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PICU Winter Cohort 2018**

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# Clarify the Problem

- Literature review
- Care Process Models (CPM)
- PICU median time to interventions from Clinically Derived time Zero
  - 110 minutes for fluid administration
  - 72 minutes for antibiotic administration

## MD/CRNP/RN Rapid Assessment

- ❖ Begin Supplement O2 regardless of SpO2
- ❖ Immediate IV Access, IV Escalation Plan
- ❖ NS or LR 20-30 mL/kg boluses
- ❖ Order antibiotics and labs, obtain cultures
- ❖ Administer 1<sup>st</sup> antibiotic within first 60 minutes
- ❖ Correct hypoglycemia, hypocalcemia
- ❖ Use Critical Care Sepsis Power Plan

# Sepsis COW Card

- The Summer 2017 Nurse Resident Cohort ended their PICU Sepsis project with the development of a Computer on Wheels (COW) card which went live on 7/16/18
- On average the PICU has 4 patients develop sepsis each month and as of 8/7/18 no COW Cards had been completed

Your patient was  
diagnosed with  
**SEPSIS** at  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*To be Completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hour\***

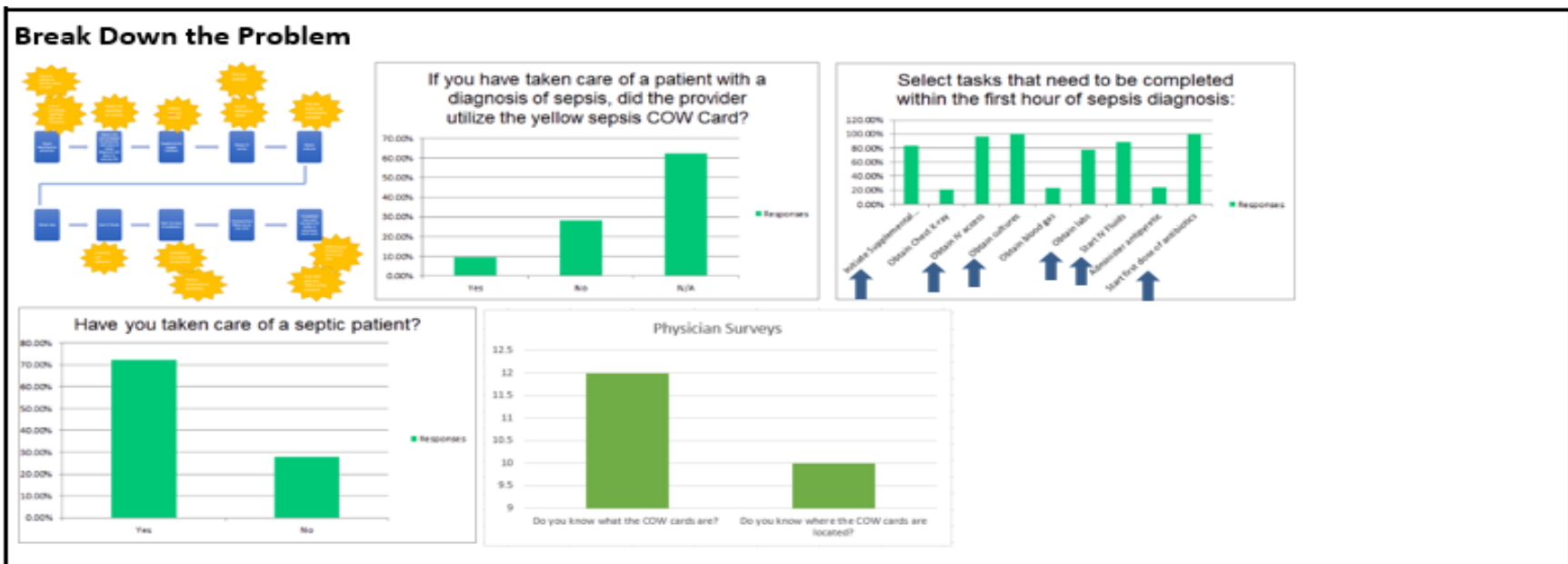
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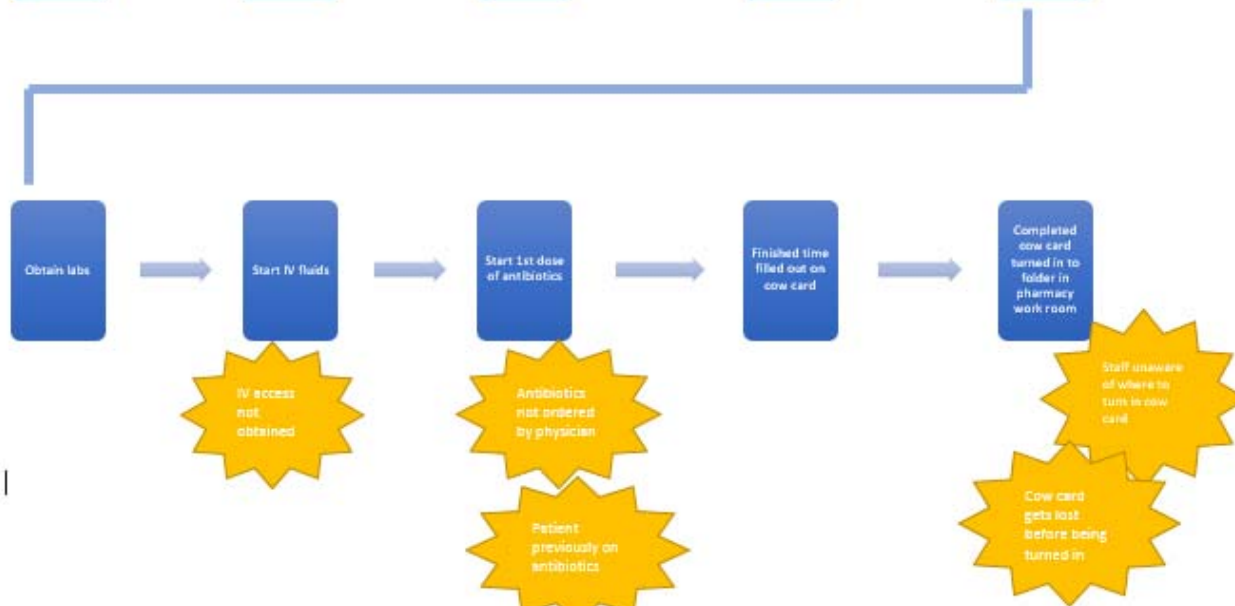
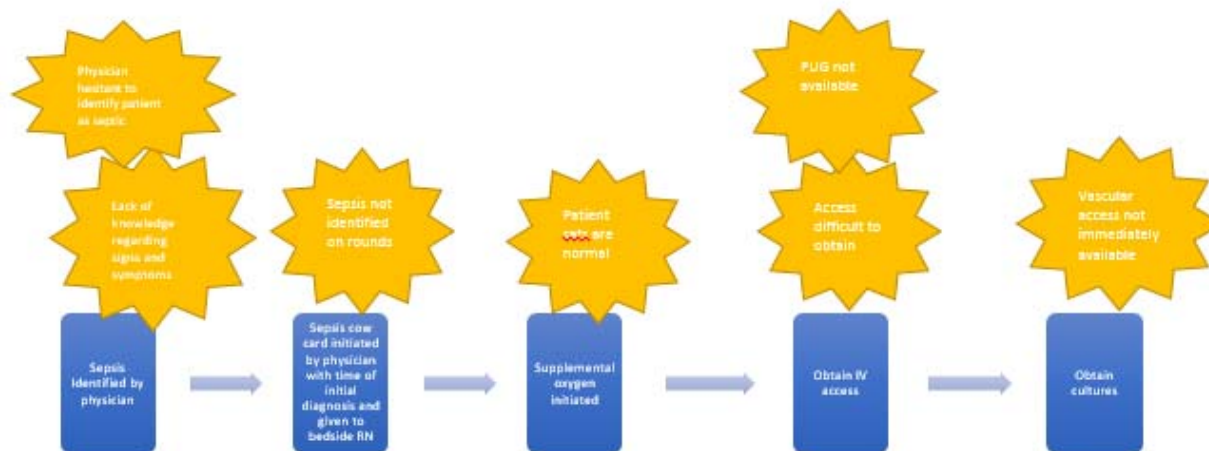
- ☐ Initiate Supplemental Oxygen
- ☐ Obtain IV Access
- ☐ Obtain Cultures
- ☐ Obtain Labs
- ☐ Start IV Fluids
- ☐ Start 1<sup>st</sup> Dose of Antibiotics

