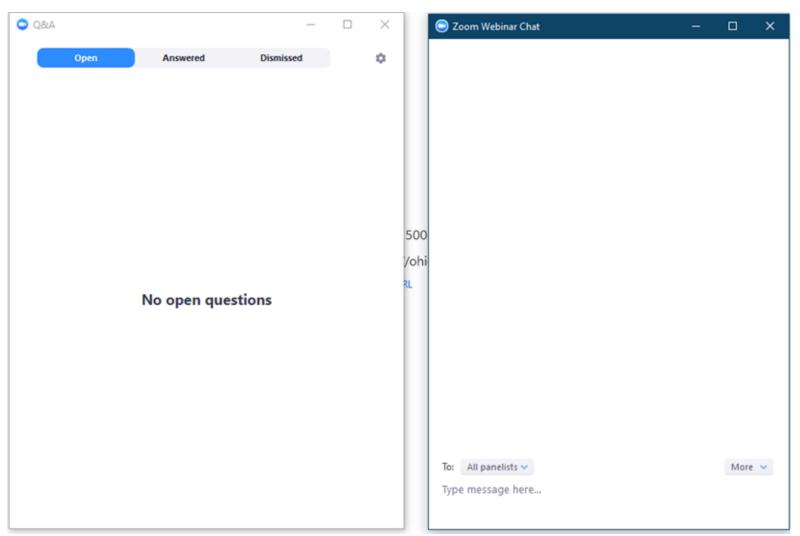


# A CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORTER'S PERSPECTIVE ON HOSPITAL TRANSFERS OF SEPSIS PATIENTS

February 19, 2020

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#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- The link for the evaluation of today's program is: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sepsis-2-19-2020">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sepsis-2-19-2020</a>
- Please be sure to access the link, complete the evaluation form, and request your certificate. The evaluation process will remain open <u>two weeks</u> following the webcast. Your certificate will be emailed to you when the evaluation process closes after the 2 week process.
- If you have any questions please contact Dorothy Aldridge (Dorothy.Aldridge@ohiohospitals.org)

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#### **About Sepsis Alliance**





Carl Flatley, DDS, MSD, Sepsis Alliance founder, with daughter Erin, a victim of sepsis

- Nation's first and leading sepsis organization
- Leader in sepsis awareness 19% to 65%
- Leader in training 30,000+ medical professionals
- Leader in advocacy working in all 50 states
- GuideStar Platinum Rated
- 83% of funds go towards programs
- Focus on Education





# The Sepsis Institute from Sepsis Alliance



The Sepsis Institute (TSI) is an online learning platform that provides healthcare professionals across the continuum of care with high quality, evidence-based sepsis education and training to improve diagnosis and outcomes.



SepsisInstitute.org

CE credits available at no cost!

#### The Sepsis Institute



#### **Mission:**

- To create and deliver expert content for the healthcare community on the prevention, recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of sepsis across the continuum of care and through the continuum of career.
- Established to drive systemic change in the recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of sepsis.
- Initial funding provided by a contract with BARDA (Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority)

The first centralized hub for evidence-based sepsis education

#### **Our Partners\***

















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# Health Professional Webinars



- Topics across the continuum of care
- Leading medical experts from:
  - >CDC
  - >MD Anderson
  - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer
  - **≻CHOP**
  - ➤ University of Michigan
  - ➤ Sutter Health
- New content added weekly



#### **Training Modules**



#### **Available Now:**

Sepsis: Home Healthcare

Sepsis: Pediatric First Response

#### **Upcoming:**

- Sepsis and Oncology
- Sepsis: Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care
- Maternal Sepsis
- Sepsis and Dermatology
- Disaster Medicine and Sepsis
- Sepsis: Emergency Preparedness



# Led By Subject-Matter Experts



Wide network of subject matter experts who provide **evidence-based sepsis training** for healthcare providers

#### **Some Featured Subject Matter Experts:**



Hallie Prescott, MD, MSc Assistant Professor in Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, University of Michigan



Rom Duckworth, LP Award-Winning EMS Educator, Career Fire Captain and EMS Coordinator

