

Sepsis FACTS

Sepsis arises when the body's response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. It may lead to shock, multi-organ failure, and death - especially if not recognized early and treated promptly. Sepsis is the final common pathway to death from most infectious diseases worldwide, including viruses such as SARS-CoV-2.

47 - 50 million
cases
per year¹

At least
11 million
deaths per year²

1 in 5 deaths
worldwide is
associated
with **sepsis**³

Sepsis is the number

- 1**
- Cause of death in hospitals⁴
 - Cause for hospital readmissions⁵
 - Healthcare cost⁶
(e.g. \$62 billion is spent on sepsis healthcare costs in the US alone)⁷

Up to **50%**
of sepsis survivors
suffer from long-term
physical and/or
psychological effects⁸

40%
of cases
are
children
under 5⁹

80%
of sepsis cases
occur **outside**
of a hospital¹⁰

SEPSIS is
always caused by
an **infection** like
pneumonia or
diarrheal illness¹¹

SEPSIS is a medical
emergency - if you or someone
you know shows signs of sepsis,
seek medical care immediately.
Every hour counts.¹²

These signs may indicate sepsis:

Slurred Speech
or Confusion

Extrême Shivering
or Muscle Pain
/Fever

Passing No
Urine
All Day

Severe
Breathlessness

It Feels Like
You're Going
to Die

Skin Mottled
or Discolored

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You can help
#StopSepsis
and
#SaveLives
Get involved at
worldsepsisday.org



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