

# Sepsis Prevention Assessment Tool (SPAT) for Nursing Homes

## Gap Prioritization Worksheet

This worksheet has been developed for use by partners in prevention as a component of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Sepsis Prevention Assessment Tool \(SPAT\) for Nursing Homes](#). This worksheet may be used by partners to guide in the identification and prioritization of sepsis policies or practices after a SPAT has been completed. Facilities are encouraged to review their SPAT Feedback Report, including the individual response frequencies by question, prior to completing this worksheet. If preferred, facilities may send their completed worksheet to CDC to receive tailored feedback including example tools, strategies, and resources to help address the priority areas identified. An example template is provided below to guide completion of the worksheet on the following pages.

For questions and requests for technical assistance, please email CDC at [HAIPrevention@cdc.gov](mailto:HAIPrevention@cdc.gov).

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<i>Nurse and Physician Champions</i>	<i>We do not have nurse and physician champions for sepsis</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>More information on how to identify and engage appropriate champions would be helpful</i>
<i>Sepsis screening protocol</i>	<i>We have established policies to monitor residents, but nothing that is specific or sensitive to clinical sepsis criteria.</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Interested in examples of how to devise a sepsis screening protocol</i>

Facility Name:

**Please Note:** Not all gaps that were highlighted in the SPAT Feedback Report need to be included below. This worksheet is intended for gaps that your facility has determined as priority items to help guide immediate next steps. The worksheet may also include additional gaps that were not highlighted in the SPAT Feedback Report. You know your facilities best and may be aware of other areas of improvement that were not identified with the SPAT.

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\*Facilities are welcome to complete and submit another worksheet if additional rows are needed.

#### **Additional Comments or Questions:**

***Upon completion of this form:*** Additional resources to guide prevention interventions are available within the [SPAT Implementation Guide](#).

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Please note: Submitting this worksheet to CDC is optional and does not ‘commit’ facilities to implementing the interventions, it is solely intended to help facilities communicate priority areas so CDC can further tailor technical assistance for your infection prevention efforts.

***For additional assistance, please SAVE this document and return to CDC at [HAIPrevention@cdc.gov](mailto:HAIPrevention@cdc.gov)***