

General management of the septic patient M Ostermann



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Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2016



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Surviving Sepsis guideline recommendations

93 recommendations

- 32 Strong recommendations: "We recommend"
- 39 Weak recommendations: "We suggest"
- 18 Best Practice Statements



Source Control

A specific anatomic diagnosis of infection requiring emergent source control should be identified or excluded as rapidly as possible and any required source control intervention should be implemented. (Best Practice Statement)



Antibiotics

- administration of IV antimicrobials as soon as possible and within 1 h for both sepsis and septic shock (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).
- empiric broad-spectrum therapy with one or more antimicrobials to cover all likely pathogens (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).
- antibiotic stewardship



Failure to treat with the right antibiotics increases mortality by 10-20%



Morell MR et al. Infectious Disease Clinics of North America 23 (3): 485-501, 2009

Initial Resuscitation

- at least 30ml/kg of intravenous crystalloid fluid to be given within the first 3 hours
 (Strong recommendation; low quality of evidence)
- crystalloids as the fluid of choice for initial resuscitation and subsequent intravascular volume replacement

(Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence)

• to avoid starches



Fluid therapy

 following initial fluid resuscitation: additional fluids to be guided by frequent reassessment of hemodynamic status (Best Practice Statement)



How much fluid and for how long?

- Individualised Rx
- According to dynamic signs of fluid responsiveness (Physical exam, straight leg raise, IVC ultrasound, etc)
- Without causing fluid overload





Volume of fluid

Critical Care Medicine 2012;40(6)



Resuscitation phases



Relationship between different stages of resuscitation

Volume status of different stages of resuscitation



Vasopressor therapy

• Target mean arterial pressure of 65 mmHg in patients with septic shock requiring vasopressors

(Strong recommendation; moderate quality of evidence)



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High versus Low Blood-Pressure Target in Patients with Septic Shock

Multicenter open-label RCT

776 patients with septic shock undergoing resuscitation

Comparison: target MAP 80-85mmgHg versus 65-70mmHg





Additional results:

in patients with chronic hypertension (n=340): significantly less RRT in high target group (31.7% vs 42.2%, p=0.046)





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 Regular clinical assessment if shock does not resolve (Best Practice Statement)

Corticosteroids

- Not to use intravenous hydrocortisone to treat septic shock patients if adequate fluid resuscitation and vasopressor therapy are able to restore hemodynamic stability.
- If not achievable, iv hydrocortisone 200 mg per day. (Weak recommendation; low quality of evidence)



Adjunctive Glucocorticoid Therapy in Patients with Septic Shock

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Aim: To determine whether hydrocortisone therapy reduces mortality in patients admitted to ICU with septic shock

Randomisation: Hydrocortisone 200mg/day vs placebo





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Secondary outcomes

- Hydrocortisone more rapid resolution of shock (3 vs 4 days**)
- Hydrocortisone shorter duration of initial episode of IPPV (6 vs 7 days**)
- Hydrocortisone earlier time to ICU discharge (10 vs 12 days**)
- Hydrocortisone reduced frequency of blood transfusion (37% vs 42%**)

** significant after adjustment for multiplicity



Hydrocortisone plus Fludrocortisone for Adults with Septic Shock

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Hypothesis:

hydrocortisone + fludrocortisone improves the outcome of patients with septic shock





Renal Replacement Therapy



Renal Replacement Therapy

 Not to use RRT for increase in creatinine or oliguria without other definitive indications for RRT.

(Weak recommendation; low quality of evidence)

 No specific recommendation for intermittent or continuous RRT unless need for large volume removal



Nutrition

 Early initiation of enteral feeding in critically ill patients who can be fed enterally

(Weak recommendation; low quality of evidence)





No role for routine iv immunoglobulins

No role for erythropoetin

No ScvO₂ and lactate targets



Conclusions

The most important components of sepsis care are:

- i) timely source control
- ii) rapid administration of the right antibiotic(s)
- iii) aggressive haemodynamic resuscitation with

fluids +/- vasopressors within first 6 hours

Need for individualised approach

