



# Kentucky **SEPSIS** Consortium

## Virtual Meeting

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*The Kentucky Hospital Association Sepsis Consortium is working with hospitals statewide to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by sepsis.*

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# For Your Information



- The **Global Sepsis Alliance** will host the **6th World Sepsis Congress** on **April 22–23, 2026**, as a **free, fully virtual global event**. Focused on “Universal Sepsis Care for Newborns, Children, and Women,” the congress highlights the need to improve sepsis prevention and care for disproportionately affected populations. Sessions will cover clinical advances, health-system strategies, equity, research, policy, and patient experiences. [6th World Sepsis Congress: Universal Sepsis Care for Newborns, Children, and Women](#)
- **Sepsis Alliance: Unite for Sepsis Symposium** will be **June 11–12, 2026**, for the second annual Unite for Sepsis Symposium—a cross-disciplinary event focused on advancing innovation in sepsis prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. This year’s program will gather clinicians, researchers, technologists, policymakers, and advocates to explore emerging science, share practical strategies, and spark collaboration that drives real-world impact. [Sepsis Alliance Presents: Unite for Sepsis Symposium](#)

# New Opportunity Reminder



- **CMS Sepsis Case Abstraction Office Hours**
  - 30 minutes monthly
  - Deb Campbell and Billie Delauder will take questions and walk through complex cases
  - Billie has years of experience and will lead the case reviews and answer your questions
- **TARGET: Whoever at your facility abstracts the cases for CMS data or participates in that process**
- Next date- March 12 1-2pm ET

# 2026 Sepsis Resources



- The KHA is currently enhancing our Sepsis Resource webpage to better serve our member hospitals.
- As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to share any Sepsis-related resources, tools, or best practices that could benefit your peers across the state. Your contributions help strengthen our collective efforts in improving patient care.
- If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to submit materials, please reach out to: Billie Delauder at [bdelauder@kyha.com](mailto:bdelauder@kyha.com) or Deb Campbell at [dcampbell@kyha.com](mailto:dcampbell@kyha.com).
- We look forward to collaborating with you!

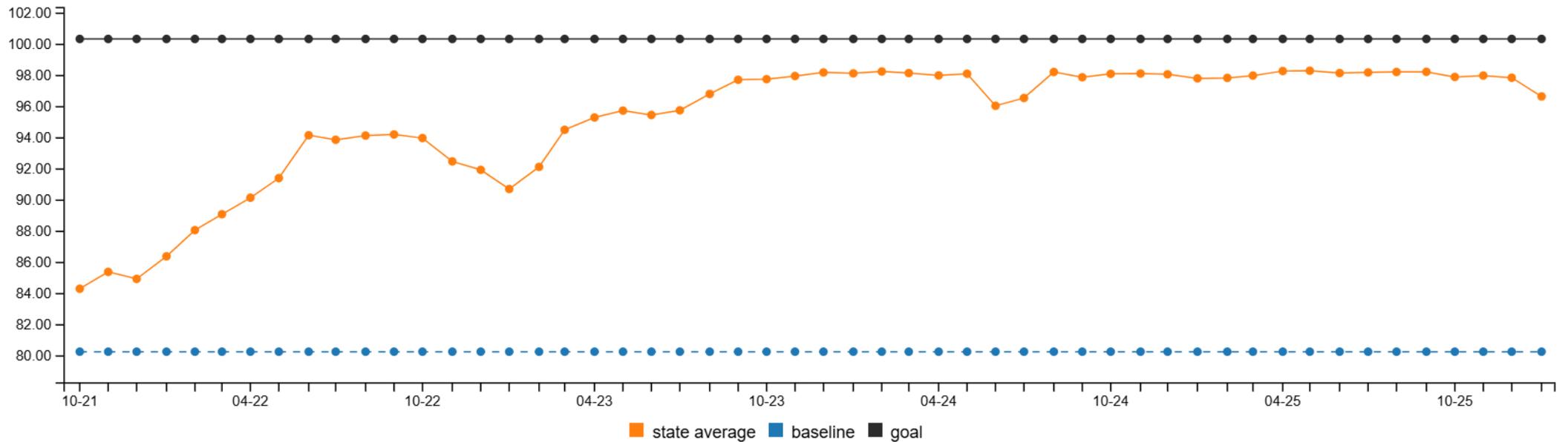
# SEPSIS-2c SEPSIS Screening Performed at Triage



Kentucky Sepsis Consortium (All Payor)

SEPSIS-2c SEPSIS Screening Performed at Triage (all payor)

