





Sepsis



When More Cowbell Isn't Enough

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Objectives

- Discuss pathophysiology of Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)
- * Discuss SIRS and qSOFA clinical criteria.
- Discuss current prehospital and ED assessment and management of sepsis.

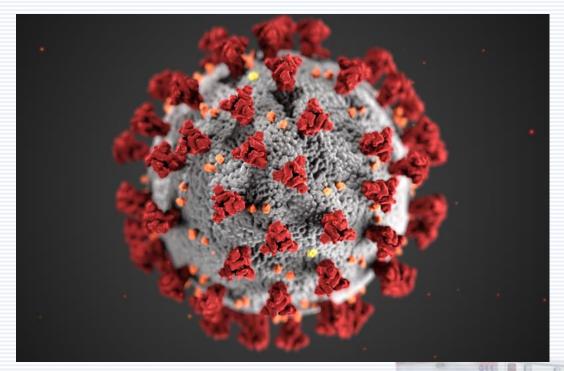


Sepsis III Consensus Definitions

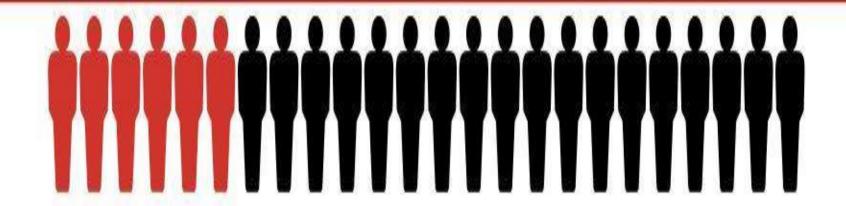
- Sepsis: Life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by dysregulated host response to infection.
- * Organ dysfunction is defined as an increase in SOFA score ≥ 2 points.
- Septic shock is sepsis with circulatory and cellular/metabolic abnormalities profound enough to substantially increase mortality.

Sources of Sepsis

- ***** Bacterial
- * Viral
- * Fungal
- ***** Parasitic







Each year, at least 1.7 million adults in America develop sepsis.

Nearly **270,000** Americans die as a result of sepsis each year.

1 in 3

One in three patients who die in a hospital have sepsis.

States with the highest death rate (per 100,000)



Kentucky

Alabama

Mississippi

New Jersey

States with the lowest death rate (per 100,000)



Vermont

Oregon

Nevada

In 2015, the average cost for treating hospital-associated sepsis was

\$58,000

in 2018.

Patients who develop sepsis in the hospital are

more likely to have septic shock than those with sepsis upon admission.

According an analysis by Premier, mortality rates among sepsis patients dropped 8% and readmissions fell 7% between 2015 and 2018.

30 MILLION

Number of people worldwide who develop sepsis each year

1.7 MILLION

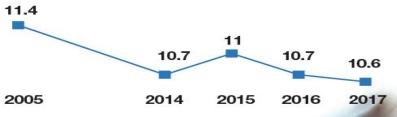
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Number of Americans who die each year from sepsis

patients who die in a U.S. hospital have sepsis

Sepsis death rates in U.S. (per 100,000)

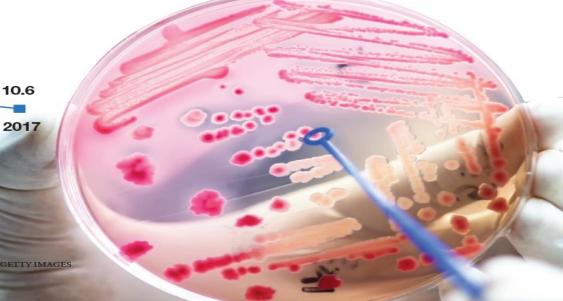


S24 BILLION

Total annual U.S. hospital costs for treating sepsis

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Premier, World Health Organization



Poll

* Which is the more prevalent time-sensitive, lifethreatening illness?

- *** Stroke**
- *** STEMI**
- Sepsis



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel transport more than 50% of all sepsis cases to the hospital emergency department (ED).