**Completion Time:**

**Initials of RN:**

# Breakdown the Problem

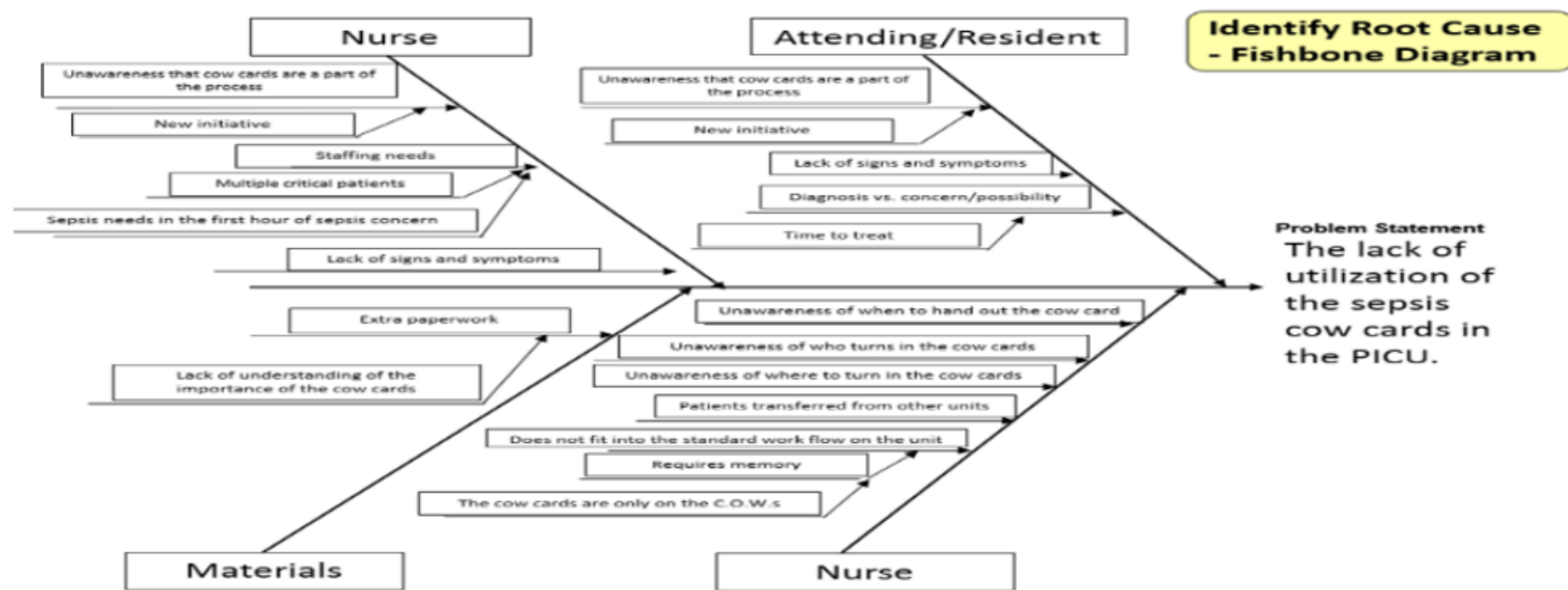




# Set a Target

- As of 09/10/18, 0 cards have been collected. Our goal is to collect sepsis COW cards to better communicate among the team to ensure the treatment tasks are completed within the first hour, which will be evidenced by collecting 4 cards by 02/01/19.

