

# Addressing the Sepsis Alert

Patient does not have sepsis, or you want to suppress the alert on a known sepsis patient:

- Select **DOCUMENT** for “Sepsis Treatment or Deferral Decisions”
- Select **SEPSIS NOT SUSPECTED – SPECIFY REASON** and then note the reason
  - If you document a reason without selecting sepsis not suspected, the alert will not be suspended
- Document the applicable reason for why you are suspending the alert
- Click **ACCEPT**
  - If you click DEFER the alert will continue to fire every time you open the patient chart until addressed using the steps above

The screenshot shows the 'Sepsis Alert' interface. At the top, it states: 'The patient shows signs of possible severe sepsis. Start sepsis protocol or document a treatment or deferral decision.' Below this is a section for 'Contributing Factors'. A red bracket on the left side of the interface highlights the 'Document' button in the 'Open Order Set' section and the 'Sepsis not suspected - specify reason' button in the 'Sepsis Care Decisions' section. A yellow star is placed next to the 'Sepsis not suspected - specify reason' button. Below this, there are checkboxes for 'Provider Documentation - Reasons for Suspending Sepsis Early Detection Alerts (12hr)' and 'Reason to Stop Sepsis Alerts for Rest of Encounter'. At the bottom right, the 'Accept' button is highlighted with a red box and a yellow star, with a red bracket indicating it is the final step in the process.

**Sepsis Alert**

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**Contributing Factors**

[View Care Path Information](#)

**Open Order Set** Do Not Open Code Sepsis Response Bundle [Preview](#)

**Document** Do Not Document [Sepsis Treatment or Deferral Decisions](#) [Collapse](#)

**Sepsis Care Decisions**

**Physician Decision for Sepsis Early Detection Next Steps**

Activate sepsis protocol Continue monitoring (2hr)

**Sepsis not suspected - specify reason**

**Provider Documentation - Reasons for Suspending Sepsis Early Detection Alerts (12hr)**

☐ Clinically judged doubtful at this time ☐ Active labor ☐ Burn ☐ Cardiac emergency

☐ Psychiatric emergency ☐ Recreational drug use ☐ Stroke ☐ Trauma

☐ Virus, Fungus, or Parasite ☐ Acute Care Facility transfer

**Reason to Stop Sepsis Alerts for Rest of Encounter**

End of life patient. Plan palliative or CMO care Patient refuses treatment

[Go to Sepsis navigator](#)

**Acknowledge Reason**

Postpone 15 minutes Not providing direct patient care (12hr) [Defer](#)

**Accept**