# Our Micro-Learning Format



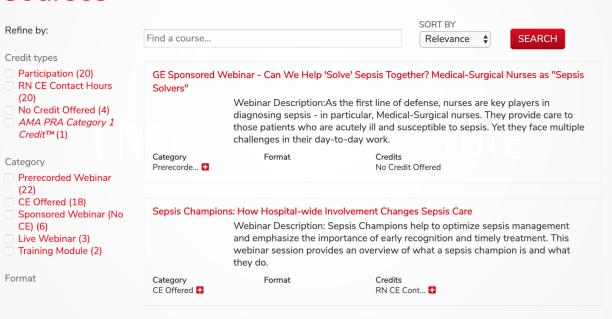
- Gives the learner flexibility to complete courses on their own timeline
- Short segments of educational content at the learner's convenience
- More control over learning experience



#### Walkthrough



#### Courses



#### Sepsis Coordinator Network



#### Resources:

- Educational webinars that highlight sepsis best practices
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- Resource drive with information on topics including core measures, clinical practice guidelines, patient screening, identification tools, education resources, and more

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# More Sepsis Alliance Resources



- Sepsis Information Guides
- Caregiver's Guide
- Posters and Infographics
- Community education kits
- Spanish language resource



All free and can be cobranded with your organization!



Dr. Howard Werman Medical Director MedFlight

# Challenges in the Interhospital Transport of Sepsis

Howard A. Werman, MD February 19, 2020

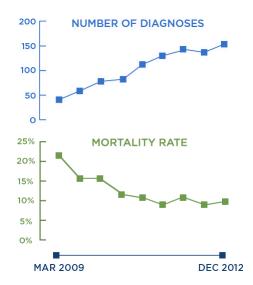
- physiologic, biologic, and biochemical abnormalities caused by a dysregulated host response to infection
- lead to multiple organ dysfunction syndrome and death

# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis epidemiology

- 2.56 million cases between 2010-2016
- 8-9% increase in the incidence over the past 2 decades
- patients > 65 years account for 60-85% of sepsis cases
  - impact of an aging society
- overall mortality = 12.5%
  - sepsis (5.6%), severe sepsis (14.9%), septic shock (34.2%)
- US health care costs: > \$50 billion over 7 year period

# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis goals of therapy

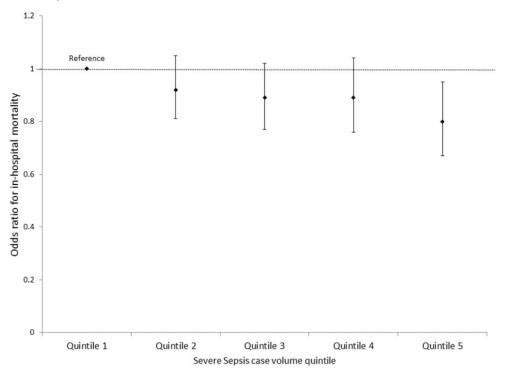
- mortality has been declining over time
  - early recognition
  - early therapeutic intervention
  - success of sepsis bundle is controversial



# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis complexity of care

- patients with severe sepsis and septic shock are labor-intensive
  - complex ventilatory management
  - fluid management in patients with cardiac or renal disease
  - management of various pressor agents
  - complex monitoring devices central lines, arterial lines
  - management of co-morbidities
    - DM, obesity, cancer, immunosuppression, transplant

#### complexity of care



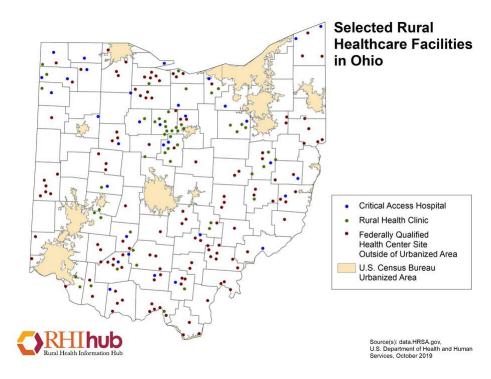
high volume centers have a lower odds of mortality from severe sepsis

