



ED Sepsis MAP Less than 65 Adult

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Inclusion Criteria

- MAP (Mean Arterial Pressure) less than 65 mmHg despite sodium chloride 0.9% 2,000 mL IV infusion **AND/OR**
- Lactate equal to or greater than 2 mmol/L **AND/OR**
- Evidence of organ dysfunction

Rural sites: Prepare for transfer, if not already done; For Interfacility transfers, Patient should be discharged from sending facility and admitted to receiving facility

NOTE: See "ED Management of Sepsis Algorithm" clinical decision support attached

Patient Care

- MAP Goal: 65 or greater **OR** _____
- Neurological Assessment, for altered mental status, Q1H for 6 hours **THEN** Q4H for 12 hours
- Notify Provider Vital Signs, If SBP less than 100 **AND/OR** Urine Output less than 50 mL in 2 hours
- Notify Provider, If MAP less than 65 mmHg
- Peripheral IV Insertion, Insert two large bore IV's (18 gauge or larger), if not already done
- Arterial Line Insertion
- Blood Gases Arterial POC, ONCE
- Urinary Catheter Insertion, Indwelling, with urometer
- Intake and Output, Q1H

Laboratory

Hematology

- Complete Blood Count and Differential, Blood, **STAT**
- INR, Blood, **STAT**, Anticoagulant: _____

Chemistry

- Cross out lactate level **STAT** if already drawn
- Lactate Level, Blood, **STAT**
- A repeat lactate in 4 hours is indicated if initial lactate greater than 2 mmol/L
- Lactate Level, Blood, Timed Study in 4 hours after intitial lactate
- Electrolytes and Creatinine Panel, Blood, **STAT**
- Glucose Level Random, Blood, **STAT**
- Calcium Ionized Level, Blood, **STAT**
- ALT, Blood, **STAT**
- GGT, Blood, **STAT**
- Lipase Level, Blood, **STAT**
- Bilirubin Total, Blood, **STAT**
- Venous Blood Gas (VBG), **STAT**
- Venous Blood Gas (VBG), **Recurring Q2H for 6 h**

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- HIV Serology, if not done within 5 years

HIV Serology, Blood, ASAP

Microbiology

Urine Culture, Urine, STAT

Blood Culture x 2, Blood, STAT

Body Fluid and Stool Tests

Macroscopic Urinalysis with Culture if Positive, Urine Midstream, STAT

Transfusion Medicine

Group and Screen, Blood, STAT (inc. AbSc Gel & ABORh (D))

Diagnostic Imaging

HH ECG Electrocardiogram, STAT, Suspected sepsis

XR Chest 2 Views, ASAP, Suspected sepsis

- If patient transport is not possible, select portable option

XR Chest AP/PA 1 View, ASAP, Portable, Suspected sepsis

Continuous Infusions

IV FLUID BOLUS

- Balanced crystalloids (Ringers Lactate) is preferred over sodium chloride 0.9%; See American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine: [Balanced Crystalloids versus Saline in Sepsis. A Secondary Analysis of the SMART Clinical Trial](#)

- "Surviving Sepsis Campaign" guidelines suggest an initial 30 mL/kg fluid bolus then reassessment of volume status

- In case of hyperkalemia, consider changing IV bolus to sodium chloride 0.9%

Ringers Lactate IV Bolus, 30 mL/kg/dose x _____ kg = _____ mL/dose, IV, ONCE, INITIAL Dose. Max Dose: 2,000 mL
Infuse over 30 minutes then Provider to reassess volume status

OR

Ringers Lactate IV Bolus, _____ mL, IV, AS DIRECTED, PRN for MAP less than 65 mmHg, infuse over 15 min

IV MAINTENANCE THERAPY

Ringers Lactate IV at 200 mL/h OR _____ mL/h

CONTINUOUS IV MEDICATIONS

- May use peripheral IV for norepinephrine administration until central line available

