

## Prompts to Encourage Lactate Screening and Severe Sepsis Recognition

### Staff Nurse Signs

On all blood culture bottle drawers are signs with the message, "Sending blood cultures, send a lactate as well"

### Panic Value

Make lactate  $\geq 4$  a hospital-wide or at least ED critical value that has the lab call a clinician

### Electronic Health Record Prompts

#### BLOOD CULTURE ORDER PROMPTING

If you are admitting or sending blood cultures on a patient who you believe might be infected, send a LACTATE.

#### ADMISSION PROMPTING

If admitting diagnosis is UTI, pneumonia, sepsis, urosepsis, fever  
A prompt to screen for severe sepsis comes up