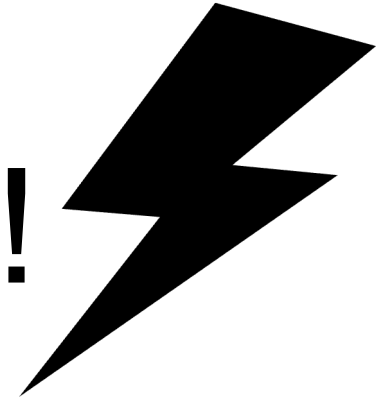


# Sepsis & Shock!



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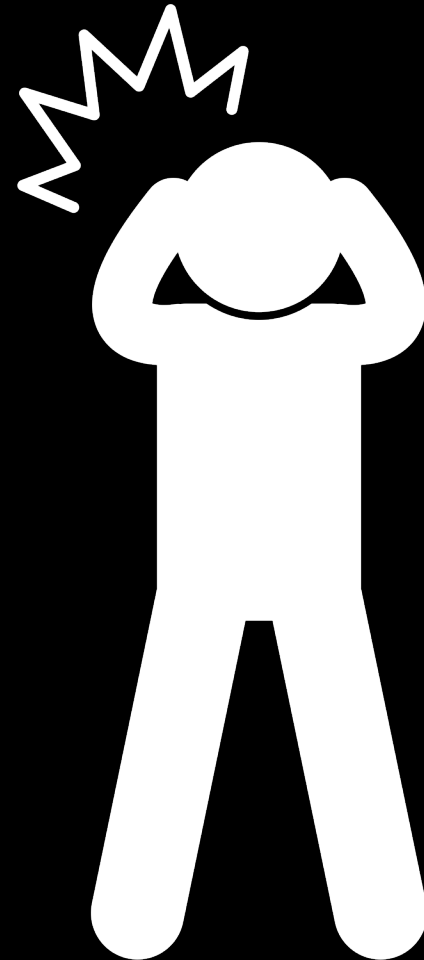
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**“SEPSIS ALERT!”**



# Objectives

Discuss the **diagnosis & diagnostic pitfalls** of sepsis

Develop a **framework for the management**  
of septic shock

Review post-sepsis care and **outcomes after the ICU**



**AT LEAST 1.7 MILLION  
ADULTS IN THE U.S.  
DEVELOP **SEPSIS**  
EACH YEAR, AND  
NEARLY 270,000 DIE  
AS A RESULT.**

**GET AHEAD**  
OF **SEPSIS**

**KNOW THE RISKS. SPOT THE SIGNS. ACT FAST.**



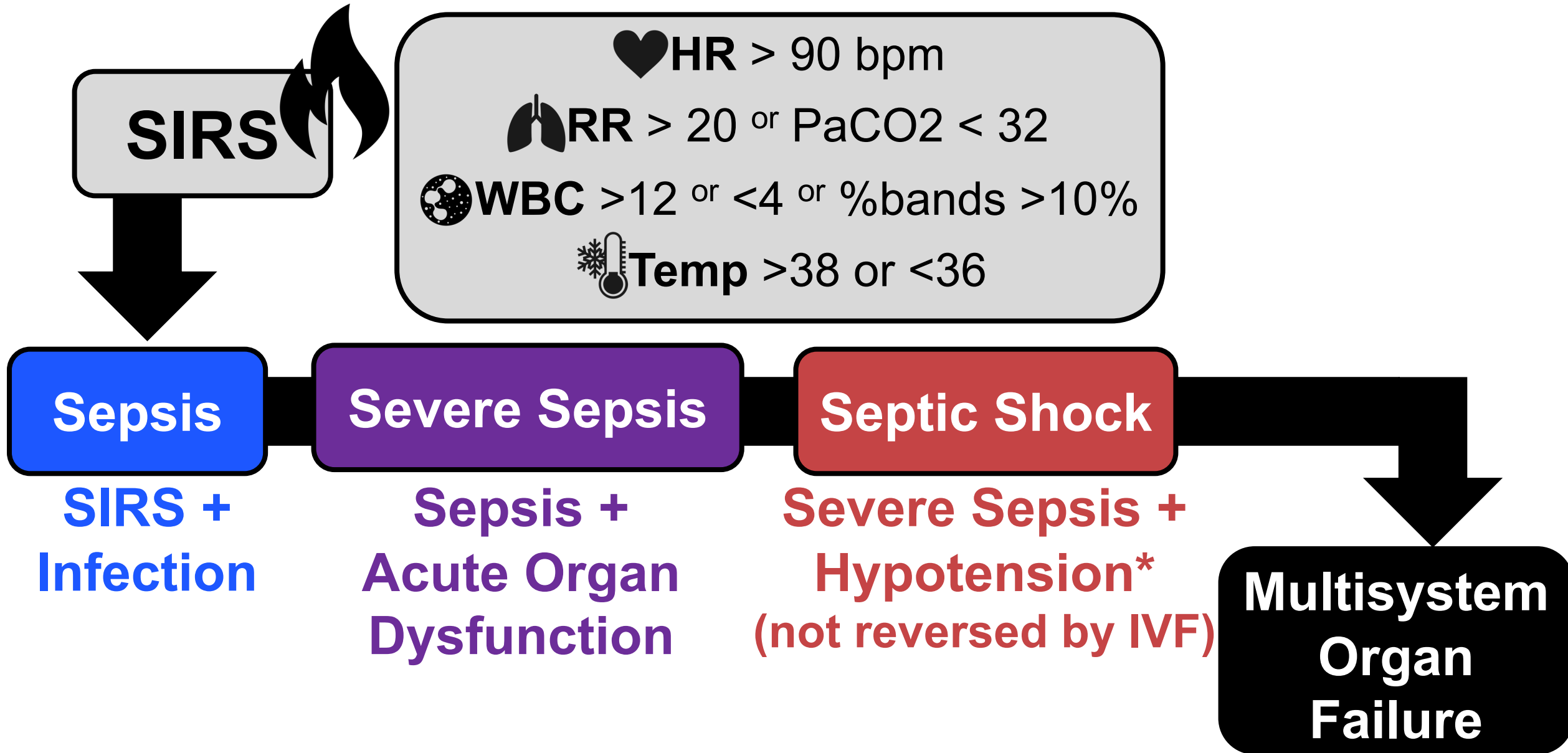
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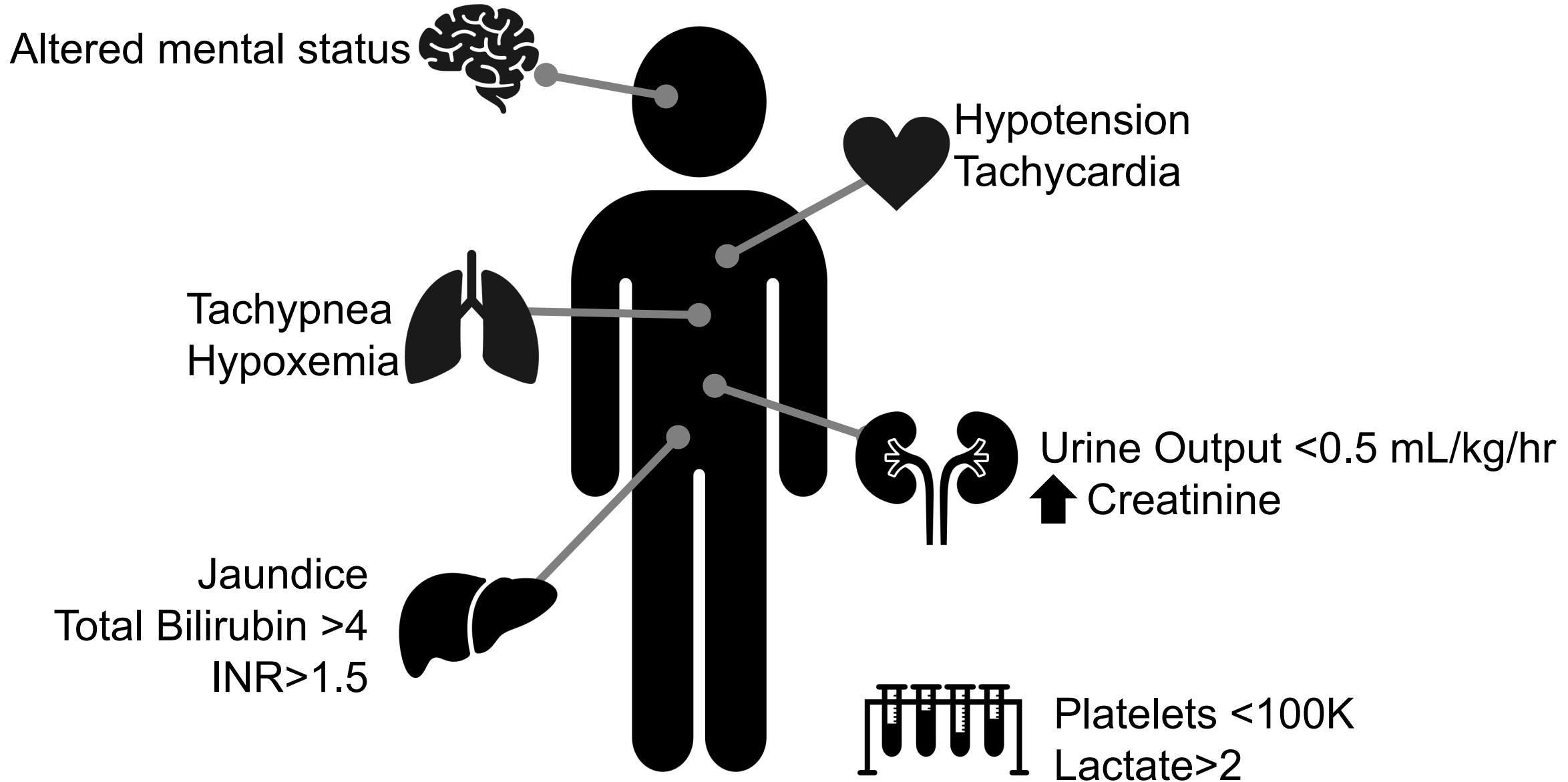
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# How DID We Define Sepsis?