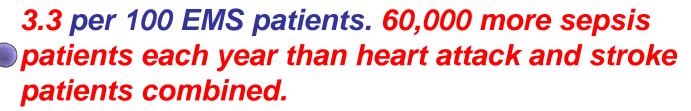


2.3 per 100 EMS patients

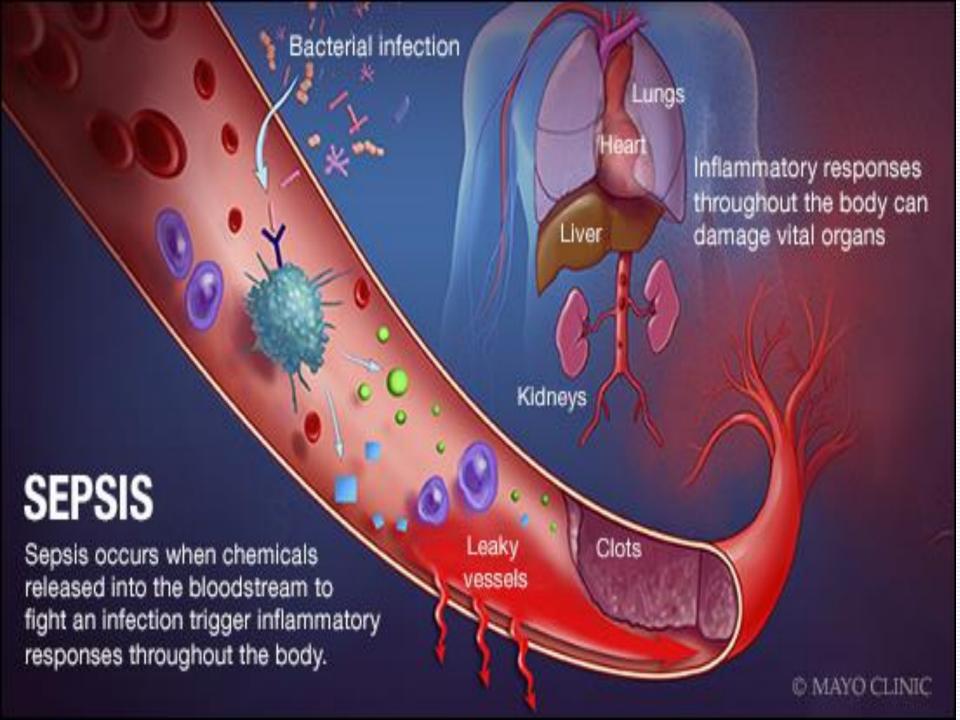


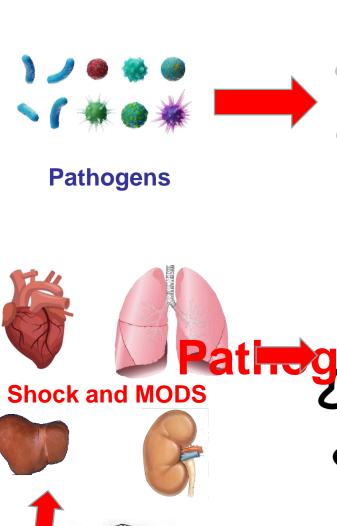
2.2 per 100 EMS patients





EMS personnel frequently represent the first medical contact for sepsis patients since as many as 87% of sepsis cases start in the community, prior to hospitalization.



