12 yr	< 140 (< 1.59)		≥ 140 (≥ 1.59)	
Respiratory				
PaO ₂ /FIO ₂ ratio, mm Hg	> 70		≤ 70	
	and		or	
PaCO ₂ , mm Hg (kPa)	≤ 90 (≤ 11.7)		> 90 (> 11.7)	
	and			
Mechanical ventilation†	No ventilation	Ventilation		
Hematologic				
Leukocyte count, × 10 ⁹ /L	≥ 4.5	1.5–4.4	< 1.5	
	and	or		
Platelet count, × 10 ⁹ /L	≥ 35	< 35		
Hepatic				
Glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase, IU/L	< 950	≥ 950		
	and	or		
Prothrombin time, % of standard (international normalized ratio)	> 60 (< 1.40)	≤ 60 (≥ 1.40)		

Note: FIO₂ = fraction of inspired oxygen, PaCO₂ = partial pressure of carbon dioxide in arterial blood, PaO₂ = partial pressure of oxygen in arterial blood.
 *For the Glasgow coma score, use the lowest value. If the patient is sedated, record the estimated coma score before sedation. Assess the patient only with known or suspected acute central nervous system disease. For pupillary reactions, nonreactive pupils must be > 3 mm; do not assess after iatrogenic pupillary dilatation.
 †The use of mask ventilation is not considered to be mechanical ventilation.



Eur J Emerg Med. 2014 Apr;21(2):112-7. doi:
10.1097/MEJ.0b013e328361fee2.

Procalcitonin as a biomarker for early sepsis in the emergency department.

Hicks CW, Engineer RS, Benoit JL, Dasarathy S, Christenson RH, Peacock WF.

- proadrenomedullin (MRproADM)
- midregional proatrial natriuretic peptide (MRproANP)
- procalcitonin (PCT)* ✓
- Copeptin
- proendothelin-1 (proET-1)

*median 0.32 ng/ml (IQR 0.19-1.17) vs. 0.18 ng/ml (IQR 0.07-0.54); **P=0.04**

Multimarker approach

Pierrakos and Vincent *Critical Care* 2010, **14**:R15
<http://ccforum.com/content/14/1/R15>



RESEARCH

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Sepsis biomarkers: a review

Charalampos Pierrakos, Jean-Louis Vincent*

Key messages:

- More than 170 different biomarkers have been assessed for potential use in sepsis, more for prognosis than for diagnosis.
- None has sufficient specificity or sensitivity to be routinely employed in clinical practice (on its own).
- Combinations of several biomarkers may be more effective than single biomarkers, but this requires further evaluation.

Septic shock in children. Is it different than adults?

EGDT?

Albumin vs. crystalloid?

Role of inotropes/vasoactive agents?

Higher metabolic challenge?



**Thank you for your
attention!**