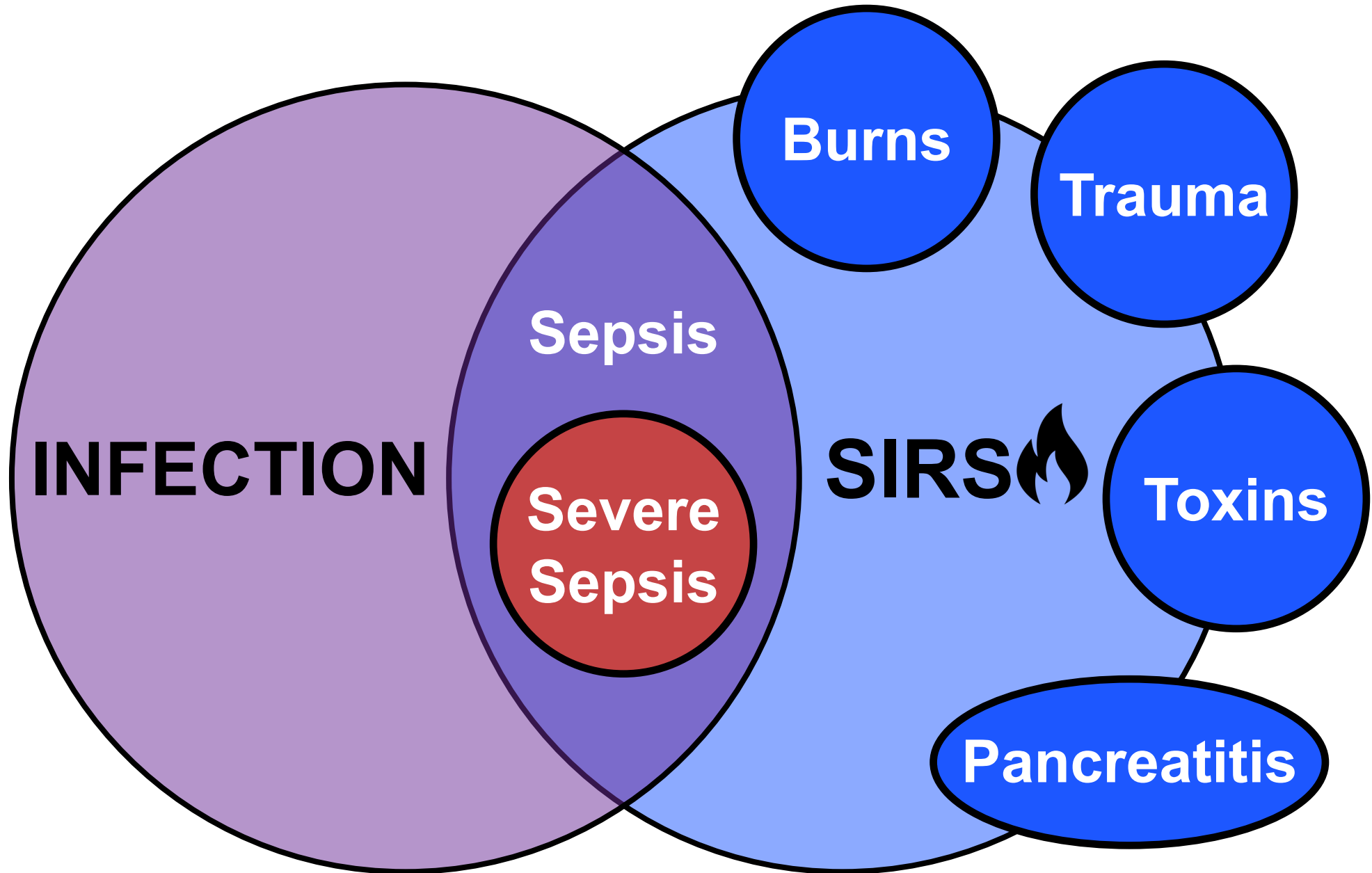


# Organ Dysfunction





# The Problem with SIRS Criteria



# Hypotension ≠ Septic Shock

**BEWARE Sepsis Mimics!**

## Common Mimics

Hypovolemic  
Hemorrhagic  
Pulmonary Embolism  
Cardiogenic  
Tamponade

## Uncommon

Anaphylaxis  
Adrenal Crisis  
Myxedema Coma  
HLH  
Toxidromes  
Severe DRESS/SJS