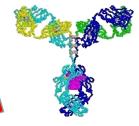








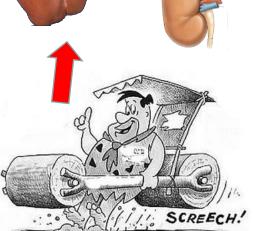




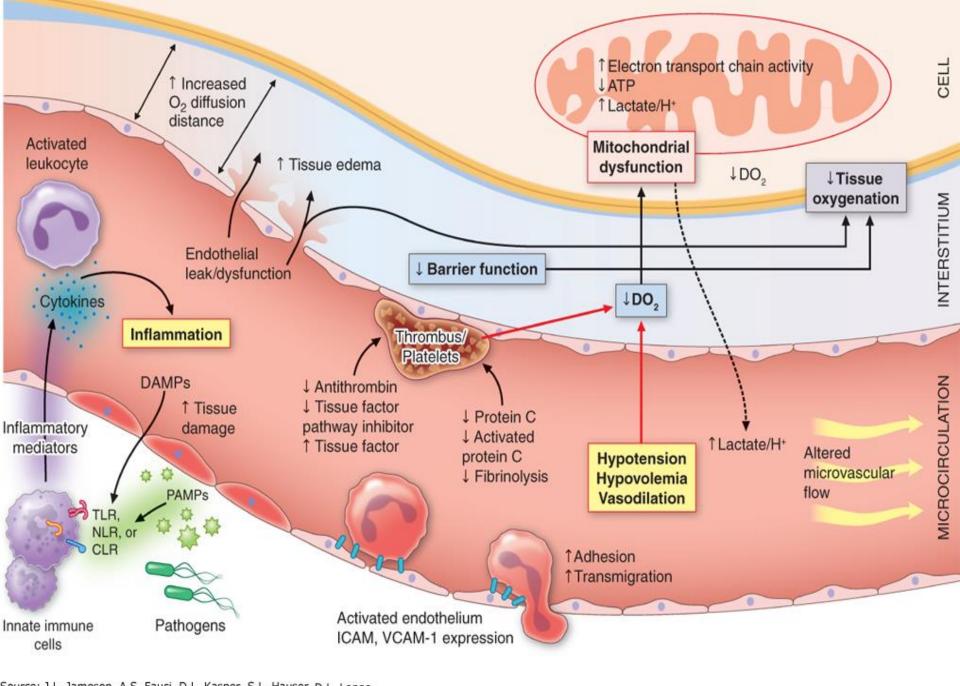
Humoral Response

SIRS Criteria

- $T > 101^{\circ} F \text{ or } < 96.8^{\circ} F$
- **RR > 20 or MV > 10 liters**
- HR > 90
- **WBC Count**
 - > 10,000/ mm³
 - $< 4,000/mm^3$)



Immune Dysregulation



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Populations at Risk

- *** Geriatrics**
- *** Pediatrics**
- Chronically bedbound
- Immunocompromised
 - * HIV and AIDS
 - * Chronically ill
- Immunosuppressed
 - * Transplant recipients
 - * Chemotherapy
- Surgical patients



Clinical Signs of Sepsis

- * Hyperdynamic state (warm shock)
 - * Tachycardia
 - * Elevated or normal cardiac output
 - * Poor systemic vascular resistance
- * Hypodynamic state (cold shock)
 - * Decreased cardiac output
 - * Late, and very ominous sign



SOFA Scoring

- * Sepsis-related Organ Failure Assessment
- Used to determine a patient's level of organ function.
- * 1-4 scale, based upon six criteria:
 - Respiratory
 - * Cardiovascular
 - **№** Hepatic
 - * Coagulation
 - **☀** Renal
 - * Neurological
- * Score is a strong predictor of mortality:
 - * Increase in first 24-48 hours in ICU = 50-95% mortality.
 - * Score of < 9 = 33% mortality, > 11 = 95% mortality,

qSOFA Scoring

- Intended to be a rapid bedside SOFA assessment for prehospital and ED personnel.
- * Replaces SIRS prehospital criteria
- * 0-3 scale, assessing:
 - ***** Tachypnea (respirations ≥ 22): 1 point
 - ***** Hypotension (systolic ≤ 100): 1 point
 - * Altered mentation (GCS < 15): 1 point



Limitations of Sepsis III Definitions

- SOFA and qSOFA are mortality predictors, not screening tests for sepsis, although they will inevitably be viewed that way.
- Sepsis III guidelines may be more sensitive than Sepsis II guidelines, but they have not yet been validated for specificity.