- May modify norepinephrine concentration to double strength (8 mg/250 mL) as per site practice where indicated

norepinephrine 16 mg / sodium chloride 0.9% 250 mL, IV, start at 0.1 mcg/kg/min

Nurse/Pharmacist to modify ordered diluent and/or concentration as indicated by clinical condition and IV Monograph

RANGE: 0 to 1.5 mcg/kg/min, titrate to MAP Goal; Peripheral IV may be used until central line available

Medications

Sepsis Antibiotics (Module) – Provider to complete orders, see attached

Respiratory

Oxygen Therapy, Reason for treatment: Improve oxygenation, Titrate O₂ level to maintain SpO₂ at 92% OR 88 – 92% for patients diagnosed with COPD

Consults/Referrals

- Physician to physician communication is required for all consult to specialist orders

Consult to Critical Care, Inpatient, Sepsis with MAP less than 65

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Laboratory

- Order blood cultures STAT, if not already done
- Blood Cultures x 2, STAT, draw blood cultures before antibiotics are administered

Anti-infectives

- Medication Communication, Administer initial antimicrobials AFTER blood cultures have been drawn AND within 1 hour of arrival

**** Refer to Vancomycin and Renal Impairment Tables (attached) for doses and frequencies ****

SUSPECTED COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA:

- If pneumonia suspected, choose both cefTRIAxone and azithromycin OR cefTRIAxone and doxycycline
- cefTRIAxone, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q24H, first dose NOW, use separate IV line if Lactated Ringers also infusing AND azithromycin inj, 500 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q24H, first dose NOW

OR

- cefTRIAxone, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q24H, first dose NOW, use separate IV line if Lactated Ringers also infusing AND doxycycline, 100 mg, Cap, oral, BID, first dose NOW

OR

- If community-acquired pneumonia suspected in patients with cephalosporin allergy or severe delayed skin reactions to penicillins (e.g. Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS)
- moxifloxacin, 400 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q24H, first dose NOW

SUSPECTED COMPLICATED PNEUMONIA:

- If health-care associated, immunocompromised or drug resistance risk factors
- piperacillin-tazobactam, 4.5 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW
- AND**
- vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE **THEN**
- vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

OR

- If complicated pneumonia suspected in patients with immediate or delayed severe penicillin allergy (e.g. anaphylaxis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS)
- meropenem, 1 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H
- AND**
- vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE **THEN**
- vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

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SUSPECTED NON-PURULENT CELLULITIS:

ceFAZolin, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H, NOW, Refer to table for renal impairment dosing AND clindamycin inj, 900 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

OR

- For patients with cephalosporin allergy or severe delayed skin reactions to penicillins e.g. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE THEN vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q_____H, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred) AND clindamycin inj, 900 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

SUSPECTED COMPLICATED SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE INFECTION:

- For Purulent Cellulitis, Diabetic Foot Infection, or if risk of Antibiotic Resistant Organisms

piperacillin-tazobactam, 3.375 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE THEN vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q_____H, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

OR

- For patients with immediate or severe delayed skin reactions to penicillins e.g. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS

meropenem, 1 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE THEN vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q_____H, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

SUSPECTED NECROTIZING SKIN AND SOFT TISSUE INFECTION:

piperacillin-tazobactam, 4.5 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW AND clindamycin inj, 900 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H, first dose NOW

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE THEN vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q_____H, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

OR

- For patients with immediate or severe delayed skin reactions to penicillins e.g. Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS

meropenem, 1 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H AND clindamycin inj, 900 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H, first dose NOW

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE THEN vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q_____H, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

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SUSPECTED GI INFECTION:

piperacillin-tazobactam, 3.375 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW

OR

- For patients with **risk of antibiotic resistance OR with immediate Type 1 or severe delayed penicillin allergy (e.g. anaphylaxis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS**

imipenem-cilastin, 500 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW

SUSPECTED URINARY TRACT INFECTION:

cefTRIAxone, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q24H, first dose NOW, not compatible with Lactated Ringers

