

Call Code - If patient condition critical

The decision to continue or stop IVN/PN must be discussed with the clinical team, with a written treatment plan in place (including fluid management)



Indicators and management of sepsis

All patients with intestinal failure

‘Sepsis six and severe sepsis resuscitation bundle’ principles apply to all patients with intestinal failure – all patients on this pathway require a full septic screen

- 1. Early recognition
- 2. Rapid vascular access
- 3. Empiric antibiotic therapy
- 4. Rapid, judicious, fluid resuscitation
- 5. Early initiation of inotropes
- 6. Source control (if possible)

Adult patient assessment framework:

Systemic Inflammatory Response Signs (SIRS) criteria

Temp >38°C or < 36°C

Heart rate > 90

Respiratory rate > 20

White cell count >12 or < 4

>2 SIRS criteria + hypotension (despite adequate fluid resuscitation) is indicative of Septic Shock

Paediatric patients may present with

tachycardia, increased irritability, drowsiness +/- fluctuating low grade pyrexia. Assessment should include a blood glucose level

Management of suspected CVAD sepsis and IVN/PN decision tool