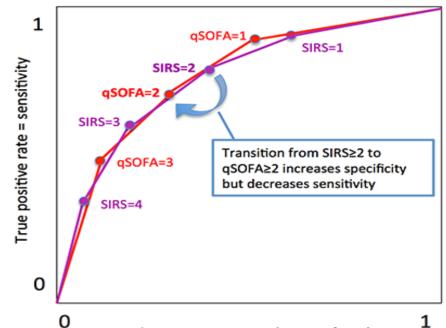
Limitations of qSOFA

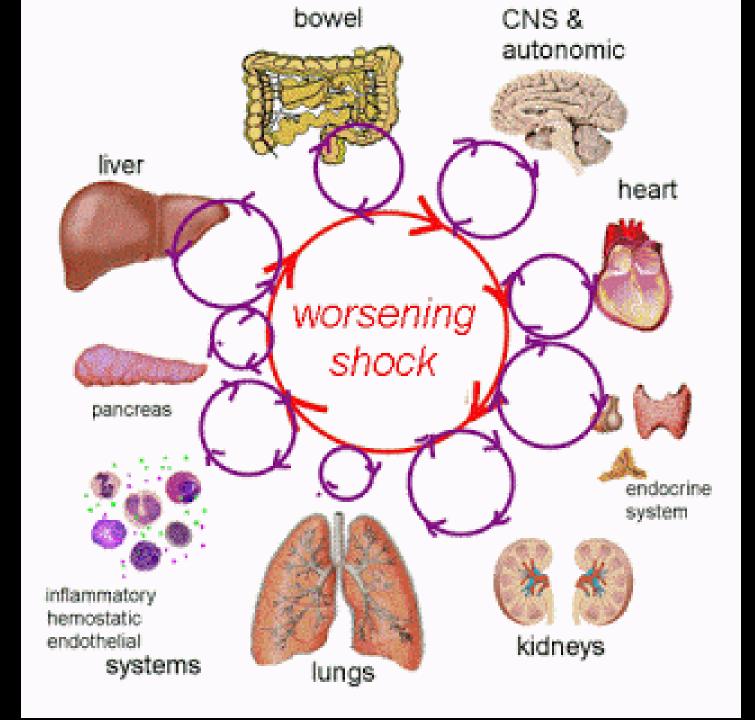
- Not appreciably better than old SIRS criteria.
 - **Traded sensitivity for** specificity.
 - Less specific in other conditions that cause hypotension, ALOC, and tachypnea
 - * Potential for many more false positives.

Ability to predict mortality among patients with possible infection outside the ICU

Test	Area under ROC curve	Sensitivity for mortality	Specificity for mortality
SIRS ≥ 2	0.76	64%	65%
SOFA ≥ 2	0.79	68%	67%
qSOFA ≥ 2	0.81	55%	84%

