

# Procalcitonin Blood test for sepsis (PCT)

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### Project aim

- To increase recognition and treatment of sepsis using procalcitonin blood test (PCT)
- A more rational and optimal use of antibiotic
- Reduction of mortality and morbidity related to sepsis



### Project team

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### Timeline for delivery

From: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 To: January 2020

### Measures

Outcome measure(s) – Mortality rates  
Process Measures – number of procalcitonin tests performed-indicator whether all appropriate patients are being tested as per protocol, antibiotic usage/1000 bed days – review if antibiotic consumption is changing  
Balancing measures - length of stay, cost of antibiotic usage and cost of procalcitonin test

### Tests for change

- Awareness and education of PCT
- Introduce PCT blood test in ED
- Antibiotic prescribing guided by PCT
- Monitoring compliance
- Process mapping

### Learning and next steps

- There is resistance to stopping antibiotics based on PCT result, despite scientific evidence
- We need a new approach to ordering the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCT sample as sample ordering is too low
- Education of medical staff has been insufficient to change practice