# SOFA Score


Infection

+

**Sepsis-related Organ Failure Assessment**

SOFA  $\geq 2$   
= 10% mortality risk


Altered mental status  


Hypoxemia  


↓ Platelets 

Oliguria  
AKI  


↑ Bilirubin  


Hypotension  


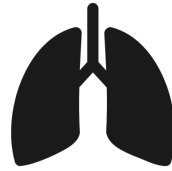
# qSOFA Score

**QUICK**

## Sepsis-related Organ Failure Assessment



Altered Mental  
Status

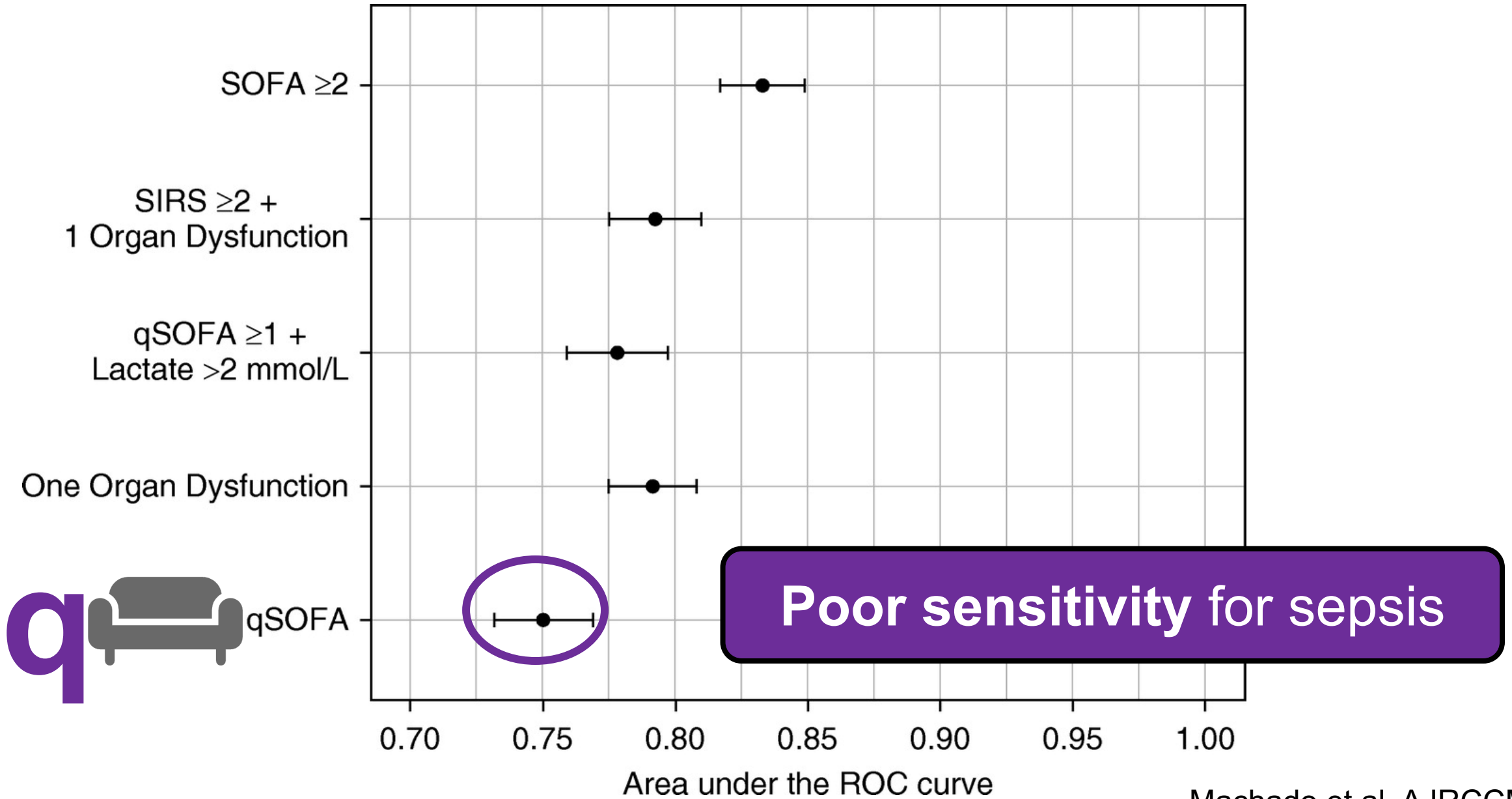


Tachypnea  
RR > 22



Hypotension  
SBP < 100 mmHg

# qSOFA Score




# Now What?

Predictive for in-hospital mortality

Acute-Care

$q$    $\geq 2$

ICU

  $\geq 2$

# Now What?

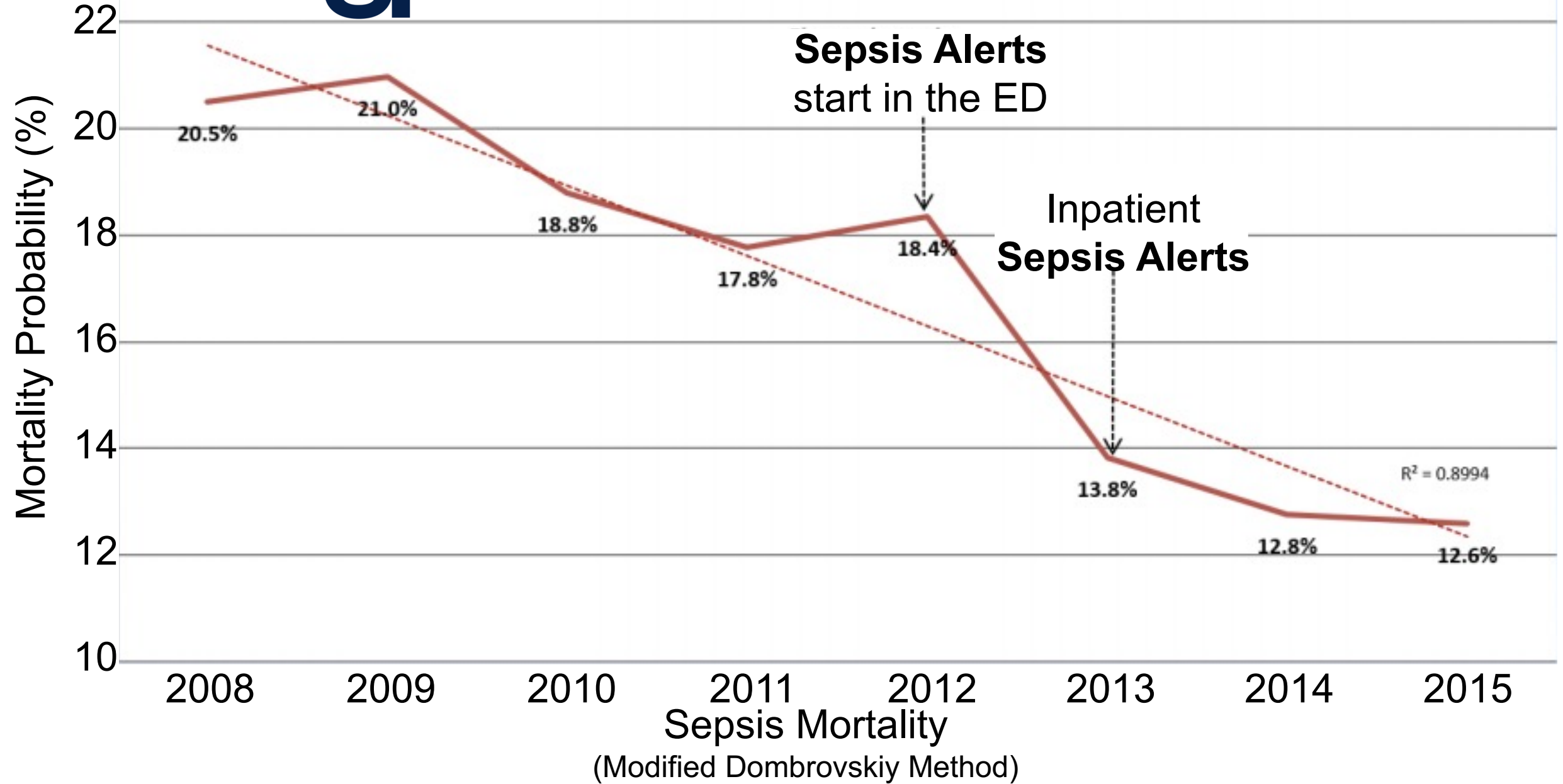
Critical Care Societies & Medicare **still not using SOFA**

**Newer data casting doubt** on their clinical validity

**IN PRACTICE: Back to SIRS (+ qSOFA?)**

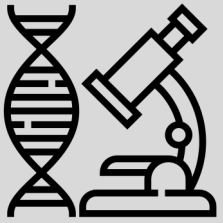


# UCSF Adult Sepsis Mortality

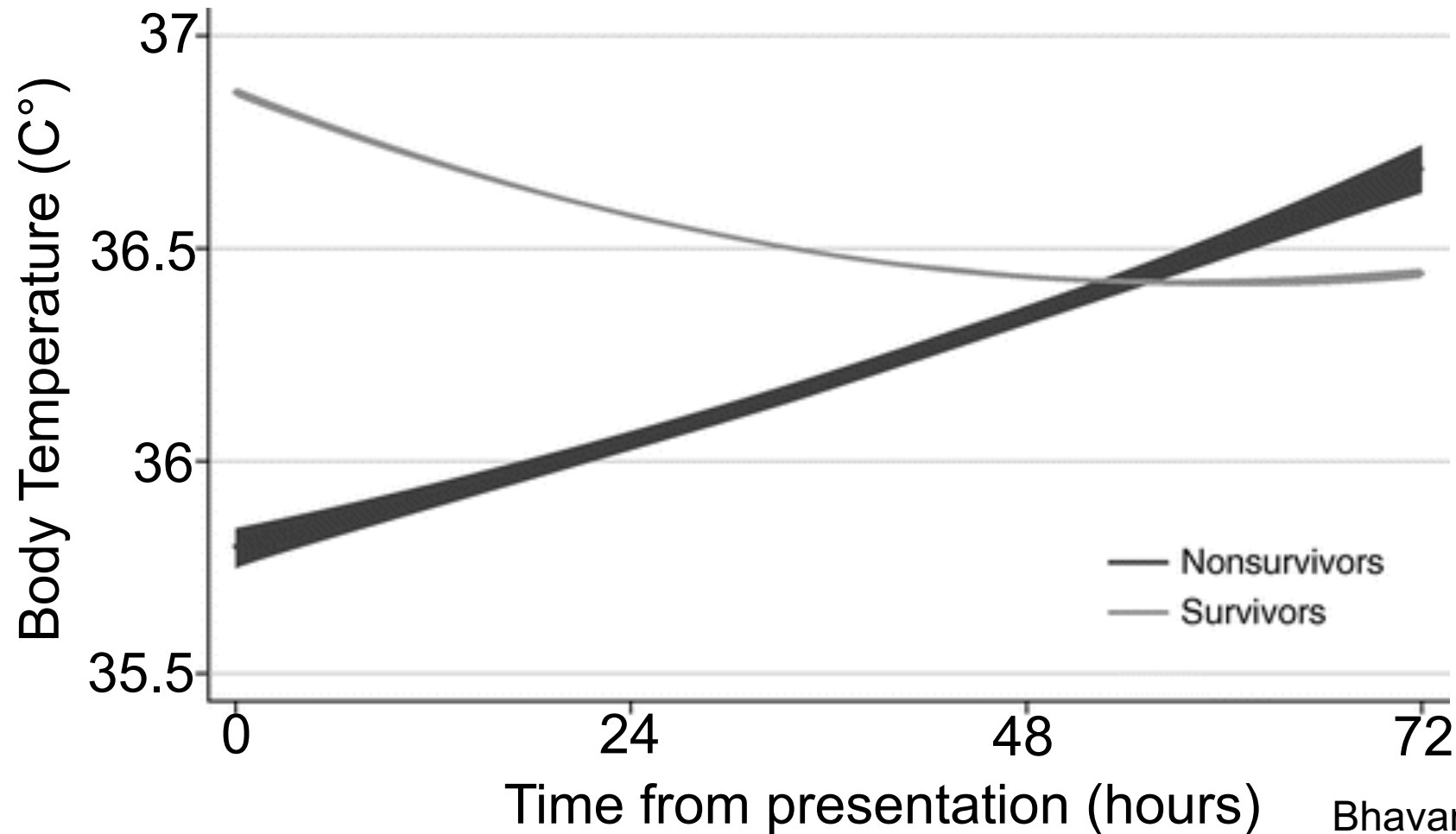




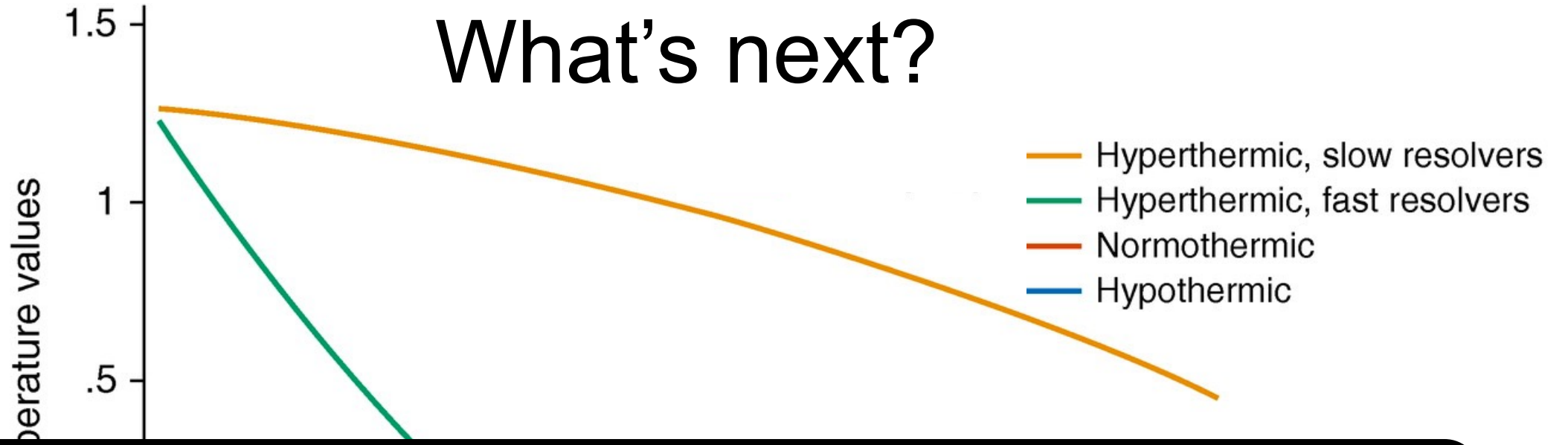
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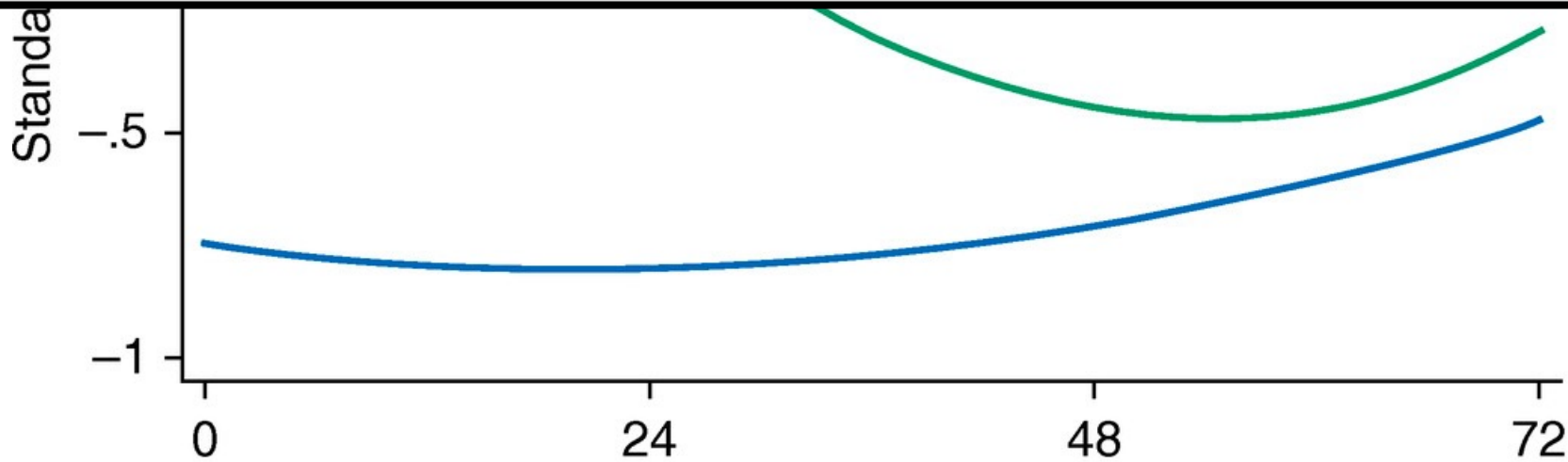
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# Phase 1 (0-6hrs): Early Dx & Stabilization