**Figure 2.**Odds Ratio and 95% Confidence Intervals for In-hospital Mortality by Quintiles of Severe Sepsis Case Volume

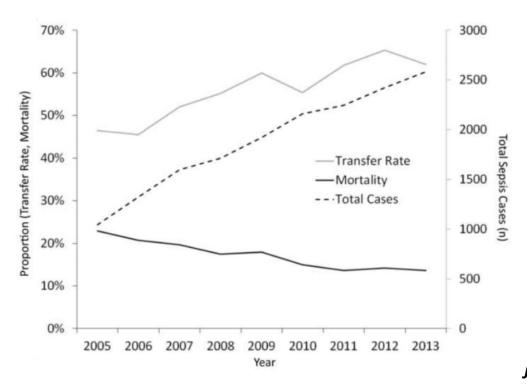
Crit Care Med 2017; 45(4): 615-622

complexity of care

- patients with severe sepsis and septic shock do not always present to a tertiary center
- 11,689,442 people in Ohio 2,352,916 living in rural areas



# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis complexity of care



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# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis complexity of care

many of these transfers are best served by critical care transport



transport decisions

- ALS/BLS widespread availability
  - no complex ventilatory needs
  - hemodynamic stability
  - no need to titrate drips frequently
  - no advanced equipment needs
    - vent, a-line, central line, ECMO



transport decisions

- mobile ICU limited availability, usually in tertiary centers
  - complex ventilatory needs
  - hemodynamic stability
  - need to titrate drips frequently
  - advanced equipment needs
    - vent, a-line, central line, ECMO



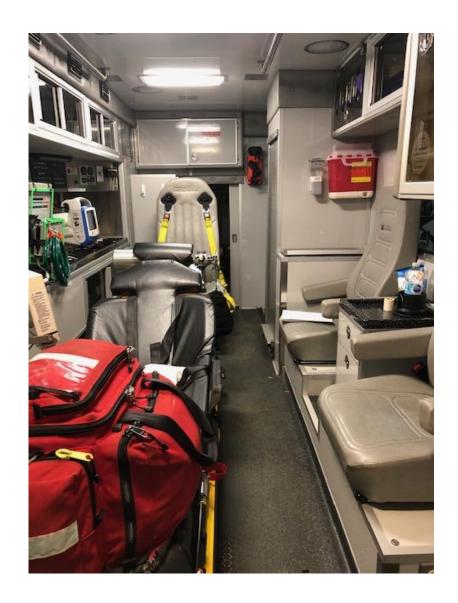
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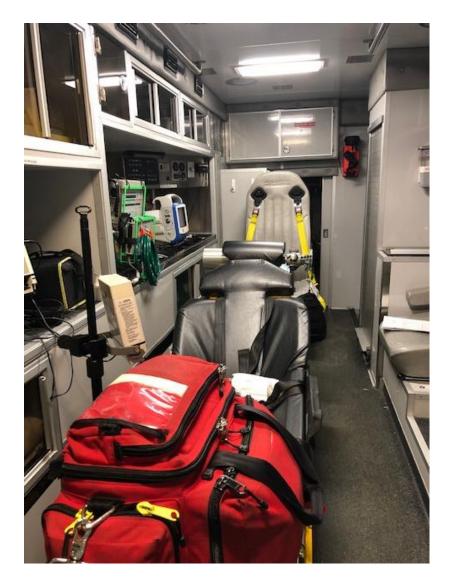
- helicopter less limited availability, closer to rural centers
  - complex ventilatory needs
  - hemodynamic stability
  - need to titrate drips frequently
  - advanced equipment needs
    - vent, a-line, central line



air versus mobile ICU decision

- need to undergo an emergent procedure
  - trauma, stroke, STEMI
  - difficult airway, ECMO, central access, arterial line
- need to minimize out-of-hospital time
- costs
  - air medical transport charges are a minimum of 4-5 times as more expensive as mobile ICU
- internal space and physiologic considerations



