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LABORATORY ALERT

Subject: Sepsis Protocol

**Critical Lab Process Notification for:
Phlebotomy, Specimen Processing AND Technical Staff**

Effective date:	10/1/2015
Protocol:	<i>Sepsis Policy</i> Plan for early recognition AND intervention of patients identified with sever sepsis and septic shock.
Why:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major healthcare problem killing one in four • Speed & appropriateness of identification and therapy in first initial hours after severe sepsis develops influences outcome • Can result in acute organ dysfunction
Actions Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing - Quick identification of sepsis • Phlebotomists - draw STAT lactate in a timely manner • Specimen Processing - immediate receipt of all STAT Lactate tests. • Technical staff immediate resulting of lactate test and immediate notification of critical lactate of ≥ 2.0 mmol/L to RN • Nursing – if phlebotomist does not respond in 15 minutes, nursing will call the Lab. • Lab staff taking follow up call from nursing for a STAT Lactate not collected in 15 minutes MUST ESCALATE the notification to a group lead, Tech in Charge, Supervisor or Manager to achieve the draw as quickly as possible.
Emergency Dept. & ICU	STAT lactates on patients in the Emergency Dept. & ICU will be performed via Point of Care iSTAT by Emergency Dept. staff or Respiratory Therapy.
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