Sepsis, severe sepsis and septic shock are used to describe the systemic inflammatory response of patients to infection, as a continuum of progressive and life threatening severity. Sepsis is the clinical syndrome defined by the presence of both infection and a systemic inflammatory response. The aim of this guideline is to facilitate the early recognition and appropriate treatment of sepsis in Ireland in order to maximise survival opportunity and minimise the burden of chronic sequelae. The Guideline Development Group recommends the Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines and the Sepsis 6 bundle as the guide to the management of sepsis in Ireland. Supplementary methodological information was added (page 57) in February 2015.

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