OR

- For patients with **Complicated Urinary Tract Infection (e.g. recent instrumentation, recurrent infection, immunocompromised, risk of drug resistant bacteria OR those with cephalosporin allergy or severe delayed reactions to penicillin e.g. Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS**

imipenem-cilastin, 500 mg, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW

SUSPECTED MENINGITIS OR ENCEPHALITIS:

- Start dexamethasone **PRIOR TO** or with first dose of antibiotic; Discontinue if bacterial meningitis is ruled out

dexamethasone inj, 0.15 mg/kg/dose x _____ kg = _____ mg/dose, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, for 8 doses
Start **PRIOR** to or with first dose of antibiotic

AND

cefTRIAxone, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q12H, first dose NOW, use separate IV line if Lactated Ringers also infusing

AND

vancomycin inj, _____ mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, **LOADING DOSE THEN**
vancomycin inj, _____ mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

AND

- If risk factors for *Listeria* present e.g. pregnancy, age greater than 50, immunocompromised, diabetes, ESRD **then ADD ampicillin**

ampicillin, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q4H, first dose NOW

OR

- If severe allergy e.g. anaphylaxis to **EITHER cephalosporins or ampicillin**

meropenem, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

AND

vancomycin inj, _____ mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, **LOADING DOSE THEN**
vancomycin inj, _____ mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

AND

- If viral CNS infection suspected **then ADD acyclovir**; Discontinue if viral etiology ruled out

acyclovir, 10 mg/kg/dose x _____ kg = _____ mg/dose, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

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SUSPECTED COMPLICATED CNS INFECTION

- If recent neurosurgery or shunt-related infection

meropenem, 2 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE **THEN**

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

UNKNOWN INFECTION SOURCE:

piperacillin-tazobactam, 4.5 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q6H, first dose NOW

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE **THEN**

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

OR

- For patients with drug-resistant factors **OR** with severe penicillin allergy e.g. anaphylaxis, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), DRESS

meropenem, 1 g, Soln-Inj, IV, Q8H

AND

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, for 1 dose, NOW, LOADING DOSE **THEN**

vancomycin inj, _____mg, Soln-Inj, IV, **Q_____H**, MAINTENANCE DOSE; High Target Trough; Place order for trough level to be drawn 30 minutes prior to 3rd or 4th dose (prior to morning or mid-day dose preferred)

Consults/Referrals

Consult to Clinical Pharmacist, Inpatient, Vancomycin monitoring and dosing **where available*

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**Dosing Guidelines for vancomycin
Empiric Intravenous Antibiotic Dosing for Renal
Impairment**

Clinical Decision Support

Dosing Guidelines for vancomycin

| ACTUAL Body Weight (kg) | LOADING DOSE | MAINTENANCE DOSE |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | (25 mg/kg) | (15 mg/kg) |
| 45 to 55 | 1250 mg | 750 mg |
| 56 to 65 | 1500 mg | 1000 mg |
| 66 to 75 | 1750 mg | 1000 mg |
| 76 to 85 | 2000 mg | 1250 mg |
| 86 to 95 | 2250 mg | 1250 mg |
| 96 to 105 | 2500 mg | 1500 mg |
| 106 to 115 | 2750 mg | 1500 mg |
| 116 to 125 | 3000 mg | 1750 mg |

Greater than 125 kg: see "Obesity" below; max recommended loading dose 3000 mg; max recommended maintenance dose 2000 mg

- Use algorithm to determine initial dosing **interval** based on clinical indication, age, and serum creatinine
- For the following infections a higher trough should be targeted (**15 to 20 mg/L**): bacteremia, central nervous system infection, deep-seated or sequestered infection (eg abscess), endocarditis, osteomyelitis, MRSA pneumonia

