

## CURRENT COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### N.J. Data Site Update

The N.J. sepsis data site was updated to include the CMS SEP-1: Early Management Bundle, Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock measure. Hospitals should go to this site and enter their monthly total bundle compliance numerators and denominators that are submitted to CMS. Once the data is entered, hospitals will be able to compare their rates to the aggregate rates of the collaborative.

### New Sepsis Definitions

In late February, a task force comprised of experts from the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine released the updated definitions for sepsis and septic shock (Sepsis-3). According to SCCM, the new recommendations define sepsis as life-threatening organ dysfunction due to a dysregulated host response to infection. Septic shock is defined as a subset of sepsis in which particularly profound circulatory, cellular and metabolic abnormalities substantially increase mortality. Please visit SCCM's website to download the definitions in their entirety and view a variety of resources including presentations and podcasts from the 45th Critical Care Congress. [www.sccm.org/sepsisredefined](http://www.sccm.org/sepsisredefined).

Please note, the Surviving Sepsis Campaign has published their response to the new definitions and the implications on current sepsis improvement efforts. To access this response, click [here](#).

Finally, the N.J. Sepsis Learning-Action Collaborative is presenting education on the new definitions from its expert faculty at the in-person learning session on May 12.

## READINESS CHECK

- Review 2015 Q4 sepsis mortality reports
- Enter January and February sepsis bundle data into the N.J. sepsis data site by March 31

## LOOKING AHEAD

Please join us for the following events:

- April 20 at 1:00 p.m. [Click here to register](#)  
N.J. Sepsis Learning-Action Collaborative Webinar with special guest, Dignity Health, presenting "Suspecting and Treating Sepsis in Maternal Medicine"
- May 12 [Click here to register](#)  
N.J. Sepsis Learning-Action Face-to-Face Learning Session

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SEPSIS

During the Feb. 17 Webinar, the Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus team presented their facility's sepsis improvements by highlighting several successes they have achieved. The paneled discussion covered the process MMC Southern Campus staff used to micro-analyze their projected implementation plan. This plan helped to identify gaps and pitfalls prior to the roll-out and full implementation of the sepsis program. In addition, staff shared the challenges of fine tuning an electronic sepsis screening program built within the EHR and how they address care to end-of-life patients that develop sepsis. The team stressed that using open communication, team building methods and positive reinforcement with a focus on celebrating the successes are what have built and sustained momentum.

To listen to this recorded Webinar, [please click here](#).

### MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER SOUTHERN CAMPUS SEPSIS TEAM



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