

APPENDIX F: PROMPTS TO ENCOURAGE LACTATE SCREENING AND SEVERE SEPSIS RECOGNITION



Greater New York Hospital Association/United Hospital Fund Quality Initiatives

STOP SEPSIS COLLABORATIVE

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STAFF NURSE SIGNS

On all blood culture bottle drawers are signs with the message, “Sending blood cultures, send a lactate as well.”

PANIC VALUE

Make lactate ≥ 4 a hospital-wide, or at least ED, critical value that has the lab call a clinician.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROMPTS

BLOOD CULTURE ORDER PROMPTING

If you are admitting or sending blood cultures on a patient who you believe might be infected, send a LACTATE.

ADMISSION PROMPTING

If admitting diagnosis is UTI, pneumonia, sepsis, urosepsis, fever, a prompt to screen for severe sepsis comes up.