| <u>LOW-TARGET 10 to 15 mg/L</u> | | | | | | | <u>HIGH-TARGET 15 to 20 mg/L</u> | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| INITIAL DOSING INTERVAL (hours) | | | | | | | INITIAL DOSING INTERVAL (hours) | | | | | | | |
| SCr mcmol/ L | Age Group (years) | | | | | | SCr mcmol /L | Age Group (years) | | | | | | |
| | 20 - 29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60- 69 ^b | 70- 79 ^b | | 20- 29 | 30- 39 | 40- 49 | 50-59 | 60- 69 ^b | 70- 79 ^b | 80- 89 ^b |
| 40-60 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 40-60 | 6 | 6-8 ^a | 8 | 8 | 8-12 ^a | 12 | 12 |
| 61-80 | 8 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 61-80 | 8 | 8 | 8-12 ^a | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12- 18 ^a |
| 81-100 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 81-100 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12- 18 ^a | 18 | 18 |
| 101-120 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 24 | 101- 120 | 12 | 12 | 12- 18 ^a | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| 121-140 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 24 | | 121- 140 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18- 24 ^a | |
| 141-160 | 18 | 24 | 24 | 24 | | | 141- 160 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18-24 ^a | 24 | | |
| 161-180 | 24 | 24 | | | | | 161- 180 | 18- 24 ^a | 24 | 24 | 24 | | | |
| 181-200 | 24 | | | | | | ^a If more aggressive therapy is desired, select more frequent dosing interval | | | | | | | |

^b Use clinical judgment as SCr may not accurately reflect renal function in elderly patients with low muscle mass

- Intervals of q18h are acceptable, and may be required in some pt to achieve appropriate trough concentrations. In some situations it may be easier to dose every 24h and increase the dose accordingly (eg 1g IV q18h may be changed to 1.25 to 1.5g IV q24h)
- Shaded boxes: patients have unstable and/or reduced renal function, and the nomogram may not be as predictive; recommend contacting a clinical pharmacist for assistance with dosing and interpretation of levels

Obesity:

- Recommend max loading dose 3000 mg; recommend max empiric maintenance dose 2000 mg
- Consider shortening dosing interval due to increased clearance in obese patients
- Consider trough before 3rd dose (may not be at steady state yet, but monitoring for possible accumulation)

**Dosing Guidelines for vancomycin
Empiric Intravenous Antibiotic Dosing for Renal
Impairment**

Clinical Decision Support

**Empiric Intravenous Antibiotic Dosing for Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock with Renal
Impairment**

Calculate first dose as per normal kidney function rather than waiting to calculate creatinine clearance or review eGFR.

Subsequent doses should be based on renal function as below

| DRUG | eGFR greater than 50 mL/min | | eGFR between 10 to 50 mL/min | | eGFR less than 10 mL/min | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|
| | Dose | Interval | Dose | Interval | Dose | Interval |
| ampicillin | 2 g | q4h | 2 g | q4 to 6h | 2g | q6 to 8h |
| ceFAZolin | 2 g | q8h | 2 g | q8 to 12h | 2g | q24h |
| ciprofloxacin | 400 mg | q12h | 200 to 400 mg | q12 to 24h | 200 mg | q24h |
| cotrimoxazole (Doses based on trimethoprim component) | 20 mg/kg/day | Divided q6h | 10 to 20 mg/kg/day | Divided q12h | 10 mg/kg | q24h |
| imipenem | 500 mg | q6h | 250 to 500 mg | q6 to 8h | 250 mg | q12h |
| meropenem | 1 g | q8h | 1 g | q12h | 500 mg | q24h |
| piperacillin-tazobactam | 4.5 g | q6h | 3.375 to 4.5 g | q6 to 8h | 2.25 g | q6 to 8h |

The following antibiotics do not require an adjustment for renal function: azithromycin; ceFTRIAXone; clindamycin; metroNIDAZOLE; moxifloxacin

- This guide is a companion reference to the Sepsis antibiotic dosing guideline
- This guide is not a general reference on dosing antibiotics for renal impairment
- This guide does not include dosing for dialysis patients – please call pharmacy or contact nephrologist
- This guide is intended for use in adults only
- Where a range of dose or interval is provided, the regimen decided should be based on patient severity and degree of renal impairment within that range. Please dose to the closest available vial size
- This is a guide only based on commonly referenced sources – the clinician may elect to be more or less aggressive based on other patient factors

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