



The Role of the School Nurse in Identifying Pediatric Sepsis

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Objectives

- To describe your role in the identification, assessment, and treatment of children with sepsis.
- Explain how you can identify the presence of infection-related triggers for sepsis.
- Prioritize treatment tools and techniques for children experiencing sepsis.





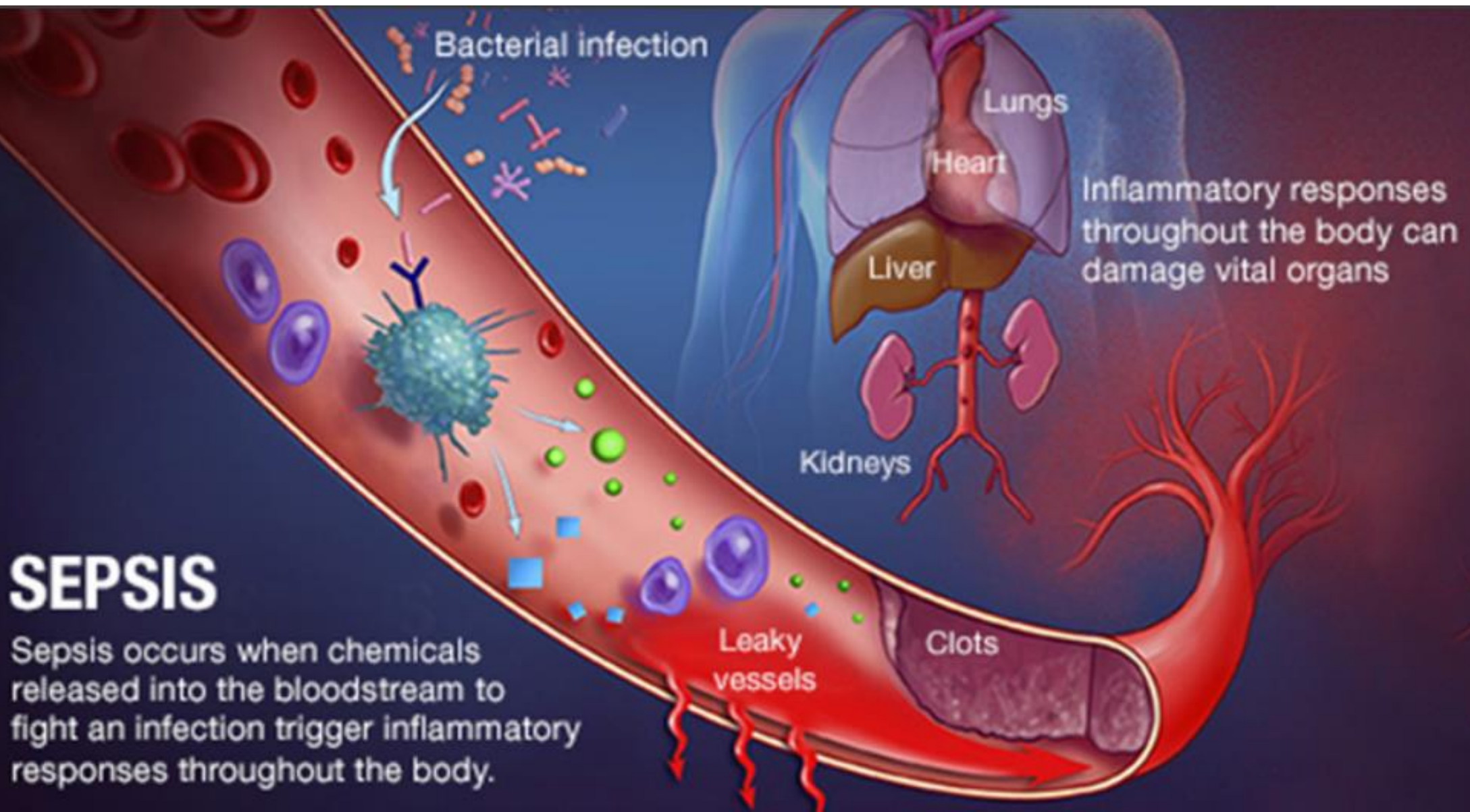
What is Sepsis?

