

# **Rapid detection of sepsis: beyond SIRS**

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For rapid response systems, sepsis is a commonly encountered problem. The systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) is limited in both sensitivity and specificity. The SEPSIS-3 definition is limited by tools to aid clinicians who believe the patient is septic. This presentation will reflect on the value of looking at both clinical and laboratory evidence, including elements of the Sequential Organ Failure Assessment (SOFA) to aid in the prompt recognition and treatment of sepsis due to hospital-acquired infections.