Imagined ROC curves for SIRS vs. qSOFA for mortality prediction

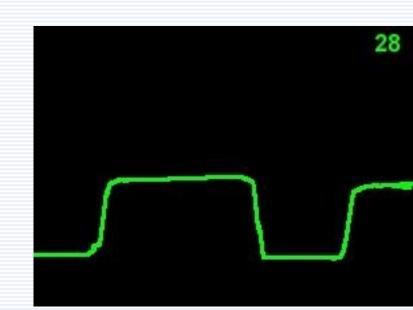




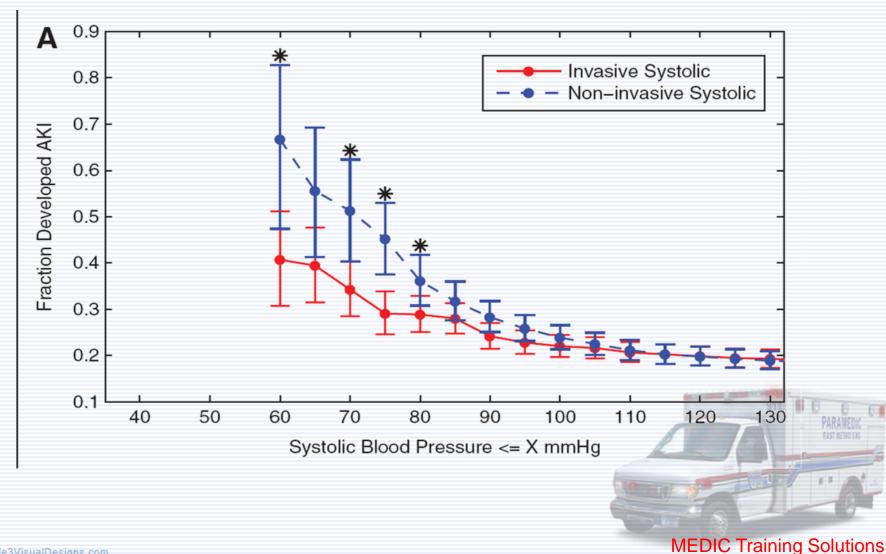


Waveform Capnography

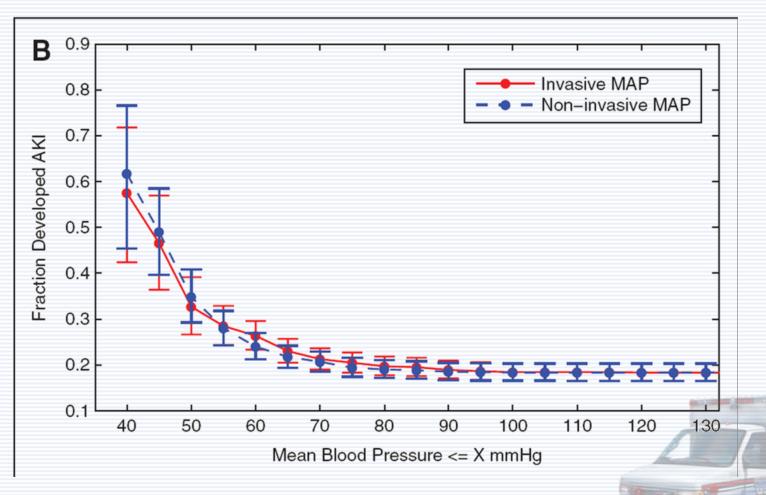
- * As perfusion falls, so does etCO₂
- Monitor etCO₂ trending
- ***** etCO₂ ≤ 25 mmHg is strongly associated with lactate levels > 4 mmol/L.



