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Sepsis is a medical emergency
and can happen to *anyone*.

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WHAT IS SEPSIS?

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body's response to infection injures its own tissues and organs. Sepsis can result from any infection, such as a urinary tract infection, meningitis, pneumonia, appendicitis, or even a simple cut on your hand. Sometimes called "blood poisoning,"

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someone in the United
States dies of sepsis."*



PATIENTS: learn the signs and get

help fast.



HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: treat

sepsis like a medical emergency.

sepsis is a medical emergency that requires early detection and treatment for survival.

Sepsis is confusing. It's hard to diagnose because it can often look like the flu. It is indicated by a combination of symptoms. You might start to feel worse than you ever felt before, have trouble breathing, notice a rapid heart rate and have a very high fever. Learn the signs and tell your healthcare provider that "I am concerned about sepsis."

HOW COMMON IS SEPSIS?

A recent report from The Journal of the American Medical Association found that up to half of all hospital deaths may be connected to sepsis. Every two minutes, someone in the United States dies of sepsis. Every year in Colorado, it kills approximately 3,000 people and survivors can face life-long complications.

The good news is that with early recognition and rapid treatment, we can cut the number of deaths in half.

ABOUT

Suspect Sepsis. Save Lives.SM is a Colorado-focused awareness campaign led by the Sepsis Alliance, a nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to raising awareness about sepsis, in collaboration with MSC, a Colorado company that helps hospitals improve patient safety.

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