

A hand is shown holding a white flower, possibly a lily, against a blue background. The hand is positioned at the top of the frame, with fingers gently cradling the base of the flower. The flower has long, pointed petals and a central stem with leaves. The background is a gradient of blue, with the hand and flower appearing in white and light blue tones.

WSC Spotlight: Maternal and Neonatal Sepsis

A Free Online Congress by WHO and GSA

To be held completely online
on September 12th, 2017

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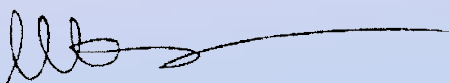
WELCOME TO THE WSC SPOTLIGHT: MATERNAL AND NEONATAL SEPSIS

Reducing maternal and newborn deaths is a priority for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, implementing the UN Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, and executing the Strategies Toward Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM). However, the third most common direct cause of maternal mortality, which is maternal sepsis, received less attention, research, and programming. Undetected or poorly managed maternal infections can lead to sepsis, death or disability for the mother and increased likelihood of early neonatal infection and other adverse outcomes. Infections leading to sepsis are responsible for about one fifth of the world's annual 2.7 million neonatal deaths. In South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, about 25 % of all neonatal deaths are due to infections.

Sepsis can be prevented to a considerable degree by vaccination against the underlying infections, better sanitation, maternal and neonatal care, and clean delivery. Sepsis induced organ dysfunction and shock require urgent supportive therapies in addition to the measures to eradicate the inciting infection. The odds of surviving sepsis can be dramatically improved by early recognition, appropriate treatment with antimicrobials, and supportive emergency care measures.

The Global Sepsis Alliance and the World Health Organization are pleased that the 'World Sepsis Congress Spotlight: Maternal and Neonatal Sepsis' brings together highly ranked representatives of international and national health care authorities, NGOs, policy makers, patients, patient advocate groups, many renowned clinical scientists, researchers, and pioneers in maternal and newborn care.

As program chairs on behalf of the Global Sepsis Alliance and the World Health Organization, we cordially invite you to join us for this free online congress. This event takes place on September 12th, one day before the 6th World Sepsis Day on September 13th, and will contribute to wider recognition of maternal and newborn sepsis by policy makers and members of the public. The congress will inform health care workers and lay people of the burden of sepsis and of evidence based sepsis management to save lives. Finally, we hope that it will empower sepsis survivors and their families to join the fight against sepsis and to overcome the long-term consequences of maternal and newborn sepsis.

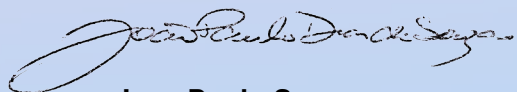


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Tuesday,
Sep 12th

Opening Session: Sepsis:
The Challenges of Medicine,
Politics, and Society
at 13:00h UTC // 15:00h CEST

S2: Maternal Sepsis
at 15:00h UTC // 17:00h CEST

S3: Neonatal Sepsis
at 16:30h UTC // 18:30h CEST

S4: Updates on Sepsis
at 18:00h UTC // 20:00h CEST

Opening Session: Sepsis: The Challenges of Medicine, Politics, and Society

Tuesday, Sep 12th at 13:00h UTC // 15:00h CEST <small>(click to see your local time zone)</small>	Opening Remarks: Director-General, WHO Chair: Niranjan 'Tex' Kisson, Global Sepsis Alliance, Canada
13:15h UTC	Sepsis and the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General, WHO, Switzerland
13:30h UTC	Lessons Learned from Recent Pandemics Margaret Chan, past Director-General WHO, Switzerland
13:45h UTC	Over 7 Million Childhood Deaths Averted - Progress Report by the Vaccine Alliance Anuradha Gupta, Deputy CEO GAVI, Switzerland
14:00h UTC	Nationwide Sepsis Awareness Saves Lives Ron Daniels, UK Sepsis Trust, United Kingdom
14:15h UTC	Challenges of Sepsis Care and Research in Sub-Saharan Africa Elizabeth Molyneux, College of Medicine, Malawi
14:30h UTC	The Challenges to Achieve the Goals of WHA/WHO Sepsis Resolution Konrad Reinhart, Global Sepsis Alliance, Germany
	Live Questions and Discussion

S2: Maternal Sepsis

Tuesday, Sep 12th at 15:00h UTC // 17:00h CEST <small>(click to see your local time zone)</small>	Chair: Arri Coomarasamy, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
15:00h UTC	Maternal Sepsis – Challenges, Burden, Definition, and Identification Joao Paulo Souza, WHO, Switzerland
15:15h UTC	Prevention and Management of Maternal Sepsis David Lissauer, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
15:30h UTC	Management of Maternal Septic Shock Maria Fernanda Escobar Vidarte, FIGO, Colombia
15:45h UTC	The Global Maternal Sepsis Study Mercedes Bonet, WHO, Switzerland
16:00h UTC	Addressing Maternal Sepsis in LMIC Jeffrey Smith, Jhpiego, United States
	Live Questions and Discussion

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S3: Neonatal Sepsis

<p>Tuesday, Sep 12th at 16:30h UTC // 18:30h CEST <small>(click to see your local time zone)</small></p>	<p>Chair: Shamim Qazi, WHO, Switzerland</p>
16:30h UTC	Sepsis in Newborns – Broad Overview of Sociocultural Issues Zulfiqar Bhutta, Hospital for Sick Children, Canada
16:45h UTC	Burden, Definition, and Post-Discharge Mortality Niranjan ‘Tex’ Kisson, Global Sepsis Alliance, Canada
17:00h UTC	Neonatal Sepsis – Prevention and Treatment Steve Wall, Save the Children, United States
17:15h UTC	Treatment Where Referral Is Not Feasible Samira Aboubaker, WHO, Switzerland
17:30h UTC	Clinical Signs of Sepsis in Neonates Pierre Tissières, Paris South University Hospital, France
17:45h UTC	Is There a Role for Biomarkers in Antibiotic Stewardship in Neonates Suspected of Early Onset Sepsis? Annemarie van Rossum, Erasmus MC University Medical Center Rotterdam - Sophia Children’s Hospital, Netherlands
	Live Questions and Discussion

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S4: Updates on Sepsis

Tuesday, Sep 12th at 18:00h UTC // 20:00h CEST <small>(click to see your local time zone)</small>	Chair: Necmettin Unal, Turkish Society of Intensive Care, Turkey
18:00h UTC	Evidence Based Therapy – What Is New? Simon Finfer, The George Institute for Global Health, Australia
18:15h UTC	The Impact of Governmental Regulations on Sepsis Outcomes in New York State Mitchell Levy, Brown University, United States
18:30h UTC	Sepsis Quality Improvement Initiatives Save Lives Vida Hamilton, Health Service Executive, Ireland
18:45h UTC	Enhancing Sepsis Survivorship Hallie Prescott, University of Michigan, United States
19:00h UTC	The New Sepsis Definitions - Pros and Cons Flavia Machado, Latin American Sepsis Institute, Brazil
19:15h UTC	The Potential of Biomarkers for Antibiotic Stewardship Phillip Schuetz, Cantonal Hospital Aarau, Switzerland
19:30h UTC	Novel and Emerging Diagnostics Michael Bauer, Jena University Hospital, Germany
19:45h UTC	Novel and Emerging Treatments Richard Hotchkiss, Washington University, United States
	Live Questions and Discussion

Closing Remarks: Joao Paulo Souza and Niranjana 'Tex' Kissoon

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