AKI: Arterial Line vs NIBP

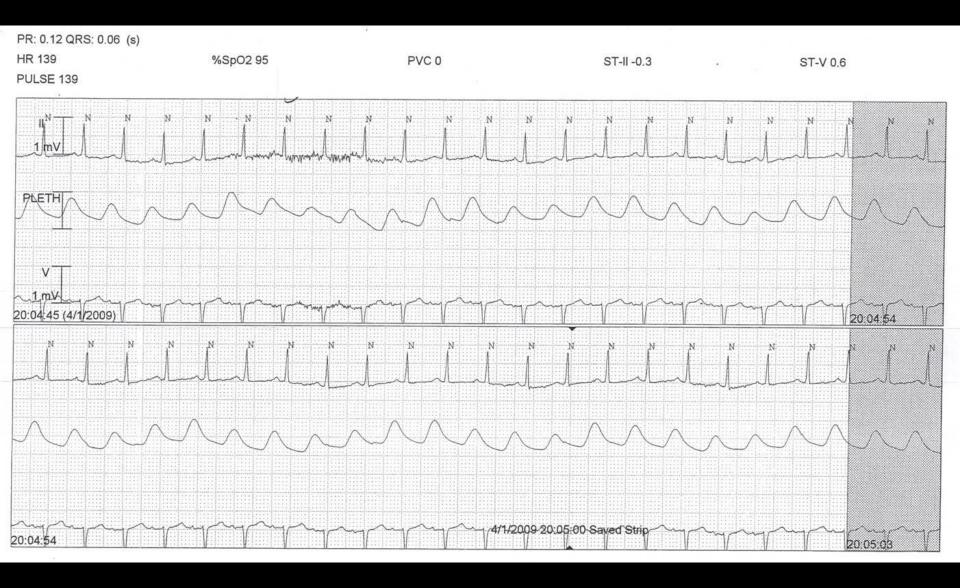


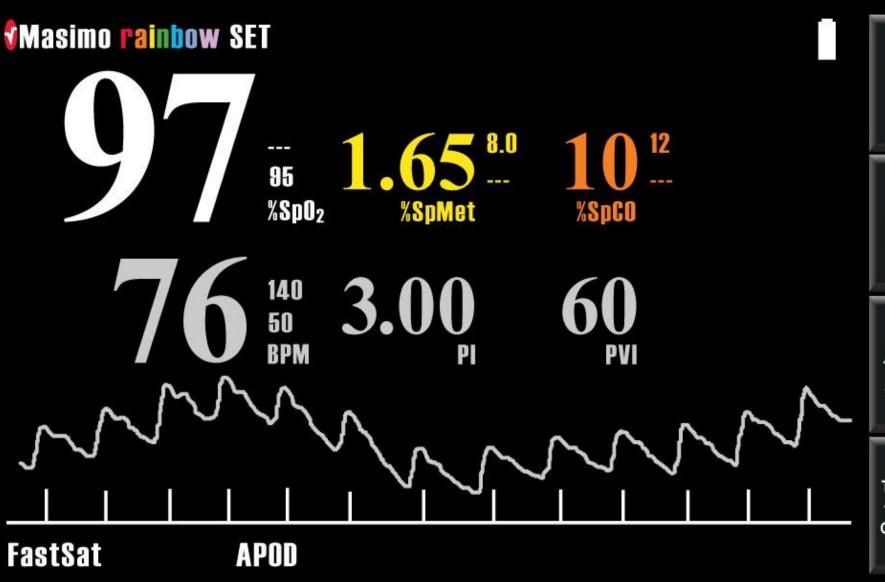
Acute Kidney Injury: MAP



Plethysmography in Predicting Hypovolemia

- Normal pleth waveform has evenly spaced, equally wide waves of equal amplitude
- * Studies have shown that as little as 8 to 10 percent reduction in total blood volume can be seen on the plethysmograph.
- * If, upon inspiration, the vertical amplitude of the pleth decreases, then increases during expiration, the patient might be hypovolemic.















A PVI >14% before volume expansion discriminated between responders and non-responders with 81% sensitivity and 100% specificity.

Shock Indices

I wrote all this down in 1967. WTF, people?

Allgower's Shock Index = HR **SBP**

Modified Shock Index = HR **MAP**



SI > 0.9

MSI < 0.7 or > 1.3



40% MORTALITY!



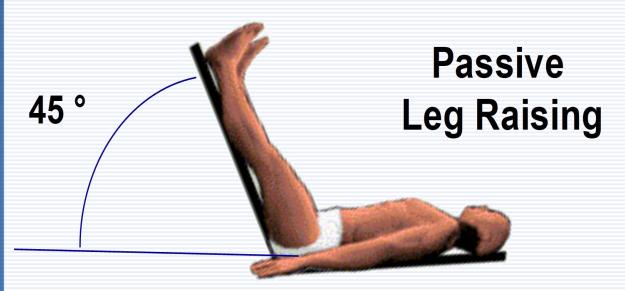
ASSESSMENT SEVERITY OF HYPOVOLEMIC SHOCK

Allgower's shock index

1.5-2.0 = 40-50 %

Passive Leg Raising

- * 150 300 ml volume
- * Effects < 30 seconds, not > than 4 minutes
- Self-volume challenge
- ***** Reversible

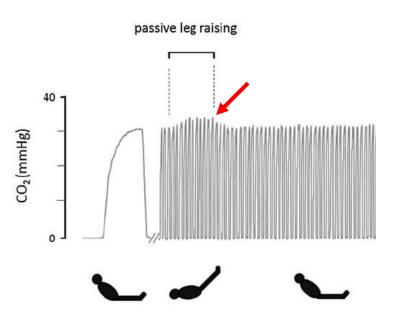




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End-tidal carbon dioxide is better than arterial pressure for predicting volume responsiveness by the passive leg raising test

Intensive Care Med. 2013 Jan;39(1):93-100



Still Paying Attention?

