

qSOFA criteria

- Respiratory rate of 22/min or greater,
- Altered mentation (Glasgow Coma Scale of <15), or
- Systolic blood pressure of 100 mm Hg or less.

Box 1. qSOFA is positive if the patient has at least 2 of the following clinical criteria.

Criteria for SIRS:

Temperature >38°C or <36°C

Respiratory rate >20 breaths per minute

Heart rate >90 beats per minute

White blood cell count of >12 x10⁹/L or <4 x10⁹/L

Box 2. SIRS Criteria for sepsis. Two or more of the following criteria in the presence of infection signifies a diagnosis of sepsis.

CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS of severe sepsis or septic shock

Suspected infection plus

Hypotension (systolic blood pressure <90mmHG) plus

One or more of the following

- pulse >100 per minute
- respiratory rate >24 breaths per minute
- abnormal temperature (>38°C or <36°C)

Box 3. Integrated Management of Adult and Adolescent Illness (IMAI) District Clinical Manual (DCM) definition of severe sepsis or septic shock from the World Health Organisation (WHO).[19]