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Sepsis occurs when chemicals released into the bloodstream to fight an infection trigger inflammatory responses throughout the body.

Sepsis in Children

- **Pediatric Sepsis is the number one killer of children globally.**
 - **72,000 cases per year.**
 - **6,800 deaths per year.**
- **What is your role?**
 - **87% of sepsis cases originate in the community**
 - **Awareness & Prevention**
 - **Recognition**



Rory's Story



Why are Children at Higher Risk?

- Poor Understanding
- Very Susceptible
- Low Frequency
- Subtle Signs & Symptoms
- Rapid Deterioration



Unequal Burden of Sepsis



Quincy Bayo



- Black preterm infants are 13x more likely to develop sepsis
- Black preterm infants are 15x more likely to die than non-black infants
- Infants from lower income families are 20% more likely to die from sepsis
- Infants from families without health insurance are 3x more likely to die from sepsis

What do Parents Know?



- 41% of parents think children can only get sepsis if they already in the hospital
- 42% of parents believe there are no long-term effects on children after having sepsis

Steven Keske



Who is at increased risk?

- **Sickle Cell**
- **Cystic Fibrosis**
- **Premature Birth**
- **Poor Respiratory Function**
- **Poor Cardiac Reserves**
- **Liver Dysfunction**
- **Indwelling Devices.**
- **Cancer**

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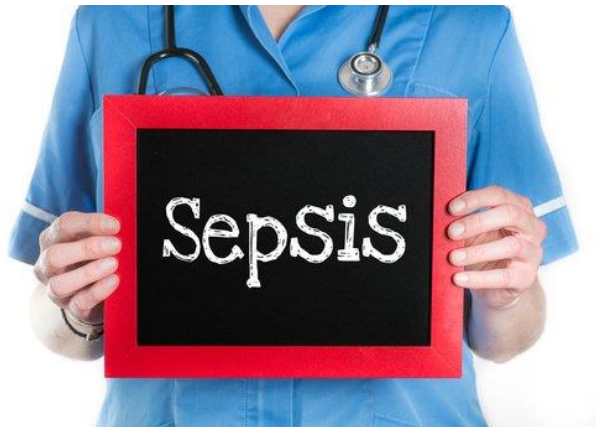




