

**Exploring Sepsis Strategies - Part 1:  
Early Identification, Patient Family Engagement & Disparities in Care**  
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**Resources, Links & Speaker Biographies**

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**Resources and Links**

- **IPRO HQIC Circle of Safety: All-Cause Harm Prevention Model & Resource Tool**  
Serves as an overview of the IPRO HQIC Patient Safety Program delivery model and a Resource tool for hospitals. Contains best practices to implement at the bedside and to drive performance improvement.  
<https://qi.ipro.org/wp-content/uploads/IPRO-HQIC-All-Cause-Harm.pdf>
  
- **Wagoner Community Hospital Sepsis Screening Tool pdf**  
Example of Sepsis Screening tool used at Wagoner Community Hospital to proactively screen patients for sepsis to promote early identification and treatment.  
<https://qi.ipro.org/wp-content/uploads/Wagoner-Community-Hospital-Sepsis-Screening-Tool.pdf>
  
- **Sepsis Alliance**  
Sepsis Alliance is a leading sepsis organization in the U.S. working to save lives and reduce suffering from sepsis. The website provides resources, tools, best practices and learning opportunities.  
[Sepsis Alliance](https://www.sepsis.org/education/resources/fact-sheets/)  
<https://www.sepsis.org/education/resources/fact-sheets/>  
[Nursing resources](#)  
[Patient and family resources](#)  
[Educational resources for Spanish-speaking patients and families](#)
  
- **The Surviving Sepsis Campaign**  
The Surviving Sepsis Campaign is a joint collaboration of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine committed to reducing mortality and morbidity from sepsis and septic shock worldwide. They regularly develop and update resources and implementation tools to further its mission of reducing sepsis and septic shock.  
<https://www.sccm.org/SurvivingSepsisCampaign/Guidelines>  
<https://www.sccm.org/SurvivingSepsisCampaign/Guidelines/Adult-Patients>  
<https://www.sccm.org/SurvivingSepsisCampaign/Guidelines/Pediatric-Patients>  
<https://www.sccm.org/SurvivingSepsisCampaign/Resources>  
<https://www.sccm.org/LearnICU/Resources/Surviving-Sepsis-Campaign-Hour-1-Bundle-Teaching-S>

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)**  
 CDC website provides Clinical Resources & Tools, Patient Education Tools, Fact Sheets, Powerful Patient/Family Stories and Spanish Educational Resources.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/clinicaltools/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/what-is-sepsis.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/education/hcp-resources.html>  
[https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/pdfs/Consumer\\_infographic\\_four-ways-to-get-ahead-of-sepsis\\_print-only\\_508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/pdfs/Consumer_infographic_four-ways-to-get-ahead-of-sepsis_print-only_508.pdf)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/pdfs/life-after-sepsis-fact-sheet.pdf>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/education/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/sepsis/education/patient-resources.html>  
[A Back to Basics Approach to Prevent Infection](#)  
[My Story: When the Signs of Sepsis are Missed](#)  
[A Survivor’s Perspective: The Need for Sepsis Awareness](#)  
[A Family’s Perspective: “The Brutality of Sepsis will Haunt Us for the Rest of Our Lives”](#)  
[Información en español](#)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Minority Health (OMH)**  
 CMS OMH offers health equity technical assistance (TA) resources, aimed to help health care organizations take action against health disparities. OMH has a TA mailbox, for organizations to use to ask questions or to reach out to ask for assistance.  
<https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/OMH-Mapping-Medicare-Disparities>  
<https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/Downloads/Disparities-Impact-Statement-508-rev102018.pdf>  
[HealthEquityTA@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HealthEquityTA@cms.hhs.gov)
- CMS Sepsis Bundle Elements, Measures & Measurement Criteria**  
[https://cmit.cms.gov/CMIT\\_public/ViewMeasure?MeasureId=1017](https://cmit.cms.gov/CMIT_public/ViewMeasure?MeasureId=1017)  
[https://www.nursingcenter.com/getattachment/Clinical-Resources/Guideline-Summaries/Management-of-Sepsis-and-Septic-Shock/Guideline-Summary\\_Sepsis\\_January-2021.pdf.aspx](https://www.nursingcenter.com/getattachment/Clinical-Resources/Guideline-Summaries/Management-of-Sepsis-and-Septic-Shock/Guideline-Summary_Sepsis_January-2021.pdf.aspx)  
<https://qualitynet.cms.gov/inpatient/specifications-manuals>  
<https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/en/inpatient-quality-reporting-programs/hospital-inpatient-quality-reporting-iqr-program/2021-events/iqr63021/>
- MedStar Health developed a wonderful and short video with patient and family advisors about the signs of sepsis: <https://vimeo.com/265621288>