Goal Type: Increase



KQC Pull from 02/23/2026

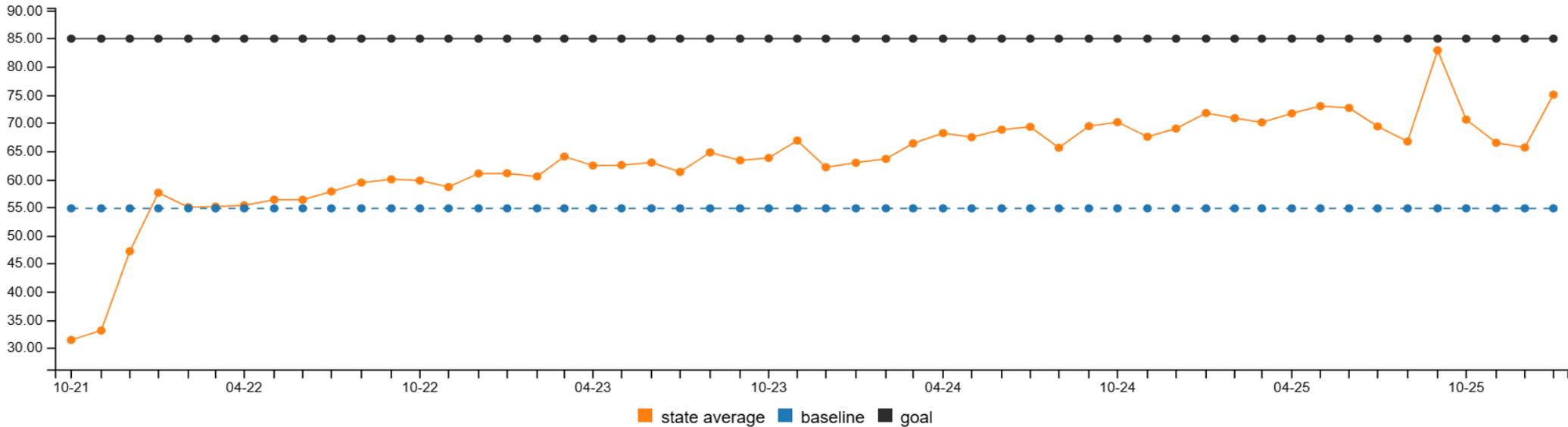
# SEPSIS-2d 3 & 6 Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance



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SEPSIS-2d 3 and 6-Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance (all payor)

Goal Type: Increase



\*Data is in review

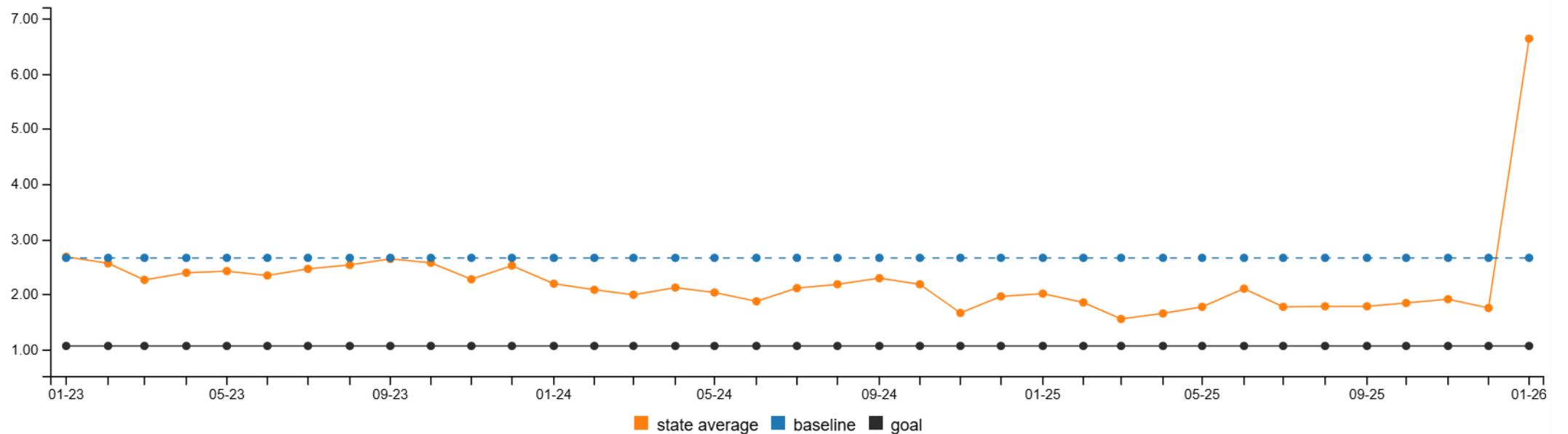
# SEPSIS-2e Blood Culture Contamination



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SEPSIS-2e Blood Culture Contamination (all payor)

Goal Type: Decrease



\*Data is in review

# Stubborn Metric Post-Op Sepsis

## \*\* Strategies



- Data review for rates of post-op sepsis via KQC
- Data review for rates of HAIs that we have in KQC
- Collecting rates INFORMALLY of HAIs we don't currently have in KQC
- Questions:
  - When your Sepsis Committee meets, do you review and gather what infection led to the sepsis?
  - Do you track/trend this data?
  - Have your HAIs improved over time?
  - How do those rates compare to other hospitals?
  - Has there been any drift in previous improvements?

# Post-Op Sepsis- Strategies



- Pre-op bundles in place
  - What do they consist of?
- Decolonization
  - Universal
  - Only MRSA colonized patients
  - All surgeries
  - Certain surgeries
- Topic specific webinars
- Individual coaching upon request and as appropriate

# Today's presentation



## • **Topic- Mechanisms of Response to Recognized Risk of Sepsis-Part 2**

### • **Speakers-**

- **Adrienne Rosenbarger**

**Sepsis Coordinator**

**Baptist Health Floyd**



- **Christina Witt**

**Lead PI Reviewer, Sepsis Nurse Navigator**

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# Future topics



- More on that stubborn metric and how to approach for the coming year
- Inpatient screening data collection
- Survey on ISDDs coming soon!
- Rapid Molecular Diagnostics
- We Are Screening, but Are We Doing It Accurately? (In Urgent Care?) (EMS?)
- Moving Upstream
  - Preventing sepsis through promoting vaccines
  - Educating our families and the community
- Staffing as a component of compliance barriers?
- I'm Going Home- Help Me Not Come Back (Functional and Cognitive Impairment Assessment at DC)

# Next Steps



- Regular schedule- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 1-2ET
- Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 PM ET **Hospital Onset Bacteremia**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/50yGEM2AS526ES8dFOhC6g>
- **April 23: Kentucky Sepsis Consortium Webinar**
- [Register Online](#)
- **May 28: Kentucky Sepsis Consortium Webinar**
- [Register Online](#)
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