Wound Infections are a Common Cause of Sepsis

Prevention

Awareness



Handwashing

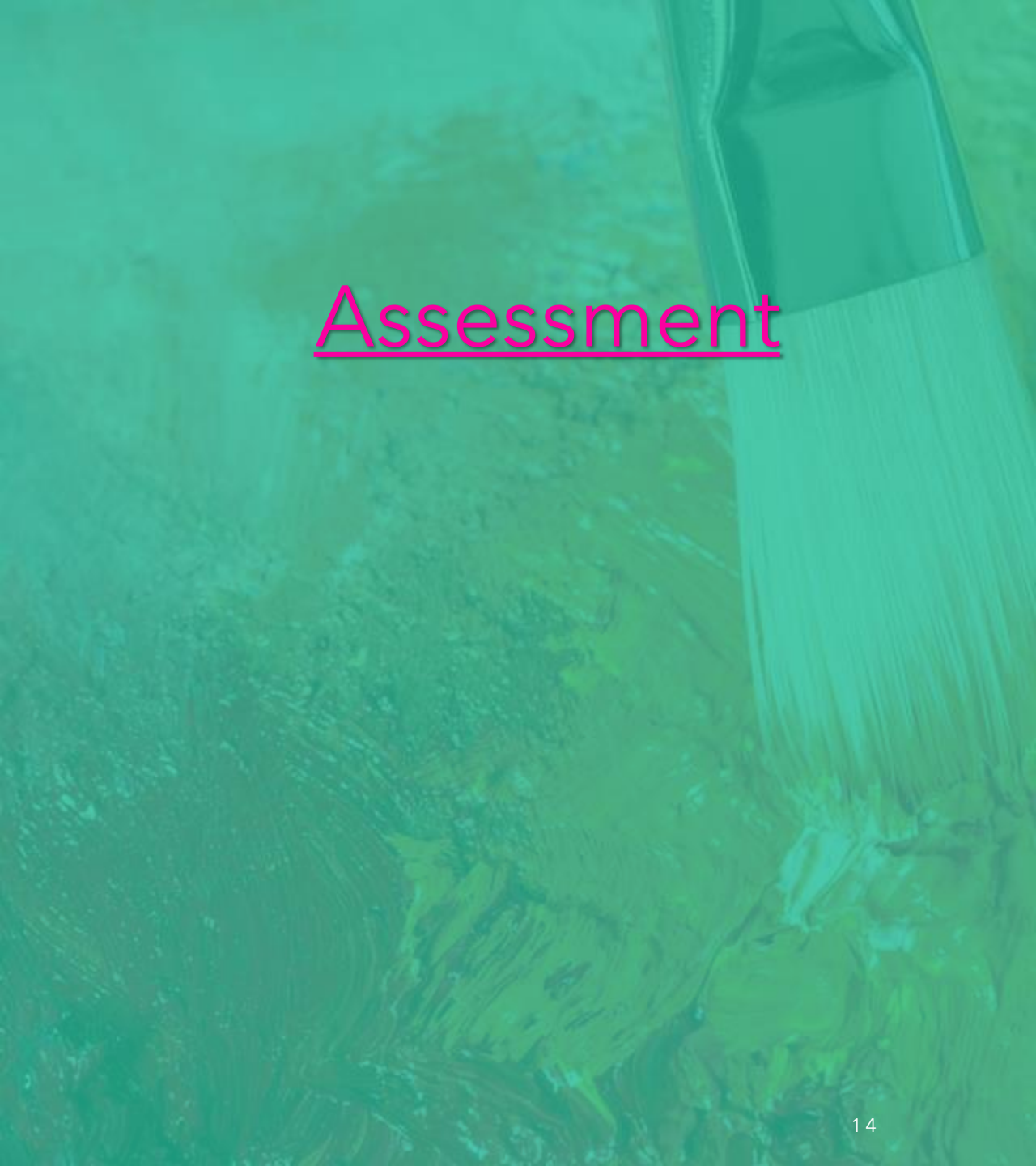


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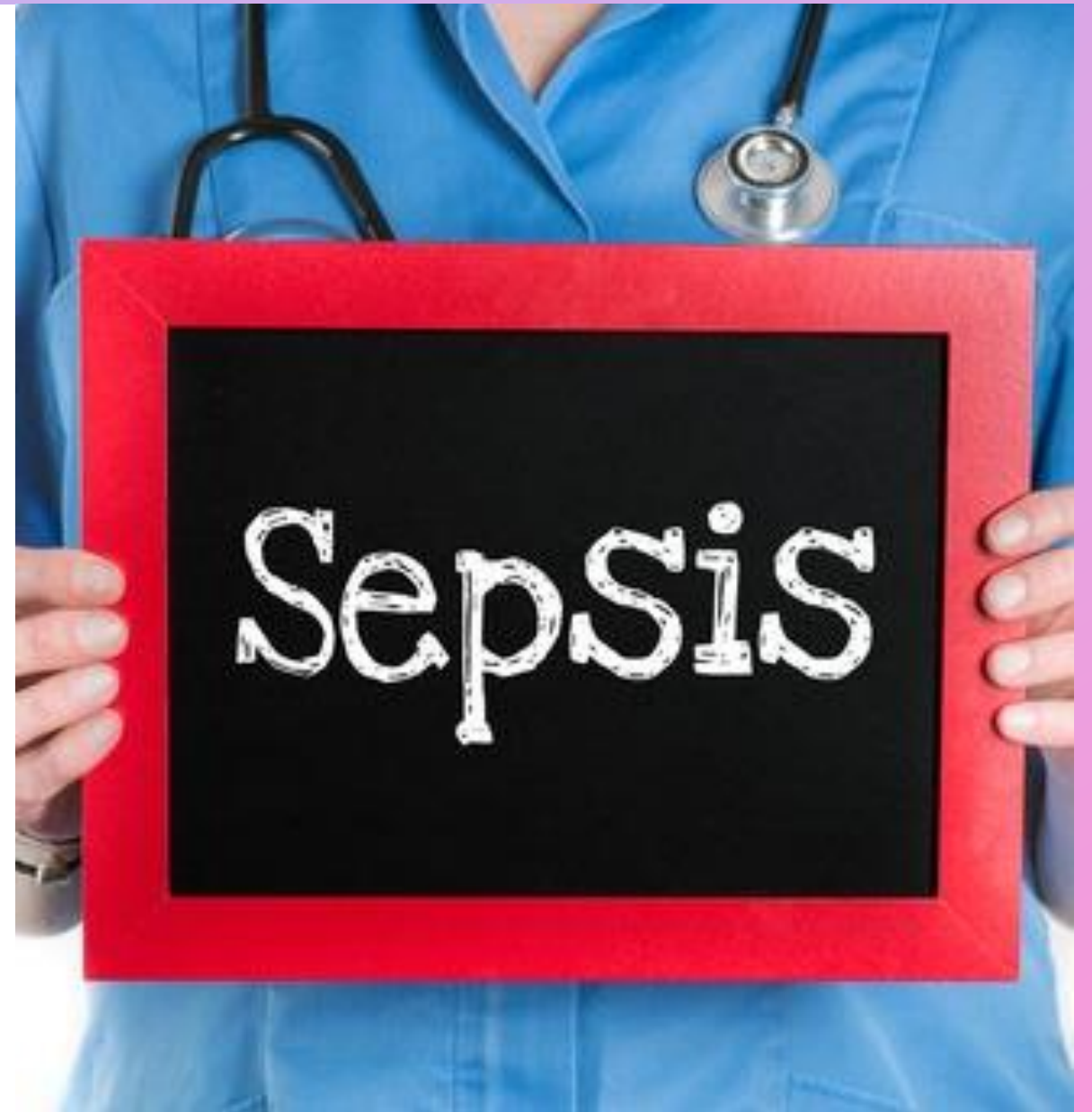
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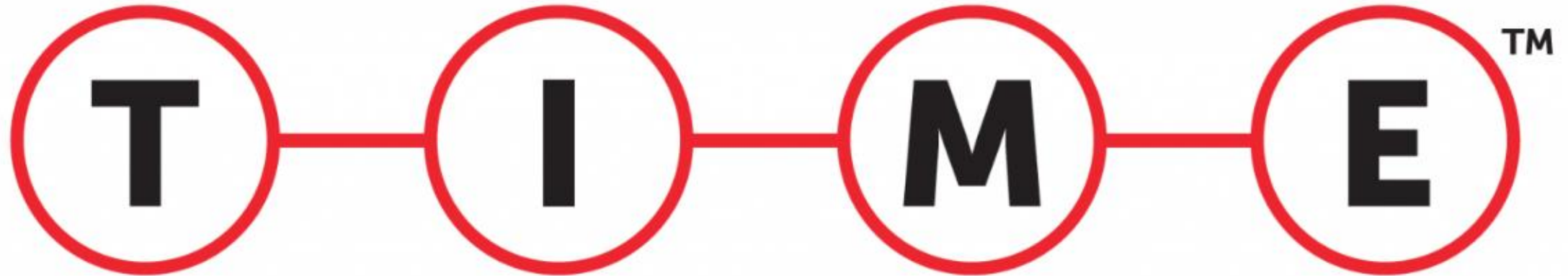


Recognition

Sepsis Awareness



When it comes to sepsis, remember
IT'S ABOUT TIME™. Watch for:



TEMPERATURE

higher or lower
than normal

INFECTION

may have signs
and symptoms of
an infection

MENTAL DECLINE

confused, sleepy,
difficult to rouse

EXTREMELY ILL

severe pain,
discomfort,
shortness of breath



Thank you



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