

**Database:** PubMed**Search string:**

(((((sepsis) OR (septic)) OR (severe sepsis)) OR (septicemia)) OR (septic shock)) AND (Protein C)) AND (biomarker)

**Expanded search string:**

1. ("sepsis"[MeSH Terms] OR "sepsis"[All Fields] OR ("septic"[All Fields] OR "septics"[All Fields]) OR ("sepsis"[MeSH Terms] OR "sepsis"[All Fields] OR ("severe"[All Fields] AND "sepsis"[All Fields]) OR "severe sepsis"[All Fields]) OR ("sepsis"[MeSH Terms] OR "sepsis"[All Fields] OR "septicaemias"[All Fields] OR "septicemias"[All Fields] OR "septicaemia"[All Fields] OR "septicemia"[All Fields]) OR ("shock, septic"[MeSH Terms] OR ("shock"[All Fields] AND "septic"[All Fields]) OR "septic shock"[All Fields] OR ("septic"[All Fields] AND "shock"[All Fields])))
2. ("protein c"[MeSH Terms] OR "protein c"[All Fields])
3. ("biomarker s"[All Fields] OR "biomarkers"[MeSH Terms] OR "biomarkers"[All Fields] OR "biomarker"[All Fields])
4. 1 and 2 and 3