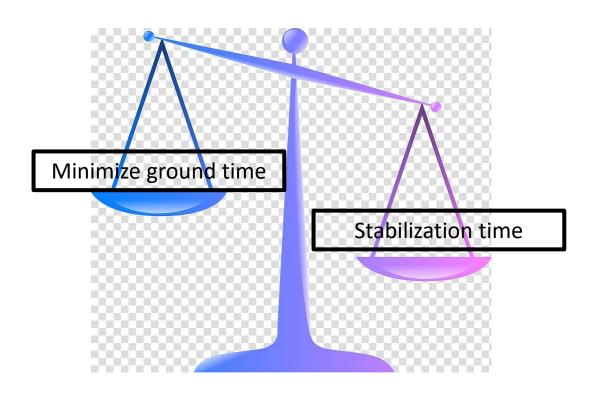




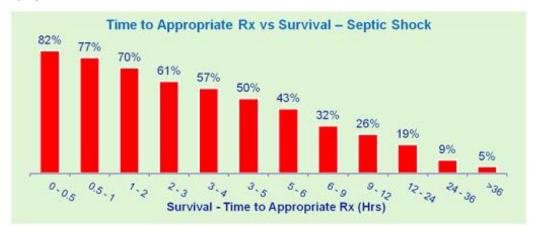


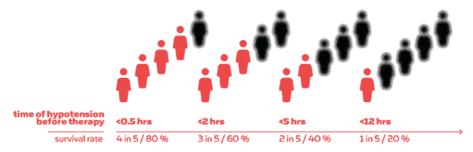


ground stabilization vs. transport decision



# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis early therapy





# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis metrics

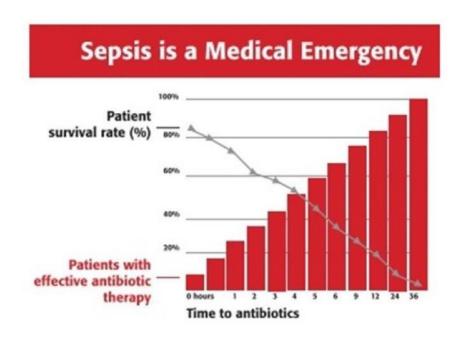
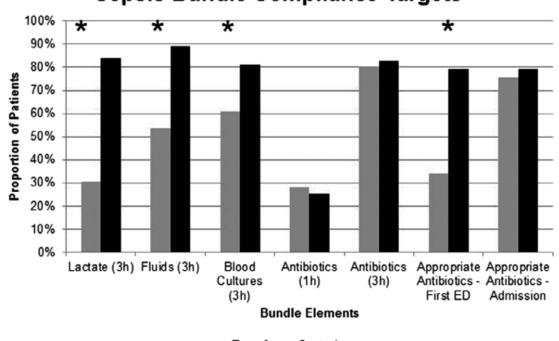


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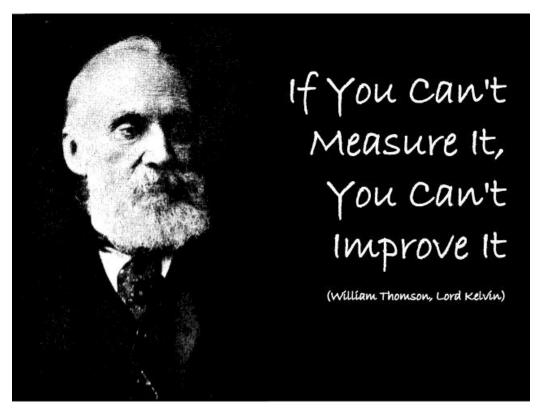
early therapy

#### Proportion of Patients Meeting Surviving Sepsis Bundle Compliance Targets



■ Transfer ■ Control

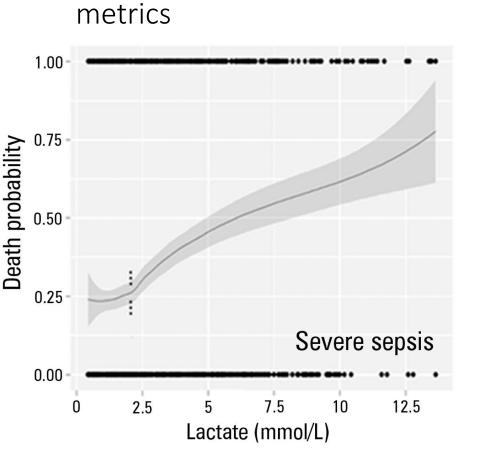
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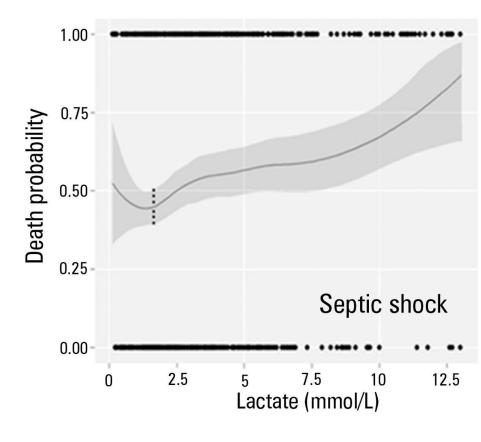


