



SEPSIS awareness

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Situation

Sepsis is the body's response to an infective process that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and/or death.

In the United States, Sepsis accounts for 12.2% of all hospital readmissions. (Camm, et al., 2018) Sepsis kills 270,000 Americans each year. (Sepsis.org, 2019) Some of these patients are in our SSM Health communities.

Background

Care in the ambulatory setting should play a key role in identification of sepsis prior to admission to acute care. Recognition of sepsis at the earliest point possible allows for the most complete care, effective treatment, and recovery. After hospitalization for sepsis, a patient's ability to function independently frequently declines. Only 43% of previously employed adults returned to work 1 year after contracting sepsis.

Assessment

Research has been typically focused on care in the acute inpatient setting. We would like to raise awareness to the importance the ambulatory setting plays regarding detection and post-acute care of the sepsis patient. Enhancing knowledge for providers and patient care staff is key to improving patient outcomes.

Recommendation

System initiative to raise sepsis awareness.

Promote education for ambulatory providers and patient care staff.

- Interactive information site will be available to all SSM Health staff
- Patient story regarding the impact of sepsis and their recovery
- Weekly educational tips and facts

Stay tuned . . . Much more to come!

Camm, C. F., Hayward, G., Elias, et al. (2018). Sepsis recognition tools in acute ambulatory care: associations with process of care and clinical outcomes in a service evaluation of an Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit in Oxfordshire. *BMJ Open*, 8(4). doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2017-020497 n.a. (2019). Sepsis Alliance. Retrieved from <https://www.sepsis.org/>