**EARLY recognition!**

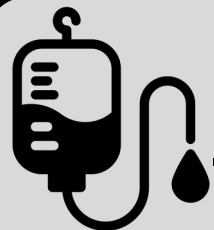
+Adjunct diagnostics (ex. Lactate)



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**EARLY ANTIBIOTICS** are key! (after cultures!!)



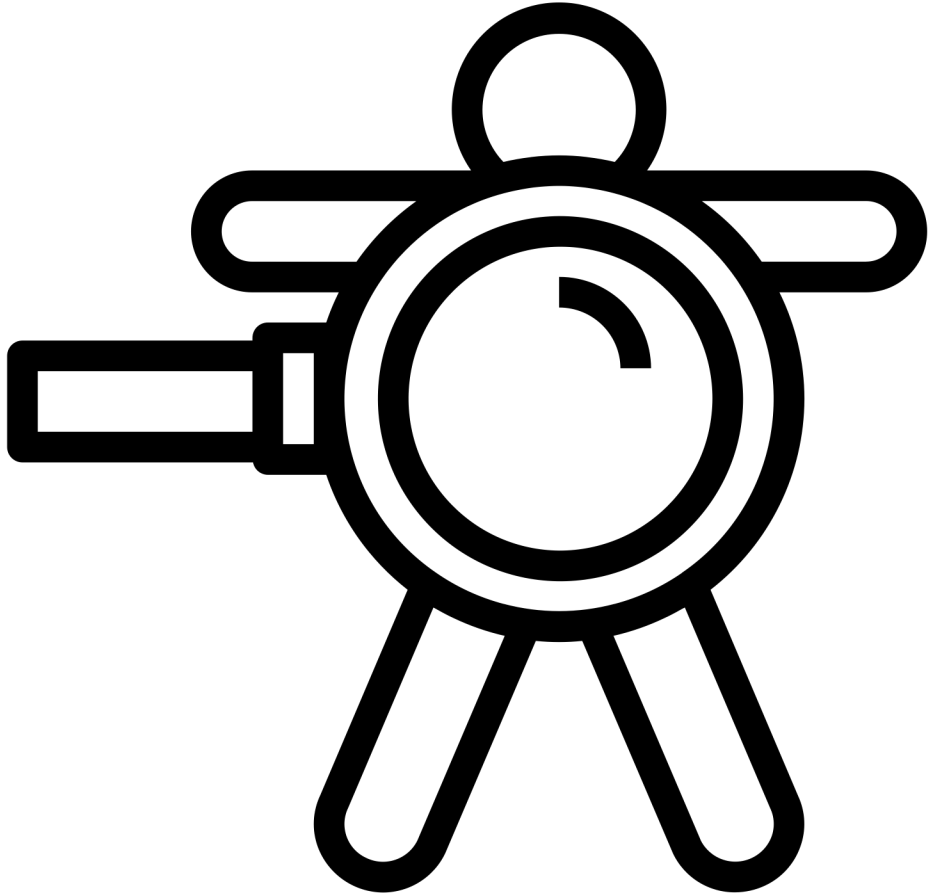
Thoughtful volume resuscitation + pressor use



**Think about adequate access**

(Short term **good** peripheral access is OK!)