## **Speaker Biographies**

### **Patrice Greenawalt, RN, MS**

Clinical Initiatives Manager  
Oklahoma Hospital Association

Patrice Greenawalt is the Clinical Initiatives Manager for the Oklahoma Hospital Association. She received her undergraduate nursing degree in 1981 and Master of Science Degree in 1985 from the University of Oklahoma, and has practiced nursing full-time for 40 years. Patrice has been in her current role at OHA for over 9 years, working with hospitals to improve patient safety and quality improvement initiatives and was instrumental in writing the state COVID surge plan.

Patrice's career highlights included trauma and emergency clinical nursing, regulation of nursing practice at the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, and oversight for the establishment and implementation of Oklahoma's statewide trauma system at the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

In 2015, Patrice received a grant from Telligen Community Initiatives to lead a state-wide hospital collaborative on early sepsis identification that resulted in saving 280 lives. Today we will hear how sepsis became personally real for Patrice, after receiving a frantic phone call from her sister, Amy, when Amy's 28 year old son became extremely ill.

### **Brandy Moore, BSN, RN**

Director of Quality/Infection Control  
Wagoner Community Hospital; Wagoner OK

Brandy is the Director of Quality and Infection Control at Wagoner Community Hospital in rural NE Oklahoma, a position she has held since 2012. In this role, her many hats include responsibility for Quality Improvement, compliance, utilization review, infection control and risk management. Her passion is performance improvement.

Brandy was licensed as a nurse in 2006 and has a wide range of experience including medical-surgical nursing, home health, oncology/hospice, and long-term care. She has shared her experience and knowledge through poster presentations and educational settings to national audiences.

While attending an in-person sepsis learning event at the Oklahoma Hospital Association, never did Brandy imagine how quickly she would be applying information from this valuable experience into practice. Turns out, it was the very next day when Brandy was presented with a patient scenario that was puzzling to staff. We will hear from Brandy about how her quick action and education to the staff saved a life!

**Sandy Cayo DNP FNP-BC**

Vice President of Clinical Performance and Transformation  
New Jersey Hospital Association

Dr. Sandy Cayo serves as the vice president of clinical performance and transformation at New Jersey Hospital Association. She oversees leadership of the Health Research Education Trust of NJ which has initiatives related to perinatal quality, hospital quality improvement, opioid prevention, HIV prevention, and health equity education. Sandy's research interests focus on social determinants of health and improving access and overall health outcomes for BIPOC communities. She oversees the Quality Improvement Institute and Garden State Patient Safety Organization in New Jersey. As a lifelong learner, Sandy is in the process of completing her DNP-PhD program where her research focuses on the impact of discrimination on cardiovascular health in African American women.

**Christine LaRocca, MD**

Medical Director  
Telligen HQIC

Christine is the Medical Director for the Telligen HQIC. A fellowship-trained, board-certified geriatrician, she provides strategic direction, clinical oversight, and subject-matter expertise for HQIC initiatives. Christine received her medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed an internal medicine residency and geriatrics fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Her interest in sepsis care has resulted in being asked to serve as a content expert and speaker for national audiences, with a particular focus on the inclusion of sepsis as part of antibiotic stewardship efforts, and the early identification of sepsis in nursing homes.

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