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Elevate patient satisfaction.
Honor patients wishes and values.**

VITAS Can Help Patients with Sepsis Who Survive Hospitalization and Require Post-Acute Care

Studies show that patients who have a functional and cognitive impairment prior to a septic event and, who survive hospitalization, have a high 6 month mortality and an increased likelihood of dying within 90 days of hospital discharge that supports hospice as a relevant and important post-acute care option.¹

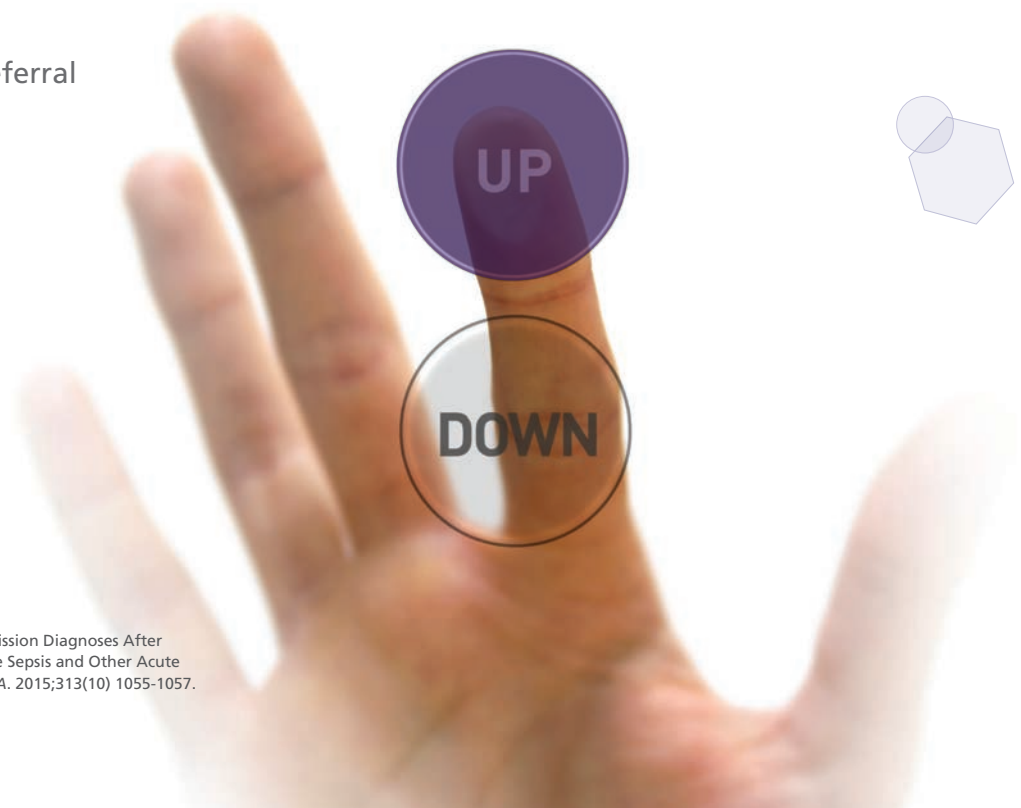
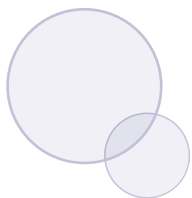
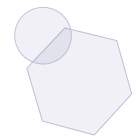
These patients may benefit from more resources than a home health agency or a SNF can provide. If these patients are no longer responding to maximized treatment options, you may need to consider choosing another level of care.

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¹ Prescott, HC et al. Readmission Diagnoses After Hospitalization for Severe Sepsis and Other Acute Medical Conditions. *JAMA*. 2015;313(10) 1055-1057.

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Choose the right level of care at the right time

- **Patient:** HS, 66-year-old female presented to ED with multiple infected 1st & 2nd degree burn wounds to chest, abdomen, thighs & arms as a result of slipping and falling on hot cooking oil seven days ago. Husband is the primary caregiver.
- **Medical history:** COPD, controlled IDDM, severe PVD, obesity.
- **Treatments:** Spiriva and Advair. Oxygen

dependent 2LNC for with SOB on minimal exertion.

- **Symptoms:** AAOX2, delirium, fever 104F (>40C), tachycardia (>120bpm), tachypnea (>28/min), hypotensive (BP 90/60), leukocytosis (WBC>15 & 15% bands), lung sounds with bilateral congestion & wheezing to bases, grossly infected 1st & 2nd degree oil burn wounds (60% TBSA).

Is HS hospice eligible? Yes

- COPD, SOB with minimal exertion on 2L NC for SOB with optimal medical management
- Functional decline: 1/6 ADLs, s/p fall, unsteady gait

- Grossly infected 1st & 2nd degree oil burn wounds (60% TBSA)

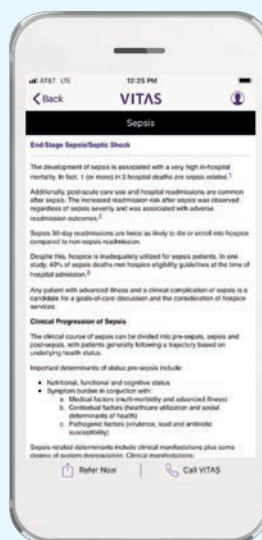
Increased healthcare utilization

Based on HS' high healthcare utilization and disease progression, a goals-of-care conversation is recommended. HS is referred to VITAS and services are started immediately.

Sepsis and Hospice Eligibility

At Hospital Discharge:

- Hospice eligible, not previously identified
 - Cancer-solid tumor and hematologic
 - Heart disease
 - Lung disease
 - Dementia
- Pre hospital functional ability
 - Physical impairment
 - 1 or 6 ADL or 1 or 5 IADL
 - Cognitive status
 - Any degree of dementia



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