

# GET AHEAD OF SEPSIS

KNOW THE RISKS.  
SPOT THE SIGNS.  
ACT FAST.

Dear Colleagues:

September is Sepsis Awareness Month, and CDC is pleased to share the *Get Ahead of Sepsis* educational effort. Please join us this month and all year round as we shine a spotlight on this life-threatening condition.

Sepsis is a medical emergency. Each year, about 1.7 million adults in America develop sepsis, and at least 350,000 adults who develop sepsis die during their hospitalization or are discharged to hospice. With fast recognition and treatment, most people survive. *Get Ahead of Sepsis* helps educate consumers and healthcare professionals about the importance of early recognition and timely treatment of sepsis, reassessment of antibiotic needs, and prevention of infections.

We hope you agree that there is a critical need to provide sepsis education. This *Get Ahead of Sepsis* partner toolkit includes communication tools to make it easy for you and your organization to promote early recognition and immediate treatment of sepsis, as well as the importance of preventing infections that can lead to sepsis. The toolkit includes:

- Shareable videos
- Sample social media posts
- Customizable news release
- Drop-in articles
- Education materials

You can access these resources and more on the [CDC sepsis partner information webpage](#).

Together, we can protect Americans by recognizing sepsis early and acting fast when it does happen. Patients are counting on us.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to patient safety.

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