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**To:** All EMS Field Providers

**Subject:** Sepsis Protocol Update - \*Acetaminophen

Effective immediately, acetaminophen has been approved for use in the Adult Sepsis Syndrome Protocol in patients with intact swallowing ability; refer to attached Sepsis Syndrome-Adult Protocol.

Please use the smallest volume of water necessary to facilitate swallowing of medication.

Please ensure clear communication with hospital receiving staff as acetaminophen is new to our EMS system medication formulary.

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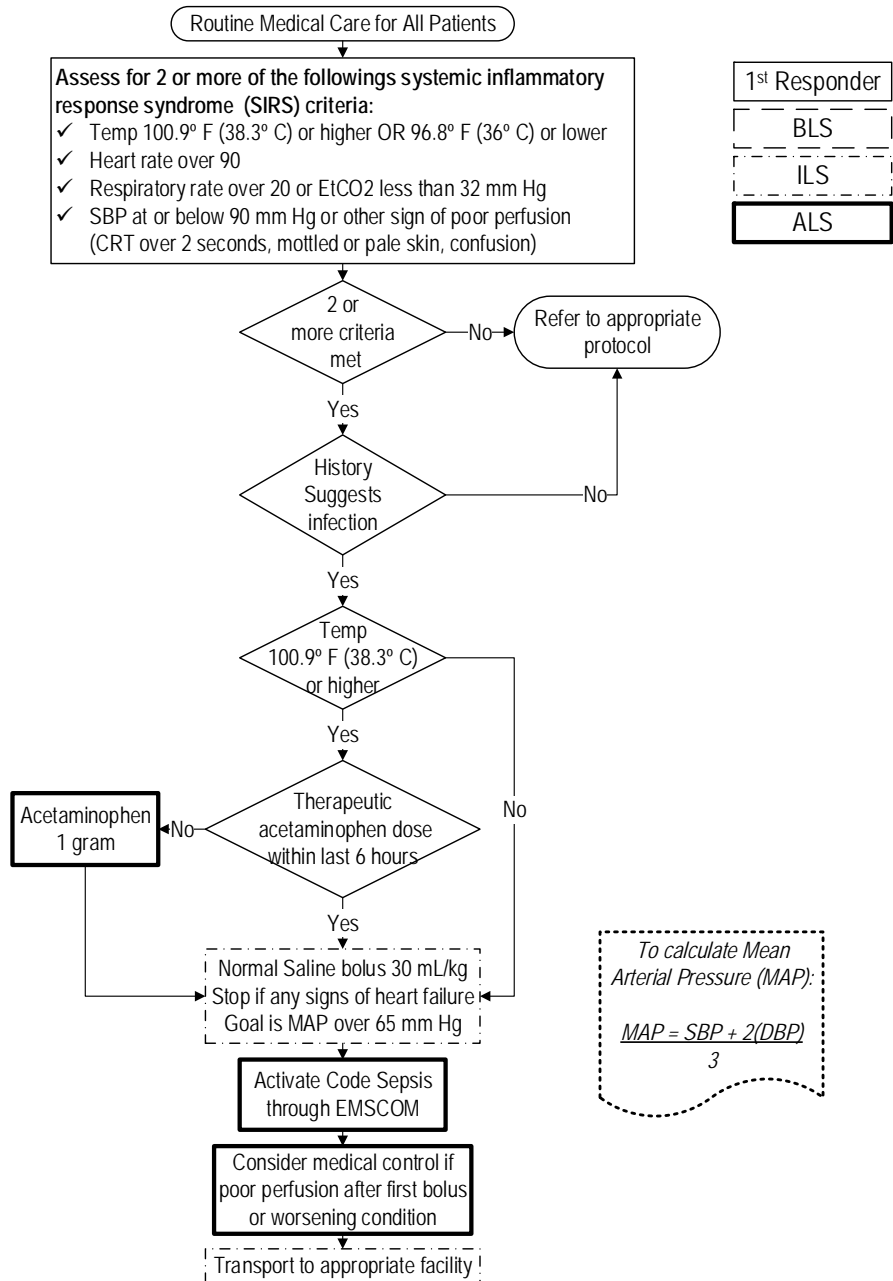
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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
MEDICAL PROTOCOL  
SEPSIS SYNDROME - ADULT**

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History:		Signs/Symptoms May Include:
Pneumonia	Immunocompromised	Fever/hypothermia
Urinary tract infection	Transplant	Tachycardia
Wound infection	HIV	Tachypnea
CNS infection	Diabetes	Altered mental status
GI Infection (abdominal pain and/or diarrhea)	Cancer	Significant edema
Blood stream or catheter infection	Adult – 18 years or older	Hyperglycemia in non-diabetic patient
Presence of indwelling catheters or devices		



**Notes:**

- Ensure appropriate PPE
- Also consider blood glucose over 140 in a non-diabetic patient as a sign of sepsis.
- Small sip of water/liquid to facilitate swallowing pills; do not administer pills or fluids if swallowing is impaired