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ABSTRACT:

DATE: November 1, 2017

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Over 1.6 million people are diagnosed with sepsis in the U.S. each year[1] and sepsis is the #1 cost of hospitalization (over $24 billion each year)[1]. Having a biomarker that can quickly identify sepsis is critical because mortality increases 8% every hour that treatment is delayed[1].

Procalcitonin (PCT) helps determine if the patient has a bacterial infection (sepsis), the severity of the infection and is the patient responding to therapy[2]. PCT is a more accurate diagnostic parameter for sepsis and a better predictor of mortality and a more reliable marker than other biomarkers[3]. PCT also provides clinicians a mechanism for antibiotic stewardship[2].

1. Sepsis Alliance Website: http://www.sepsis.org/downloads/2017_sepsis_facts_media.pdf3
2. Thermo Scientific B-R-A-H-M-S PCT Improving infection management.
3. Shiferaw, et al. The Role of Procalcitonin as a Biomarker in Sepsis. J Infect Dis Epidemiology. 2016;2:006 Vol 2.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the clinical utility of PCT.
- Incorporate PCT protocols as part of sepsis management.
- Demonstrate the impact PCT can have on clinical and financial outcomes

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