- * How might a clinician tell if a patient might be centrally hypovolemic and thus benefit from IV fluid boluses?
 - A. Waveform capnography and passive leg raise
 - B. Pleth variability index
 - C. Urinary output
 - D. Labs

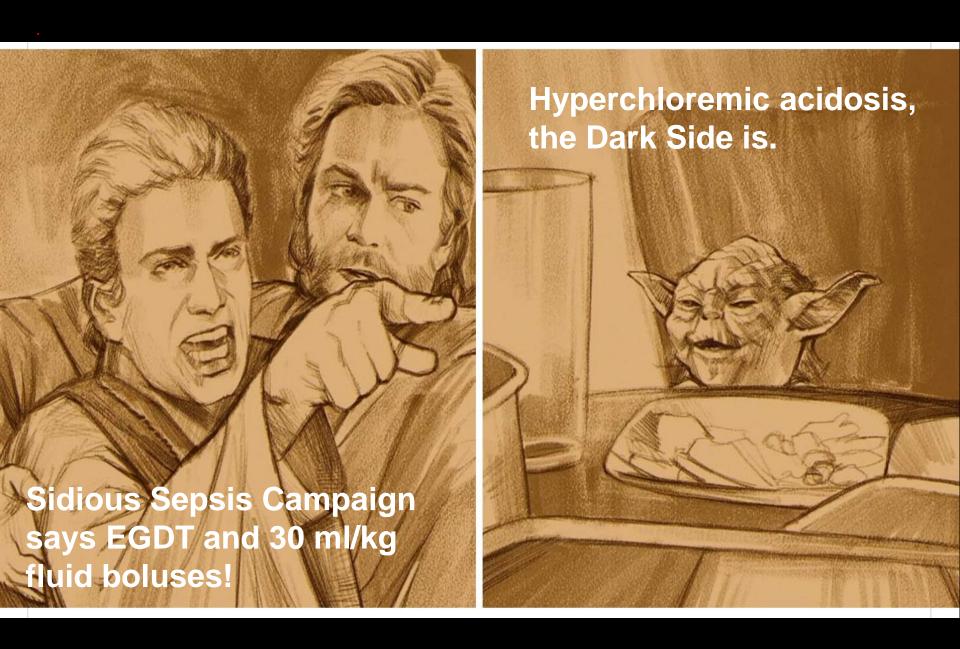


WARNING!



MIXING OF MULTIPLE MEMES MAY RESULT IN COGNITIVE DISSONANCE AND AUDIENCE CONFUSION.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!







One bag of this = 30 bags of this.

Inconvenient Facts

- Roughly half of our hypoperfusing patients are incapable of raising their cardiac output with IV fluid boluses. These people are classified as "non-responders."
- * For these people, IV pressors are better.
- * Try to determine early on which is which.



