



SEPSIS ESSENTIALS

Sepsis The world's most neglected medical emergency

- **Number one cause of death from infection.** Affects all ages, all nations.
- More common than a heart attack, kills more people than any cancer.
- **Affects more than 30 million people a year** worldwide, many of whom die or suffer permanent disabilities. Its incidence is **increasing**.
- **Costs many countries more than any illness** and is the leading cause of years of lives lost.
- **Is caused by any infection** and if recognized and treated too late produces the catastrophic failure of multiple organ systems which frequently results in death or permanent disability.

What's needed?

- Better education of health care workers and lay people on prevention and the early symptoms of sepsis.
- Access to simple, low-cost and effective diagnostic and treatment interventions that are the pillars of any basic health care system.
- E.g. antibiotics, fluids, oxygen and other basic supportive care.

**This will save lives,
reduce disabilities
and result in large savings for health care budgets.**

Organizations and individuals around the world should ask their governments to support the following:

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** through the **World Health Assembly** should designate a **World Sepsis Day** to focus global attention and action that will strengthen health care systems worldwide to address this, the world's most neglected medical emergency.

For further information on this program, please contact us:

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