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.

At least 11 million deaths per year

1 in 5 deaths worldwide is associated with sepsis

47 - 50 million cases per year

Sepsis is the number 1
- Cause of death in hospitals
- Cause for hospital readmissions
- Healthcare cost (e.g., $62 billion is spent on sepsis healthcare costs in the US alone)

80% of sepsis cases occur outside of a hospital

SEPSIS is always caused by an infection like pneumonia or diarrheal illness

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

40% of cases are children under 5

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

These signs may indicate sepsis:

- Slurred Speech or Confusion
- Extreme 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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