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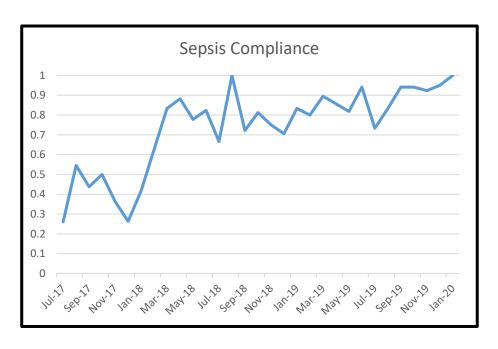
#### FLAP

- fluids: has a fluid bolus of 30 ml/kg been administered
- lactate: is there a recorded lactate
- antibiotics: have early antibiotics been administered
- pressors: have pressors been initiated early





# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis metrics



barriers/challenges

- communication issues in the care of the septic patients
  - sending facility, dispatch center, transport crew, medical control physician, ICU or ED physician, etc.
- documentation challenges
- uniform reporting tool regarding the care of septic patient
- effects of altitude: noise, vibration, turbulence

barriers/challenges

 when you see 'Sepsis' or 'Septic Shock' your pager, what four things should you immediately consider:

PTA Sepsis B	y: Other Healthcare Provider	
Qualifiers:		
Lactate = 1.50	Fluid Resuscitation 30 ml/kg S = Yes	Time Fluid Started = YESTERDY
Amount of Fluid Infused = 2500ML	Vasopressor Started = NA	Time Vasopressor Started = NA
Antibiotics Started = Yes	Time Antibiotic Started = 0800 TODAY	

#### barriers/challenges

Table 4

Suggested elements of rural sepsis protocols in patients who are being transferred between hospitals

•	Screening algorithm to identify qualifying patients			
	o Early risk-stratification to identify need for inter-hospital transfer			
•	Appropriate broad-spectrum antibiotics			
•	Blood cultures before antibiotics			
•	Adequate initial fluid bolus			
•	Measure lactate (if available)			
•	Measure change in hemodynamic response or tissue perfusion with initial fluid therapy, titrate subsequent fluid boluses to tissue/organ perfusion			
	o Repeat lactate if first lactate is elevated			
	o Physical examination			
	o Measures of preload responsiveness			
•	Start vasopressors if necessary prior to transfer			
•	Evaluate the need for advanced airway management prior to transfer			
•	Inter-hospital transfer			
	o Identify appropriate receiving facility based on hospital capabilities			
	o Communicate with receiving facility therapy prior to transfer			
	o Provide medical direction to transporting agency			
•	Balance the need for early regionalized tertiary care with the importance of early adequate resuscitation in selecting timing for inter-hospital transfer			

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#### barriers/challenges

Factor	Not Transferred (n = 7,445)	Transferred (n = 10,801)	p
Critical Access Hospital, n (%)	5256 (71)	6267 (58)	< 0.001
Outcomes			
Hospital Length-of-Stay, median (IQR)	4 (3 – 7)	9 (5 – 16)	< 0.001
Cost of Care			
ED Cost, \$USD2010 (median, IQR)	\$2,204 (1,331 – 3,504)	\$2,492 (1,409 – 3,955)	< 0.001
Ambulance Transfer Cost, \$USD2010 (median, IQR)	\$0	\$763 (612 – 940)	< 0.001
Inpatient Care Cost, \$USD2010 (median, IQR)	\$6,041 (3,470 – 11,400)	\$20,928 (10,891 – 41,691)	< 0.001
Family Costs, \$USD2010 (median, IQR)	\$0	\$205 (90 – 441)	< 0.001
Total Cost of Care, \$USD2010 (median, IQR)	\$7,709 (4,970 – 13,113)	\$23,344 (12,993 – 44,462)	< 0.001
Died	894 (12.0)	2188 (20.2)	< 0.001

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y, years; SD, standard deviation; IQR, interquartile range; \$USD2010, US Dollars with inflation indexed to 2010

# Interhospital Transport of Sepsis future directions

- have we leveraged technologies such as the eICU and telemedicine to their fullest extent?
- can we bring sepsis stabilization teams to the primary/secondary hospitals rather than transferring patients to tertiary centers?
- should we regionalize 'sepsis systems of care' like we have with trauma, STEMI and stroke?

## OHA collaborates with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio

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