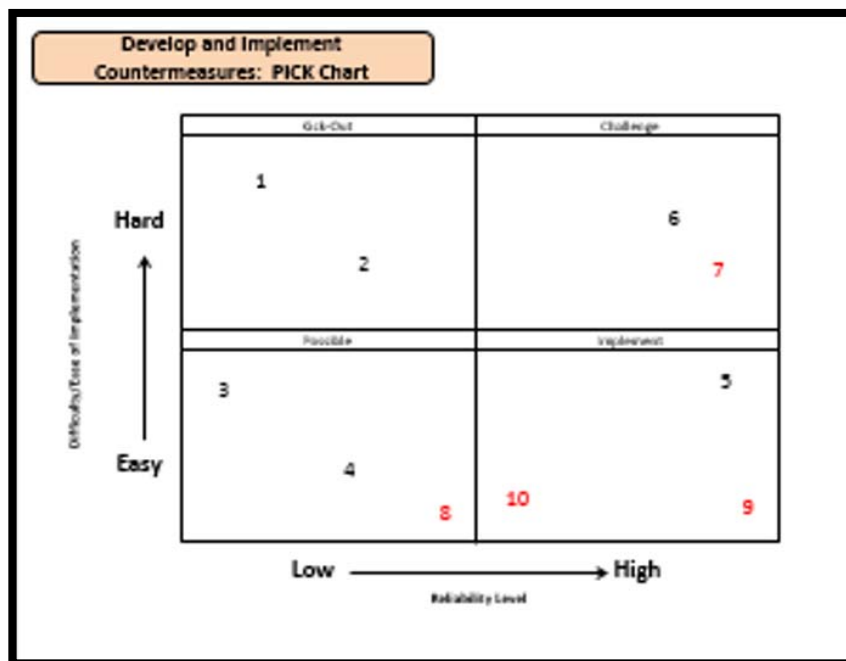
# Identify Root Cause



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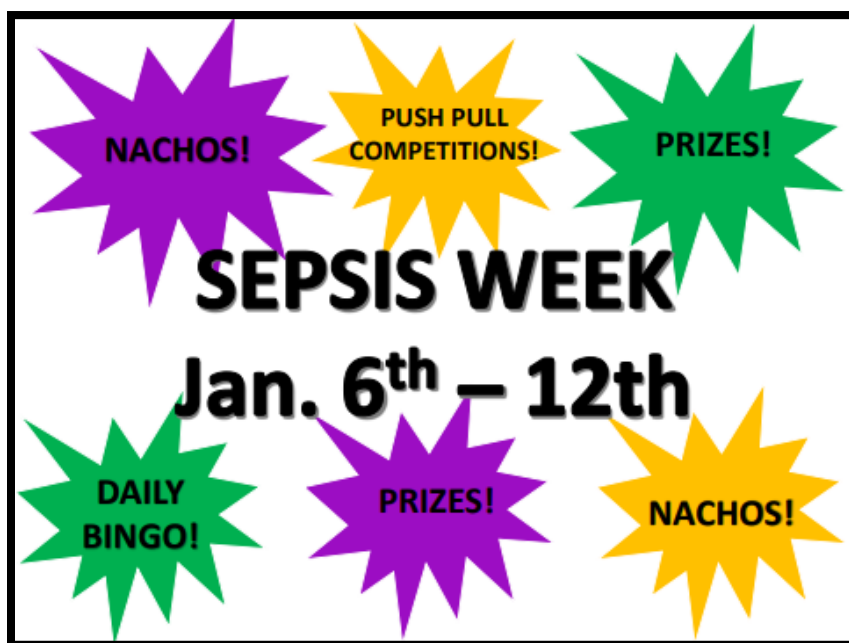
- Unaware that COW cards are part of the process by both the bedside nurse and the attending and/or resident.
- Unaware of where to turn in the COW cards

# Develop and Implement Countermeasures



1	ED Process Implementation
2	COW Card Text
3	Communication with ED
4	CAs pick up COW cards
5	Sepsis RN
6	3 <sup>rd</sup> pager with Sepsis RN
7	Sepsis Week
8	Bathroom flyer
9	COW cards at Nurses station
10	Power Point

