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**Figure 1** Triage protocol at Christiana Hospital to assist in identifying patients who may have community-acquired pneumonia.

- Vital signs on arrival
- Screen for signs and symptoms of pneumonia
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath/dyspnea
  - Chest pain
  - Hypoxia (pulse oximetry <94% on room air)
  - Altered breath sounds
  - Increased heart rate >90 beats/minute
  - Increased white blood cell count >12,000/uL
- If patient exhibits 2 or more symptoms, initiate preprinted pneumonia order set
- Alert physician of patient arrival
- Page physician or present radiograph to physician for interpretation if reading is unavailable
- Administer antibiotics if positive diagnosis of pneumonia