



## Best Practice Teams

evidence based practices  
for world-class patient care

Kaweah Health's new Best Practice Teams lead by Dr. Michael Tedaldi are making sure it's easy to get current best practices to patients that will affect their outcomes!

# Power Plan Changes Available Now!

## Treatment and Management of COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA

- **Pneumonia Severity Index (PSI) Scoring Tool Implementation**  
**Level 1 Evidence**
  - Assist in establishing appropriate level of care based on patient acuity
  - Potentially reduce unnecessary admissions
  - Ideally performed on initial presentation to the ED
  - PSI tool is automatically linked inside the ED Sepsis Power Plan(s)
  - Data needed to complete tool is pulled in from the medical record. Minimal manual entry required
- **Key CAP Guidelines embedded within ED Sepsis Power Plans:**
  - Promote accurate/timely antibiotic stewardship **Level 2 Evidence**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> dose of antibiotic to be given in the ED, ideally within 3 hours of a CAP diagnosis, also standardized with SEPSIS guidelines **Level 3 Evidence**
- **MED CAP Admission Power Plan Updates:**
  - Nursing interventions to prevent aspiration
  - Addition of enteral nutrition initiation/management sub-phases
  - Early identification of patients who are eligible to transition from IV to PO antibiotics **Level 2 Evidence**
  - Clinical stability discharge elements to reduce LOS & promote punctual discharge **Level 2 Evidence**



These changes are based on the **ATS/IDSA Guidelines**, access these guidelines through the QR code