# Caution!



**Immunocompromised  
Patients!**

HIV

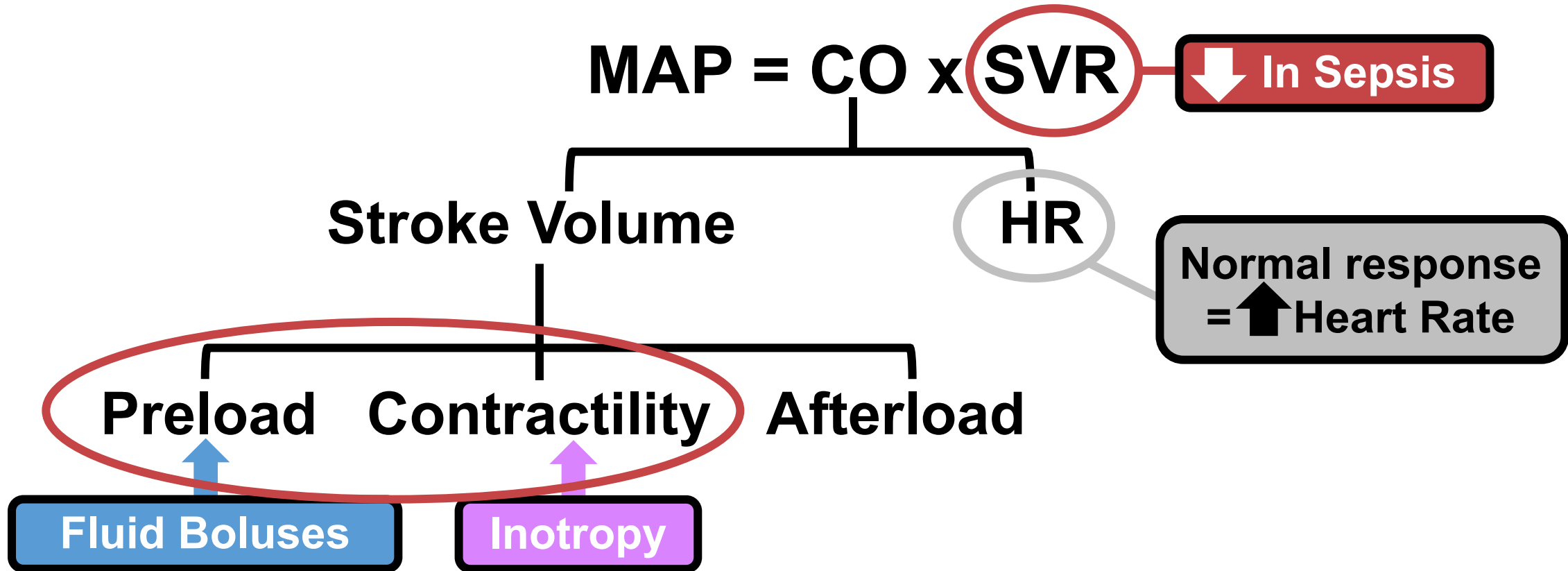
Transplant patients

Rheumatologic conditions

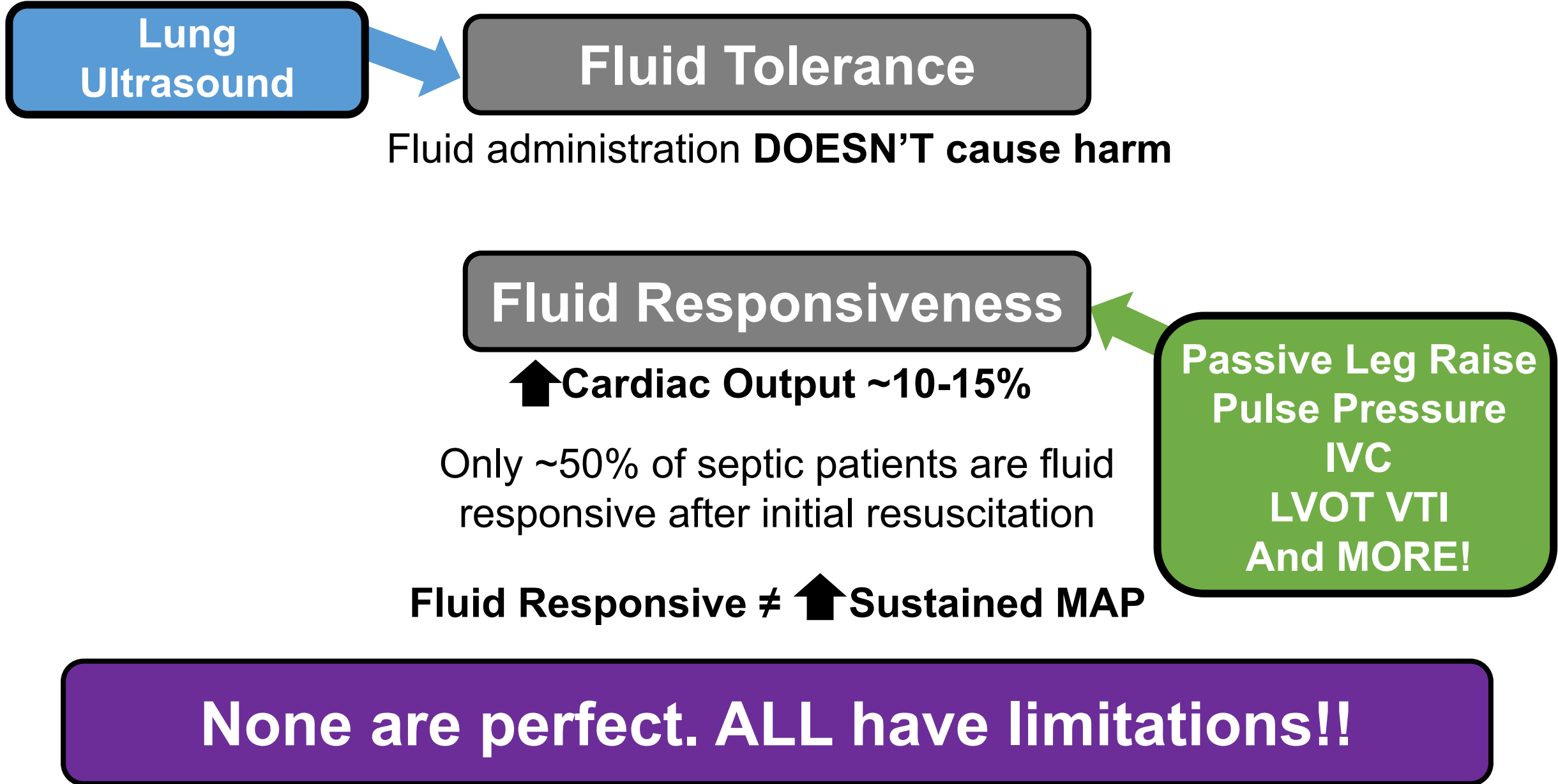
Elderly

ESRD on HD


# Resuscitation in Sepsis





# Resuscitation – Fluid Responsiveness



# SALT-ED Trial

 **13,347** Patients received  $\geq 500\text{mL}$  isotonic crystalloids in ED and subsequently hospitalized outside an ICU

 Balanced crystalloids  
(Lactated Ringer's/Plasma-Lyte)  
N=6,708

 Isotonic crystalloids  
(0.9% normal saline)  
N=6,639



**25**



**25**

Hospital-free days  
(OR 0.98; 95% CI, 0.92 to 1.04; P=0.41)

**No difference  
in mortality or  
hospital free days**

**Largest benefit seen in  
pre-existing renal  
dysfunction**

**4.7%**



**5.6%**

Major kidney  
adverse events  
(OR 0.82; 95% CI 0.70-0.95; P=0.01)



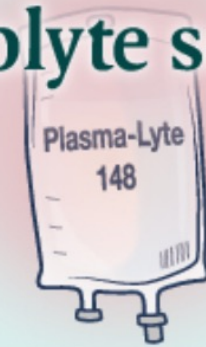
# Balanced Multielectrolyte Solution vs. Saline in Critically Ill Adults

DOUBLE-BLIND, RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED TRIAL

**5037**

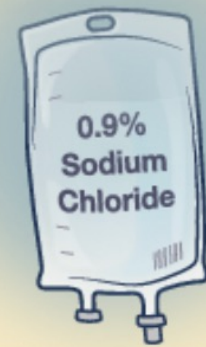
Adults in the ICU  
with need for  
fluid resuscitation

**Balanced multi-  
electrolyte solution**



N=2515

**Saline**



N=2522

**Secondary analysis showed mortality benefit!**

More to come on the LR vs Saline debate

Mean maximum increase  
in serum creatinine

**0.41 mg/dl**

Difference, 0.01 mg/dl; 95% CI, -0.05 to 0.06

**0.41 mg/dl**

Use of balanced multielectrolyte solution in critically ill adults did not result in a lower risk of death or acute kidney injury than use of saline.

# New 65 Trial

## POPULATION



1388 Men  
1067 Women

Patients aged  $\geq 65$  years with vasodilatory hypotension, as assessed by treating clinician

Mean age: 75 years

## LOCATIONS



65 Adult ICUs  
in the UK

## INTERVENTION



2463 Patients analyzed

1221

### Permissive hypotension

Vasopressor use guided by mean arterial pressure, target of 60-65 mm Hg



1242

### Usual care

Vasopressor use at discretion of treating clinicians

## PRIMARY OUTCOME

All-cause mortality at 90 days

## FINDINGS

All-cause mortality at 90 days

### Permissive hypotension

500 of 1221 patients



### Usual care

542 of 1242 patients



There was no statistically significant difference.

Absolute risk difference, **-2.85%**  
(95% CI, -6.75% to 1.05%);  $P = .15$

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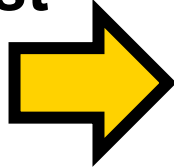
**No difference:** mortality, renal function, respiratory function, ICU length of stay or 90-day cognitive outcomes

Accelerated liberation from vasopressors by ~5 hours

# Resuscitation – Practical Tips!

**Consider Access!**

**Central line ≠ Fastest**



$$\text{Flow} \propto r^4/L$$

Each additional extension tubing can reduce flow by 30%



mL/min

30

22<sub>GA</sub> PIV

60

20<sub>GA</sub> PIV

105

18<sub>GA</sub> PIV

85

18<sub>GA</sub> LONG PIV

205

16<sub>GA</sub> PIV

330

14<sub>GA</sub> PIV

15

PICC Single Lumen (16<sub>GA</sub>)

10

PICC Double Lumen (18 & 22<sub>GA</sub>)

105

Triple Lumen Catheter(18<sub>GA</sub>)

# Resuscitation – Practical Tips!



**Cautious** boluses in ESRD, CHF, pulm hypertension or peri-intubation patients (250cc → reassess!)



**“Normal EF”** in sepsis may actually be low  
(Pressors augment cardiac output)

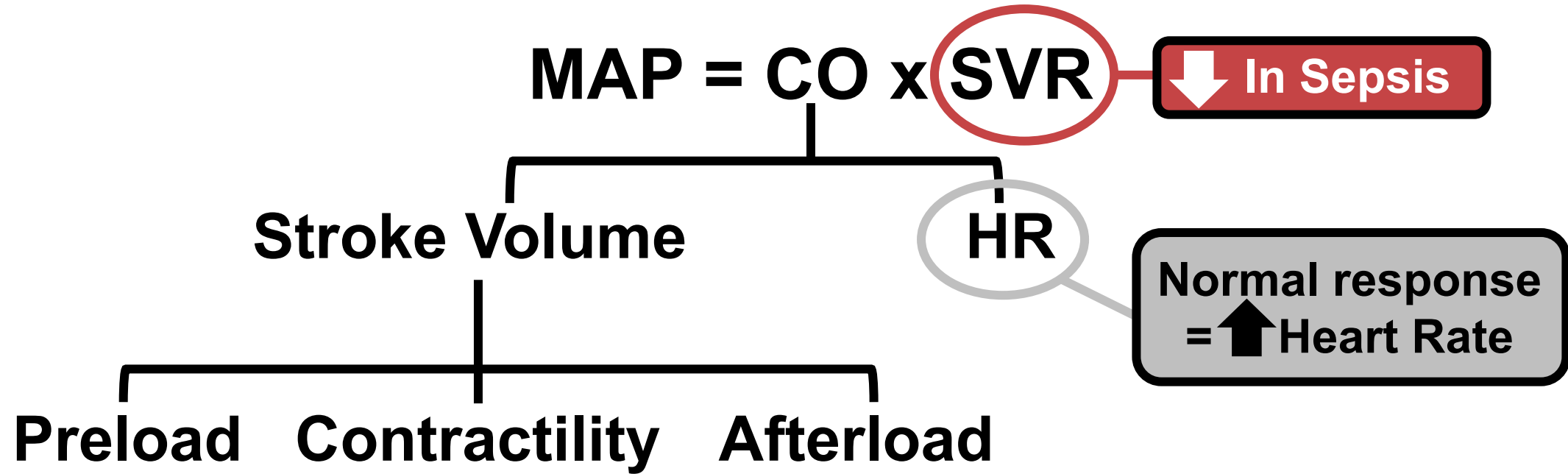


If not responding to pressors/fluid boluses  
→ consider the **“septic heart”** (get a TTE)



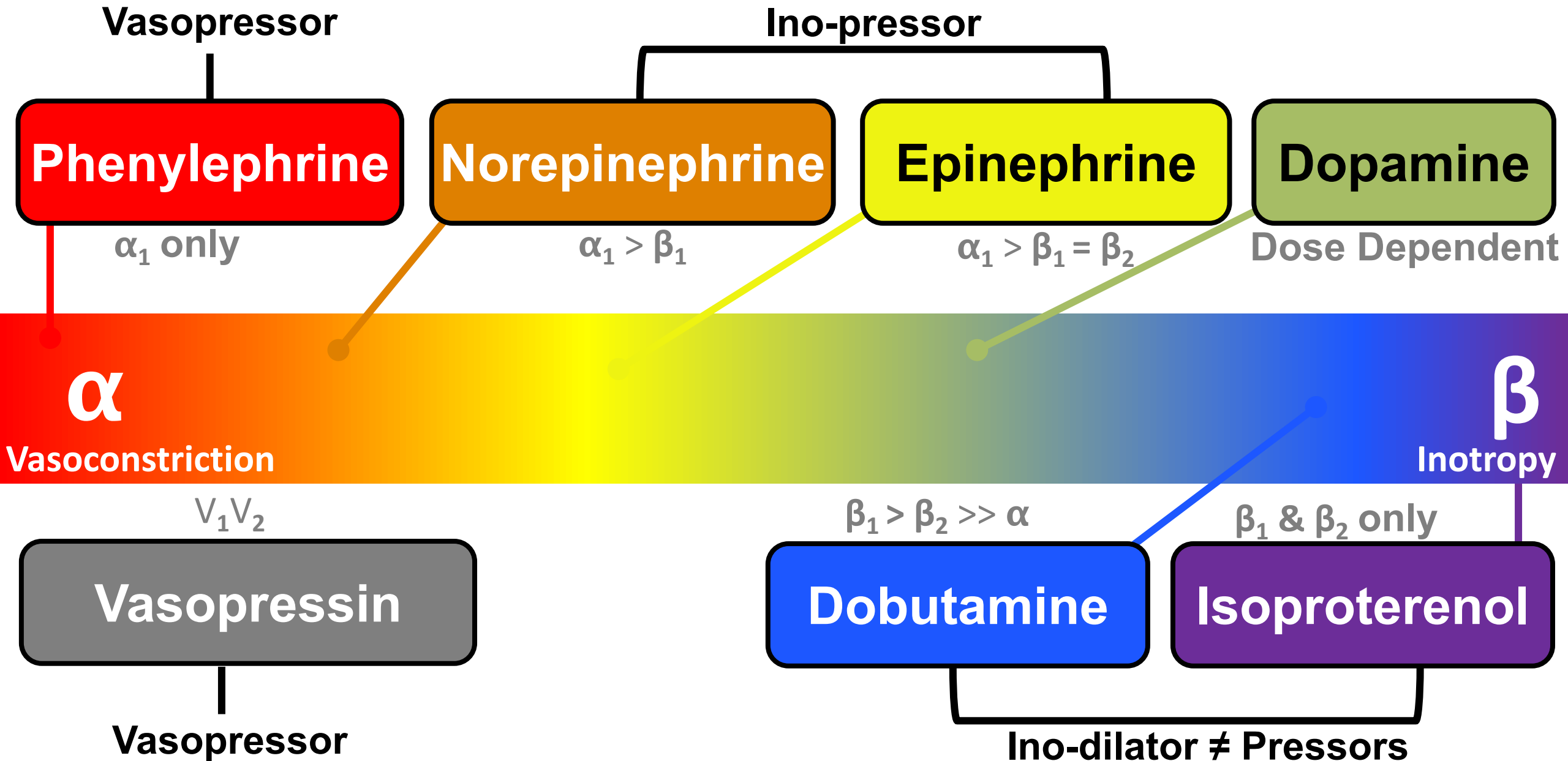
**Not all hypotension needs fluid!!**  
“Dry lungs are happy lungs”