2012 Meta-Analysis of Fluid Bolus in Kids

Mortality after Fluid Bolus in Children with Shock Due to Sepsis or Severe Infection: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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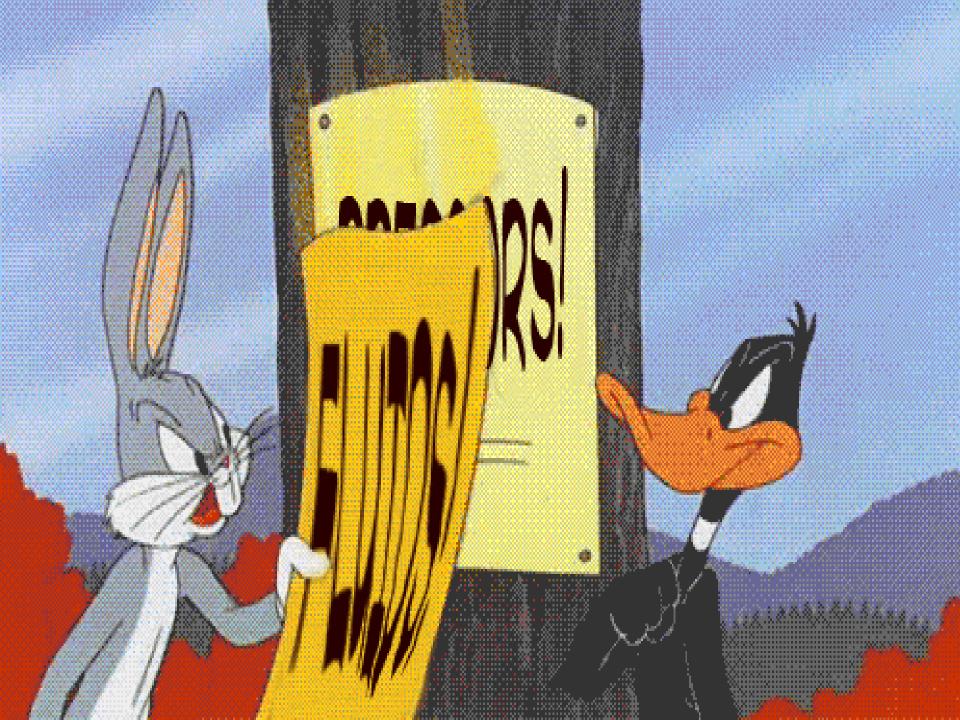
Conclusions: "...fluid boluses were harmful compared to no bolus. Simple algorithms are needed to...determine who could potentially be harmed by the provision of bolus fluids, and who will benefit."

Prehospital Sepsis Treatment

- *** EARLY RECOGNITION!**
- Supplemental oxygen
- * Bilateral large bore IV access, draw blood if possible
- * Fluid boluses
 - * 30 ml/kg of a BALANCED fluid
 - * Large saline infusions contribute to hyperchloremic acidosis
 - * Reassess BP and lung sounds after each 500 ml.
- * Vasopressor support if unresponsive to fluid boluses and allowed by local protocol:

Early Goal-Directed Therapy (EGDT)

- In the presence of hypotension (SBP < 90 or MAP < 65) or serum lactate > 2 mmol/L:
 - * Bolus an initial minimum of 30 ml/kg balanced fluid or colloid equivalent.
 - * Administer vasopressors for refractory hypotension, titrated to MAP > 65, AND:
 - * Achieve central venous pressure (CVP) > 8 mm Hg.
 - * Achieve central venous oxygen saturation (ScvO2) of > 70%.
- EGDT and fluid recommendations for sepsis are currently a source of great controversy among clinicians.



Summary

- Sepsis is a significant public health problem worldwide.
- * Prehospital recognition of sepsis can significantly improve outcomes.
- * Oxygenation and fluid replacement is critical.
- qSOFA criteria can be easily adapted to Sepsis Alert Protocols.
- * Sepsis Alerts should be handled with all the urgency of STEMI alerts and stroke alerts.
- * Coordination with hospitals in formulating sepsis protocols can greatly improve patient outcomes.

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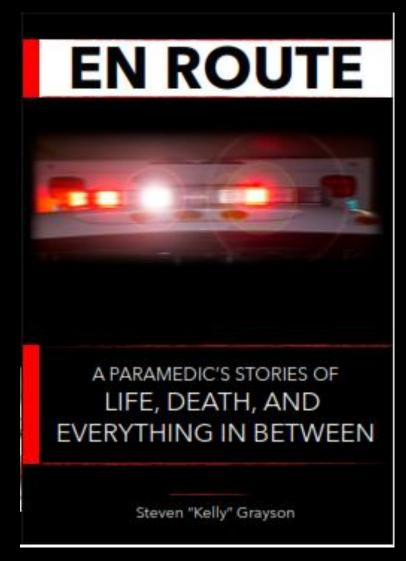
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