Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Name
Journey to Highly Reliable Sepsis Care

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What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 9A - Early Detection and Treatment of Sepsis
Commitment Summary
University Hospitals has embarked on a journey to continue to enhance the delivery of high quality, safe and best practice care across the health system. As our health system continues to grow, we used this opportunity to identify areas of high impact to patients to ensure standard, consistent delivery of care.

Commitment Description & Detail
To accomplish this, we developed a multi-disciplinary, system-wide team to tackle all aspects of the care of patients with sepsis. This team consists of physicians, nursing, IT, quality, pharmacy, supply chain, finance and documentation and coding specialists. In addition we will be rolling out a system wide standardized care map with timed goals, utilizing the EMR to provide clinical decision support and reminders that point of care.

Action Plan
The plan is to roll out in the first quarter of 2016 a system wide education for all nursing and physicians in inpatient units as well as the emergency room. Included in this education will be background on sepsis, the workflow developed and agreed upon by the team and approved by our system CMO group. Additionally there will be implementation of a new system wide early warning system for SIRS, sepsis and severe sepsis. We will also be implementing a code sepsis team for each facility.

Commitment Timeline
The education and implementation will be completed by first quarter 2016, the data and tracking will begin second quarter 2016.