# Resuscitation in Sepsis





# Vasopressors – Which one?



# Vasopressors – Which one in **SEPPIS**?

**Norepinephrine**

Ino-pressor

1

↑SVR ↑CO

*Side effect: arrhythmogenic*

**Vasopressin**

Vasopressor

2

↑SVR

*Mortality benefit in septic shock*

**Epinephrine**

Ino-pressor

3

↑SVR ↑CO

*Side effect: arrhythmogenic*

**Dopamine**

OR

**Phenylephrine**

Inoconstrictor

Vasopressor

4

Neither are great options ☹️

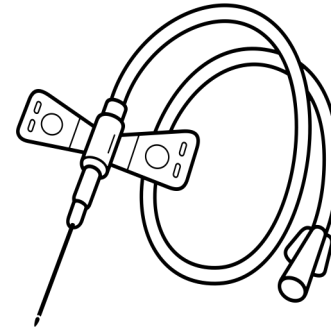
# Vasopressors – Is Peripheral OK?

**Phenylephrine**

**Norepinephrine**

**Epinephrine**

**OK Peripherally**



**20 GA PIV**

**18 GA PIV**

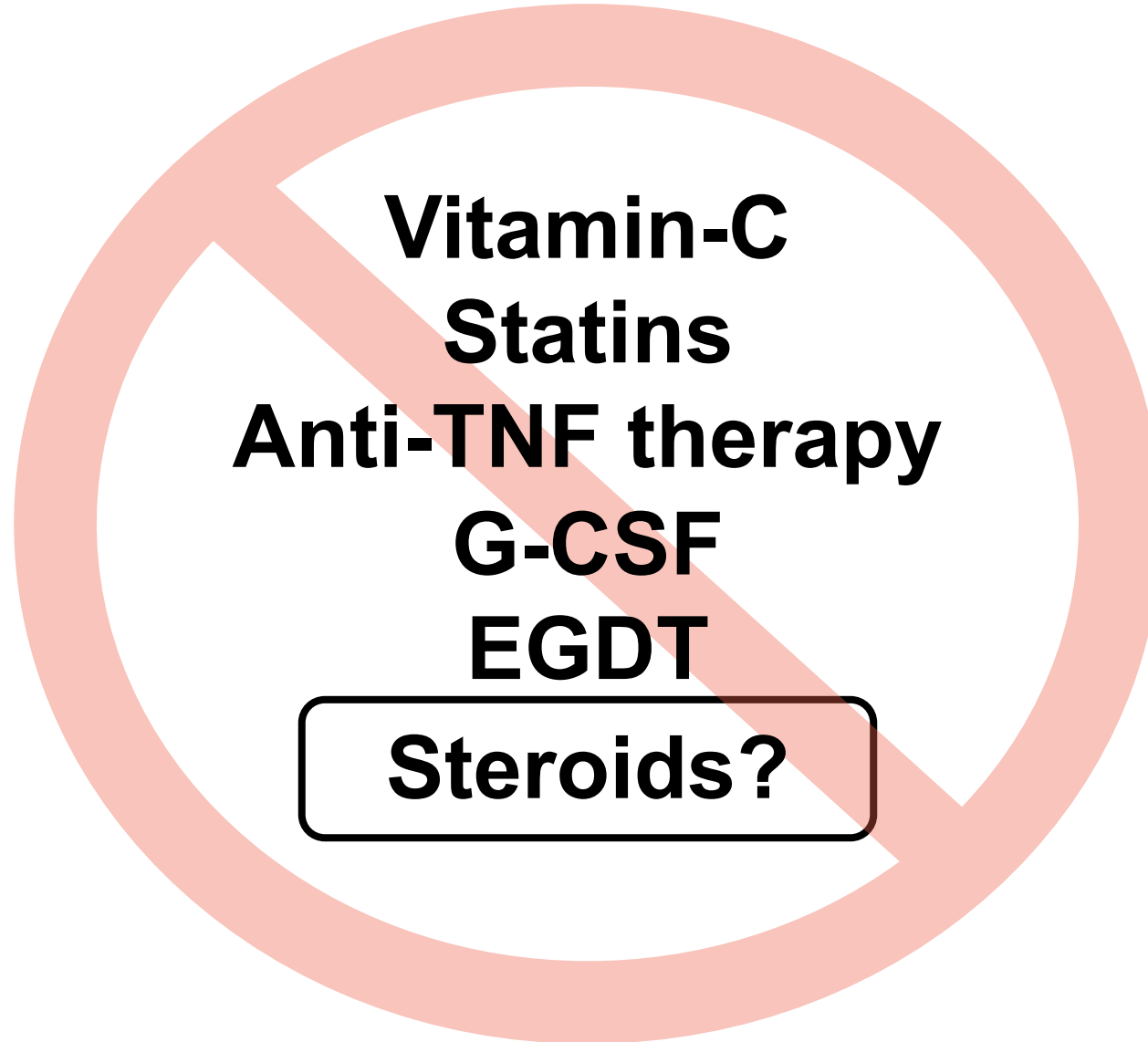


**NOT in  
hand or wrist**

**Low dose for ~24hrs (or more?)**



# What Doesn't Work?



# Phase 2 (6-24hrs): Finding the Source

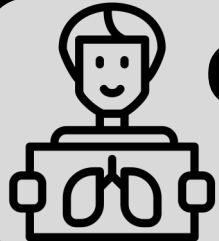


**START** with careful history & physical



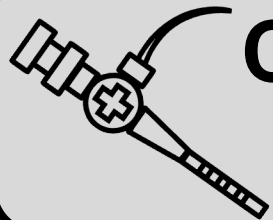
**Obtain Blood/Urine/Sputum cultures**

*(Try to get before ABX BUT don't delay ABX)*



**Obtain Basic Imaging (CXR/POCUS)**

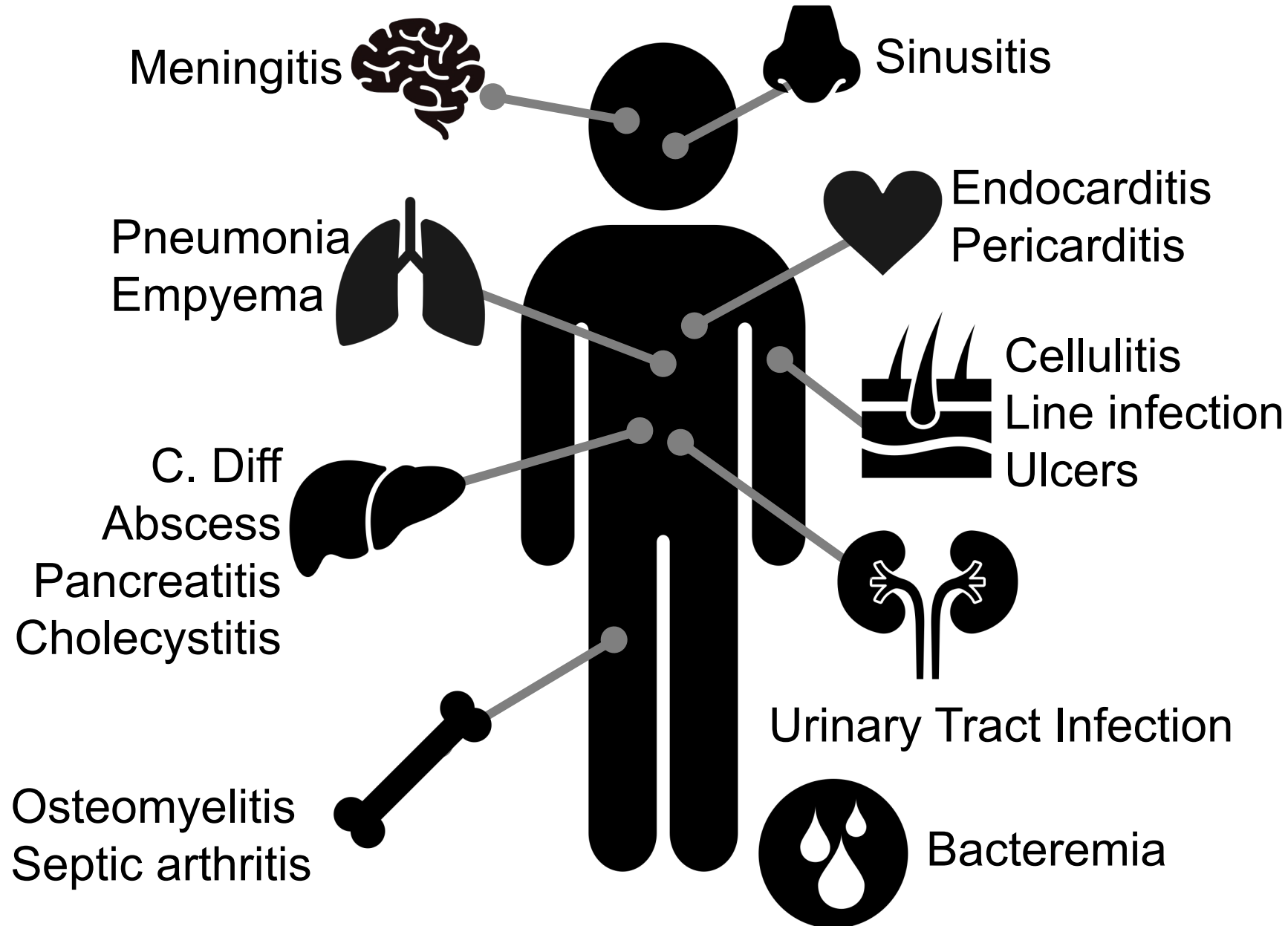
Consider advanced imaging (CT scan)



