

SEPSIS SEPTEMBER



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WHAT IS SEPSIS?



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

1.5M PEOPLE IN THE U.S. GET SEPSIS EACH YEAR
250,000 AMERICANS DIE FROM SEPSIS
\$27B TOTAL COST TO HOSPITALS



30% of patients diagnosed with severe sepsis do not survive.



50% of survivors suffer from post-sepsis syndrome.

WHO IS AT RISK?

- Adults 65 or older
- People with weakened immune systems
- Children younger than 1.



- People with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, cancer, and lung or kidney disease

Although anyone can get an infection, and almost any infection can lead to sepsis.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Confusion or disorientation

Shortness of breath

Extreme pain or discomfort

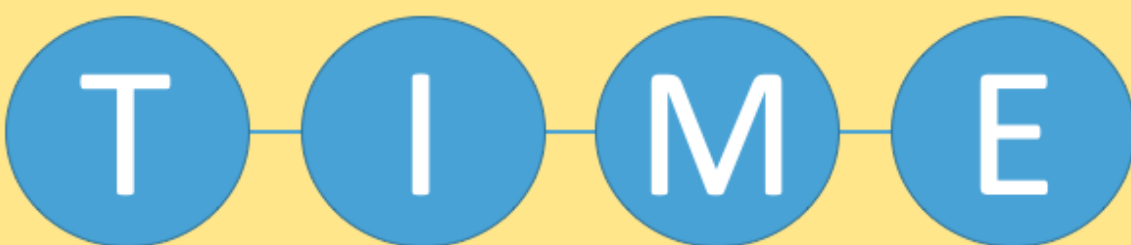


Fever, shivering, or feeling very cold

High heart rate

Clammy or sweaty skin

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



TEMPERATURE

Higher or lower than normal

INFECTION

May have signs and symptoms of an infection

MENTAL DECLINE

Confused, sleepy, difficult to rouse

EXTREMELY ILL

"I feel like I might die," severe pain or discomfort

TIME is critical! If you suspect sepsis, call your doctor, go to the hospital, or call 911 and say, "I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEPSIS."