

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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Subject: National Coordinated Strategy for Sepsis

Whereas sepsis is a leading cause of deaths in hospitals and a leading cause of preventable death in children.

Whereas death from sepsis is higher than death from the leading causes of cancer in any age group.

Whereas it is estimated that 55% of, at least pediatric, sepsis starts in the outpatient world and, while catching and treating sepsis early is the key to preventing death from this condition, it is often not recognized early in the outpatient setting.

Whereas the CDC is looking at creating a national surveillance system for sepsis and the shift in focus in efforts to reduce sepsis has been to education in an outpatient setting.

Whereas states such as New York and Illinois have passed legislation and other states such as Pennsylvania are looking or have at crafted legislation.

Whereas the AMA has policy regarding measurement development with NQF and CMS.

RESOLVED that our AMA endorse the idea of creating a national surveillance system for sepsis, and be it further

RESOLVED that our AMA will co-operate with other appropriate groups to make recommendations at a policy level as to the most effective changes which can be made to reduce sepsis and to advance health system innovations that facilitate the early suspicion, recognition, and treatment of sepsis.

Sources:

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Our AMA will provide input on the Severe Sepsis and Sepsis Shock: Management Bundle measure during the National Quality Forum's (NQF) review of the measure in 2017, and ask the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to redesign the measure.

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Recognizing and managing sepsis: what needs to be done?

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