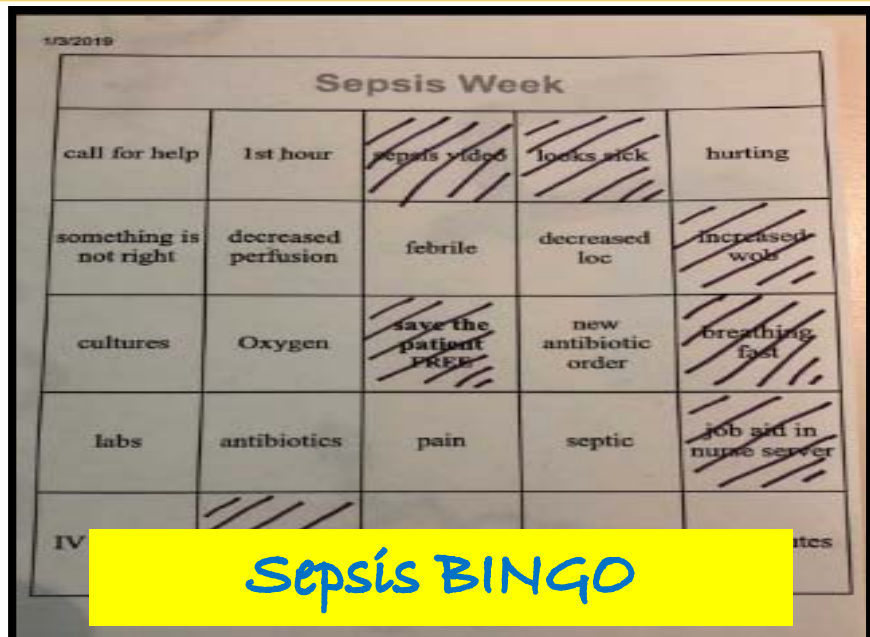
# Sepsis Week 2019



Does your patient have a POSSIBLE diagnosis of sepsis?  
Grab a Sepsis COW Card!

<b>What?</b> The Sepsis COW Card is a checklist with interventions to complete within the first 60 minutes after a suspected sepsis diagnosis.	<b>Why?</b> The Sepsis CPG recommends the 6 interventions be completed <u>within the first 60 minutes</u> of a sepsis diagnosis to improve patient outcomes. The PICU averages 77 minutes to administer antibiotics and 110 minutes for fluids in these patients.
<b>Who?</b> Physicians and nurses can initiate use of the COW card any time sepsis is suspected. Sepsis diagnosis does not have to be confirmed!	
<b>When?</b> Does your patient have a fever? Starting antibiotics? Initiating fluids? Anytime you have a patient with a POSSIBLE sepsis diagnosis, grab a COW Card! The diagnosis does not need to be definitive!	<b>Where?</b> The COW cards are in the pocket on the back of the COWs. When you are done with the COW card, turn it in to bin labeled SEPSIS in the old pharmacy work room, above the education code cart.

