

## 06/28/23 “Lessons Learned: How a Definition Defines Sepsis Outcomes”

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#### Educational Outcomes

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

- Explain the key differences between the sepsis-2 and sepsis-3 definitions.
- Describe the quality measures associated with sepsis.
- Evaluate their organization’s data to see how their definitions affect quality performance.

#### Speakers

**Alexis Wells, MSN, RN, LSSYB, CCDS**, has been a registered nurse since 2008 working in various areas including multiple areas of critical care, telemetry, bone marrow transplant unit, and home hospice, which provided a well-rounded foundation when she became a Clinical Documentation Specialist (CDS) in 2015. In 2018, Alexis moved to take on a role as a CDI Quality Assurance Auditor and in December 2021, Alexis transitioned to a new role as a Quality Educator, providing education across the hospital on various topics related to quality performance and patient outcomes. Alexis serves on the sepsis committee at the local and community level and advocates for making it easy to do the right thing.

**Stacia Gandee, RHIA, CCS, CDIP, LSSYB**, has been a clinical documentation specialist (CDS) since February 2017 and was quickly promoted to the specialized role of Clinical Validation CDS in 2019, and transitioned to the manager role in 2020. Prior to this, she has worked as a coder as well as a contract coding consultant. Stacia is a member of the sepsis committee and has attended national conferences to ensure her CDI Program is optimizing impact in patient care, documentation, and coding of sepsis. Stacia brings ambition, knowledge, and coding expertise that is instrumental to organization-wide change in practice as it relates to the integrity of clinical documentation and coding.

#### Program Agenda

- Review the differing definitions of sepsis
- The struggles and pitfalls of each definition on sepsis performance
  - Review the quality measures focused on sepsis
- Three platforms where sepsis performance is publicly reported
  - Strategies to create a balance for managing denials as well as SEP-1 performance
- Data is power: Use it to get involved!

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