**Consider advanced diagnostics**

*(Lumbar puncture, bronchoscopy, etc.)*

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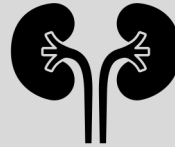
## NON-infectious

Drug fever  
Central fever  
Malignancy  
DVT/PE  
Rheumatologic  
Post-operative  
Transfusion reaction  
Transplant rejection  
Adrenal Insufficiency

# Phase 3 (1-3 days): **Limit iatrogenesis**



**Narrow antibiotics based on cultures (esp. vanco)**



**Consider diuresis! (Obligate ICU intake 2 - 4 L/day)**



**Limit harms! PT/OT, delirium precautions, de-line**



**Recognize different patient trajectories**

# Different Patient Trajectories

Immuno-Inflammatory Host Response

Hyper-Inflammatory

Impaired Immune Response

Early Death

Younger patients w/ fulminant presentation

Recovery

Late Death

Immunosuppressed/elderly w/ subtle presentation

Normal Response

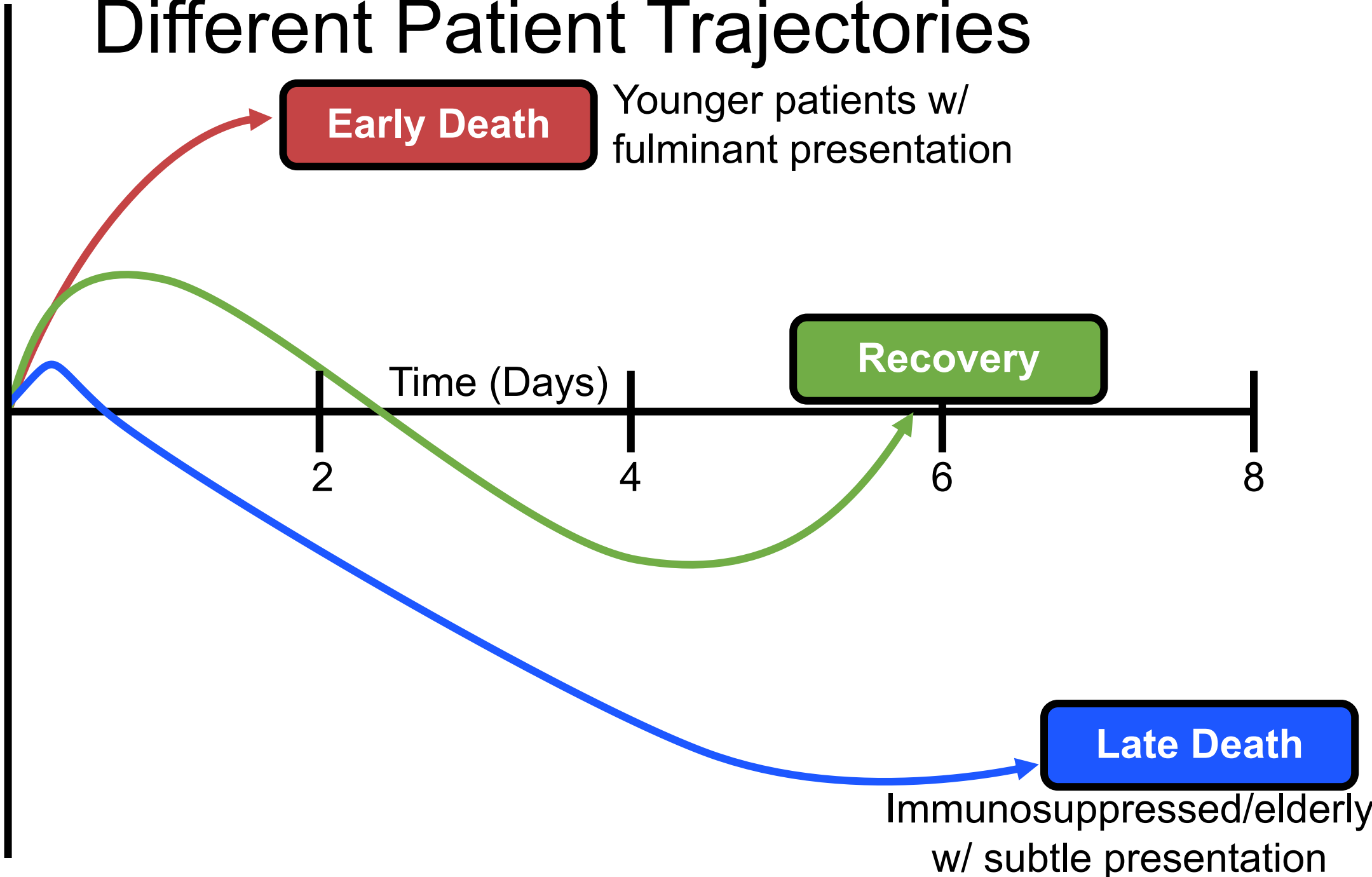
Time (Days)

2

4

6

8



# What about Covid-19?

**Spoiler Alert: It's the same**

## 2020 Surviving Sepsis Guidelines

**DO** use a conservative fluid resuscitation strategy for patients with COVID-19

**DO** use balanced crystalloids like Lactated Ringer's when available for **fluid resuscitation** for patients with COVID-19

**DO** use norepinephrine as first-line vasopressor for patients with COVID-19

**SUGGEST** using **epinephrine** or **vasopressin** as **first-line** if **norepinephrine NOT available** for patients with COVID-19

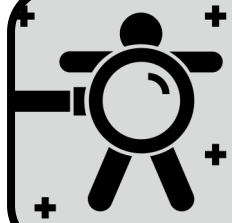
**DO NOT** use **dopamine** if **norepinephrine** is available for patients with COVID-19

**DO** add vasopressin as second-line vasopressor for patients with COVID-19 already on **norepinephrine**

**DO** target mean arterial pressure of 60 – 65 mmHg for patients with COVID-19

**DO** add **dobutamine** if there is **persistent hypoperfusion** and **cardiac dysfunction** after **fluid resuscitation** and **norepinephrine** for patients with COVID-19

# Take Home Points: Treating Sepsis



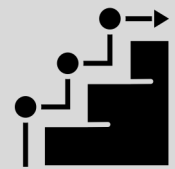
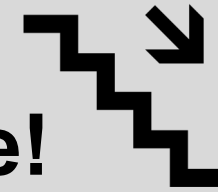
**Early diagnostics & resuscitation matter!**

*Use fluids & vasopressors thoughtfully*



Start with broad antibiotic coverage

**BUT don't forget to de-escalate!**



**Search in a STEP-Wise fashion for the source**

(Don't forget about those mimics)