# Sepsis Week 2019

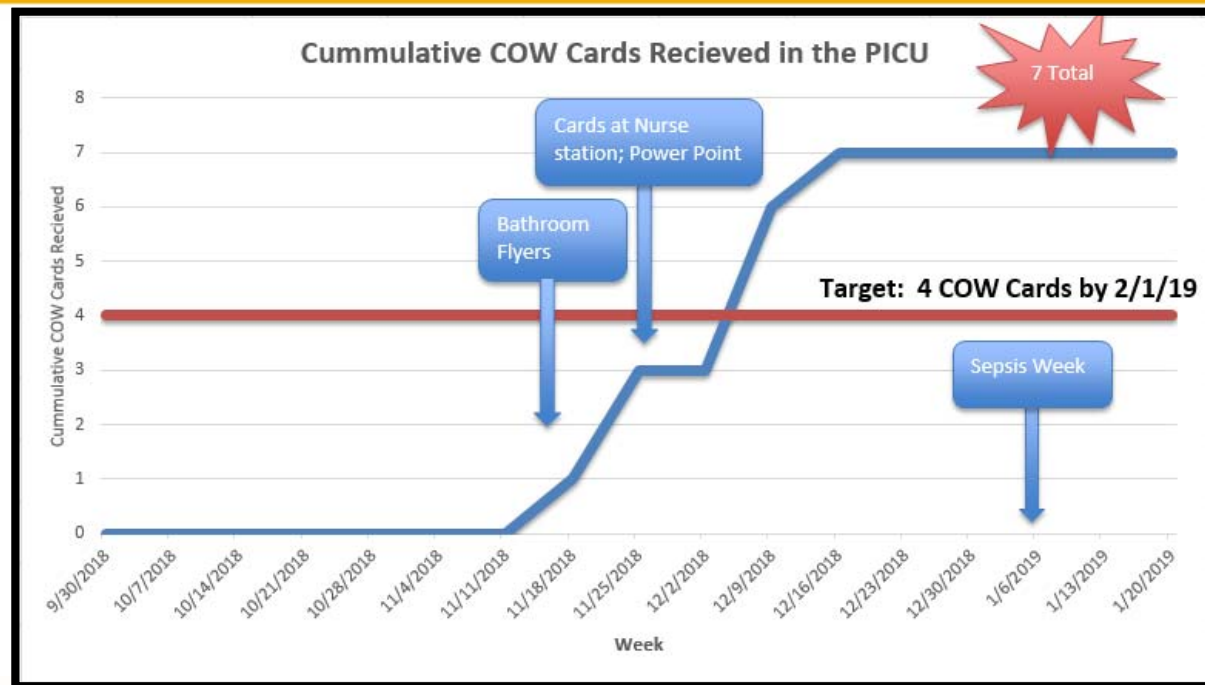


# Countermeasures

- Revised Sepsis COW Card

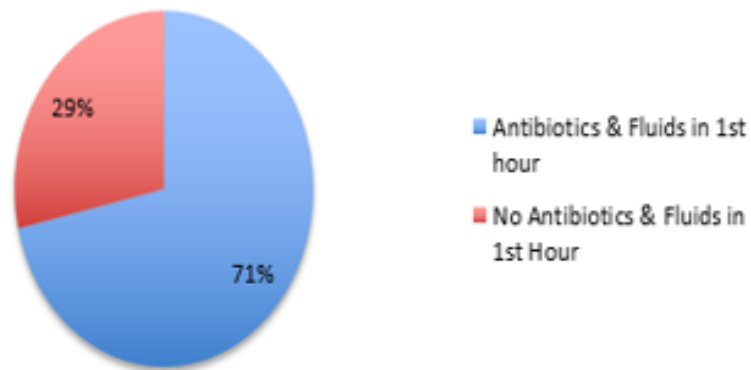
<p><b>SEPSIS COW CARD</b></p> <p>Your patient has a possible diagnosis of <b>SEPSIS</b> at</p> <p>_____</p> <p><small>*Once completed, return to the old pharmacy workroom SEPSIS bin above the code cart</small></p>
<p><small>*To be completed within the 1<sup>st</sup> hour*</small></p> <p>Start Time: _____</p> <p>Time completed: _____</p> <p>_____ Initiate Supplemental Oxygen</p> <p>_____ Obtain IV Access</p> <p>_____ Obtain Cultures</p> <p>_____ Obtain Labs</p> <p>_____ Start IV Fluids</p> <p>_____ Start 1<sup>st</sup> Dose of Antibiotics</p> <p>Completion time of all tasks: _____</p> <p>Initials of RN: _____</p> <p><small>*If unable to complete ANY of the above tasks, contact your attending ASAP.</small></p>

# Check Results and Process

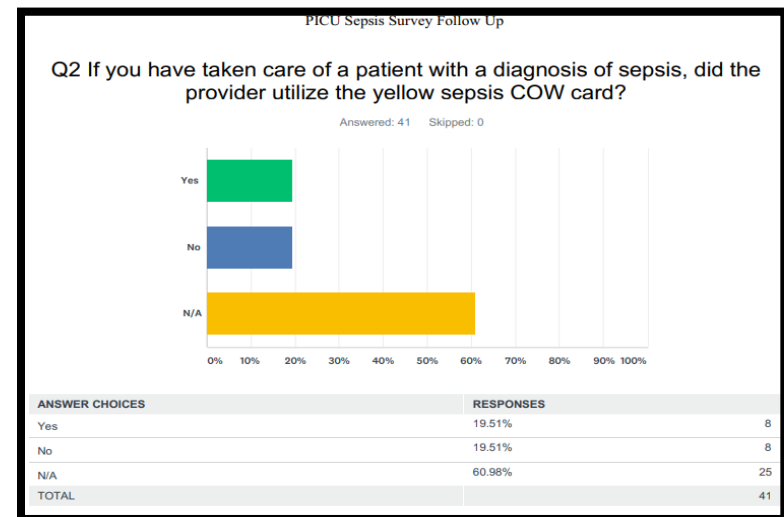
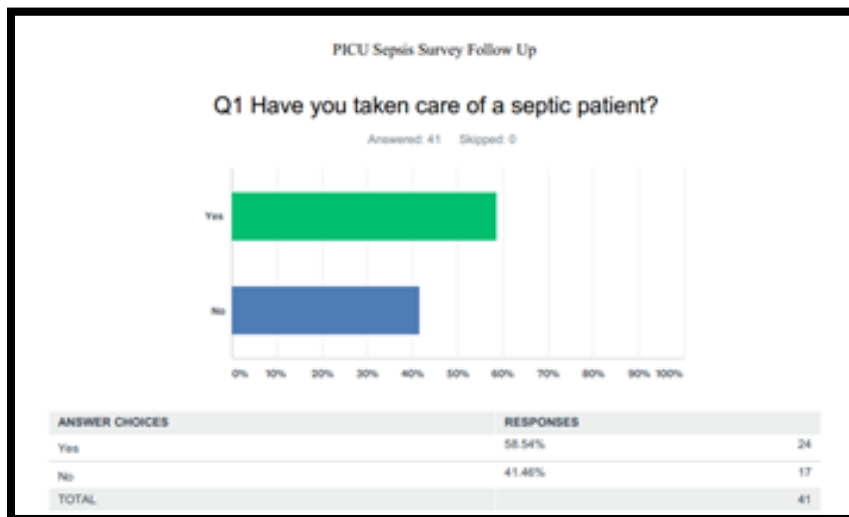


