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"Suspect Sepsis. Save Lives." campaign launches

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More than 250,000 people die from sepsis each year, including 3,000 in Colorado. In fact, a recent study found that up to half of all hospital deaths are due to sepsis. Yet the word "sepsis" is unknown to most Americans.

That's why the Sepsis Alliance kicked off the Colorado-focused **Suspect Sepsis. Save Lives.**, campaign today at the University of Colorado Hospital. The goal is to educate the public and health care providers about detecting and treating this deadly condition.

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Speakers and guests at the Suspect Sepsis public awareness campaign kickoff

"In the five minutes it takes me to read these remarks, two people will have died from sepsis," Tom Heymann, executive director of the San Diego-based Sepsis Alliance, told a group of about 75 doctors and nurses at a lunch-time news conference.

Symptoms are confusing and sometimes subtle, and include fever, cold hands, high heart rate, fast breathing and confusion.

While a person might display these symptoms and *not* have sepsis, for the 12,000 people diagnosed with sepsis each year in Colorado, it is critical to get help fast. Every hour delay in treatment can reduce survival by 8 percent.

"Treating sepsis calls for early recognition, aggressive fluids and aggressive antibiotics," said Dr. Richard Zane, chair, department of emergency medicine, University of Colorado Hospital. "It's very important to educate providers that sepsis is a killer, and it is a time-dependent disease. Just like stroke and heart attacks, time to treatment is critical."

Sepsis can affect anyone, but people at greatest risk are those with weakened immune systems; the elderly; infants and children; or people with chronic illnesses. Parents and caregivers are urged to learn the signs, get treatment quickly and tell their medical provider, "I suspect sepsis."

For survivors, recovery is a long, difficult process marked by memory loss and other life-changing challenges.

"I didn't lose my limbs, or my life, as so many sepsis patients do," said sepsis survivor Pamela Popp of Denver. "Every day I am grateful that I survived. And I believe that I survived so that I could tell the story of what it is like to go through this."

For more information about how you can pledge to learn about sepsis and save lives, visit www.suspectsepsis.org.

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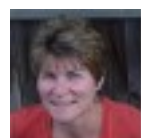
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