Sepsis Algorithm for adults in Home Health setting

Think SEPSIS...

Risk factors

- Suspected infection
- •Immunocompromised/chemotherapy
- •Fevers/rigors/night sweats
- •Implanted medical device/lines/catheters
- Antibiotic use < 30 days</p>

Symptoms

- Altered Mental Status
- Cellulitis, wound, joint swelling or redness
- Dysuria, frequency, odor
- Cough/SOB

YES

- 1. Does the patient have a suspected infection?
- 2. Does the patient have 2 or more of the following?

HR >90

RR >20

Temp >38C or <36C (>100.9F or < 96.8F)

SBP < 90

SP02< 90%

<u>Acute</u> altered mental status

<u>IF</u> "YES" to questions 1 <u>AND</u> 2, screen is positive for sepsis

Follow your home health agency established policy and procedure

If Transferring via 911

Call 911 to transport and use SBAR to guide your report to EMS & hospital personnel

Notify PCP and family of transport

Prepare to phone provider

Review Advance Directives, POLST, and options <u>AND</u> educate patient/family about status