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### By Email Only

<b>DATE:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
<b>TO:</b>	HG CEO's HG Chief Clinical Directors HG Directors of Nursing
<b>Cc:</b>	Acute Hospitals Division
<b>FROM:</b>	Dr Colm Henry, National Clinical Advisor & Group Lead Acute Hospitals
<b>RE:</b>	Clinical Advisory re Sepsis definition and response

Dear all,

Following publication of the Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock in the February edition of JAMA, the National Sepsis Work Stream have issued a Clinical Advisory notice, advising that SIRS criteria remain useful for the identification of infection and that the treatment for infection with SIRS criteria remains the Sepsis 6.

The new definition is not without controversy and no immediate changes in sepsis documentation or management are proposed in Ireland until the 2017 update of the National Clinical Guideline.

I attach the Clinical Advisory notice for your information and dissemination to all Clinical Directors, Directors of Nursing and Clinical Services Managers in your Hospital Group requesting them in turn to circulate to all healthcare professionals who look after patients with sepsis.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Colm Henry

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