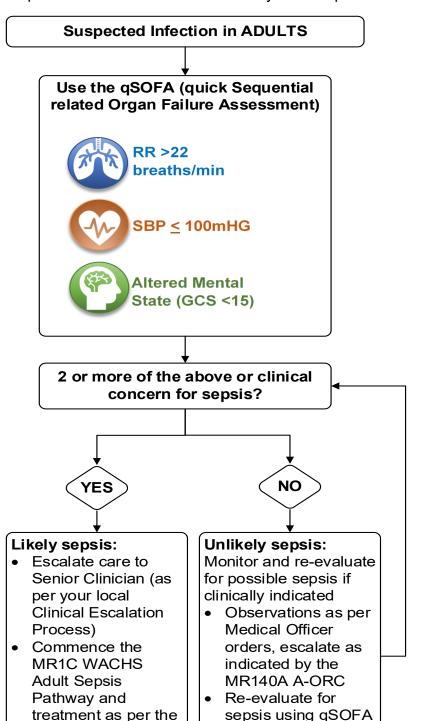
qSOFA (quick Sequential related Organ Failure Assessment) Tool

The qSOFA is a simple screening tool endorsed by WACHS to identify adults with known or suspected infections who have or may have sepsis.



What are the signs of sepsis¹ in adults?

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- Fever and rigors
- Low body temperature
- Low or no urine output
- Tachycardia
- · Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Fatigue, malaise or generalised weakness
- Increased pain

Consider:

- Cough/sputum/breathlessness
- Fall
- Representation within 48 hours
- Dysuria/frequency
- Recent surgery/cellulitis/wound infection
- High Risk Groups¹:
 - older Australians
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
 - patients with multiple comorbidities
 - patients with indwelling devices
 - patients with COVID-19
 - immunocompromised patients
 - pregnant women, both during pregnancy and following childbirth
 - cancer patients treated with chemotherapy
 - sepsis survivors, previously diagnosed with sepsis

References:

1. ACSQHC 2021Sepsis Campaign Clinician Fact Sheet (https:// www.safetyandquality.gov.au/aboutus/latest-news/our-campaigns/sepsiscampaign)

2. https://qsofa.org

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