



Suspect sepsis. Say sepsis. Save someone's life today.

*Severe sepsis, also known as septicaemia or blood poisoning, is the body's reaction to an infection and means your body attacks its own organs and tissues. If severe sepsis is not spotted and treated quickly, it can rapidly lead to organ failure and death. Patients and health workers need to work together to ensure **life-saving** treatment is delivered as soon as possible.*

The diagnosis of severe sepsis is a **medical emergency**. It is crucially important that the early signs are recognised and treated. Prompt recognition and treatment within the hour significantly improves outcomes for patients.

Recognise

With Early Warning Score and sepsis screening - Is infection suspected?

Patients who 'trigger' Early Warning Score should be screened for sepsis using local screening system.

Resuscitate

With the Sepsis Six - within an hour

Treatment

- Give oxygen to target saturation
- Give IV antibiotics
- Start IV fluid resuscitation

Test

- Take blood cultures
- Check haemoglobin and lactate
- Monitor urine output

Refer

Review for signs of organ dysfunction and refer to consultant and higher level of care if required.