**Limit iatrogenesis! (*Do no harm!*)**

PT/OT, delirium precautions, de-line, diuresis

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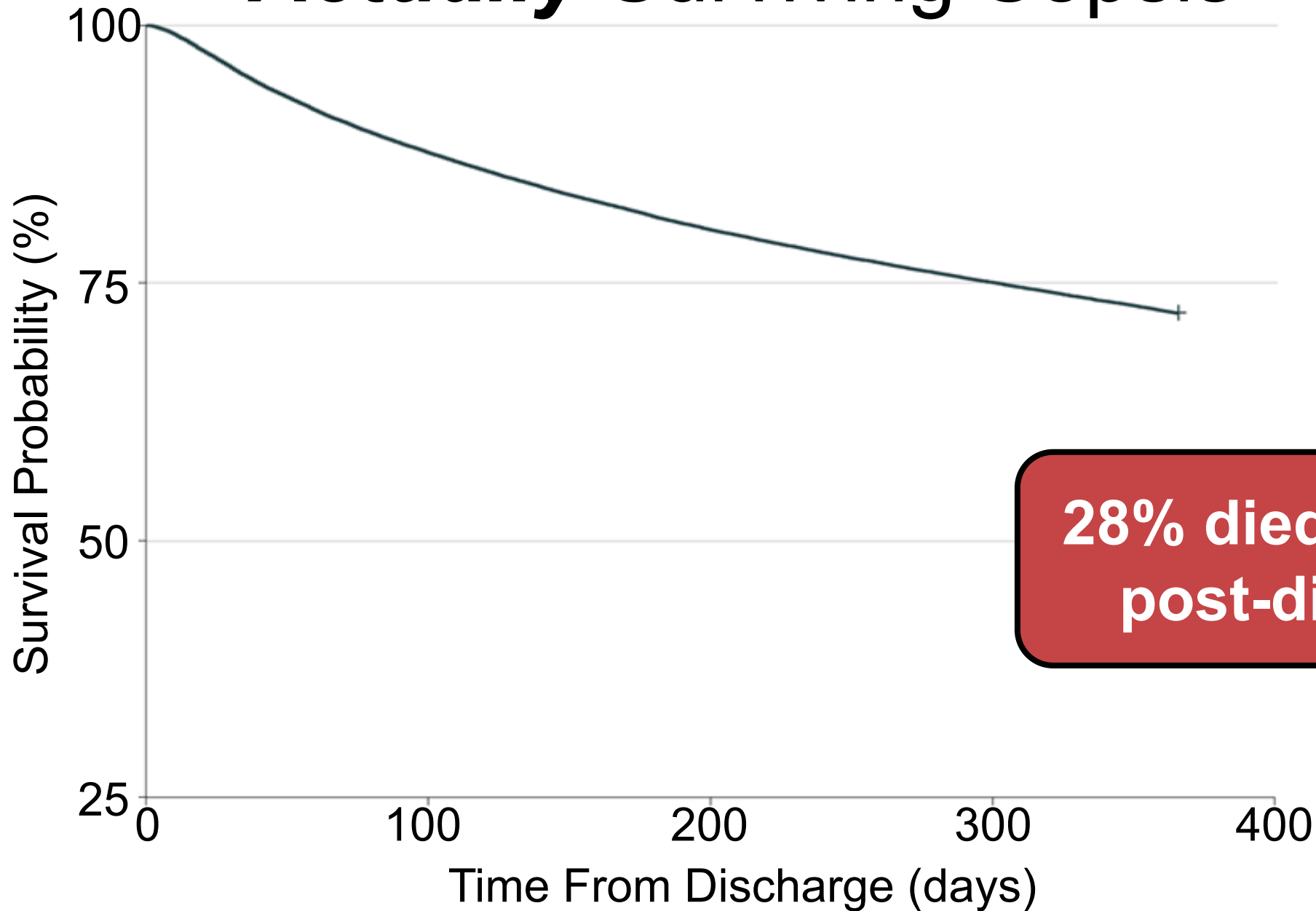
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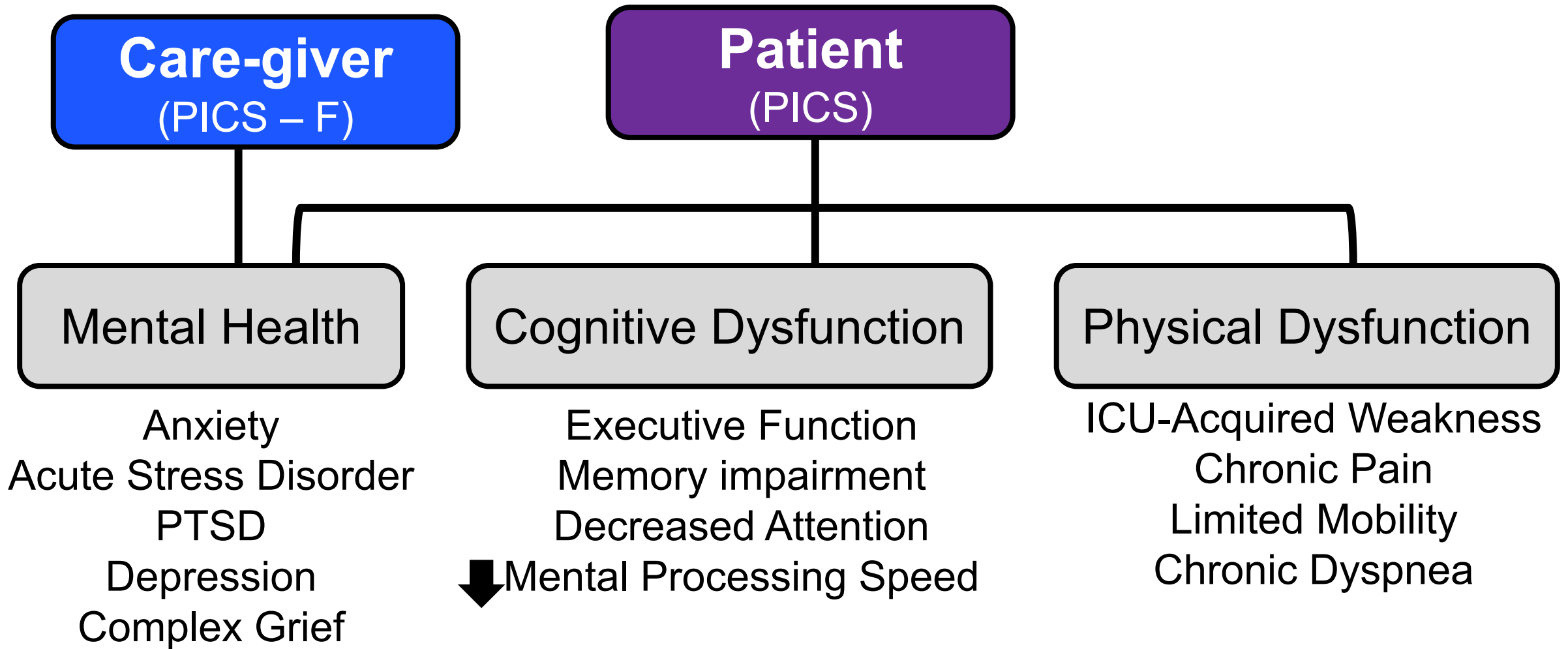


# *Actually* Surviving Sepsis



**28% died by 1-year post-discharge**

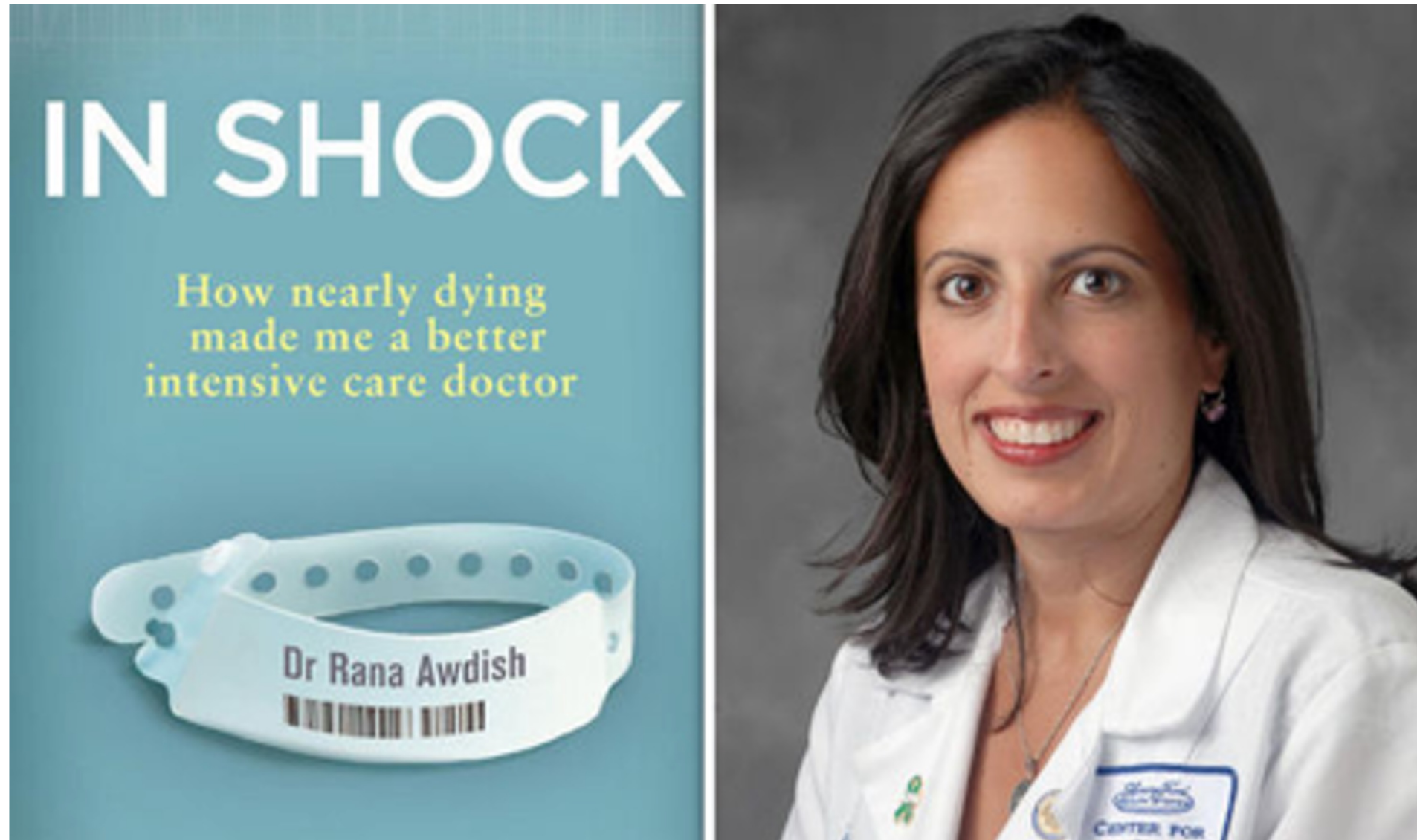
# Post-Intensive Care Syndrome



# **The OPTIMAL Clinic: Post-Covid ICU (pOst-covid/PosT-Icu MultidisciplinAry cLinic)**

- **Multidisciplinary Clinic with Pulmonary, Geriatrics, Psychiatry, Integrative Medicine, & partnerships with Cardiology, Neurology**
- **Integrated clinical follow-up and research arms**
- **Will see patients ~1 month post-discharge (virtual visit), 3 month, 6 month, 9 month, 12 months post-discharge**
- **Please refer any patients at risk for Post-ICU Syndrome**

# The Most Practice Changing Read on Shock



The REAL

# Take Home Point

[\[Video\]](#)

# Summary



**Diagnosis of sepsis is challenging!**

qSOFA isn't perfect AND Don't forget the mimics



**EARLY ANTIBIOTICS are key!**

→ BUT Don't forget to de-escalate



**Thoughtful volume resuscitation + pressor use**

(Large PIVs OK for low dose pressors <24hrs)



**At least 50% of those who survive the ICU**

**experience Post-Intensive Care Syndrome**

Thank you to **Dr. Lekshmi Santhosh!**  
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**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**

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