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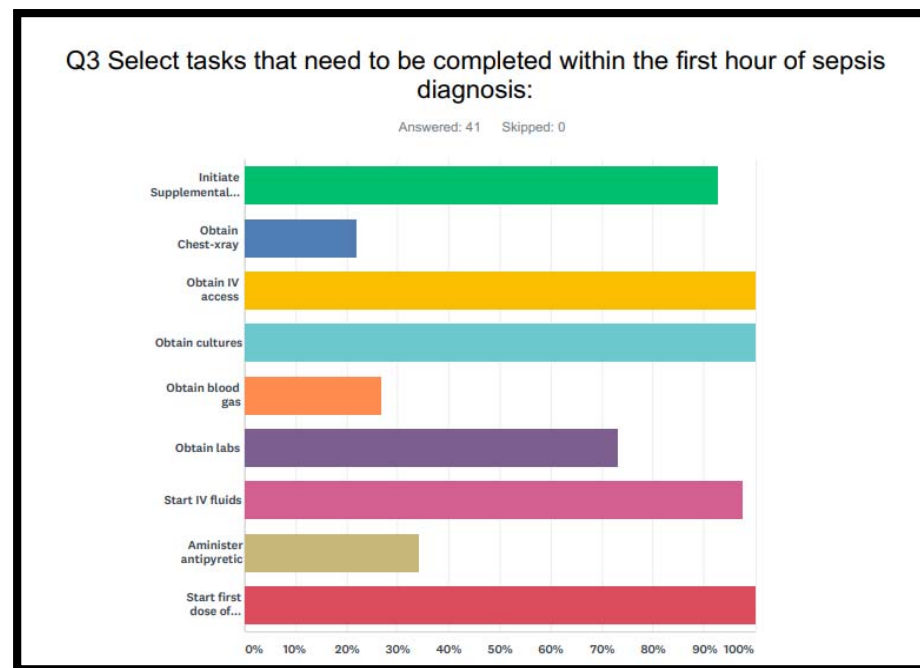
Patients Receiving Antibiotics & Fluids  
in 1st Hour



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# Standardize and Follow Up

- COW Cards were revised
- Continuing to improve sepsis interventions in the PICU
- The next group of Nurse Residents will focus on promoting the revised COW Card, and implementing a designated Sepsis RN in the PICU.

**SEPSIS COW CARD**  
Time of PICU admission OR  
*possible* sepsis diagnosis:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Once completed, return to the old pharmacy  
workroom SEPSIS bin above the code cart

\*To be completed within the 1<sup>st</sup> hour\*

**Start time:**  
<sup>1</sup>Admitted to PICU and/or interventions were started

**Time completed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Initiate Supplemental Oxygen  
\_\_\_\_\_ Obtain IV Access  
\_\_\_\_\_ Obtain Cultures  
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**Completion time of all tasks:**  
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# Questions

