

# WHAT IS SEPSIS?

Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to infection which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death.

**270,000**

DEATHS IN UNITED STATES

**8,000,000**

DEATHS ACROSS THE GLOBE

EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 270,000 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. DIE FROM SEPSIS. WORLDWIDE, THAT FIGURE IS 8 MILLION.



**65%**

OF AMERICANS SAY  
THEY KNOW THE WORD

**When it comes to sepsis, remember  
IT'S ABOUT TIME™. Watch for:**

- T** TEMPERATURE - higher or lower than normal  
**I** INFECTION - may have signs or symptoms of infection  
**M** MENTAL DECLINE - confused, sleepy, difficult to rouse  
**E** EXTREMELY ILL - "I feel like I might die," severe pain or discomfort

## NUMBER 1

LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN HOSPITALS  
LEADING CAUSE OF HOSPITAL READMISSIONS  
SINGLE BIGGEST COST TO HOSPITALS  
(\$27 BILLION PER YEAR)

### IDENTIFY COMMON SYMPTOMS

AROUND 72% OF AMERICANS CAN IDENTIFY  
STROKE SYMPTOMS, YET ONLY 12% CAN  
IDENTIFY THE MOST COMMON SEPSIS SYMPTOMS

### CONTAGIOUS?

39% OF AMERICANS **INCORRECTLY**  
BELIEVE SEPSIS IS CONTAGIOUS



## THERE IS NO SIMPLE TEST OR CURE FOR SEPSIS

SEPSIS CAN BE PREVENTED BY PREVENTING INFECTIONS AND **CAN BE TREATED**  
SUCCESSFULLY IN MOST CASES WITH EARLY RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT.

## SOUND THE ALARM

IF YOU SUSPECT YOU OR A LOVED ONE MAY HAVE SEPSIS,  
SEE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATELY OR CALL 911 AND SAY

**"I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS"**

YOU CAN HELP  
SAVE LIVES  
FROM SEPSIS,  
GET INVOLVED AT  
**SEPSIS.ORG**