

## CURRENT COLLABORATIVE NEWS

The monthly webinar held in August focused on spreading early recognition screening and treatment protocols for severe sepsis beyond the emergency department and intensive care units and into the medical surgical wards. Our featured speakers, Kennedy Health System's Sepsis on the Floors Task Force team leads, Dr. Cindy Hou and Marianne Kraemer, discussed the multi-pronged, system-wide approach that Kennedy Health implements using a framework of strategies to improve sepsis care and patient outcomes. Keeping the focus on fostering collaboration amongst RN and medical staff, tools and protocols were developed to prepare and equip the frontline staff to identify and treat sepsis in the early stages. These tools include a nurse-driven lactate protocol, sepsis alert and algorithm, sepsis "countdown" clocks, and a comprehensive sepsis education and training program.

To view the recorded August 19th webinar, please access the link below:

<https://njha.webex.com/njha/lsr.php?RCID=aa2c26707b9f44d991fdeed673610d9b>

### Sepsis on the Floors Task Force: Kennedy Health System



PHOTO: Left: Marianne Kraemer, RN, MPA, ED.M, CCRN, Chief Nursing Officer/ST & Nursing Leader, Sepsis Committee. Right: Cindy Hou, DO, MBA, FACOI, Infectious Disease Physician & Physician Chair, Sepsis on the Floors Task Force.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SEPSIS

September is Sepsis Awareness Month! We would like to share what our N.J. Collaborative teams are doing to promote sepsis awareness in their organization and communities. Please email your sepsis events to [sdavila@njha.com](mailto:sdavila@njha.com) so that we may showcase the great work our New Jersey healthcare organizations are achieving.

In recognition of this important month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have compiled a list of resources, listed below, for healthcare providers to use in their sepsis efforts. You may learn more at [www.cdc.gov/sepsis/](http://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/).

- Video from CDC Director and World Sepsis Day Ambassador, Dr. Tom Frieden, reminding patients and providers on the importance of detecting sepsis early.
- Patient fact sheets created in collaboration with the Sepsis Alliance, Rory Staunton Foundation and the CDC Foundation.
- An infographic to increase sepsis awareness among both the general public and healthcare professionals.
- Webinar on pediatric sepsis from the Children's Hospital Association.
- CDC's Safe Healthcare Blog Series on patient stories and clinical best practices and a Twitter chat with clinical professional organizations and patients to raise awareness on sepsis.

## READINESS CHECK

- Enter August data into N.J. Sepsis data site by Sept. 30
- Implement severe sepsis screening tools and protocols
- Review Q2 2015 severe sepsis mortality reports

## LOOKING AHEAD

Please join us September 16 at 1:00 p.m. for our next collaborative Webinar on "Sepsis Management in the Acute Rehab Setting – Updates from New Jersey teams".

Webinar log in info:

Event address for attendees:

<https://njha.webex.com/njha/onstage/q.php?d=663019205&t=a>

For audio conference only:

Toll-free number: 1-877-668-4490

Access code: 663 019 205

Event password: njsepsis